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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warmest greetings to all of you.

August is a month of National Celebrations. We have much to learn from Singapore's history and development. Undaunted by her physical size, Singapore has developed into a respectable Garden City, with a collage of cultures and languages, coming together as One Singapore.

1. Citizenship and Character Education

In August, the value of the month is 'Responsibility' and the focus of each week is as follows:

- Term 3 Week 6: Be Proactive: Be a Responsible Citizen
- Term 3 Week 7: Synergise: Play a Part in Nation Building
- Term 3 Week 8: Be Proactive: Be a Responsible IT User
- Term 3 Week 9: Be Proactive: Be Responsible for Our Actions
- Term 3 Week 10: Think Win-Win: Show Appreciation

Being responsible is to be mindful of one's actions and to take charge of them. As we celebrate Singapore's 53rd National Day, let us reflect on how we can be responsible citizens to contribute and collectively shape our future.

As students, our children must be responsible - to always work hard and strive to do their best and most importantly, to be grounded in values.

We look forward to partnering you in teaching your child/ward to be responsible at all times. Do continue to support your child/ward in his/her holistic development and affirm them for their effort and progress.

2. P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension Examination – Wednesday, 1 August 2018

The P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension Examination is scheduled on 1 August 2018 from 1.30pm to 4.45pm. Non-Mother Tongue Language students will be dismissed at 3.30pm. As such, all afternoon classes and activities will be cancelled except for the following:

- School-Based Dyslexia Remediation for P3 & P4



3. Buddy Clean Workshop by NEA for Primary 3 Students – Monday, 6 August 2018

In line with the Keep Singapore Clean Movement in Schools, the National Environment Agency (NEA) has launched a capacity building workshop titled 'Buddy Clean Workshop' for all Primary 3 students. Our P3 students will attend the workshop on 6 August in school. Please refer to Annex P3-1 for more details.

4. National Day Celebration – Wednesday, 8 August 2018

We will be celebrating National Day on Wednesday, 8 August. This year's National Day Parade (NDP) theme is "We Are Singapore", a pledge of unity and togetherness among our diverse cultures. As part of our celebrations, all students are encouraged to wear red National Day themed T-shirts with school shorts/skirts and school shoes on that day.

School will function from 7.30am to 10.30am on Wednesday, 8 August. Please ensure that your child has breakfast before coming to school as there will not be any recess break that day. Light refreshments will be provided at the end of the celebrations. Students are to bring their stationery, water bottles and a story book that day.

The school has informed the school bus vendors and Student Care Centre about the early dismissal. Students going home by school bus will be sent home by the school bus at 10.30am. The Student Care Centre at our school will operate from 10.30am to 7.00pm on that day.

Also, in line with the Public Hygiene Council's tagline, 'Be Kind, Keep Clean', the NDP2018 Organising Committee will be presenting every student with a hand sanitizer with hanger emblazoned with the NDP logo and Singa the Courtesy Lion.

All students will also be given a lunch cum snack box each as a souvenir from the school. As responsible citizens, we would like to encourage our students to be proactive and adopt healthy eating habits. During snack breaks in school, do encourage your child to bring healthier food options.

Please note that Thursday, 9 August, is a Public Holiday and Friday, 10 August, is a School Holiday. School will resume on Monday, 13 August 2018.

5. PSLE Oral Examination – Thursday, 16 August 2018 and Friday, 17 August 2018

The PSLE Oral Examinations will be held on 16 & 17 August 2018. P1 to P5 students need not attend school on these 2 days. P6 students will receive further instructions on their reporting time for the PSLE Oral Examination nearer the date. The Student Care Centre will operate from 7.30 am to 7.00 pm on these two days.

6. Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Exercise 2019 – Friday, 24 August 2018

The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education is carrying out the identification of students for the Gifted Education Programme 2019. The identification exercise is conducted in two stages – Screening and Selection. The Screening exercise will be held in the school on Friday 24 August 2018. Please refer to [Annex P3](#) for more details.

7. Teachers' Day Celebrations – Thursday, 30 August 2018

Teachers' Day falls on Friday, 31 August. It is a school holiday. The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on Thursday, 30 August. The Prefectorial Board has put together a simple concert in honour of our teachers and will also be presenting the teachers with hand-made gifts from the students.

Please note that all after-school activities will be suspended on that day as teachers will be attending a Teachers' Day Reception in recognition of their dedication and care for our students. Please ensure that your child returns home immediately after school. The Student Care Centre will function as per normal.

8. End-of-Year Examinations (SA2) – for P2 to P5 students only

Please refer to Annex 1(a) and 1(b) for the dates and durations of the SA2 examinations, as well as the SA2 examination topics and formats.

9. The Tinkerlution Programme for P4 to P6 students

As part of developing self-directed and confident learners, the school has set up a 'Tinkerium' – a space where students have the opportunity to explore, experiment, create and tinker using recyclables, construction toys, simple tools and machines. The Tinkerium aims to provide a space to ignite the joy of learning in students, within a safe environment.

From 3 August onwards, the Tinkerium will be open every Friday afternoon during the school term (except on PSLE days and scheduled holidays). Interested P4 to P6 students are welcome to drop by between 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm on these Fridays. Mini-workshops will be conducted to train students on the use of the tools and resources available, and should students wish to pursue their own / group creative projects, they may do so. There will be teacher supervision.

If your child / ward is interested in participating in the programme, please fill in the consent form in [Annex P4/P5/P6](#). Thereafter, should your child / ward wish to sign up for the week's session, a sign-up system will be in place on a weekly basis. Your child / ward will be asked to provide your email address as part of the sign-up process, so that once they are signed up, you will receive an email notifying you of their participation in The Tinkerlution Programme for that week. Attendance will also be taken. Your child / ward has been briefed on the procedure.


10. School Activities (1 August to 15 September 2018)

The following school activities will be held from 1 August to 15 September 2018. The school will provide further details as necessary, nearer the dates, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Attachments/ Reply Slips
1 August 2018 (Wed)	P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension	P6	
2 August 2018 (Thu)	P1 Learning Journey to Neighbourhood	P1	<i>Ref to LTP No: 258/2018 (Annex P1)</i>
6 August 2018 (Mon)	Buddy Clean Workshop by NEA	P3	Annex P3-1
8 August 2018 (Wed)	National Day Celebrations	All	

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9 August 2018 (Thu)	Public Holiday – National Day	All	
10 August 2018 (Fri)	School Holiday – Day after National Day	All	
13 August (Mon) to 15 August 2018 (Wed)	P4 Science Learning Journey	P4	Annex P4
14 August 2018 (Tue)	P2 Learning Journey to National Orchid Garden	P2	<i>Ref to LTP No: 258/2018 (Annex P2-2)</i>
16 August (Thu) & 17 August 2018 (Fri)	P6 PSLE Oral Examination	P6	<i>Ref to LTP No: 149/2018 (Annex P6-1)</i>
	P1 to P5 students do not have to attend school	P1 to P5	
22 August 2018 (Wed)	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Haji	All	
24 August 2018 (Fri)	GEP Screening Exercise 2018	P3	Annex P3-2
13 August (Mon) to 28 August 2018 (Wed)	P6 Prelim Examination	P6	Annex P6
30 August 2018 (Thu)	Teachers' Day Celebration	All	
31 August 2018 (Fri)	School Holiday – Teachers' Day	All	
1 September (Sat) to 9 September 2018 (Sun)	School Holiday	All	
6 September (Thu) & 7 September (Fri) 2018	P6 Supplementary Lessons (Students not taking Mother Tongue Language can leave at 11.30am) There will be a scheduled half-hour recess break each day and the canteen will be open during the recess period.	P6	Annex P6
14 September 2018 (Fri)	P6 PSLE Listening Comprehension	P6	<i>Ref to LTP No: 149/2018 (Annex P6-1)</i>
	P1 to P5 students do not have to attend school	P1 to P5	

We wish all our students and their families a Happy 53rd National Day.



 Mr Chua Choon Guan
 Principal