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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back from the mid-year break! We hope you have had a joyful time with your child/ward.

We wish our Muslim students, staff, and their families, **Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri**.

1. Character and Citizenship Education

From June to July 2018, the value of the months is 'Respect' and the focus for each week is as follows:

Term 3 Week 1: Be Proactive: Understand Others

Term 3 Week 2: Synergise: Work with Others

Term 3 Week 3: Think Win-Win: Respect Others

Term 3 Week 4: Put First Things First: Manage Time Effectively

Term 3 Week 5: Sharpen the Saw: Have a Healthy Lifestyle

Term 3 Week 6: Be Proactive: Be a Responsible Citizen

Being proactive in understanding and respecting others helps us to work better with them. This is a win-win situation, especially when our students play and learn together on a daily basis.

Other than respecting people, we should also respect time and our bodies. As the proverb goes, time and tide waits for no man. Hence, remember to prioritise and do the important and needful things first. Looking after our bodies is important as having a healthy body helps us to function well and cope with the demands of daily life.

Last but not least, be a responsible citizen. The theme for this year's National Day is "We Are Singapore". "We Are Singapore" reminds us that we will collectively shape and be responsible for Singapore's future.

2. Temperature Taking Exercise – Thursday, 28 June 2018

Conducted twice per year, the temperature-taking exercise aims to maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate the temperature-taking regime should there be a need to. It also serves to educate students to take personal responsibility for their own health and practise social responsibility.

The second temperature-taking exercise will be conducted on **Thursday, 28 June 2018**.

As part of the school's preparation for the exercise, we will be conducting a pre-exercise check on Oral Digital Thermometers (ODTs) on **Wednesday, 27 June 2018**. We would like to seek your assistance in ensuring that your child/ward brings his/her personal ODT on the two days mentioned.



3. Mother Tongue Fortnight – Tuesday, 3 July 2018 to Thursday, 12 July 2018

This year, the Mother Tongue Fortnight Programme would be conducted for all MTL students in the school in two parts. The first part was conducted in Term 1 during the Chinese New Year period with various activities and language competitions. It provided a platform for students to actively learn MTL and the associated culture so as to experience MTL as a 'living language'. The second part will be conducted this term from 9 July to 12 July. Varied activities will be organised and conducted for different groups or levels as well as some activities which involve mass participation, such as drama, performances and story-telling. Students who are exempted from MTL will not participate in this programme.

4. Conversational Chinese/Malay (CCM) Programme

The CCM Programme will be conducted for all P3 and P4 students. There will be eight 2-hour sessions. The dates for the programme are 05/07, 12/07, 19/7, 23/08, 6/9, 7/9, 13/09 and 20/09.

The objectives of this programme are to enable students to:

- a) communicate (listen and speak) in the language; and
- b) understand and provide responses to conversations or verbal narratives on various issues.

Through this programme, we hope to encourage and enhance social interactions amongst our students. Conversational Chinese/Malay will enable the pupils to communicate with native speakers and to better understand and appreciate Chinese/Malay cultures and values. It will also help students to enhance their rapport with Chinese/Malay speaking friends.

5. 2018 National Education Show (NE Show) – Saturday, 7 July 2018

As part of National Education, all Primary 5 students are to attend the NE Show on Saturday, 7 July 2018. Through participation in the NE Show, we would like to evoke a sense of patriotism in our students and also, to impart in them the significance of National Day. The theme for our 2018 National Day celebrations is "We Are Singapore". "We Are Singapore" defines the Singapore Spirit, invoking the strength and resilience which built Singapore and empowers Singaporeans to overcome future challenges and adversities together. It reminds us that we will collectively shape and be responsible for Singapore's future.

6. Student Leadership Mass Training for Primary 3 to 5 Students – Monday, 9 July 2018

As part of our students' holistic development to nurture the leader in each of our students, we have embarked on the "Every Child a Leader" initiative, coupled with the Leader-in-Me programme.

Every child in each class has been assigned a leadership role by the Form Teacher in Term 1. In order to further develop your child/ward for their leadership role, we will be conducting the Second Student Leadership Mass Training on **Monday, 9 July 2018**, from 2.15pm to 3.30pm.

Please complete the attached Reply Form ([Annex P3/4/5](#)) and return it to your child's Form-Teacher, latest by **Friday, 6 July 2018**. We thank you for ensuring that your child/ward attends this training and we appreciate your support in our school's effort in nurturing every child to be a leader.

7. Tinkerlution Challenge – Friday, 13 July 2018

To nurture Joy of Learning and develop Entrepreneurial Dare in our students, the school is initiating a Tinkerlution Challenge this year. Students will participate in fun and engaging learning experiences that challenge and motivate them in multiple contexts. The theme for the Tinkerlution Challenge is 'Everyone A Tinkerneer'. During the event, students will be take part in various hands-on activities around the school. These activities will require them to apply thinking skills and problem-solving skills while earning points for their Houses. In the process, students build resilience and learn the value of teamwork.

8. Racial Harmony Day – Wednesday, 18 July 2018

The theme for Racial Harmony Day this year is 'Diversity Our Strength'. The school will commemorate this event with an assembly programme and fringe activities where students will get the experience of playing traditional games which their forefathers used to play. All students are encouraged to come in their traditional costumes. If there are PE lessons that day, the students may bring their traditional costumes to change into. They need to wear their school shoes and socks and no headgear is allowed.

9. P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations – Wednesday, 18 July 2018 to Thursday, 19 July 2018

The P6 will be having their Preliminary Oral Examinations from Wednesday, 18 July to Thursday, 19 July 2018. P6 students will be informed of their estimated dismissal times closer to the date. As all teachers will be involved in the examination, all afternoon activities for the other levels will be cancelled except for the following:

- School-Based Dyslexic Remediation (SDR) for selected P3 & P4 students
- Little Arts Academy (LAA) Programme for selected students
- Conversational Chinese and Malay Programme (CCM) for P3 & P4 students

10. Students' Intellectual Property (IP) Consent

We would like to seek your consent to allow your child/ward's IP in the following areas to be used/featured by the school:

1. Artworks (Including digital and photography works)
2. Literary pieces (e.g. creative writing, poetry)
3. Recorded performances (e.g. dances, speech and drama performance, exercise routines, singing)
4. Photographs and quotes (e.g. photographs of your child/ward and formal/informal interviews)
5. Disclosure of your child's/ ward's personal information (his/her full name and school)

This consent will cover all areas mentioned above for the full duration of his/her education at First Toa Payoh Primary School. Do fill in the acknowledgement slip ([Annex A-1](#)) and submit the slip by **Friday, 29 June 2018** to your child's/ward's form teacher.

11. School Activities (25 June – 15 August 2018)

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes involved	Attachment/ Reply slips
25 June 2018 (Mon)	Start of Term 3 Hand-in Report Books/ Progress Cards to Form Teachers	All	
27 June 2018 (Wed)	Hari Raya Celebration	All	
28 June 2018 (Thu)	Temperature Taking Exercise	All	
28 June 2018 (Thu) & 3 July 2018 (Tue)	P1 & P2 Speech and Drama Full Dress Rehearsal	P1 & P2	
2 July 2018 (Mon)	School Holiday – Youth Day	All	

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3 July (Tue) to 12 July 2018 (Fri)	Mother Tongue Fortnight	All	
4 July 2018 (Wed)	P3 Science Learning Journey	P3	<i>Ref to LTP No: 198/2018 (Annex P3)</i>
4 July 2018 (Wed)	P1 & P2 Speech and Drama Performance	P1 to P5	<i>Ref to LTP No: 198/2018 (Annex P1/P2)</i>
4 July (Wed) to 12 July 2018 (Thu)	P4 Art Museum Based Lesson	P4	Annex P4
5 July 2018 (Thu)	P1 Learning Journey to Jacob Ballas	P1	<i>Ref to LTP No: 198/2018 (Annex P1-2)</i>
7 July 2018 (Sat)	National Education (NE) Show	P5	<i>Ref to LTP No: 253/2018</i>
9 July 2018 (Mon)	2 nd Student Leadership Mass Training	P3 to P5	Annex P3/P4/P5
10 July (Tue) to 24 July 2018 (Tue)	P3 Science Practical Test	P3 to P5	<i>Ref to LTP No: 198/2018 (Annex P3/P4/P5)</i>
13 July 2018 (Friday)	Tinkerlution Challenge	All	
17 July (Tue) & 31 July 2018 (Tue)	P5 ACM Learning Journey	P5	Annex P5
18 July (Wed) to 19 July 2018 (Thu)	P6 Prelim Oral Examination	P6	
19 July 2018 (Thu)	P2 Learning Journey to Jurong Bird Park	P2	Annex P2-1
2 August 2018 (Thu)	P1 Learning Journey to Neighbourhood	P1	Annex P1
8 August 2018 (Wed)	National Day Celebrations	All	
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	
14 August 2018 (Tue)	P2 Learning Journey to National Orchid Garden	P2	Annex P2-2

We wish our students an enriching term ahead and thank all parents/guardians for your continual support in your children's learning and development.

Thank you.



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Principal