



# GREENRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Term 3 Notification Letter for Parents

Dear Parents,

As term 2 comes to an end and the June vacation approaches, I thank you for your partnership in the holistic education of your child this semester. In schools, mid-year is a time when we reflect on our work, improve on our plans and recharge for the exciting semester ahead. In the coming school vacation, I hope that you and your child will also find time together to reflect on what he or she has learnt to consolidate the knowledge, skills and attitudes acquired. I also hope that you will help us to reinforce these messages to your child: Learning Requires Humility. Effort Determines Success. Wherever he or she is on this learning journey currently, he or she can only improve by being conscientious and humbly learn from mistakes.

At the assembly talk recently, I also shared 5 suggested actions for your child to take during the school holidays to have a happier and more meaningful break. These actions are:

1. **Give.** I asked them to give of their time to serve others; to do something for others because being able to contribute can bring a peaceful joy to oneself. You may want to create opportunities for your child to help and contribute at home and in the community.
2. **Read and Relate.** I encouraged them to read widely and discover the joy of losing oneself in the world of books. I also asked them to connect with people who care about them by spending time with them because our connections with people build our resilience. You may want to bring your child to a library and spend quality time with him or her.
3. **Exercise.** I urged them to exercise regularly this school holidays to strengthen their bodies and minds because we always feel energised after a good exercise.
4. **Appreciate.** I reminded them to notice and pay attention to the many beautiful things around them: Music, Art and Nature. A visit to our local museums or parks could be a worthwhile activity to do with your child.
5. **Try.** I asked them to learn something new because learning (something that one is interested in) can be exciting and joyful. Teach them to learn from books, from you, from community platforms, and knowledgeable others.

The first letter of each of these 5 actions form the word GREAT. So, on behalf of the school, I wish all of you a GREAT school vacation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chua Choon Hock  
Principal

### Important Dates

#### 25 May

Upper Primary  
Sports Day

#### 26 May

Parent-Teacher  
Conference

#### 27 May to 25 Jun

Term 2 School  
Vacation

#### 29 May to 31 May

P6 Supplementary  
Lessons

#### 31 May

Staff VIA

#### 25 Jun

Hari Raya Puasa

#### 26 Jun

Public Holiday in  
lieu of Hari Raya  
Puasa

#### 28 Jun

Pre-Temperature  
Taking Exercise

#### 28 and 29 June

P2 FbL to National  
Orchid Garden

#### 29 Jun

P4 VIA - Buddy Clean  
Workshop

## School Holidays, Events and Celebrations

### ❖ **Scheduled Public and School Holidays**

The school vacation will be from 27 May to 25 June. As Hari Raya Puasa falls on Sunday, 25 June this year, Monday, 26 June will be a public holiday. School will resume on Tuesday, 27 June. The scheduled school holidays and public holidays for Term 3 are as follows:

Holiday	Date
Hari Raya Puasa	Sunday 25 June (Monday 26 June will be a public holiday)
Youth Day	Sunday 2 July (Monday 3 July will be a scheduled school holiday)
National Day	Wednesday 9 August (The following day, Thursday 10 August will be a scheduled school holiday)
Day after National Day	Thursday 10 August
Teachers' Day	Thursday 31 August
Hari Raya Haji	Friday 1 September

### ❖ **Racial Harmony Day on 21 July**

On 21<sup>st</sup> July each year, schools in Singapore commemorate Racial Harmony Day (RHD) to mark the anniversary of the 1964 racial riots. This year's RHD theme is '*The Singapore Way*'. Through different activities that the school organises, students will reflect on and celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society, learn to embrace diversity and continually strives to deepen bonds across and amongst communities. A Family Time Activity Card will be given to parents to share their experiences on maintaining racial harmony in Singapore.

### ❖ **National Day Celebration on 8 August**

All schools will celebrate National Day on 8 August. This year, we celebrate Singapore's 52<sup>nd</sup> year of independence. The theme for this year's National Day celebration is "#OneNationTogether", a rallying call to unite all Singaporeans to stand together and overcome all odds together. All students are to report to school on 8 August from 7.30am to 10.00am. School will be closed on 9 and 10 August. More details of the day's programme will be given to parents closer to the day.

### ❖ **Teachers' Day Celebration on 30 August and Hari Raya Haji on 1 September**

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Wednesday 30 August and the school hours on that day will be from 7.30am to 10.30am. The following day, 31 August, is a scheduled school holiday. As Hari Raya Haji falls on Friday, 1 September, school will resume on Monday, 11 September.

### **30 Jun**

Temperature  
Taking Exercise

### **2 Jul (Sunday)**

P5 NE Show

### **2 Jul**

Youth Day

### **3 Jul**

School Holiday for  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jul's Youth Day

### **4 Jul to 19 Sep**

P3 & P4 ML and TL  
MT Enrichment  
Prog

### **8 Jul**

Parents Workshop  
cum Movie Treat

### **10 Jul to 14 Jul**

Math and Science  
Week

### **17 Jul**

P3 MT Story Telling  
Competition

### **21 Jul**

Racial Harmony Day

### **24 Jul**

P4 MT Story Telling  
Competition

### **31 July to 1 Aug**

P6 Prelim Oral Exam

### **8 Aug**

National Day  
Celebrations &  
Lower Primary  
Sports Day

## Student Safety, Health and Well-Being

### ❖ Declaration of Travel Plans

In preparation for the upcoming School Vacation, the school has sent out a message via SMS on 23<sup>rd</sup> May to all parents to declare their travel plans from 27 May to 26 June. For P2 to P6, only families who intend to travel with their children need to declare their travel plans. However, **all P1 parents would need to declare their travel plans regardless of travel intent**. We seek your cooperation to respond accordingly by 26<sup>th</sup> May so that the school can have the necessary information.

At the start of Term 3, we also ask for parents' co-operation to seek medical attention for any children should they develop flu-like symptoms and let them rest at home until they have fully recovered.

### ❖ Temperature Taking Exercise

The school will continue the current practice of conducting a temperature taking exercise in the 3<sup>rd</sup> term to maintain its preparedness, educate our students to take personal responsibility for their own health and practise social responsibility.

A pre-exercise will be carried out on **Wednesday 28 June** and the **actual exercise will be on Friday 30 June**. We seek your assistance in ensuring that your child brings his/her personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) on these two days. For Primary 1 and 2 students, their ODTs are kept with their Form Teachers.

If your child's thermometer is faulty or require a battery replacement, please purchase a new ODT or get the battery replaced by Tuesday, 27 June.

## Student Programme

### ❖ P1 and P2 Lower Primary Sports Day on 8 August

As part of the National Day Celebration, the school will be organising a Lower Primary Sports Day event on Tuesday 8 August. Students will take part in various games which include running, jumping and throwing. The school will function from 7.30am to 10.00am on that day. Further details of the event will be given at a later date.

### ❖ P1 Field-based Learning (FbL) at the Bukit Panjang Neighbourhood on 24 to 25, and 28 to 29 Aug

As part of the Social Studies curriculum, P1 students will be going on a Field-based Learning Journey to the Bukit Panjang Neighbourhood in Term 3 Week 9 & 10. This FbL will familiarise our students with the different facilities available in the neighbourhood and the community club and be introduced to the park, different places of worship, LRT stations, schools and shopping centres in the neighbourhood. They will also learn about the services and books available in the community library. More details of the day's programme will be given to parents closer to the day.

**9 Aug**

National Day

**10 Aug**

School Holiday on Day after National Day

**14 to 29 Aug**

FA3 for P1 – P2

**14,16, 21 to 25 Aug**

P6 Prelim Exam

**17 and 18 Aug**

PSLE Oral Exam

**21 to 25 Aug**

CA2 for P3 – P5

**23 Aug**

P3 GEP Screening Exercise

**24, 25, 28 and 29 Aug**

P1 FbL to Bukit Panjang Neighbourhood

**30 Aug**

Teachers' Day Celebration  
7.30am – 10.30am

**31 Aug**

Teachers' Day

**1 Sep**

Hari Raya Haji

**4 to 6 Sep**

P4 Camp

**15 Sep**

PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam

❖ **P2 Field-based Learning (FbL) at the National Orchid Garden on 28 and 29 June**

At the heart of all FbL experiences is the opportunity for children to know more about Singapore and develop a lively curiosity about things around them. As part of the Social Studies curriculum, the P2 students will go on an FbL Journey to the National Orchid Garden where students will learn about the many types of orchids. They will also learn about the national flower, The Vanda Miss Joaquim.

❖ **P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2017**

Gifted Education Branch (GEB) will be conducting the P3 GEP Identification and Screening Exercise for all students. The dates are as follow:

EXERCISE	CANDIDATES	SUBJECTS	DATES
GEP Screening Exercise	All P3 students	English Language and Mathematics	Wednesday 23 August 2017
GEP Selection Exercise	Only for shortlisted students	English Language, Mathematics and General Ability	Thursday, 19 Oct 2017 and Friday, 20 Oct 2017

❖ **P3 and P4 ML and TL Enrichment Programme from 4 July to 19 September**

This is a 8-session Enrichment Programme that will commence on 4 July and end on 19 September. This programme will be carried out after curriculum hours, during MT supplementary/remedial slots for 1 hour per session. The programmes are as follows:

P3 and P4 – Malay Language Discovery through Music (ML)

P3 and P4 – Story-telling skills workshop (TL)

❖ **P4 Outdoor Adventure Camp 2017 from 4 to 6 September**

The school will organise a 3-Day-2-Night Outdoor Adventure Camp for all P4 students from 4 to 6 September 2017. The camp will be held at MOE Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre. Through the rugged outdoor experience, we hope the students will aspire to the school vision of '*Engaged Learners, Caring Leaders*' and demonstrate the school values of integrity, graciousness, responsibility and public-spiritedness. All P4 students are required to attend this camp. Further details of the camp will be given at a later date.

❖ **P5 NE Show on 2 July**

All P5 students will attend the NE Show on 2 July (Sunday), which is essentially a preview of the National Day Parade. The NE Show experience will evoke a sense of patriotism in our students and impart the significance of National Day to them. More details will be given to parents closer to the date.

28 Sep to 4 Oct  
PSLE Written Exam

19 and 20 October  
P3 GEP Selection  
Exercise

### ❖ **P6 Supplementary Lessons on 29 May to 31 May**

All P6 students will have their supplementary lessons cum PSLE Study Skills and Motivation Programme on 29 and 30 May from 8.00am to 3.00pm and on 31 May from 8.00am to 12.30pm respectively. Through this programme, students will be equipped with study skills and useful techniques to help them prepare for PSLE, acquire the skills to effectively manage their time and stress, and develop resilient attitudes and resourceful mind-sets in preparation for changes and challenges faced in school and life.

### ❖ **Math and Science Week from 10 Jul to 14 Jul**

The Math and Science Departments are working together to have a Math and Science Week in July. This event is organized to promote students' interest in Math and Science and to showcase students' work. This year's activities include Math and Science trails, Math quizzes, Science experiments and book fairs.

### **P6 Examination**

#### ❖ **P6 Prelim Oral 2017**

The Primary 6 Preliminary EL/ MT Oral Examinations will be conducted on 31 July and 1 August. The examinations will be conducted after school in the afternoon. Details about the timing for the examinations will be released in the Term 3 Examination Schedule.

#### ❖ **PSLE Oral Examination 2017**

The PSLE Oral Examination will be held on 17 and 18 August. Only Primary 6 students will report to the school for the examinations. Primary 1 to 5 Students are not required to report to school on these two days.

### **Partnership with Parents**

#### ❖ **Parenting Workshop & Movie Treat "Spiderman Homecoming"**

The school will be organising a parenting workshop cum movie treat on 8 July. The workshop seeks to inspire parents to be more intentional in the character development of their children and learn why character truly determines success. Participating parents can purchase subsidised movie tickets for the latest blockbuster movie - "Spiderman Homecoming". More information will be given via a school's SMS.

### **Partnership with Community**

#### ❖ **GRPS Staff VIA GRPS on 31 May**

On 31<sup>st</sup> May, about 50 GRPS staff will be engaging with seniors from two senior citizens' homes and youths from the Singapore Children's Society. Through this meaningful engagement, our teachers will get an opportunity to contribute to the society and also to reflect and learn from the experience. This experience could then be shared with students to foster the spirit of giving to the less fortunate and underprivileged.

❖ **P4 VIA Programme on 29 June**

The P4 students will be participating in the Buddy Clean Workshop, on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Thursday), from 2.00pm to 5.30pm. The programme will be conducted in school. The dismissal of the P4 students will be from school's main gate at 5.20pm.

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***Photography or Videography during School Events and Activities***

*Please be informed that when you or your child attend any school event or activity, your photographs or video images may be captured. We may use and publish such photographs and/ or video recordings in our school publications, website, banners and other official school communication channels.*