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Term 3 Notification Letter for Parents

Dear Parents,

Once again, we are at the midpoint of a year and June vacation beckons. It is a time for reflection; to think through what we have done so that we can improve in the months ahead. As a parent myself, one aspect I believe worth reflecting on is how we have helped to develop our child's **growth mindset**. A person with a growth mindset is someone who believes that skills and intelligence can be grown and developed. He embraces challenges and sees them as opportunities to grow. He understands that effort is essential on the path towards mastery. He is receptive to feedback and sees mistakes as learning opportunities. The success of others inspires him and spurs him to work hard. A person with a growth mindset is set for life. He or she is a lifelong learner.

As parents, we can contribute to our child's Growth Mindset development by doing the following:

- **Compliment effort, process and choices.** Don't praise ability or intelligence because doing that promotes a fixed mindset.
- **Tie good outcomes to effort.** Be happy when your child succeeds but attribute it to the effort he has put in.
- **Respond positively to failure.** Your child needs to know that failure is not a bad thing and can be seen as a tool for learning.
- **Help your child set Goals and strategize.** Do not just tell him to "try Hard" because blind repetition does not work all the time.
- **Teach growth mindset in all areas of life.** There is no area where one cannot improve with hard work.
- **Role model growth mindset.** Talk to your child about your own growth mindset efforts. Practice it yourself and share your results with your child.

I also hope that you will help us to reinforce these growth mindset messages to your child: Learning Requires Humility. Effort Determines Success.

Finally, I thank you for your partnership in the holistic education of your child this semester and wish you every success in parenting and in your child's education journey. Have a restful, reflective and rejuvenating June vacation!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chua Choon Hock (Chris)
Principal

Important Dates

25 May

- Parent-Teacher Conference
- e-Learning Day
- 'Eat With Your Family' Day

26 May to 24 Jun

Term 2 School Vacation

20 Jun to 22 Jun

P6 Supplementary Lessons

26 to 29 Jun

P2 FbL to Singapore Discovery Centre

28 Jun

Temperature Taking Exercise

28 to 30 Jun

P4 Outdoor Adventure Camp

1 Jul

Youth Day

2 Jul

School Holiday for 1st Jul's Youth Day

6 & 7 Jul

P6 Prelim Papers EL & MT Papers 1&3

School Holidays, Events and Celebrations

❖ Scheduled Public and School Holidays

The school vacation will be from 26 May to 24 June. The scheduled school holidays and public holidays for Term 3 are as follows:

Holiday	Date
Youth Day	Sunday, 1 July (Monday, 2 July will be a scheduled school holiday)
National Day	Thursday, 9 August (The following day, Friday, 10 August will be a scheduled school holiday)
Day after National Day	Friday, 10 August
Hari Raya Haji	Wednesday, 22 August
Teachers' Day	Friday, 31 August

❖ Racial Harmony Day (RHD) commemoration on 20 July

On 21st 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 'Diversity Our Strength' and it will be commemorated on Friday, 20 July. 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.

❖ Intra-Cluster Racial Harmony Day at Nanyang Primary School (P4 Only) on 20 July

The P4 students will be commemorating RHD on 20 July at Nanyang Primary School from 8.00am to 12.45pm. This is a cluster-schools initiative for our students to interact with students from other schools and understand each other's traditions and cultural practices. More details will be given to parents closer to the date.

❖ National Day Celebration on 8 August

All schools will celebrate National Day on 8 August. This year, we celebrate Singapore's 54th year of independence. The National Day celebration is a time for us to remind ourselves, as Singaporeans, to unite and stand together to overcome all odds. All students are to report to school on 8 August from 7.30am to 10.15am. 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

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday 30 August and the school hours on that day will be from 7.30am to 10.15 am. The following day, 31 August, is a scheduled school holiday.

9 Jul

P4 MT Story Telling Showcase Session

9 to 13 Jul

Math and Science Week

14 Jul

P5 NE Show

14 Jul

Parenting Workshop

16 Jul

P3 MT Story Telling Showcase Session

16 to 19 Jul

Cyber Wellness Week

20 Jul

Racial Harmony Day Commemoration

20 Jul

Intra Cluster RHD @ Nanyang Primary School (for P4 only)

21 Jul

Racial Harmony Day

30 Jul to 29 Aug

FA3 for P1 – P2

31 Jul & 1 Aug

P6 Prelim Oral Exam

6-7 Aug

P6 Prelim Paper 1

8 Aug

National Day Celebrations & Lower Primary Sports Day

Student Safety, Health and Well-Being

❖ Declaration of Travel Plans by 25 May

In preparation for the upcoming School Vacation, the school has sent out a message via SMS on 23 May to all parents to declare their travel plans from 26 May to 24 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 25 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 on 28 June

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

The exercise will be carried out on **Thursday, 28 June (Term 3, Week 1)**. We seek your assistance in ensuring that your child brings his/her personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) on this day. 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 Wednesday, 27 June.

Student Programme

❖ P1 to P3 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 Wednesday 8 August. Students will take part in various games which include running, jumping and throwing. The school will function from 7.30am to 10.15am 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 27 to 29 August

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 10. This FbL will familiarise our students with the different facilities available in the neighbourhood and the community club. Students will also be introduced to the Residents' Club community garden. 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

13-15, 20, 24 & 27 Aug

P6 Prelim Exam

13-14, 20, 24 & 27 Aug

CA2 for P3 – P5

16 and 17 Aug

PSLE Oral Exam

22 Aug

Hari Raya Haji

24 Aug

P3 GEP Screening Exercise

27 to 29 Aug

P1 FbL to Bukit Panjang Neighbourhood

28 Aug

P5 VIA – 'I am a Dengue Fighter' Programme

30 Aug

Teachers' Day Celebration
7.30am – 10.15am

31 Aug

Teachers' Day

14 Sep

PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam

❖ **P2 Field-based Learning (FbL) at the Singapore Discovery Centre (SDC) on 26 to 29 June**

At the heart of all FbL experiences is the opportunity for students to know more about Singapore. As part of the Social Studies curriculum, the P2 students will go on a FbL Journey to the SDC where students will learn about Singapore success story and discover why Singapore is so unique. They will also have the privilege to get a glimpse into the life of an SAF cadet officer.

❖ **P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2018**

Gifted Education Branch (GEB) will be conducting the Primary 3 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	Friday 24 August 2018
GEP Selection Exercise	Only for shortlisted students	English Language, Mathematics and General Ability	Tuesday, 16 Oct 2018 and Wednesday , 17 Oct 2018

❖ **P3 and P4 MT Story-Telling**

In Term 3, P3 and P4 students will be given an opportunity to showcase their talent in story-telling in their respective MT languages. This will be carried out during their MT period. More details will be provided in term 3.

❖ **P5 NE Show on 14 July**

All P5 students will attend the NE Show on 14 July, which is 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.

❖ **P6 Supplementary Lessons on 20 to 22 June**

All P6 students will have supplementary lessons on 20 June from 7.45am to 12.15pm. On 21 June and 22 June, students will attend supplementary lessons and the Motivation Programme from 7.45am to 3.00pm. The motivation programme, will equip students with study skills and useful techniques to help them prepare for PSLE, acquire the skills to effectively manage their time and stress levels, and also develop resilient attitudes and resourceful mind-sets in preparation for changes and challenges faced in school and life.

❖ **Math and Science Week from 9 to 13 July**

The Math and Science Departments are working together to present 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.

27 Sep to 3 Oct
PSLE Written Exam

16 and 17 October
P3 GEP Selection
Exercise

❖ **Cyberwellness Week from 16 to 19 July**

In alignment with our whole school approach to Cyber Wellness, the ICT Department will be teaching and inculcating in the students the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes on how to protect oneself and other internet users in the cyber world. This year's activities include Cyber Wellness assembly talk, cyber safety games and booths during recesses.

❖ **P5 VIA Programme on 28 August**

The P5 students will be participating in the 'I am a Dengue Fighter' programme on 28 August 2018 (Tuesday), from 1.45pm to 4.45pm. Students, accompanied by teachers, will be visiting the nearby flats to hand out dengue prevention leaflets and share with the residents on how to do the '5-step mozzie wipeout'. The students will be dismissed from main gate at 5.00pm.

P6 Examination

❖ **P6 Prelim Oral on 31 July and 1 August**

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 on 16 and 17 August**

The PSLE Oral Examination will be held on 16 and 17 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 " Ant-Man and the Wasp " on 14 July**

The school will be organising a parenting workshop cum movie treat on 14 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 upcoming American superhero film based on the Marvel Comics characters - "Ant-Man and the Wasp". More information will be given via a school's SMS.

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.