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Dear Parents/Guardians,

2024 TERM 2 LETTER TO PARENTS

Welcome back to school and we hope you have had a joyful and restful March holidays with your child/ward.

Before the March school holidays, the school successfully completed its first Emergency Preparedness Exercise, Ex-RHINOS, on Thursday, 7 March 2024. The exercise provided opportunities for our staff and students to be familiar with the safety and evacuation procedures, and be better prepared to respond to emergencies, particularly in a fire incident within the school premises.

Amidst smiles, hugs and congratulatory handshakes on Friday, 8 March 2024, the school held its first face-to-face Awards Day post-Covid to honour and celebrate our students' achievements for academic year 2023, with over 800 attendees including invited guests, parents and award recipients. Congratulations to all the award recipients!

Important Announcements

1) PCPS ATTIRE DECORUM

During the curriculum briefing, we shared with you the PCPS Attire Decorum, which is intended to help our students learn that wearing their uniforms correctly is a way of discerning the appropriate behaviour according to the context or situation. It aims to inculcate good values in the students, and help to establish in them clear expectations of the approved attire for days when they have and do not have PE.

Please find attached the slides used to guide our students in observing the PCPS Attire Decorum at the end of Term 1. We seek your continuous support in ensuring that your child/ward comes to school in the correct attire and guiding them to be responsible in managing their attire decorum.

2) PUNCTUALITY FOR SCHOOL

We have seen a decrease in the number of students coming to school later than 7.30 a.m. This is good effort on the part of your child/ward. We therefore continue to seek the cooperation of all parents/guardians to help us to instil in our students the value of PUNCTUALITY. As we enter into a new school term, let's continue to start on a punctual note.

3) SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Student safety is our primary concern. We seek your kind understanding that parents/guardians will not be allowed to enter the school premises (e.g. Canteen) when dropping off or picking up their child/ward from the school every morning and during dismissal. Parents will also not be able to pass through The Cove (*Indoor Basketball Court*) and Canteen to get to the LRT Station and vice versa.

For safety and security of the school, parents who wished to enter the school should **register at the security guard post through the front gate.**

4) REMINDER FOR PARENTS ON VAPING

E-vaporisers are illegal in Singapore. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components. Any person convicted of such offences is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence. All prohibited tobacco items will be seized and confiscated.

MOE takes a firm stand against vaping. Vaping is categorised as a serious offence. When students are caught using or in possession of e-vaporisers, the prohibited product will be confiscated and their parents will be informed. The schools will report the offender to HSA and also manage vaping-related offences through existing disciplinary frameworks. These include taking school-based disciplinary actions, such as suspension or caning (for boys). Students caught vaping will also be placed on cessation support programmes where counsellors will guide them through their cessation journey to effect long-term behavioural change.

Parents have an important part to play in their children's education. There are resources and relevant information that parents can access on Parent Hub. Parents are encouraged to have a serious conversation with their children about vaping to prevent it from becoming a life-long habit. More information about the harms of vaping is available on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

Source:

MOH-HSA press release on 'Multi-Agency Effort to Step up Vaping Enforcement and Education', dated 19 Dec 2023

General Information

5) DIGITAL ACCESS@HOME SCHEME

DigitalAccess@Home provides subsidised broadband and laptops/tablets to lower-income households to support their lifestyle needs, including work and social activities.

Households with 3 or more primary school children may submit a request for a refurbished laptop after DigitalAccess@Home approval.

Low-income households living in HDB flats with at least one Singapore Citizen are eligible to apply for DigitalAccess@Home. You can check your eligibility at this website at www.go.gov.sg/digitalaccesschecker.

For more information and application procedures, you may visit the DigitalAccess@Home website at <https://www.imda.gov.sg/how-we-can-help/digital-access-at-home>.

6) MUSIC FIESTA @ THE COVE (18 – 22 March 2024)

From 18 to 22 March 2024, the school is having its Music Fiesta @ The Cove. Students will be engaged in various music-related activities such as listening, exploring, creating and performing with percussion instruments at the Cove for Primary 1 to Primary 2 levels and a drumming experience for Primary 3 to Primary 6 levels. The school will also enjoy concerts put up by student performers and an assembly concert performed by professional musicians.

7) MOTHER TONGUE FORTNIGHT 2024 (25 March – 5 April 2024)

The Mother Tongue Language (MTL) department has put together an array of activities and programmes during the Mother Tongue Fortnight from 25 March to 5 April 2024 to provide authentic opportunities for students to use the MTL and appreciate the different cultures.

8) INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY (5 April 2024)

This year, International Friendship Day (IFD) falls on Friday, 5 April 2024. This is a day dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with our neighbouring countries and beyond. The theme for IFD 2024 is "*Singapore in Asia*". The school will be commemorating the day during Term 2 Week 3.

9) ART FIESTA @ THE COVE (6 – 17 May 2024)

The school will be having its Art Fiesta @ The Cove from 6 to 17 May 2024. Students will learn about artworks from the National Collection through the National Gallery Singapore Travelling Art Carts. Featuring different themes, these mobile art education stations introduce students to the basics of batik painting or offer a glimpse of the past with dioramas of artwork like Life by the River and Man and Environment. Students will also be engaged in hands-on art experiences such as observational drawings

Term 2 Activities

To facilitate your planning, here is a summary of our activities and dates to note in Term 2 2024.

MARCH 2024

10) PRIMARY 5 VALUES-IN-ACTION: CARING COMPANIONS (25 March, 1 & 8 April 2024)

As part of our Values-In-Action (VIA) programme in PCPS, we have liaised with Allkin Singapore and partnered several senior centres to provide students with an opportunity to serve the community. Our Primary 5 students will be involved in a class project where they will engage a group of elderly from assigned senior centres in activities that they have planned as a class. Details for this VIA had been disseminated through Parents Gateway to parents earlier.

11) GOOD FRIDAY (29 March 2024)

There is no school on Friday, 29 March 2024. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

APRIL 2024

12) P4 HCL LEARNING JOURNEY TO SINGAPORE CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE (5 April 2024)

The school has organised a learning journey to the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre on Friday, 5 April 2024 for our P4 students offering Higher Chinese Language (HCL) as a part of their cultural appreciation programme. Details for this learning journey had been disseminated through Parents Gateway to parents earlier.

13) P5 HCL LEARNING JOURNEY TO SUN YAT SEN NANYANG MEMORIAL HALL (5 April 2024)

As a part of our cultural appreciation programme, the school has organised a learning journey to Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall on Friday, 5 April 2024 for our P5 students offering Higher Chinese Language (HCL). Details for this learning journey had been disseminated through Parents Gateway to parents earlier.

14) EARLY DISMISSAL FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS ON EVE OF HARI RAYA PUASA (9 April 2024)

Muslim students who are celebrating Hari Raya Puasa will be allowed to leave the school early at **10.30 a.m.** on the eve of Hari Raya Puasa, **Tuesday, 9 April 2024**. All Muslim students leaving the school at 10.30 a.m. must be picked up by either a parent or an adult relative. A separate letter will be sent out nearer to the date.

15) HARI RAYA PUASA (10 April 2024)

There is no school on Wednesday, 10 April 2024. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

MAY 2024

16) LABOUR DAY (1 May 2024)

There is no school on Wednesday, 1 May 2024. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

17) CLASS PHOTO-TAKING SESSION (15 May 2024)

Your child/ward will be taking their class photographs on Wednesday, 15 May 2024. Once the class photographs are ready for viewing and ordering, they will be uploaded to the vendor's secure portal with password protection. The photo order instruction will be given to you to place your order online, and the photo(s) you order will be mailed to your registered address. A separate notification will be sent out closer to the date.

Parents/guardians who do not wish for your child/ward to participate in the class photo-taking, you may indicate your response when the notification is sent out via Parents Gateway closer to the date.

18) P4 & P6 NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD (NAPFA) TEST (May 2024)

The National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test is a compulsory test for all physically fit Primary 4 and Primary 6 students in the school. The test comprises the 1.6km walk/run test and static stations. The 1.6km walk/run test and static stations will be conducted as follows.

Static Stations (After School Hours)

- P4 : 8 May 2024 (Wednesday)
- P6 : 17 May 2024 (Friday)

1.6km Walk/Run (During Curriculum Time)

- P4 : 13 May 2024 (Monday)
- P6 : 15 May 2024 (Wednesday)

More information will be provided in a separate notification closer to the dates.

19) P4 LEARNING JOURNEY TO KRETA AYER HERITAGE CENTRE (May 2024)

As part of CCE 2021, the P4 students will be going on a cohort learning journey to the Kreta Ayer Heritage Centre during curriculum time in May 2024. Details for this learning journey had been disseminated through Parents Gateway to parents earlier.

20) VESAK DAY (22 May 2024)

There is no school on Wednesday, 22 May 2024. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

21) PARENT-TEACHER MEETING (24 May 2024)

The school is committed to forge strong home-school partnership with parents/guardians to provide the best possible learning experience for our students. This parent-teacher meeting on Friday, 24 May 2024, will be for students of all levels and is an important touchpoint for parents to discuss the learning progress of their child with form/subject teachers. More details will be provided closer to the date.

22) 2024 MAY/JUNE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The May/June school holidays will begin **from 25 May to 23 June 2024**. School will resume on Monday, 24 June 2024.

JUNE 2024

23) HARI RAYA HAJI (17 June 2024)

Monday, 17 June 2024, is a public holiday. The Student Care Centre will be closed.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at Tel: 63857339 or email at punggolcove_ps@moe.edu.sg.

We wish you and your child/ward a very meaningful and engaging Term 2. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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