



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are saddened by the tragic incident at River Valley High School on Monday 19 July 2021, which resulted in the death of a student. We are all grieving and seeking answers.

As a community, we feel for the school and the families affected, and we may be sad, worried or puzzled ourselves. It is normal for us to feel this way as we try to understand the matter. Yesterday morning, the form teachers and I engaged the students to share these key messages with them: (1) everyone in school will ensure that the school is safe for all; (2) as a school, we will extend support to students who may be troubled or under stress; (3) as peers, all students have a role to play in looking out for each other; and (4) teachers and School Counsellor are always there to listen to students about their problems and care for them.

The safety of our school, staff and students is sacrosanct. Our school remains safe as we continue to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff. We have a vigilant school security system, clear school rules and regular security exercises to prepare our students and staff. We will continue to be alert to safety matters as we take care for one another.

To support River Valley High School, let us stop all rumours and not speculate about the incident. Allow the authorities to unravel the facts. Let us remain empathetic towards the school and the families affected, and respect the privacy that they need during this time. It is in time like this that we need to pull together. We shall do what we can to look out for one another, to take care of each other and to respond always with kindness.

Stay strong.

1. Event Calendar (Term 3 Week 4: 22 – 31 Jul 2021)

Dates	Day	Levels	Subject
22 Jul	Thu	P1 – P6	Assembly Programme: Racial Harmony Day (12:30 – 1:30pm)
23 Jul	Fri	Selected students	P5 Conversation Chinese & Malay (2.15pm to 3.15pm) - Last Lesson
24 Jul	Sat	P5 – P6 Hindi students	Hindi: P5EOY & P6 Prelim Oral Examination
27 Jul	Tue	5D & 5I	Theatre Experience (7:45 – 9:15am)
27-28 Jul	Tue-Wed	P6	Prelim Oral (EL & MTL)
28 Jul	Wed	5R & 5P	Theatre Experience (10:35am – 12:05pm)
30 Jul	Fri	P3	P3 Language Cultural Camp (8:05am – 1:30pm)
31 Jul	Sat	P6 Hindi Students	Hindi: P6 Prelim Exam (Written)

2. Updates to Recess and Structured Play Arrangement from T3W4 (22 Jul)

As we moved back into Phase 2 (Heightened Alert), to minimise intermingling among students, we will revert to the previous recess arrangement of meal consumption in the form classes during recesses. Recess structured play is also suspended.



3. Introduction to CKPS Partners in Education (PIE) Club



CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

This week, we celebrated Hari Raya Haji with our Muslim community. Hari Raya Haji is also known as the Festival of Sacrifice and marks the 70th day after Ramadan. It is a longstanding tradition that PIE Club parent volunteers get together on festive occasions and take the lead in decorating the school.

This beautiful wall art was already put up by our creative team for Hari Raya Aidilfitri. A big thank you to all designers, artists and helping hands. We are happy that students and teachers could enjoy it over the past weeks and joined us in celebrating our multiracial & multireligious society.

We look forward to our next creative & active involvement in school activities. Interested? We welcome you as part of the team!

INTERESTED TO JOIN CKPS PIE CLUB?

Submit your application form via the following link:

<https://go.gov.sg/piepv2021> or scan this QR code.



4. Read for Books

Read for Books is a charity book drive to raise awareness and share the gift of reading with the less privileged. From 10 to 26 July 2021, for every 10 people who read for 15 minutes, one book will be donated to selected beneficiaries. This year's beneficiaries are WondeRead, an initiative that gives free reading materials to underprivileged children through charities and family service centres and ItsRainingRaincoats, an initiative that aims to improve the lives of migrant workers in Singapore.

Our school has signed up to take part in this initiative on 23 July. We will be reading as a school on Friday morning. You can take part in this meaningful activity on your own too by following the steps below.

Step 1: Register your interest by submitting the registration forms HERE .	
Step 2: Read for 15 minutes at your own space from 10 to 26 July 2021, or join one of the Zoom Read Together sessions organised by NLB. Sign up HERE .	
Step 3: Take 1 to 2 photos or screengrabs of the activity.	
Step 4: Upon completion of the activity, please submit your photo(s) and the number of participants HERE .	

Please note that all submissions must be completed by **6 August 2021 (Friday), 11.59p.m.**



5. School Bill for 2021

The school has consolidated the collection of payment for key programmes and learning journeys that students from P1 – P6 will be participating in, as well as additional learning resources required by students during classroom instruction.

Payment listed below for learning resources/programmes will be charged via July 2021 School Bill.

S/N	Learning Resources/ Programmes	Amount (\$)
Primary 5		
1	Theatre Experience and Drama Workshop for Primary 5 [For ALL P5 students] (Pls refer to Parent Letter dated 8 July 2021)	11.00

Payment Mode	Details		Payment Deadline																			
Edusave	Auto-deduction from Edusave Fund if you have signed up for the Enrichment Programme Standing Order (EPSO) – <i>For Singaporean students only</i> “No Payment Needed” will be reflected in your School Bill.		Not Applicable																			
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GIRO	Auto-deduction from GIRO if you have signed up for deduction for school programmes in your GIRO application. “Total amount payable will be deducted from your account xxxxxxxxxx on 6 Mar 2021” will be reflected in your School Bill.		Not Applicable																			
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Non Edusave/ Non GIRO	Payment can be made via GIRO, SGQR code or SAM.		By 6 Aug 2021																			

6. Level Specific School Programmes/Events

For P3 Parents Only

6.1 Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Language & Cultural Camp (P3)

The objectives of the MTL Language & Cultural Camp is to provide an immersive environment for students to learn and use MTL in a more in-depth manner, and to appreciate their respective MTL cultures through hands-on tasks. The Mother Tongue department has planned for P3 students to participate in the MTL Language & Cultural Camp on **Friday, 30 July 2021. Timetable will be suspended** for selected P3 students and they will participate in the activities, with adherence to safe management measures.

The following students will need to bring the following items on top of the usual writing materials:

1. Taking Chinese: colour pencils, newspapers, apron and earpiece
2. Taking Malay: own t-shirt / apron, dish cloth, A4 sized cardboard & rounded-tip scissors

For P3 Parents Only

6.2 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Test Dates

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable students with high intellectual potential. We will like to advise parents/guardians not to put your children through test-preparation activities as this may put undue stress on them, which may cause them to lose confidence and impact their self-esteem. Additionally, test-preparation



activities could inflate students' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. This would put undue stress on the students, and may even cause them to lose confidence and impact their self-esteem.

Please be informed of the test dates in relation to GEP for P3 students as follow:

- GEP Screening Exercise – 18 August 2021 (Wednesday)
- GEP Selection Exercise – 19 and 20 October 2021 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

A separate message is sent to parents/guardians of our P3 students in Parents' Gateway (PG). Please submit your responses via PG.

For P3 – P5 Parents Only

6.3 Continuation of eCCA@Changkat

Our school will continue with eCCA from **Week 5, 29 July**, onwards in line with the Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) until Week 8. Online activities, synchronous, asynchronous, or a blend of both, should provide meaningful and engaging learning experiences to achieve relevant CCA learning outcomes.

Teacher-in-charge of the various CCA will send schedule with more details via PG. We look forward to your continuous support on your child's involvement in her/his CCA.

For P6 Parents Only

6.4 P6 Prelim Oral Examination

Please find in the table below the information for the P6 Prelim Oral examination. Both English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations will be conducted in the afternoon after curricular hours.

Date / Day	Lunch Break	Oral Examination	Note
27 Jul (Tues) & 28 Jul (Wed)	12.30p.m. to 1p.m. (Lessons to resume from 1p.m. to 1.45p.m.)	2.30p.m. to 6p.m. (estimated end time)	Students taking NTIL or are exempted from MTL will only need to stay back for one afternoon only.

The school will put in place all necessary safe management measures when conducting the Oral Examination, such as wiping down of furniture and equipment after each use and maintaining safe distancing (1m apart). The subject teachers will inform the students of the respective days in which they are taking the Oral exams by Friday, 23 July 2021.

For the oral examinations, students are to wear surgical masks. They are encouraged to bring extra surgical masks as spares.

With warm regards,



Cheng Huey Teng (Mrs)
Principal

