

1 May 2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Semester 1, Term 2 is coming to an end. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of upcoming activities / events that will be happening in the month of May. Please visit our school website (<https://www.horizonpri.moe.edu.sg>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HorizonPrimary>) to keep yourselves updated on the latest news and events.

1. Public Holidays in May 2024

Labour Day, which is a public holiday falls on Wednesday, 1 May 2024. All students will report back to school on Thursday, 2 May 2024.

Vesak Day, which is a public holiday falls on Wednesday, 22 May 2024. All students will report back to school on Thursday, 23 May 2024.

2. Safety and Well-being of Students Staying Back in School

For the safety and well-being of students staying back in school for after school activities (e.g. SGT, E2K, CCA, etc.) and to enable them to have sufficient time to sharpen their saw before the activities, students should consume their lunch in the school canteen only. Students are only allowed to leave the school premises after they have been dismissed from their after-school activities and not any time before that.

3. Primary 5 Internationalisation Experience (TIE) on Friday, 3 May 2024

Our Primary 5 students will have the opportunity to interact with students from The Salvation Army Lam Butt Chung Memorial School, Hong Kong on Friday, 3 May 2024, when they visit Horizon Primary School. Through the TIE, we hope to:

- a) Deepen in our students the 21st Century Competencies of global awareness and cross-cultural skills and sensitivities;
- b) Expose our students to Asia and sensitise them to the place of Singapore in the World; and
- c) Strengthen our students' commitment and rootedness to Singapore.

4. Arts Festival from Monday, 6 May 2024 to Tuesday, 21 May 2024

Every year, we celebrate the Arts by having various Art and Music activities for the students to participate during their respective recesses and to develop a deeper appreciation for the Arts. All students will be able to participate in the different Arts activities planned by the AES Champions for Arts and Art and Music teachers. While participating in the different Arts activities, the students will be able to embrace and discover their talents and express their creativity through the Arts.

5. SBS Transit Kindness Month on Friday, 10 May 2024

In conjunction with the SBS Transit Kindness Month, a group of Primary 6 School Captains will be embarking on a Values-in-Action project to express their appreciation to our transport frontliners at Punggol MRT Station on Friday, 10 May 2024. Through the movement, we hope to empower our students to become self-leaders and contribute to society positively. More details will be shared to parents / guardians of the students participating in this project via a separate letter.

6. Primary 6 Motivational and Study Skills Workshop on Tuesday, 14 May 2024

As shared during our Primary 6 Parents Engagement session and mass collection letter (2024/L038) sent via Parents Gateway on 24 January 2024, the above-mentioned has been planned for all our Primary 6 students. The programme will be conducted during curriculum hours on Tuesday, 14 May 2024.

In line with our school's I-LEAD+ programme for the holistic development of our Horizon students, the programme seeks to develop 3 areas in our upper block students:

1. Self-motivation techniques;
2. Study skills for personal effectiveness; and
3. Soft skills development such as social emotional growth and having empathy for others.

This half-day programme is the second part of the 2-module workshop, which part 1 was already attended by the students when they were in Primary 5.

For this workshop, the Primary 6 students will be learning effective studying habits such as Power Zones, strategies for target setting, and even time management strategies. All in which will come in handy as our students work towards their first assessment milestone – PSLE. In addition, they will be taught strategies to cultivate a positive growth mindset and strategies in managing stresses and examination anxieties. These life skills will be useful to our students as they can be applied across subjects, as well as experiences in and out of their classrooms.

7. Primary 1 Viva la Musica on Monday, 13 May 2024 and Primary 2 Viva la Musica on Thursday, 16 May 2024

Every year, our Primary 1 and 2 students showcase their experiential learning through play during Viva la Musica. This platform helps to build their confidence as they present musical items and artworks. It also provides an opportunity for students to develop a connection to both music and art. The students will communicate and make meaning of the artworks by connecting with society and culture.

8. Horizon Celebrates! on Friday, 17 May 2024

We are excited to share that Horizon Celebrates! 2024 will be held on Friday, 17 May 2024, from 7.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. This special event, commemorating our 15th anniversary, will blend the essence of two of our signature traditional events – the Junior Olympic Games and Horizon Family Day. Aligned to the theme of “Leading with Hearts, Serving with Purpose”, this event will involve the collaborative efforts of our teachers, students, Parents-Connect! EXCO committee and parent volunteers, and the Singapore Disability Sports Council.

Students will have the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of carnival games, try out games designed by their Primary 4 peers, take part in workshops and insightful sharing sessions on career interests and passion led by our Parents-Connect! (PC!) members. They will also have the opportunities to experience para-sports like goalball, boccia, and seated volleyball, along with a chance to meet and hear from our National para-athlete, Ms. Joan Hung.

All students will report to school in their 15th anniversary t-shirt which will be given to them prior to this event, PE shorts and school shoes.

To ensure the wellbeing of our students, recesses have been incorporated into their respective schedules. Students are encouraged to bring a small bag to keep their belongings and water bottles on that day. We look forward to a fun-filled day! *#OneHorizon #HorizonCares*

9. Issuance of Report Books

Your child / ward will receive his / her report books when school reopens in Term 3 Week 1. To support our students in consolidating their learning and monitoring their learning progress, the teachers will be returning your child / ward their subject files and all assessment feedback for the semester. During the Meet-the-Parent Session (MTPS), the form teachers would be sharing more of your child's / ward's learning and progress. Do have a conversation to affirm his / her efforts and support him / her in areas where expectations have not been met.

10. Primary 6 Booster Sessions on Thursday, 23 May 2024 and from Monday, 27 May 2024 to Wednesday, 29 May 2024

The school will be conducting booster sessions from the above-mentioned dates, to support the learning of our Primary 6 students.

The booster session consists of 2 portions.

1. Timed practice for **all** students; and
2. Face-to-face small group teaching sessions for **selected** students.

More details will be shared to parents / guardians of Primary 6 students in a separate letter, via Parents Gateway (PG).

11. Travel Plans for Mid-Year School Vacation

Term 2 June school vacation are from Saturday, 25 May 2024 to Sunday, 23 June 2024. Do enjoy the term break spending quality time with your children and family before returning to school for another exciting new school term. We would like to encourage our students to practise Habit 7, that is, to sharpen their saw by having a well-balanced holiday with study, play and rest time.

To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents / guardians to make a travel declaration if your child / ward intends to travel during the June school holidays. There is no requirement for declaration if you are not travelling. Please declare your child's / ward's travel plans for the June school holidays via the Parents Gateway (PG) App (<https://pg.moe.edu.sg>). If you have more than 1 child, and the declarations details are the same, please select all of them and make only 1 declaration, even if they are from different schools. Only one parent is required to declare. When planning your child's / ward's travel, please refer to (<https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart>) for more information and updates.

Thank you for providing travel information to help the school to be prepared for travel safety and emergencies. We hope that you and your family continue to be well and healthy. Should your child / ward fall ill, do bring him / her to see a doctor. We thank you for being socially responsible and helping to keep our families, school, community and Singapore safe.

Thank you for standing by Horizon Primary as supportive partners. Let's work together to help our children enjoy school every day!

Your partner-in-education,
Mrs Ong Hui Khim
Principal