

1 July 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students returning to school after the June school holidays. We start Term 3 with excitement and hope as we gradually resume many of our learning activities. In this letter, we would like to share with you the school events for the month of July.

1. School Holiday on Monday, 1 July 2024 in lieu of Youth Day

In lieu of Youth Day which falls on Sunday, 30 June 2024, the following day, **Monday, 1 July 2024**, will be a school holiday.

2. Primary One Registration, Phase 1 for 2024 Primary One Intake

Phase 1 registration is for Singapore Citizen / Singapore Permanent Resident child born between 2 January 2018 and 1 January 2019 (both dates inclusive) and has a sibling studying in the school. Parents can register their younger child from **Tuesday, 2 July 2024 to Thursday, 4 July 2024 through the P1 Registration Portal**.

The P1 Registration Portal can be accessed via the MOE P1 Registration website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration/how-to-register>. You will be required to register your child using a valid SingPass with 2-Factor Authentication (SingPass 2FA) to login. One parent is required to login and submit the registration through the Portal. You can refer to the same website for the necessary documents required. Parents can refer to the Parent Gateway announcement dated 16 May 2024 (2024 P1 Registration Exercise - Phase 1 Registration) for more information.

If you need further clarification, please contact our Administration Office at 67535411.

3. Temperature Taking Exercise for Term 3 on Wednesday, 3 July 2024

The second Temperature Taking Exercise for 2024 will be carried out on **Wednesday, 3 July 2024**. This exercise is carried out after every semestral school holiday as part of our efforts to keep students and staff healthy and safe. The exercise is a good opportunity for parents to continue to inculcate good personal hygiene practices and foster a deep sense of social responsibility by ensuring that,

- a. All students are proactive and make preparations to bring a working Oral Digital Thermometer to school for the exercise.
- b. Students who are unwell are taken to a doctor and refrain from sending them to school. This will allow students who are unwell to fully recover before returning to school. As importantly, this socially responsible practice will also reduce the possibility of other students falling sick with similar symptoms.

4. Primary 1 to 6 Class Photo-taking on Thursday, 4 July and Friday, 5 July 2024

All classes have been scheduled for their class photo-taking session on **Thursday, 4 July and Friday, 5 July 2024**. Form Teachers will inform their respective classes on the date and time for the photo-taking. All students are to be in their school uniform for their photo-taking session.

5. National Education (NE) Show for Primary 5 Students on Saturday, 13 July 2024

As part of our nation's aim to provide a student development experience to strengthen our students' sense of belonging, sense of hope, sense of reality and their will to act for Singapore, the Primary 5 students will be attending this year's National Education (NE) Show. Through the NE Show, we aim to evoke a sense of patriotism amongst the Primary 5 students and to inspire them to contribute positively towards the nation and the community. We look forward to the NE show, where students will pre-celebrate Singapore's 59th year of continuous success with fellow Primary 5 students across Singapore. Details of the P5 NE Show has been communicated separately via PG.

6. Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day on Tuesday, 16 July 2024

As a school, we will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on **Tuesday, 16 July 2024**. The theme for this year is Our Multicultural Mosaic. It focuses on the appreciation of the diverse races and religions that make up our multicultural society, which contribute to our shared sense of cohesion and harmony. All students are encouraged to dress in traditional costumes with school shoes on 16 July 2024, as we come together to celebrate our unity as a community of different cultural backgrounds.

7. Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examination on Tuesday, 23 July 2024, and Wednesday, 24 July 2024

The Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examination will be conducted on **Tuesday, 23 July 2024** and **Wednesday, 24 July 2024**. To ensure the well-being of our Primary 6 students, they will be assigned home-based learning (HBL) assignments to facilitate their learning at home and will only report to school in the afternoon for the Oral Examination. Details of the examination will be provided to parents/guardians of Primary 6 students in a separate letter.

Please take note of the following guidelines to ensure understanding and smooth administration of the school assessments:

- a. Students who are unable to take their oral examinations because of valid reasons (VR) will take both their English Language/Foundation English Language and Mother Tongue Language/Foundation Mother Tongue Language Make-up oral examinations on **Thursday, 1 August 2024**.
- b. Only the following are considered as valid reasons for absences during assessments:
 - Medical reasons supported by a medical certificate (MC) from a doctor. MCs from Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners are not accepted except if the TCM clinic is under the purview of a hospital.
 - Bereavement of family members
 - Other reasons deemed valid by the school



- c. Students who are absent for the Oral Examination/Make-up oral examinations due to valid reasons will need to produce the medical certificate or a copy of the death certificate on the day of return to school. Students will be given a 'VR' status for the subject that they have missed. Students with no valid reasons will be awarded a "0" (i.e. zero mark) for the assessment.

8. Edusave Character Award (ECHA) and Edusave Award for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES)

The nomination and selection process for ECHA and EAGLES will commence in Term 3 and Term 4 respectively. Please refer to **Annex B** for more details.

9. Key Events for Term 3, 2024

We would like you to be updated about the key events for Term 3, accurate as of 30 June 2024. Please refer to **Annex A** for the information and we will follow up with more details nearer the events.

Wishing you a wonderful term ahead!

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

Annex A: Table of Key Events for Term 3, 2024

| Date/ Time | Event/Activity | For |
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| <u>Week 2</u> 1 Jul (Mon) | School Holiday – in lieu of Youth Day | All students and staff |
| 4 Jul (Thu) & 5 Jul (Fri) | P1 to P6 Class Photo-Taking | All students and staff |
| <u>Week 3</u> 09 Jul (Tue) | #Commencement of Small-Group Teaching (SGT) | Selected P3-P6 students |
| 13 Jul (Sat) | #P5 NE Show | P5 students |
| <u>Week 4</u> 15 Jul (Mon) to 31 Jul (Wed) | P2 Computational Thinking in Mathematics | P2 students |
| 15 Jul (Mon) to 2 Aug (Fri) | P6 Art Exhibition | All students |
| 16 Jul (Tue) | Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day | All students and staff |
| <u>Week 5</u> 23 Jul (Tue) & 24 Jul (Wed) | #P6 Preliminary Examination – Oral | P6 students |
| <u>Week 6</u> 2 Aug (Fri) | #P6 Preliminary Examination – Listening Comprehension (EL & MTL) | P6 students |
| <u>Week 7</u> 8 Aug (Thu) | #National Day Celebration (Dismissal Time: 10.45am) | All students and staff |
| 9 Aug (Fri) | Public Holiday – National Day | All students and staff |
| <u>Week 8</u> 13 Aug (Tue) & 14 Aug (Wed) | #PSLE Oral Examination (P1 to P5 students need not come to school: Home-based Learning) | P6 students |
| 15 Aug (Thu) | #P3 GEP Screening Exercise | P3 students |
| 16 Aug (Fri) | #P6 Preliminary Written Examinations English Language/Foundation English Language Paper 1 & 2 | P6 students |

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| <u>Week 9</u> | #P6 Preliminary Written Examinations | |
| 19 Aug (Mon) | Mathematics/Foundation Mathematics Paper | P6 students |
| 20 Aug (Tue) | Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2 | P6 students |
| 21 Aug (Wed) | Science/Foundation Science Paper | P6 students |
| 22 Aug (Thu) | Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2 | P6 students taking HMTL |
| 23 Aug (Fri) | Teachers' Day Lunch (Dismissal Time: 12.15pm) | All staff |
| 19 Aug (Mon) to 29 Aug (Thurs) | P4 Computational Thinking in Mathematics | P4 students |
| <u>Week 10</u> | | |
| 26 Aug (Mon) | #P1 – P5 Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) - *Face to Face <i>(P6 students will report to school as per normal)</i> | P1 to P5 students and parents |
| 29 Aug (Thu) | #Teachers' Day Celebration (Dismissal Time: 10.45am) | All students and staff |
| 30 Aug (Fri) | School Holiday – Teachers' Day | All students and staff |
| <u>September Holidays</u> | | |
| 5 Sep (Thu) & 6 Sep (Fri) | #P6 Booster Programme (II) | All P6 students |

#Details of event/activity will be given closer to the event date.

*Onsite – To be conducted in Horizon Primary School.

Note:

Details listed here are accurate as at **30 June 2024**. Should there be any change/cancellation of events due to unforeseen circumstances, the school will inform you through writing and updates on the school's website.

Annex B:

Edusave Character Award (ECHA) and Edusave Award for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES)

The Edusave Character Award (ECHA)

MOE introduced the Edusave Character Award (ECHA) to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. This is part of the larger goal to foster an inclusive and stronger Singapore as we broaden the qualities and achievements to be encouraged and applauded. The award also supports schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens.

Quantum

The quantum for ECHA are as follows:

- Primary 1 to Primary 3: \$200
- Primary 4 to Primary 6: \$350

Eligibility Criteria

1. The awardee must be a Singapore Citizen. This award is given to up to 2% of Singaporean students in each school.
2. The nomination process is open to all students and staff (teaching and non-teaching), as well as coaches and instructors.
3. The nominated student must have demonstrated good character and values in a consistent manner. Students may be identified for the following types of qualities:
 - a) Qualities associated with the school values (Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Excellence)
 - b) Demonstrated a high level of civic responsibility: Students must have demonstrated concerns about issues related to their community or issues faced by others. They could have initiated simple action or played an active role to address these issues and demonstrate commitment to making a difference;
and/or
 - c) Qualities associated with resilience: Students who have persevered despite facing difficult circumstances (e.g. financial problems, health issues, family issues, peer resistance etc) and have managed to overcome the odds
4. Students may be nominated regardless of their academic results provided that their weak academic results are not due to negative character traits but are attributed to difficulties that go beyond the control of the student.

Students who are keen to nominate their peers or who would like to make self-nomination may proceed to the general office to obtain a form **from 15 July 2024**, and submit the form to the general office **by 26 July 2024**.

Please note that the final list of awardees will be determined by a panel and the decision is final.

The Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES)

The Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership & Service (EAGLES) was introduced in 2001 to recognise students' leadership qualities, excellence in non-academic activities, and service to community and schools. This yearly award is open to students who are Singapore Citizens.



With effect from 2024, EAGLES is enhanced to recognise students with consistent and exemplary demonstration of Emerging 21st Century Competencies (E21CC)[#] in government/government-aided primary and secondary schools, independent schools, specialised independent schools, and junior colleges/Millennia Institute (JC/MI).

Quantum

The quantum for EAGLES are as follows:

- Primary 1 to Primary 3: \$200
- Primary 4 to Primary 6: \$250

Eligibility Criteria

1. The awardee must be a Singapore Citizen. The number of students eligible in each school are as follows.
 - Primary 1 to Primary 3 - Up to 5% of Singaporean students
 - Primary 4 to Primary 6 - Up to 15% of Singaporean students
2. Nomination will be by form and subject teachers, as well as CCA coaches and instructors.
3. The nominated Primary 1 to 3 student must have demonstrated good conduct, and 21st Century Competencies[#] in a consistent and exemplary manner.
4. The nominated Primary 4 to 6 student must have demonstrated good conduct, and one or more of the following:
 - a) leadership qualities,
 - b) service to community and schools,
 - c) excellence in non-academic activities or
 - d) 21st Century Competencies[#] in a consistent and exemplary manner
5. Students may be nominated regardless of their academic results provided that their weak academic results are not due to negative character traits but are attributed to difficulties that go beyond the control of the student.

Please note that the final list of awardees will be determined by a panel and the decision is final.

[#] These competencies are in the outer ring of the Framework for 21st Century Competencies and Student Outcomes (21CC Framework). They are Critical, Adaptive and Inventive Thinking; Communication, Collaboration and Information Skills; Civic, Global and Cross-Cultural Literacy. Please click on the [link](#) to find out more about the 21CC Framework.