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Dear Parents / Guardians,

UPDATES OF SCHOOL MATTERS FOR TERM 4 AND 2017**Major School Events/Programmes and Exam Schedule in Term 4**

11 – 21 Sep	GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension and Written Exams
14 & 19 Sep	N-Level CPA Practical Examination
18 Sep	Sec 1 & 2 CLB Exam (Paper 1 & 2)
19, 20, 22, 26 and 27 Sep	Lower Secondary English Language Internal Oral Exam
28 & 29 Sep	Secondary 2 Mother Tongue Internal Oral Exam
25 Sep	O-Level Mother Tongue (B) Oral Examination
22 Sep – 29 Sep	Home Study* for Sec 4NT
25 Sep – 29 Sep	Home Study* for 4NA (time-tabled lessons for selected students only)
2 Oct onwards	Home Study* for Sec 4Exp & 5NA till start of O-level Exams (consultations by appointment)
2 – 13 Oct	GCE N-Level Written Exam (Pls refer to your child's exam entry proof for more details)
3 – 13 Oct	Sec 1-3 Year-end exam
10 - 12 Oct	O-Level Science Practical Exam
16 & 24 Oct	Marking Day & Promotion Day (Students need not report to school on these 2 days)
19 – 27 Oct	Sec 3 Exp / NA Head Start Programme
29 Oct – 5 Nov	Performing arts cum cultural immersion learning journey to China Suzhou/Hangzhou/Shanghai
23 Oct – 17 Nov	GCE O-Level Written Exam (Pls refer to your child's exam entry proof for more details) School dismissal at 1215hrs from 23-26 Oct for all students due to GCE O Level Exams
27 Oct	Last day of school term / Meet-the-Form Teachers sessions for selected students/parents
17 Nov	Graduation Night
19 - 25 Nov	Leadership development cum cultural immersion trip to Hong Kong for UG/sports leaders
19 - 26 Nov	Aeronautics ALP cum cultural immersion learning journey to China Beijing/Tianjin
23 Nov (Tentative)	Release of PSLE Results
23–25 & 27 Nov (Tentative)	Open House/Open Days for P6 pupils/parents
21 Dec (Tentative)	2018 Sec 1 Reporting Day

*Home Study allow students to prepare for exams at their own pace and they need not attend school. Selected students may be required to attend revision lessons arranged by individual departments. All students are also encouraged to arrange with their teachers for consultations in school.

CVSS in the news

- **“11 Poly Grads win places in local medical schools this year” (ST, 9 Aug)** – Two of our former students (Peh Ting Yong, class of 2011 and Sylvia Phua, class of 2013) are among the 11 local poly grads who have scored places in the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine. Ting Yong applied to study medicine at NUS in 2015 but was rejected. However, his time as a combat medic during NS made him more certain that he wanted to be a doctor. He applied again this year and was successful. This is a fine example of our students' grit in pursuing their passion.
- **“Using Big Data to Improve Study Space” (ST, 28 Aug)** – The National Science Experiment Big Data Challenge organised by the National Research Foundation seeks to help participants understand big data and its application to manage real-world issues. 77 Sec 1 students volunteered to take part in the experiment by wearing an ambient sensor for a week and 5 Sec 3 students followed up with analysing the data and researched on the classroom conditions affecting students' concentration. The challenge involved more than 400 students from 45 schools and our students' project caught the interest of the ST reporters.

Public compliments for our students

- Lianhe Zaobao Forum (24 Feb) – The writer related an incident in 2016 when she witnessed a few of our students helping an elderly lady who slipped and fell at Rivervale Plaza. She commended the students for their civic-mindedness and helpfulness.
- Nicole Tan (2N1) – A patron at McDonald's Compass One outlet emailed to the school in April to commend Nicole's initiative in getting her school mates to clear their trays after their lunch, doing what is right through positive influence.
- Troy Lim (1T1) – A resident emailed to the school in July to compliment Troy's honesty for returning his lost hand phone that Troy found on his way to school. Troy contacted the owner by sending a message to one of the owner's whatsapp group.
- Keifer Neo (1E1) – A shopper at Waterway Point emailed to the school in July to commend Keifer for returning his lost wallet that Keifer found at Waterway Point. The owner offered him a substantial reward but Keifer told him there was no need for any reward.

Highlights of School Events/Programmes in Term 3

- **Annual Cross Country** – We finally had good weather for our annual cross country after 3 years and students and teachers had a good race at MacRitchie Reservoir Park on 21 Jul.
- **National Day celebration** – We had a 'fly-past' of national flag by a drone. 12 NCC(Air) cadets and 24 band members also took part in the annual Sengkang Central PAYM Loves Red National Day Observance Ceremony held at Sengkang CC on 6 Aug. The cadets put up a freestyle and precision skill performance while the band played a number of national songs.
- **Teachers' Day celebration** – We had a fun-filled and meaningful celebration on 30 Aug with the theme of “Teachers as Transformers – Transforming education and inspiring lives”. The day began with all classes preparing their tokens of appreciation for teachers and followed by a concert with energetic performances by band, choir, dance and drama CCAs and a touching song item by alumni members. All form teachers were affirmed for their important roles in shaping students' lives while dressed in their favourite transformers costumes and there was also a special tribute to long serving teachers in the school. The celebrations ended with cutting of cake sponsored by the PSG and reciting of Teachers Pledge by all teachers, led by the Principal.

- **Hosting of China Twinning Schools** – Our school hosted 51 students and 7 teachers from SIP Xinggang School and Changshu Foreign Language Junior High School from Suzhou on 20 & 21 Jul. The Chinese students attended normal and special lessons with student buddies while the Chinese teachers observed a Biology practical lesson by our HOD/Science. The visitors also took part in our Racial Harmony Day activities including an assembly talk and traditional food fair. In return, we will be visiting both schools at the end of the year as part of the performing arts cum cultural immersion trip to Suzhou/Hangzhou/Shanghai.
- **Visit by Director-General of Education** – Mr Wong Siew Hoong visited our school on 11 Sep to find out more about Professional Learning Community practices in schools since MOE started the initiative in 2010. We have established a culture of collaboration among teachers, open classrooms through peer observations and teacher ownership in professional learning. The visit is a strong recognition of our school efforts and strengths in staff professional development.
- **North East CDC Community Learning Journey** – 12 Sec 3 student volunteers from various CCAs helped out with managing a community toy library at Beacon RC and digitising records at Workspace@Sengkang CC over 4 weeks. The programme is part of NECDC Community Employment Programme (CEP) and aims to provide students a better understanding of various NECDC programmes and the social experience of involving in authentic community work. Students were matched to one CEP beneficiary, learn about the job scope and assist in their work, and thereby develop good citizenry and social responsibility.
- **North East CDC G!nnovation** – In alignment with our Sec 2 Green Compass Programme, 12 Sec 2 student volunteers took part in this event which is a platform for schools in the North East district to propose, develop and test trial environmentally-friendly and sustainable projects. Our students set up a recycled paper making interactive booth and showcased upcycled artefacts.
- **Inaugural CVSS Alumni Homecoming Day** – Our Alumni EXCO organised the first Alumni Homecoming Day on 1 July with the theme of “Reunite!” The event received strong support from more than 200 former students from 16 batches who took part in activities such as Captain’s Ball matches, live singing and watercolour painting workshop conducted by a former student.

Highlights of School Achievements in Term 3

- **East Zone A*STAR Science Fair @ Victoria JC** – Two Bronze awards among 89 teams from 32 secondary schools (students conceptualised an investigative project, performed the experiment and presented their findings to a panel of judges from A*STAR)
- **16th North Zone Elementz Science Research Conference and Exhibition** – Gold and Silver Awards, and View Choice Award (most novel and interesting project among all entries from 46 teams and more than 20 secondary schools)
- **ITE IgnITE Skills Challenge 2017** – Finalists among 360 teams for 12 challenges from 43 schools
- **Amazing Race11th Interschool Theatresports Competition** organised by Dunman High School – Team 4th position, Most Creative Team Award and Most Popular Team Award (<https://youtu.be/z6bShwLd3mY>)
- **National Create Your Own Newspaper Competition** organised by the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning & ZbComma – Silver Award & Best Design Award (Upper Sec) and Commendation Award (Lower Sec) among 40+ schools
- **National Stamp Collecting Competition** organised by Singapore Philatelic Museum – 1 Gold Award with Special Prize, 1 Silver Award with Special Prize and 1 Bronze Award
- **2017 Self-Help Groups Joint Tuition Awards** – Nurismah Dewi and Muhammad Uwais (Mendaki) and Nurul Hamizah (SINDA) [Presented to students who have attended the tuition classes and have made significant improvements at 2016 national exams]
- **NPCC Area Games Day** – Overall champions among 11 schools (for the 2nd time since 2016)
- **Girl Guides Singapore HQ North Division Competitions** – Team 1st (Outdoor Guilder’s Challenge), 2nd (Outdoor Mystery Challenge) among 19 schools and 3rd (Amazing Race) among 12 schools

Former Students

- Tay Zhi Qian (2012 Sec 4H) – MOE Teaching Award 2017
- Muhd Fairuz (2013 Sec 4F) – Ministry of Home Affairs Home Team Local Merit Scholarship (Narcotics) 2017
- Chiong Wilson (2010 Sec 4A) – Army NSF of the Year Award 2017 (Presented to the most outstanding servicemen of the cohort who have demonstrated strong commitment to defence and displayed exemplary qualities and competencies during NS)
- Lo Wai Cho (2012 Sec 4D) – Temasek Poly Diploma in Aerospace Electronics, Rockwell Collins Southeast Asia Prize, Thales Course Bronze Medal
- Ng Lee Ning (2013 Sec 4H) – Temasek Poly Diploma in Business Intelligence & Analytics, SAS Institute Course Silver Medal
- Brian Teo Rui Hsien (2012 Sec 4C) – Republic Poly Diploma in Sonic Arts with Merit
- Lim Xuan Cheng (2016 Sec 4E4) – Centre for Strategic Infocomm Technologies – Nanyang Polytechnic Scholarship
- Nurul Natasha (2014 Sec 4B) – ITE’s Graduation 2017 ITE College Centre Course Medal for Higher Nitec in Event Management

Parent Engagement

- **Parent-child bonding activity**- PSG members, together with their children, brought cheer to the less privileged at Pertapis Children’s Home, along with your generous gifts and donations. Thank you for responding to the appeal from PSG for donations at the end of last term! *“It was particularly thoughtful of the group to organise the activities and games for the residents. The children thoroughly enjoyed these fun-filled activities.”*- Senior Executive Director, Pertapis
- **Racial Harmony celebration**- The PSG ran a booth serving traditional snacks to the students, which was well-received by them. Some parents also served as Game Marshalls for the inter-CCA traditional games competition. These have helped our North Stars appreciate and respect the culture of the different races better.
- **Teachers Day celebration** – We would like to thank the PSG for sponsoring a cake as part of our Teachers Day celebration on 30 Aug. We also appreciate the presence of Mdm Alice Wi, PSG Chairperson and members for their presence and support.
- **Republic Polytechnic Educational & Career Guidance Fair (Sat, 16 Sep, 9am-1pm)** for Hospitality (Hotel), Maritime, Logistics Sectors. Parents may chat with ECG counsellors, browse exhibition booths and interact with partners from educational institutions and industry sectors to understand the relevant education and career pathways.
- **PSG Year-End Retreat cum Appreciation Lunch for parents (Sat, 11 Nov)**: An appreciation to all parents who have volunteered in one way or another in 2017. More details will be given later nearer the date.
- **Parenting Styles** - All of us have different styles of raising our children. Learn how to support your child’s education journey WITHOUT “helicoptering” at <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/helicopter-parenting> .
- **Caring Teachers Awards** – The National Institute of Education is organising the biennial Caring Teacher Award 2018. The awards are aimed at acknowledging teachers who go beyond the call of duty for the holistic development of students. Nominations are open to the public, including students and parents, and closes on 31 Oct 2017. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the website at www.cta.nie.edu.sg or obtained from our General Office. Students/parents are strongly encouraged to nominate deserving teachers.

Thank you.

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