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School Motto: *Realising the Star Within*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

UPDATE OF SCHOOL MATTERS FOR TERM 3, 2017

Changes to recesses and school hours

To enable students to have better meal time and sufficient break for the body and mind, our school will be introducing two recesses (Monday to Thursday) with effect from Term 3 this year.

- Lower Sec recesses will be 8.45-9.15 am and 12.15-12.45pm while Upper Sec recesses will be 9.45-10.15am and 1.15-1.45pm [the half hour interval between the Lower and Upper Sec recesses is to provide sufficient time for our canteen stallholders to prepare for the next recess]. There will no longer be any need for 5 minute snack break
- Although the recess time has been brought forward by one hour for all students as compared to previous timing, students are advised to have proper breakfast before they come to school
- Due to the additional recess, a typical lower sec school day will end at 2.45pm for all students while a typical upper sec school day will end at 1.15pm for NA and at 2.45pm for Exp/NT students
- Fridays will continue to have only one recess at 8.45-9.15am for Lower Sec and 9.45-10.15am for Upper Sec. Form Teacher Period will be moved to Wed 2.45-3.15pm and Fridays will end at 12.15pm instead of 12.45pm for all students except 4E5.
- CCA will be from 3.30-6.00pm on Wednesdays and 2.00-6.00pm on Fridays in general [Exact days/times/duration may vary among different CCAs]

Major School Events/Programmes and Exam Schedule in Term 3

Dates	School Events/Programmes	School/National Exams
26 Jun	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday	
27 Jun	Start of Term 3	
28 and 29 Jun		Sec 4 NT/NA EL Prelim Oral Exam
30 Jun	Temperature taking exercise	
3 Jul	School Holiday for Youth Day	
4 Jul	Sec 4 NA/NT ASPIRE Programme	O-Level MTB Oral Examination
4-7 Jul	Sec 3T1 Elective Modules @ITE East/Central	
5 – 17 Jul		O-Level MT Oral Exam
6 – 13 Jul		N-Level EL Oral Exam
17-21 Jul	Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day (21/7)	
18 Jul		O-Level MT & MTB Listening Comprehension Exam
19 -20 Jul	Hosting of China Suzhou twinning school	
21 Jul	School Cross-Country at MacRitchie Reservoir	
24, 26 and 27 Jul		Sec 4 Exp/5 NA EL Prelim Oral Exam
28 Jul	Reserve date for Cross Country	
1 Aug		O-Level Preliminary Science Practical Exam
1 – 4 Aug		N-Level MT Oral Exam
2-4 Aug		Common Test 2
8 Aug	National Day celebration (early dismissal)	
9 Aug	National Day Public Holiday	
10 Aug	School Holiday for National Day	
11 - 18 Aug		N-Level Preliminary Exam
14 – 28 Aug		O-Level EL Oral Exam
3 – 29 Aug		O-Level Preliminary Exam
28 Aug		Sec 1 & 2 CLB Listening Comprehension Exam
29 Aug		Sec 3 CLB Listening Comprehension Exam
30 Aug	Teachers' Day celebration (early dismissal)	
31 Aug	School Holiday for Teachers' Day	
1 Sep	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	
2 – 10 Sep	September School Holidays	

Improvement of school facilities and infrastructure

We have renovated our school library with the hope that more students will make good use of the library after school hours and that the new discussion room will encourage more collaborative learning and group work. We have also renovated our gymnasium with new equipment and air-conditioning, which will be open for all students every Mon and Tue, 3-5pm, with effect from Term 3. The gym will benefit PE lessons and sports CCA, in addition to encouraging students to keep fit and trim. We have also just obtained MOE funding for the building of a pedestrian walkway from the main gate to improve the human/vehicular traffic situation outside our main gate during morning peak hours. Construction has commenced and the walkway is expected to be completed by end of July.

Punctuality for School

To further instil self-discipline, with effect from Term 3, students who come to school after **8.00am** without valid reasons will chalk up two counts of latecoming (instead of one), but will be allowed to go for lessons. Students who come to school after **9.00am** without valid reasons will be stopped by security guards at the gate and not allowed to enter the school. Those who have valid reasons should inform their parents/guardians to call the general office for verification. Habitual late-comers (i.e. more than 4 times late per semester) will be disciplined and counselled. Disciplinary measures include detention class after school and/or suspension from class/school. Students who are late more than 8 times in a year may receive a conduct grade no better than "Good".

Posting of Allied Educator (Learning and Behavioural Support)

Our school has been posted an AED (LBS), Miss Bai Huiying, who will provide more structured and systematic support to students with mild special educational needs (SEN) and enable them to integrate better in school. Her duties include providing in-class and/or individual and small group intervention, transition support and skills training in work habits, facilitating social support groups etc for students with SEN. We encourage students/parents to seek her help when necessary.

Highlights of School Events/Programmes in Term 2/2017

- Commemoration of International Friendship Day (7 Apr) – Values sharing, static display, inter-class quiz, Level-specific out-of-class experience: ASEAN Carnival (traditional games and exhibition booths) for all Sec 1
- APSN (Association of Persons with Special Needs) Flag Day (15 Mar) – CVSS had the largest student participation (187 Sec 4&5 students) and collected more than \$7,000 [APSN is one of our 3 long term partners for our Learning for Life Programme]
- Student Leaders' Investiture for newly appointed Student Councillors and CCA Leaders (29 Mar)
- 17th Anniversary & Awards Day (21 Apr)
- Annual Green Compass Programme for all Sec 1 & 2 (19 & 24 May) [Community Environmental Recycling Project]
- Sports Carnival for all students (22 May)
- Breakfast with Form Teachers/SG Kindness Day/Eat with Your Family Day (26 May)
- Meet-the-Form-Teachers for all Sec 1-3, 4NA/NT (27 May) and Sec 4E5N (30 May)
- Overseas Learning Service Programme (3-9 Jun, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 34 Sec 2/3 student leaders/5 teachers)

School Achievements announced or achieved in Term 2/2017

- 2017 A*STAR Science Award (Upper Sec) – Nichole Tan, Alethea Toh Shu Min
- DSO/Science Centre S'pore Amazing Flying Machine Competition – Precision Award & Theory of Flight Award (1st Runners-up)
- Ngee Ann Polytechnic Math Challenge – 1st Runners Up for Quiz section
- Berita Harian ML National Journalism Camp – 2nd place
- North Zone ML Scrabble Competition – Team 4th and qualified for national round (Hawazi Daipi Challenge)
- N3 Cluster ML Scrabble Competition – Team and Individual Champions for both lower and upper sec categories
- Red Cross Youth – Gold Excellent Unit Award (2016 assessment, RCY Director's Award (Kho Jia Hui)
- NCC (Air) – Gold Best Unit Award (2016 assessment)
- NPCC – Gold Overall Unit Proficiency Award (2016 assessment), SPF-NPCC Badge (Yeo Han Rae, Sejar Mathur)
- Boys Brigade – Silver J M Fraser Award (2016 assessment), BB Founders Awards (Ernesto Balili, Andrew Joshua, Ryan Sia)
- 2017 SYF Arts Presentation - Certificate of Distinction (Band and Choir), Certificate of Accomplishment (Dance and Drama)
- 2017 CIVICA Tales of "S" eBook Competition – Tasha Khor, Ong Cui Yi (winners for publications of e stories)

Achievements of some of our former students:

- Ong Alexia (2010 Sec 4I) – Nanyang Polytechnic Diploma in Banking & Financial Services, Standard Chartered Bank Gold Medal
- Pang Shi Jie (2013 Sec 4H) – Singapore Polytechnic Diploma in Tourism and Resort Management (Silver Medallist and Diploma with Merit), Le Grandeur Palm Resort Silver Medal
- Gui Ming Yi (2013 Sec 4I) – Ngee Ann Polytechnic Diploma with Merit in International Business (Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal, Lien Ying Chow Gold Medal, Mapletree Gold Medal & Prize)
- Jolene Ong (2013 Sec 4I) – Nanyang Junior College Outstanding Student of the Year
- Lim Sze Yong Lyon (2015 Sec 4H) – Singapore Polytechnic Scholarship (Engineering)

Parent Engagement

1. 17th School Anniversary & Awards Day – We would like to thank the following PSG members for their strong support of the school and also congratulate them for receiving the following awards: Outstanding Friend of School Awards – Mdm Jaclyn Ong (PSG Vice-Chairperson since 2015), Mdm Archana (Level representative in 2015 & PSG Secretary since 2016); Friend of School Awards – Mdm Loyce Lee (PSG Committee Member)

2. Upcoming events -

- PSG is organising a donation drive to collect items for Pertapis Children's Home. They are collecting the following items: Rims of A4-size papers, whiteboard markers (blue & black), biscuits, Milo, Maggie brand cup porridge (chicken flavour). You may either donate these items or cash at the PSG booth outside General Office on 27 May (Meet-the-Form Teachers session) OR sign up with PSG to visit the home on 10 June, 9 to 11am, with your child to bring the gifts and interact with the children there.
- Cross country (21 July (Fri) PM): Join your child and school staff for a run or nature's walk at MacRitchie Reservoir Park
- Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day (3rd week of July): Join the PSG to set up an activity booth in the school compound. If you are interested, please keep a look out and register for these activities nearing the dates.
- 2017 Polytechnics Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) Parents' Seminar – you may visit the respective websites to register:
 - Nanyang Polytechnic (www.nyp.edu.sg/EAE) - 27 May, Sat, 9am
 - Temasek Polytechnic (www.tp.edu.sg/pgseminar) - 17 June, Sat, 9:30am

3. Cyber-wellness- You may have heard or seen trending on social media online games which have content which portray suicide as a viable and even glamorous way for people to deal with their problems. Read the article published on Schoolbag.sg (<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/suicide-games-and-online-media-what-should-parents-do>) and learn how you might guard your child's young heart from the danger of such undesirable materials from the internet.

Thank you.

Mr Chia Chor Yann, Principal