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School Motto: Realising the Star Within

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I am pleased to update our school matters for Term 1 & 2, 2018 as follows.

Major school events/programmes in Term 2

| Date | Major School Programmes/Events | Major Internal/National Exams |
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| 19 Mar | After-School Study Prog starts for Sec 4Exp/NA & 5NA | |
| 19 – 23 Mar | Mother Tongue Fortnight Part 1 | |
| 20 – 21 Mar | | Sec 5N2 "O" Level F&N Investigative Exams |
| 22 – 23 Mar | | Sec 4E2 "O" Level F&N Investigative Exams |
| 26 – 29 Mar | Elective Modules for Sec 3NT | |
| 27 & 28 Mar | | Sec 4N2 "N" Level F&N Practical Exams |
| 2 – 6 Apr | Advanced Elective Modules for Sec 3NA | |
| 6 Apr | School PFT Run Sec 2 & 4/5 | |
| 11 Apr | 2.4km Time Trial Sec 1 & 3 | |
| 12 | Annual Sec 2-4 Prize Presentation | |
| 13 Apr | Sec 3 NRIC Registration | |
| 20 Apr | Anniversary & Awards Day | |
| 24 – 25 Apr | | Sec 5N2 "O" Level F&N Practical Exams |
| 26 – 27 Apr | | Sec 4E2 "O" Level F&N Practical Exams |
| 3 – 15 May | | Mid-Year Exams |
| 16 May | Results Management Day (Students need not report to school) | |
| 17 – 25 May | Post-Exam Programmes & MT Intensive Revision Sec 4Exp & 5NA | |
| 26 May | Meet the Parents/Form teachers Day for Sec 1-3 & Sec 4 NA/NT | |
| 28 May | | GCE O Level MT Written Exams |
| 30 May | Meet the Form Teacher for Sec 4Exp & 5NA | GCE CLB/MLB/TLB Written Exam |
| 30 May – 5 Jun | Intensive Remedial Lessons for Graduating Classes | |
| 2 – 9 Jun | Overseas Service Learning Programme to Vietnam | |
| 20 – 22 Jun | Student Leaders Leadership Challenge Workshop | |

*Please visit our school website for the full year school calendar

Highlights of School Programmes/Events in Term 1

- **Structured Reading Programme (SRP)** - Our school implemented this new programme by EL and CCE depts in alternate weeks during morning assembly, over and above the daily silent reading time. The SRP (EL) aims to expose students to interesting texts to nurture joy of reading while the SRP (CCE) aims to cultivate character values through articles on current affairs and human stories, followed up with personal reflection and discussion with form teachers during FT Time.
- **Commemoration of Total Defence (TD) Day** - TD day falls on Chinese New Year eve this year which coincides with the fall of Singapore on CNY Day in 1942. All students went through a CCE lesson package and attended an assembly talk by a SAF Commitment to Defence ambassador. Our 5 Uniformed Groups also put up a TD carnival and Exhibition.
- **Chinese New Year Celebration** – The school celebrated CNY on the same day as the commemoration of Total Defence Day which was a good reminder for students to be vigilant against external threats even during festive period. The CNY celebrations included the usual inter-class mascot-making competition for lower secondary students and a concert by our performing arts CCA and alumni members. As a tradition, the school and PSG co-hosted 40 elderly residents from Henderson Heights this year to celebrate CNY together with the staff and students. The elderly guests enjoyed a sumptuous abalone porridge breakfast co-sponsored by our Western food canteen stallholder and our SAC Chairman. Our SAC Chairman presented personal hongbaos to each of our elderly guests while our PSG distributed hampers and hongbaos sponsored and prepared by PSG members.
- **STAR Programme** – Term 1 ended on a high with our 3-day STAR Programme for all levels. Guided by the theme 'Seek Out Your Strengths', the Sec 1s went through personal profiling, The Leadership Challenge Workshop and Social Skills Training. Focusing on the theme of 'Take Responsibility', the Sec 2s visited the Shell Singapore 'Make The Future Festival' or Energy Efficiency Centre, attended talks and worked on upcycling projects to learn about environmental protection for sustainable living. They also visited the 'Surviving the Japanese Occupation: War and its Legacies', Kranji War Memorial, and Changi War Museum and Chapel to better appreciate Singapore's history during the Japanese Occupation and take responsibility for our nation's defence. With the theme of 'Adopting An Enterprising Spirit', the Sec 3s had a 3 day 2 night adventure camp at the PA-Water Venture (Sembawang), where they learnt camp craft, worked on problem solving activities and took part in water activities such as kayaking and raft building. 'Ready for the World' is the theme for Sec 4/5s as they took part in activities to help them understand their strengths and learning styles, develop their personal brands and hone their interview skills to prepare them for life after secondary school. For the first time, all of them had the opportunity to visit post-secondary institutions to learn more about their courses and options. The programme culminated with a learning carnival known as *The Ninja Warriors* where the students piqued their skills with their peers by tapping on their strengths, problem solving skills and teamwork.

Highlights of Departmental Instructional/Enrichment Programmes in Term 1

- **Mother Tongue** – As part of our Lower Secondary CL Oracy Programme, all Sec 1 EXP CL students attended a workshop on "Developing Oracy Skills through Comics Drawing" by narrating a story line through comics drawing and all Sec 2 EXP CL students attended Chinese Speech and Drama lessons conducted by Hokkien Huay Kuan to learn communication skills through drama.
- **Math** – All Sec 1-3 students took part in a Sudoku Challenge as part of our 'Fun Math Programme'. Lim Wei Zhe Bryan, 3E1 completed 2 puzzles in the final round with the best time of 12 mins.

- **Science** - As part of our Science Outdoor Learning Experience (SOLE), all Sec 1s embarked on the ABC Water Learning Trail at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park to learn about biodiversity at the park and conducted water testing experiments. All Sec 2 Exp students visited the Shell Singapore Make the Future Festival where they learnt about many bright energy ideas and latest innovations powered by alternative energy sources. As part of the festival, Our team of 3 students took part in the Bright Ideas Challenge, went on to be one of the finalists who got to present their prototypes to Mr Iswaran, Minister for Trade and Industry, at the festival. And won a Merit Award. All Sec 2 NA/NT students visited the Energy Efficiency Centre to learn about energy conservation, energy saving tips, how to interpret their household electrical bills, and the use of sustainable energy sources,
- **Humanities** - As part of the Social Studies syllabus on Citizenship and Governance, selected sec 3 students attended a parliament sitting and listened to live parliament debates. All Sec 2 NT students took part in an EBS Challenge co-designed and facilitated by Sec 3 NT students, and learnt about Singaporean entrepreneurs and EBS concepts through game stations.
- **Craft & Technology** – Selected Art students took part in the SYF Arts Exhibition, SYF Festival Logo Design Contest and Japan International High School Arts Festival. Selected band members also had the opportunity to attend a percussion concert at Huayi 2018, under our partnership with Keppel Corporation on the outreach programme of Espanade – Theatres on the Bay.
- **Infocomm Technology** - Home-Based Learning Day was held on 6 March 2018 for all Sec 1 and 2 students. All Sec 2 students were included this year so as to provide opportunities for more students to learn online and independently at home. Students completed a variety of learning tasks for core subjects within the day. Arrangements were made for students without computers or internet access to learn in school. There was also a helpdesk for students who encountered any technical problems or who had queries for teachers.
- **Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)** – Instead of the usual flag days, Sec 4/5 students carried out a service learning project this year to meet the needs of our IPC partners, Bright Hill Evergreen Home and Sunlove Home, as a continuation of their service learning project when they were in Sec 3 last year. Led by the VIA champions/committee of each class, the students prepared gift cards, goodie bags and hampers with food, personal hygiene and household items for about 320 beneficiaries in the homes. There were many heartwarming moments with many happy faces among the residents, students and teachers. To help our international students integrate with our local school community, know one another and understand some of our local cultural practices and traditions, a bonding session was held in school on 2 Feb, including CCE ambassadors who are local buddies for the international students, and a workshop was conducted by our NFS and CCE teachers on how to make local delicacies.
- **Student leadership development** – About 150 students have been selected as student leaders to serve in the Student Council or their respective CCA. All class leaders were briefed on their roles and expectations and underwent leadership training and work planning session in Feb. The Peer Support Leaders completed peer support skills training and the outstanding 2017 PSLs were appointed Peer Support Student Mentors. PSLs will continue to champion "Do Good, Feel Good, Spread Good" through positive peer support and relationships. From this year onwards, all Sec 3 students will be signed up for NYAA (National Youth Achievement Award) Programme and will aim to achieve at least a Silver award by the time they graduate from CVSS. They will need to fulfil prescribed criteria in the 3 areas of service learning, outdoor appreciation and healthy living.
- **Student Management** – 8 of our students participated in Project Green Leaf organised by the Singapore Police Force. It was a 7-month programme from July 2017 to February 2018, which aims to engage male students with various activities including Ultimate Frisbee competition and voluntary work and make positive changes in them. Our students did well in the programme and graduated as overall second best participants and Champions for the Ultimate Frisbee Competition.

Highlights of CCA Achievements in Term 1

- IDE Robotics competition organised by Nullspace and Anglican High School – Team Champions [Tay Bao Quan (2E5), Teressa Lavanya Aryanto (2E2), Koh Qi Fang (2T1)]. It was a national technology and engineering competition on problem solving across domains such as electronics, programming, and mechanical design.
- Red Cross Youth – Gold Excellent Unit Award for 13th consecutive year (2017 Year of Assessment)
- NPCC – Gold Unit Overall Proficiency Award (2017 Year of Assessment) for the 2nd consecutive year.
- Girl Guides – Gold Puan Noor Aisha Award (2017 Year of Assessment) for the 2nd time since 2005.
- Badminton – Entered 2nd round of North Zone inter-school competitions for 'B' Div girls and 'C' Div Boys
- Softball – Entered 2nd round of National inter-school competitions for 'B' Div boys [there is no zonal competitions for softball]

Alumni Achievements

- Chin Jian Guang (2016 Sec 4E4) – Republic Polytechnic Diploma in Sports Coaching, Lee Foundation Scholarship
- Neville Ng (2015 Sec 4E) – Republic Polytechnic Diploma in Biomedical Sciences, JL Education Award
- Teo Rui Hsien Brian (2012 Sec 4C) – Republic Polytechnic Diploma in Sonic Arts with Merit

Parent Engagement

- **Parent Support Group (PSG):** Our PSG EXCO underwent leadership renewal and have renamed themselves as the North Star's Parent Support Group (NSPSG). More information on the activities of the NSPSG can be found at the school website link at <http://compassvalesec.moe.edu.sg/psg>. As usual, our NSPSG co-hosted 40 elderly residents from Henderson Heights at our Chinese New Year celebration. PSG members planned and prepared generous gift hampers for the guests, adding much festive joy to the event. Our NSPSG also organised the annual Welcome Brunch and *Lohei* for Sec 1 parents on 3 March. The event was attended by 55 Sec 1 parents and their children. Participants had a great time getting to know one another, exchange parenting tips, understand the roles of PSG and how they can be involved with the school and support their children's education.
- **Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Parents' Forum:** The forum was organised for Sec 4 & 5 parents on 8 March in conjunction with our 'Ready for the World' programme for the graduating students. Parents learnt useful tips in helping their children make educational and career decisions from Mdm Wang Pheok Hoon, our ECG counsellor. They also had the opportunity to pose questions to our invited panellists from JC, polytechnic and ITE at the forum's Q&A session.

Upcoming events in Term 2:

- **Sec 1 Green Compass Programme (23 May):** Parents may volunteer to be chaperons when the students collect recyclables around the Sengkang neighbourhood to raise awareness on waste management among the residents.
- **Sec 1 to 3 & 4NA/NT Meet-The-Parents/Form Teacher session (26 May):** Apart from meeting the Form/Co-Form Teachers of your child, parents are strongly encouraged to attend the talks specially organised for parents.
- **Sec 4E5N Meet-the-Form Teachers session (30 May)**

Do keep a look out and register for these activities nearing the dates. Thank you.

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