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Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome Back to School in Term 3

I hope the June vacation had enabled you the opportunity to spend some quality time and make memories with your children. The fun, laughter and bonds that you developed with your children offer many benefits. These include building confidence, creating stronger relationships between family members, improving communication skills which leads to better performance in school and reduced behavioral issues.

EPPS Celebrates!

The resumption of the National School Games and enrichment activities in Term 2 were warmly received by the school community. Our Eliasians continue to excel holistically. Our achievements are as follows:

Sportsman Domain

NSG Volleyball

1st in National Junior Boys Division Competitions 2023 - Tier 1

1st in National Junior Girls Division Competitions 2023 - Tier 1

7th in National Senior Boys Division Competitions 2023 - League 1

9th in National Senior Girls Division Competitions 2023 - League 1

NSG Table Tennis

2nd in National Senior Girls Division Competitions 2023 - Tier 2

Citizen and Leader Domains

Nine Cub Scouts clinched the Akela Award from The Singapore Scouts Association.

Scholar Domain

Awarded 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze for the Singapore Mathematics Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOP).

We extend our heartiest congratulations to our students who have demonstrated our school values of Endeavour and Adaptability and express our gratitude to our parents, coaches and respective teachers-in-charge for their strong support and guidance.

Staff Matters

We are pleased to welcome Mdm Peh Bee Kuan as Vice-Principal/Administration to our big Elias family with effect from 19 June 2023. Mdm Peh will oversee the non-curriculum areas of the school and ensure that our resources are managed efficiently.

In addition, the following staff have also joined us in Semester 2, 2023:

Mr Dion Lee Jian Jie	Teacher, Physical & Health Education
Mr Faturrahman Abdul Wahed	Teacher, Physical & Health Education

We also convey our appreciation and fond farewell to Dr Ang Swee Chong and Miss Woon Qing.

The new staff and appointments will further strengthen the school's community as we work together to provide a holistic education for all Eliasians.

Yours sincerely,



Chua Pei Pei (Mdm)
Principal

A IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 First Day Matters (Term 3, 2023)

All students will report back to school on Monday 26 June 2023. Form Teachers will spend some time to share behavior expectations, school values and set goals and targets for the new Semester. We look forward to strong home and school partnership in order to help students adjust to school routines. Students should return their Report Books to Form Teachers.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to spend time to go through the Student Planner with their children in order to understand the academic requirements, values and standards the school expects all students to uphold as upright, responsible and respectful Eliasians.

Students are reminded to make good use of the planner to record their homework, assessment dates and instructions from teachers, as this is an important aspect of self-management.

2 Reporting/ Dismissal and Recess Time

EPPS is committed to provide an optimal learning environment for our students. Please be reminded that the school hours are from **7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily.**

No.	Item	With effect from Jan 2022
1	Reporting Time for Students	7.25 a.m.
2	Flag-Raising Ceremony	7.30 a.m.
3	First Period	7.35 a.m.
4	Dismissal Time	(Monday – Friday) 1.30 p.m.
5	School Bus Pick Up Time	Based on arrangement with vendor

Parents/Guardians should check with their child/ward and on PG notifications to know if they have after-school activities such as CCAs or remedial/ supplementary lessons.

Curriculum time is precious, and students **should not** miss lessons where possible. In the event that there are urgent matters in the family that require your child's absence from school, please inform the school and/or Form Teachers in writing. Your request will be subjected to the school's consideration and approval. When your child's/ward's leave application is approved, students should be prepared to put in more effort to catch up on their assignments. We seek your understanding to partner the school in this matter.

In Semester 2, our recess time slots are:

Level	Recess Time
Primary 1 and 2	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Primary 3 and 4*	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Primary 5 and 6	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

* some changes might be involved for P4 students on Swimsafer days.

3 Safety and Traffic Reminders

Safety and physical development information may be found in the student planner. Parents are encouraged to reinforce the key points with your child/ward such as road safety and safe bus rides.

To ensure orderly dismissal, we appeal to parents/ guardians/ care-givers not to obstruct student movement, and to practice distancing when waiting outside all the school gates. We would also appreciate if you could train your child/ward to look out for the right person to accompany him/her home and not to follow strangers or their friends. If your child is unable to find his/her care-giver during dismissal, he/she should go the General Office for assistance.

We also appeal to parents to note the following:

Morning drop-off

We thank parents who drive into school for ensuring that your child is ready for drop-off in the mornings when you drive into school. Their bags should be with them and they are ready to alight on their own. So far we have been able to clear the queue by 7.29 a.m. Please be reminded that the peak period starts from 7.10 a.m. when the waiting time to drop-off will typically be longer.

School dismissal pick-up

For those who drive, please be reminded not to park your cars at the school gates or along the double yellow lines just outside school at all times. Cars are allowed into the school after the school buses leave at 1.45 p.m. If you are driving and need to pick up your child earlier than 1.45 p.m., please arrange to pick them from the roundabout near Block 511.

No-waiting at school porch/pick-up zone

Please be informed that waiting at the Drop-Off zone within the school compound is strictly not allowed for the safety of students and staff. If you arrive earlier than the pick-up time, please wait at the available lots in the car-park. You can drive up to the porch to pick your child up when he/she is ready.

We seek your understanding and cooperation to ensure road safety for all at EPPS.

4 PSLE Examination Timetable & School Closure Dates

Please note the important dates for the PSLE Examination and school closures.

All P6 students will report to school as usual to sit for their PSLE Examinations.

Examination	Date	Announcement
Oral	Tuesday 15 August – Wednesday 16 August	P1-P5 students will remain at home.
Listening Comprehension	Friday, 15 September	

Written Papers	Thursday, 28 September – Wednesday, 4 October	Normal school day for P1-P5 students.
Marking Exercise	Monday, 16 October – Wednesday, 18 October	All P1-P6 students will remain at home.

The General Office remains open from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on all the above-mentioned dates.

The 2023 PSLE Examination timetable is available on the school and SEAB websites. For PSLE matters such as paper formats, approved calculator/dictionary lists, please visit <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle>

For the new PSLE Scoring, please visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/psle/main.html>

5 Elias Peaks Student Recognition

Our school adopts a timely, holistic and inclusive approach for student recognition, with an emphasis on our Eliasian desired behaviors. Our Elias Peaks platforms provide affirmation for students at both individual and class levels. Class awards include the termly ‘Cleanest Class’ awards and the annual ‘Model Class’ awards. The students build their class spirit and friendship as they cooperate with one another to achieve common goals.

At the first tier, students who consistently exhibit good learning dispositions are shortlisted by their subject teachers for the termly ‘Elias Star’ awards and semesterly ‘Model Student Character’ awards. At the top tier, holistic awards are presented at our annual EPPS Honours Day. Each year, MOE also encourages good character, academic performance and leadership skills with the Edusave Character awards, Edusave Academic awards and Edusave awards for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES) awards.

Award recipients get to share their good habits and practices with peers to extend their positive influence. They promote positive mindsets, role model good character and play a part in a strong peer support culture in EPPS. For details, please visit <https://eliasparkpri.moe.edu.sg/for-parents>.

B SCHOOL PROGRAMMES IN TERM 3

1 SwimSafer™ 2.0 Programme

Swimming is a useful skill which develops strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture. Children can swim to keep themselves fit and healthy. Being able to swim also allows children to participate in other water sports in the future.

The SwimSafer™ 2.0 programme teaches children to be water-safe and acquire life-long swimming skills. The ability to swim is a learning outcome in the Physical Education Primary Syllabus. Our P4 students will be attending their swimming lessons during curriculum hours on selected Mondays and Wednesdays in Term 3. Parents can view more details on the PG message.

2 Racial Harmony Day Celebrations

Racial Harmony Day (RHD) is celebrated joyously every year in EPPS. From Monday, 17 July to Friday, 21 July 2023, a series of activities ranging from the digital to traditional, have been planned for students and staff.

EPPS emphasizes values like respect and harmony, and all Eliasians are encouraged to appreciate and celebrate our cultural diversity. It is a timely opportunity for us to reflect on the part we can each play to build a racially cohesive nation, regardless of our individual race, language or religion. More details on the RHD celebration in school will be provided nearer the date.

3 National Day Celebrations

National Day this year falls on Wednesday, 9 August 2023, marking our nation's 58th birthday. The theme for this year's National Day is "Onward As One!" calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people. "Onward" reflects a nation that is forward looking and resilient to any challenges that lie ahead. "As One" underscores the collective ownership of Singapore's future and the importance of inclusivity and unity.

The National Day celebrations in school will take place on Tuesday, 8 August from 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. All Eliasians will report to school as usual, and we will begin our morning assembly and observance ceremony at 7.25 a.m. Please note that the dress code is a red / PE t-shirt, with PE shorts and school shoes. More details will be provided nearer the date.

Please be informed that Thursday, 10 August is a school holiday, and students will return to school on Friday, 11 August 2023.

4 Interdisciplinary Project Work (IPW)

Our IPW programme develops students who will grow to become citizen leaders with empathy and resilience, as they work together to solve the issues, supporting our nuCLEAR@EPPS.

Primary 4 students will embark on their IPW, which covers English Language, Mathematics and Science lessons. In teams, students will collaborate to explore issues presented to them. These problems, if left unattended, may become major issues when our students enter their adulthood. Through these projects, our students will learn about the impact of various actions on the environment and the importance of being self-sufficient. More crucially, students will recognize the part they can play and how their actions can help to protect our environment.

More details will be provided nearer the date.

5 Teachers' Day Celebrations

Teachers play a very important role in a student's life. As a teacher, one brings out the best in students and inspire them to strive for greatness. Not only do they guide students in academics or extracurricular activities, but teachers also impart knowledge, good values, tradition, modern-day challenges, and ways to resolve them. A teacher's presence in a student's life can boost their morale and guide them to be more valuable in life.

In EPPS, celebrations will be held during curriculum hours on Thursday, 31 August 2023, where we pay tribute to our teachers and support staff for their selflessness and dedication in guiding and supporting our young ones. This meaningful event will once again be co-organised by our student leaders, school administrative team and school leaders. The celebrations will also be a good platform for our student leaders to demonstrate and hone their leadership skills. More details will be provided nearer the date.

6 Eat with your Family Day

'Eat With Your Family Day' reminds parents to put aside their work and devices and connect with their children during meals. It is an important reminder to make time for our families. Even as of us are still working from home, a lot of that time is spent on virtual meetings or emails. We can make a concerted effort to disconnect from work at regular intervals and enjoy precious moments with our loved ones.

Held on the last Friday of each school term, EWYFD is a joint effort by Centre for Fathering, MUMS for Life and DADs for Life, in partnership with Families for Life and in support of the Made For Families initiative. Building strong and resilient families, makes for stronger communities and better individual well-being.

For more information on *Made for Families*, please visit www.madeforfamilies.gov.sg.

The Parents in Education (PiE) Website provides resources to help parents better support the education and development of their children. It contains articles on parenting tips, educational news, information on the school curriculum, and resources for parents to support their children's learning at home. For more information, please visit <https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/features/parent-partnership>

7 Summary of Term 3 Events (June – Early September)

Date	Events	Remarks
Monday 26 June	First Day of School	All students to report to school.
Wednesday 28 June – Wednesday 23 August	SwimSafer™ 2.0 Programme	For P4 only. Mondays & Wednesdays Please refer to notification sent through PG for the schedule for your child's class.
Thursday 29 June	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday. Students to return to school on Friday, 30 June.
Monday 3 July	Youth Day School Holiday	Students return to school on Tuesday, 4 July.
Wednesday 5 July	Temperature Taking Exercise	All students to bring a working thermometer.
Saturday 15 July	National Education Show	For P5 only. Details will be given nearer the date.
Monday 17 July – Tuesday 18 July	Prelim Oral Exam	For P6 only. After curriculum hours. Assessment Circular will be sent via PG.
Monday 17 July – Friday 21 July	Racial Harmony Day Celebrations	During curriculum hours. Details will be given nearer the date.
Tuesday 8 August	National Day Celebrations	During curriculum hours. Details will be sent through PG.
Wednesday 9 August	National Day	Public Holiday
Thursday 10 August	National Day School Holiday	Students return to school on Friday 11 August.
Tuesday 15 August – Wednesday 16 August	PSLE Oral Exam	For P6 only. P1-P5 students remain at home.
Thursday 17 August	Gifted Education Programme Screening Exercise	For P3 students who opted to participate. During curriculum hours. Please refer to notification sent through PG in January. More details will be sent in July via PG.
Friday 18 August – Thursday 24 August	Preliminary Exam	For P6 only. Assessment Circular will be sent via PG in end June. P1-P5 report to school for lessons as usual.
Monday 21 August – Friday 25 August	nuCLEAR@EPPS IPW Week	For P4 only. During curriculum hours. Details will be given nearer the date.
Thursday 31 August	Teacher's Day Celebration	During curriculum hours. Usual dismissal time at 1.30 p.m.
Friday 1 September	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
Friday 1 September	Eat with Family Day	Home celebrations

Monday 4 September to Friday 8 September	School Holidays	The General Office remains open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.
Thursday 7 September – Friday 8 September	Supplementary Classes	For P6 only. Details will be sent through PG.