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Dear Parents / Guardians

A warm welcome back to Term 2

We hope that your child/ward had a good break and enjoyed their bonding time with family and friends during the March holidays. As we start the new term, I hope all Eliasians, especially the Lower Primary students, are well-settled into their routines. In the lively and exciting Term 1, our school community came together to have key events such as our Bonding Week, Parents' Engagement Webinars, Chinese New Year Celebrations, Total Defence Day Commemorations, Assembly Programmes, Channel News Elias and the Arts Fiesta.

Updates on Character and Citizenship Education (CCE)

The Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) develops the right values and dispositions in our children to navigate the complexities of today's fast-changing social paradigm – both online and offline. Goals of CCE aim to develop Good Character, Resilience and Social Emotional Well-Being, Future Readiness and Active Citizenship.

CCE has been further integrated into key student development experiences like CCAs, Education & career guidance, NE commemorative days, Values-in-action, Outdoor adventure learning cohort camps and Student leadership development. These learning experiences are authentic, relevant and purposeful. Students will learn to manage their personal well-being, gain awareness of mental health concepts and help-seeking behaviour, develop empathy and care for others. Cyberwellness lessons will be taught through interactive video discussions which provide opportunities for student voices.

There will be greater emphasis on teaching of moral values through cultural stories, songs, idioms, and proverbs which are unique to each Mother Tongue Language (CCE MTL). During the weekly Form Teacher Guidance Period (CCE FTGP), students participate in reflections/ discussions to strengthen their socio-emotional skills, peer and teacher-student relationships. As part of family education, we seek your support to participate in CCE home activities and reinforce our shared CCE messages.

School Leaders' Kopi Connect Session with Parents

Our annual Kopi Connect sessions provide the opportunity for parents/guardians to interact with our school management team. These focused group discussions enable the school to seek feedback and/or suggestions on our holistic student experiences /programmes. Interested parents/ guardians are invited to register at <http://bit.ly/eKopiConnect> We look forward to your active participation, and hope to work in partnership with you to bring out the best in every Eliasian.

Yours sincerely,

Chua Pei Pei (Mdm)
Principal

A IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 MOE Cyberwellness Resources for Parents

MOE shares tips and strategies throughout the year directly with parents on supporting their children in their education journey via platforms such as the Parent Gateway app, official MOE social media and 'School Bag' education news site. In the coming months, MOE will be sharing resources on topics such as transitioning to new education stage and caring for our student's well-being.

The cyberspace provides our students with a vast amount of information and learning opportunities. In the first term, the focus was on providing useful Cyber Wellness resources for parents to support and guide our students in navigating the cyberspace safely and responsibly.

Instagram posts on @parentingwith.moesg shares tips on how to support our students through some of the challenges they may face online. Parent Kit issue on the PG app on 'Raising a Digitally Smart Child' shares tips and resources on practicing appropriate device usage, managing over-reliance on devices and ways to handle cyber-bullying. Parents may tap on this resource to provide parents with tips for home-based learning.

Additional resources from external agencies like Media Literacy Council and S.U.R.E. by National Library Board to support our student's digital journey may be found from <https://www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg/our-programmes/cyber-wellness>

2 Modes of Communication

Parents Gateway (PG) is the main platform for communication between school and parents.

Developed by MOE and GovTech, PG allows for parents:

- to provide consent/ acknowledgement for programmes and exam matters
- to make bookings for MTP sessions
- to make any travel declarations
- to keep previous PG messages for easy reference

Parents will receive information mainly through this platform and we encourage parents to check the PG app regularly and **set up a notification system within the app** so that you do not miss out on important information.

We also encourage you to use the Student Planner as a means of communicating with the teachers to monitor your child's/ward's progress. Besides reflecting the homework given to your child/ward each day, the school planner also allows teachers and parents to keep in contact.

3 Reporting & Dismissal Time

All students are strongly encouraged to be in the Hall by 7.25 a.m. Flag raising ceremony will start punctually at 7.30 a.m. Students are encouraged to arrive earlier to enjoy their silent reading time.

Please note that dismissal is at 1.30 p.m. daily. Parents/Guardians should check with their child/ward and/or on PG notifications, to know if they have after-school activities such as CCAs or remedial lessons.

Curriculum time is precious, and students should not miss lessons where possible. If 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.

4 Student Well-Being and Safety

Our Student Planner also contains important information on safety for all Eliasians. Please spend some time going through the safety information in the School Planner with your child/ward and reinforce the key points with them.

To ensure orderly dismissal, we appeal to parents/ guardians/ care givers not to obstruct student movement, and to practice social 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 caregiver during dismissal, he/she should go the General Office for assistance.

We would like to appeal to all parents who drive their child to school to use the designated covered drop-off/pick-up points located near Blocks 517 and 504, Pasir Ris Street 52, during peak traffic periods. This will ease the traffic congestion at Gate 1, main entrance to school carpark.

5 Consent for Photography & Video-Taking

Please note that photographs and video images of parents/ guardians and/or your child/ ward may be taken during lessons, CCA, school camps and events. Parents are deemed to have given consent for the school to use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, the school website, social media channels and other communication channels.

Please be assured that any personal data received by our school is managed according to the MOE Data Management Policy and Guide. Should you have enquiries, please write in to epps@moe.edu.sg for clarification.

6 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.

PSLE Examination	Date	Announcement
Oral	Tuesday, 15 August – Wednesday, 16 August	P1-P5 will remain at home.
Listening Comprehension	Friday, 15 September	
Written Papers	Thursday, 28 September – Wednesday, 4 October	Normal school day for P1-P5
Marking Exercise	Monday, 16 October – Wednesday, 18 October	All P1-P6 students will remain at home.

The General Office remains open from 7 a.m. to 5 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>

7 Assessment Matters

Information on assessment can be found on our school website. On the Home page, please select the tab 'For Parents'.

Parents can view:

- School Assessment Policy
- Format of the papers
- Schedule
- Scope of topics

If your child/ward is unwell on the exam day, we appeal to parents/guardians **not to send** their child/ward to school for exams. Parents/Guardians are required to take their child/ward to a clinic and obtain a medical certificate to certify their absence. Kindly note that there will be **no re-test** for any written component/paper for an examination/weighted assessment.

Teachers will continue to leverage on ongoing assessments (daily work, timed practices, class quizzes) to check on students' understanding, and provide timely feedback to improve learning.

B SCHOOL PROGRAMMES IN TERM 2

1 Co-Curricular Activities Schedule

CCAs are a key component of students' holistic education. Through CCAs, students discover their interests and talents. Through CCAs, students develop their character, learn values, social emotional competencies and skills to prepare them for future challenges. CCAs bring students from diverse backgrounds together. By learning and interacting with one another, students develop friendships and deepen their sense of belonging to the school and community.

The Term 2 CCA Schedule will be from Monday 20 March to Fri 26 May 2023. For more information, please refer to the PG message sent by the respective CCA Teachers in end February 2023.

2 Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Fortnight Programme

The MTL Fortnight programme will be held from Monday 20 March to Friday 31 March 2023. The programme aims to nurture the joy of learning by creating a conducive environment and providing platforms for our students to use their mother tongue languages.

As part of our students' learning experiences, there will be varied activities such as recess game booths, story-telling competitions, and cultural lessons. The school seeks parental support by encouraging your child/ward to share their learning using MTL at home. These interactions will deepen their appreciation for mother tongue languages.

3 Conversational Chinese and Malay Programme

The Conversational Chinese and Malay (CCM) Programme will be conducted weekly Mondays from Monday 20 March to Monday 22 May, for P3 and P4 students. This is a good platform for students to strengthen bonds with their friends of different races and to appreciate Chinese and Malay cultures and values.

Through the CCM programme, students will acquire basic proficiency in either Mandarin or Malay, be exposed to traditional cultures and norms of those communities through our fun and engaging cultural activities. More information can be found in the PG messages sent in end February.

4 Hari Raya Puasa Celebrations

The school will have our celebrations on Tuesday 18 May during the school assembly. Activities such as canteen displays, videos and pop quizzes create excitement as students learn about our cultural diversity. Please note that it is a normal school day with usual dismissal at 1.30 p.m.

As Hari Raya Puasa falls on Saturday 22 April 2023, all students and staff will return to school only on Tuesday 25 April 2023. The school wishes all Eliasians and families a joyful Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri!

5 Inter-disciplinary Project Work

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 3 and 5 students will embark on their IPW over a period of one week in their English, Maths and Science lessons. In teams, students will collaborate to explore issues presented to them. Through these projects, our students will learn the process of Design Thinking and about the impact of littering 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.

Details will be provided via Parent Gateway app, nearer the programme date.

6 Visual Arts Museum Learning Journey (Primary 4)

As part of the Art Education Syllabus, all primary 4 school students will have a chance to visit Art Museums. This learning journey creates an authentic setting for students when they get to appreciate Singaporean artworks and paintings. The National Gallery Singapore (NGS) is one of the museums nominated by the Ministry of Education for the MBL Programme. The Gallery has specially curated trails for students, with artworks that depict different themes such as portraits, landscapes and Singapore's history.

Our students will visit NSG either on Thursday 20 April or Thursday 27 April 2023 from 2 p.m. There is a greater focus on visual inquiry skills such as observation and interpretation and reflecting on artwork through activities and discussions. All these activities will be facilitated by a NGS Educator and our Art teachers. More details will be provided via PG nearer the date.

7 Outdoor Adventure Learning Cohort Camp (Primary 5)

OAL Cohort camps equip students with knowledge, skills and values such as self-awareness, relationship management and responsible decision-making, as they explore natural and urban environments safely.

Our students will be participating in a 3D2N residential camp at the MOE Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre from Tuesday 2 May to Thursday 4 May 2023. Led by MOE's Outdoor Adventure Educators (OAEs) and our teachers, our students will embark on a journey that provides rich learning experiences outside of classroom that can enable them to develop resilience and ruggedness. More details will be provided via PG nearer the date.

8 Meet-the-Parents Sessions (MTP)

On Wednesday 24 May 2023, parents/ guardians will have the opportunity to meet your child/ ward's Form Teacher(s) and obtain feedback on his/ her learning progress. MTP sessions will be conducted in both face-to-face and video conference modes.

Instructions for the booking MTP Session will be sent via PG in mid April. From Tuesday 25 April to Friday 5 May 2023, parents/ guardians can log into Parent Gateway app to book the MTP session to meet your child/ ward's Form Teacher(s). A separate booking should be made, should parents/ guardians wish to meet Mother Tongue Language Teachers.

Slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If parents /guardians are unable to book any slots for MTP, please feel free to contact your child's/ ward's Subject Teachers via email or phone call. Report books will be returned to students by Form Teacher(s) from Tuesday 23 May 2023. Please ensure that the report book is duly signed and returned to your child/ward's Form Teacher(s) on the first day of Term 3.

9 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. 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.

Summary of Term 2 Events (March 2023 – June 2023)

Date	Events	Remarks
Monday 20 March	First Day of Term 2	All students report back to school.
Monday 20 March – Friday 26 May	Term 2 CCA	For details, kindly refer to the PG sent by the respective CCA Teachers in end February 2023.
Monday 20 March – Friday 31 March	Mother Tongue Languages Fortnight Programme	During curriculum hours.
Monday 20 March – Monday 22 May	Conversational Chinese and Malay Programme (CCM)	For P3 and P4 only. <u>After</u> curriculum hours on Mondays. Details can be found in PG.
Tuesday 21 March	Breakfast with FTs	For P6 only. During curriculum hours.
Wednesday 22 March	IPW Learning Journey to NEWater Plant	For P5 only. During curriculum hours. Details can be found in PG.
Friday 24 March	Cultural Performance Experience (CPES)	For P5 only. <u>After</u> curriculum hours. Details can be found in PG.
Friday 7 April	Good Friday	Public Holiday
Tuesday 18 April	Hari Raya Puasa Celebrations	<u>During</u> curriculum hours. Dismissal as usual at 1.30 p.m.
Thursday 20 April or Thursday 27 April	Visual Arts Museum Learning Journey	For P4 only. <u>After</u> curriculum hours. Details will be sent through PG nearer the event date.
Saturday 22 April	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
Monday 24 April	PH in lieu of Hari Raya Puasa	Students return to school on Tuesday 25 April.
Wednesday 26 April	SLs' Kopi Connect	For parents of P1 & P2. 7.45 a.m. – 9 a.m. in school. Please register your interest.
Thursday 27 April	SLs' Kopi Connect	For parents of P3 & P4. 7.45 a.m. – 9 a.m. in school. Please register your interest.

Date	Events	Remarks
Friday 28 April	IPW Learning Journey to Sungei Api Api	For P3 only. During curriculum hours. Details will be sent through PG nearer the event date.
Friday 28 April	SLs' Kopi Connect	For parents of P5 & P6. 7.45 a.m. – 9 a.m. in school. Please register your interest.
Monday 1 May	Labour Day	Public Holiday. Students return to school on Tuesday 2 May.
Tuesday 2 May – Thursday 4 May	Outdoor Adventure Learning Cohort Camp	For P5 only. 3D2N Residential Camp. Details will be sent through PG nearer the event date.
Tuesday 9 May – Monday 15 May	Inter-disciplinary Project Work	For P3 only. During curriculum hours.
Monday 15 May – Friday 19 May	Inter-disciplinary Project Work	For P5 only. During curriculum hours.
Wednesday 17 May	CCA Appreciation	Details will be sent through PG nearer the event date.
Wednesday 24 May	Meet-The-Parents Session	8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Details will be sent through PG. All students will not report to School and only return on Thursday 25 May.
Friday 26 May	Last Day of Term 2 'Eat with Family' Day	Usual school day with 1.30 p.m. dismissal. CCAs, after-school remedials/ support programmes (if any). Home celebrations
Saturday 27 May – Sunday 25 June	School Holidays	The General Office remains open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.
Thursday 22 June – Friday 23 June	Supplementary Lessons	For P6 only. Details will be sent through PG.