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Dear Parents / Guardians

### **Welcome back to Term 3**

We hope that your child/ward had a restful break during the June vacation. As we begin an exciting term, we encourage you to have regular talks with your child/ward about their school experiences. This will help to improve communication skills and build stronger relationships between family members, leading to better performance and reduced behavioral issues. Together we can create a supportive and nurturing learning environment for your child/ward.

### **EPPS Celebrates!**

Semester 1 was filled with many exciting events. EPPS would like to celebrate our students' efforts and achievements. Our achievements are as follows:

#### Volleyball Junior Results:

Junior Boys - League 1, 4<sup>th</sup> position

Junior Girls - League 1, 6<sup>th</sup> position

#### Table Tennis Senior Results:

Senior Boys: League 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> position (Silver)

Senior Girls: League 2, 4<sup>th</sup> position

#### Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation:

Chinese Orchestra: Distinction

Modern Dance: Accomplishment

Choir: Accomplishment

#### Akela Award:

Seven Cub Scouts clinched the Akela Award from The Singapore Scouts Association

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 the following staff into our Elias family:

Mdm Nur Azilla Binte Nazli (Teacher, Arts Education)

Miss Joyce Khong (Teacher, Music Education)

Ms Joan Soon (Adjunct Teacher)

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, 2024)

All students will report back to school on Monday, 24 June 2024. Form Teachers will spend some time to revisit behaviour expectations, school values as well as set goals and targets with the students for the new Semester. Together with parents, we look forward to building a strong home and school partnership to help our students develop strong self-management skills, responsibility and ownership in their learning.

Parents/ Guardians are strongly encouraged to go through the Student Planner with their child/ward to better understand the academic requirements, values, and standards that 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 and instructions from teachers as part of their daily routine.

## 2 Reporting/ Dismissal and RecessTime

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. 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.

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.

\*There may be some changes in the recess time slots for P4 students on Swimsafer days.

### 3 Safety and Traffic Reminders

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/ caregivers not to obstruct student movement, and to practise 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/guardians who drive their child/ward 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.

### 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.

PSLE Examination	Date	Announcement
Oral	Tuesday, 13 August – Wednesday, 14 August	P1-P5 will remain at home.
Listening Comprehension	Friday, 13 September	
Written Papers	Thursday, 26 September – Wednesday, 2 October	P1 – P3 students report to school as usual.  P4 students have HBL on 26 & 27 September and will report back to school as usual from 30 Sept.  P5 students report to school as usual on 26 & 27 Sept and have HBL on 30 Sept and 1 Oct. They report back to school on 2 Oct.  More details on P4 & P5 HBL will be shared via PG nearer the dates.
Marking Exercise	Monday, 14 October – Wednesday, 16 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 2024 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

In EPPS, student recognition is holistic and inclusive with emphasis on behaviours through regular affirmation at both student and class levels. The 'Elias Peaks' is a platform which recognises all Eliasians who demonstrate consistent behaviours aligned with our core values of Endeavour, Love, Integrity, Adaptability and Service (ELIAS) and 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies.

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. Student awards include the termly 'Elias Star' Awards and semesterly 'Model Student Character' Awards. Nominations from peers and teachers are considered as the school community affirm one another for good character, thus strengthening relationships.

At the higher tiers, holistic awards are presented at our annual EPPS Honours Day. 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, Service and E21CC (EAGLES). For details, please visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/awards-scholarships/edusave-awards>

## 6 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 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.

Beside summative assessments, 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 3**

### **1 Racial Harmony Day Celebrations**

Every year, EPPS commemorates Racial Harmony Day (RHD) as a reminder to our students and staff on how we can play a part to build a cohesive society. A series of activities have been planned for our students from Monday 15 July to Friday 19 July 2024 to gain deeper understanding on the importance of harmony and social cohesion. It is a timely opportunity for our students and staff to reflect on how we can each play a part to build a cohesive society, regardless of our race, language or religion.

### **2 National Day Celebrations**

National Day falls on Friday, 9 August, marking our nation's 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. The theme "Together, As One United People" emphasises the collective strength of Singaporeans and highlights the importance of everyone rallying together to share our future and uplift those around us.

The National Day celebrations in school will take place on Thursday, 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.

Students will return to school on Monday, 12 August.

### **3 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.

The Primary 4 students will embark on their IPW over a period of one week in their English, Mathematics and Science lessons. Working in groups, 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 recognise 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.

### **4 Teachers' Day Celebrations**

Teachers play an important role in a student's life. As an educator, one seeks to inspire and motivate students to reach their full potential. Apart from guiding them in their academics, teachers can develop students by nurturing their emotional development, fostering their social skills, inculcating good values, and guiding them with ways to resolve modern day challenges.

In EPPS, celebrations will be held during curriculum hours on Thursday, 29 August 2024, where we show appreciation to our teachers and support staff for their dedication and selflessness in guiding

our young ones. This meaningful event will once again be co-organised by our student leaders, school administrative team and school leaders. The celebration will also serve as a good opportunity for our student leaders to hone their leadership skills. More details on the celebration and dismissal time will be provided nearer the date.

## **5 Swimsafer Programme (Primary 4)**

Swimming is a useful skill which promotes strength, endurance and flexibility. It also increases one's stamina and enhances coordination. Children can swim to stay active, develop life skills as well as build a foundation to a healthy and active lifestyle.

The SwimSafer 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 Primary 4 pupils will attend this programme from Term 3 Week 10 to Term 4 Week 6. It will take place every Tuesday morning during curriculum time. Please refer to the PG message that will be sent out for more information.

## **6 Toy Donation Drive**

In Semester 1, EPPS partnered with 'Food from The Heart', a non-profit charity organization, to organise a Food Donation Drive for the needy. Many Eliasians participated actively and donated many useful food items.

Apart from the Food Donation Drive, 'Toy Buffet' is another of Food from the Heart's signature event. This event relies on donations of new and used toys, allowing the organisation to gather a wide variety of toys to gift to underprivileged children.

'Toy Buffet' aims to convey a message of care and love which are values we strive to instill in our students. The donation drive will run from 9 September to 12 September 2024. More details will be provided nearer the date.

## **7 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](http://www.madeforfamilies.gov.sg).

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

Date	Event s	Remarks
Monday 24 June	First Day of School	All students report back to school.
Saturday 29 June	National Education Show	For P5 only. Details will be sent through PG.
Monday 1 July	Youth Day School Holiday	Students to return to school on Tuesday, 2 July.
Wednesday 3 July	Temperature Taking Exercise	All students to bring a working thermometer.
Tuesday 16 July	P6 Prelim Oral Exam HBL for P1-5 students.	For P6 only. P1-5 will stay home for HBL. Details will be given nearer the date.
Monday 15 July – Friday 19 July	Racial Harmony Day Celebrations	During curriculum hours.
Thursday 8 August	National Day Celebrations	During curriculum hours. Details will be sent through PG.
Friday 9 August	National Day	Public Holiday
Tuesday 13 August – Wednesday 14 August	PSLE Oral Exam	For P6 only. P1-5 students remain at home.
Thursday 15 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 16 August – Thursday 22 August	Preliminary Examinations	For P6 only. Assessment Circular will be sent via PG in end June. P1-5 report to school for lessons as usual.
Monday 19 August – Friday 23 August	nuCLEAR@EPPS IPW Week	For P4 only. During curriculum hours. Details will be given nearer the date.
Thursday 29 August	Teacher's Day Celebration	During curriculum hours.  More details on the dismissal time will be shared.
Friday 30 August	Teacher's Day	School Holiday



Date		Remarks
Friday 30 August	'Eat with Family' Day	Home celebrations
Monday 2 September – Friday 6 September	School Holidays	The General Office remains open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.
Thursday 5 September – Friday 6 September	Supplementary Lessons	For P6 only. Details will be sent through PG.