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Dear Parents / Guardians

Warm Welcome Back to Term 3

We hope you have managed to spend some quality time with your family during the June vacation. Family time offers many benefits, including building confidence, creating a stronger emotional bond between family members, improving communication skills, better performance in school and reduced behavioral issues, as well as providing an opportunity to make memories built on fun, laughter, and togetherness.

With the relaxation of the safe management measures, there will be adjustments to our school programmes to further enhance our students' learning experiences. We will gradually resume group assemblies, unstructured recess play time and collaborative learning opportunities, in line with MOE safety guidelines.

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

- 5th in the National School Games Table Tennis (East Zone) for Senior Boys
- 2nd in the National School Games Volleyball (Preliminary Round) for both Senior Boys & Girls
- 7th in the National School Games Table Tennis (Preliminary Round) for Senior Girls

Artist Domain

- Awarded 1 Jury's Special Prize at KAO International Painting Contest
- Two entries shortlisted for SYFgoesOnline! 2022 Design Challenge

Citizen and Leader Domains

- Eight Cub Scouts clinched the Akela Award from The Singapore Scouts Association

Scholar Domain

- Awarded 1 Silver and 2 Bronze for the Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary School (SMOPS) Competition

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.

nurturing Citizen Leaders with Empathy and Resilience at Elias Park Primary School (nuCLEAR@EPPS) Applied Learning Programme (ALP)

In line with the national sustainability agenda under the Singapore Green Plan 2030, the Ministry of Education (MOE) will work with schools and education institutions to promote sustainable living, empower students to play their part for the environment, and strengthen our green efforts.

As our school adopted a holistic school-wide approach to environmental sustainability early, we were one of four MOE schools appointed to lead in developing the green curriculum. Our school will pilot sustainability features and related concepts which focus on developing environmental policies and programmes as well as enhancing to help reduce our carbon footprint.

As part of nuCLEAR@EPPS, Primary 3 to 6 students will embark on Interdisciplinary Project Work (IPW) which leverages on the Design Thinking approach to problem solving. Students will explore issues faced by our community, and collaboratively come up with solutions to tackle them. We hope that parents can support us by reinforcing the same messages at home. For more info, parents can visit <https://eliasparkpri.moe.edu.sg/signature-programmes/nuclear-at-epps>

Staff Matters

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff into the EPPS family:

Mdm Cui Cui	Teacher, Chinese Language (Trainee)
Miss Ho Teh Geng	Teacher, Art (Trainee)
Mdm Elizabeth Ho	School Counsellor (Adjunct)

We would also like to offer our heartiest congratulations to our newly appointed key personnel:

Ms Chai Chew Yee	Head of Department, Aesthetics & CCA
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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, 2022)

All students will report back to school on Monday 27 June 2022. With home and school partnership, students will learn to adjust back to school routines. Form Teachers will share school values, behavior expectations, and setting of goals for the new Semester. Students should return their Report Books to Form Teachers.

Practicing self-management skills, students are encouraged to make good use of the student planner to record their homework, assessment dates and instructions from teachers. Teachers will also communicate with parents/guardians on matters related to your child/ward by writing messages in the planner. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to spend time to go through the Student Planner to understand the academic requirements, values and standards the school expects all students to uphold as upright, responsible and respectful Eliasians.

2 Safety Management Measures

SMMs have been adjusted to follow the national posture, including guidelines from SportSG and National Arts Council, as follows:

- No group size and safe distancing requirements for school activities, including recess;
- Mask-wearing will be required indoors as a default in schools. Unmasking indoors is only allowed for Physical Education, sports, singing, wind instrument playing, speech & drama, dancing and specific groups of students in language/literacy lessons;
- Regardless of vaccination status, students will be able to participate in activities, including Co-Curricular Activities, National School Games (NSG) and Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation;
- For NSG competitions, competing schools can send their student supporters to watch the semi-finals and finals at the venue, subject to the hosting venue capacity, and this would be extended at a later stage to family members and other spectators. Select competitions are also live streamed at <https://go.gov.sg/nsg2022>.
- Residential camps for the MOE-Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) Challenge Programme and Outdoor Adventure Learning (OAL) cohort camps will progressively resume from around end-May;
- TraceTogether-only SafeEntry check-ins in schools are no longer required. Nevertheless, students / staff are strongly encouraged to keep the TraceTogether (TT) application on their phones and/or hold on to their TT tokens, so that schools can step up contact tracing should this be needed.

Other SMMs such as schools' daily general screening of students' well-being and frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces, will continue to be in place.

3 Reporting/ Dismissal and Recess Time

EPPS is committed to provide an optimal learning environment for our students. Please kindly 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) Primary 1, 2 and 4 at 1.25 p.m. Primary 3, 5 and 6 at 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.

4 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.

(a) Drop Off / Pick Up outside School

We would like to appeal to all parents who drive their children to school to use the designated covered points located near Blocks 517 and 504, Pasir Ris Street 52, during peak traffic periods. This will alleviate the traffic congestion at Gate 1 – main entrance to school carpark. These are sheltered areas even during wet weather days.

To ensure smooth traffic along Street 52 outside Gate 2, we hope that parents can refrain from parking near the bus stop in front of Blk 519. For safety reasons and to properly educate your child/ward, please do not alight your child opposite the front of school and jaywalk across the road to get to school.

(b) Drop Off / Pick Up at the School Porch

During morning arrivals, parents are reminded to have your child seated on the left of the vehicle as this facilitates safe alighting from the vehicle. Please ensure your child is ready with his/her belongings and is able to alight quickly. For dismissal, parents will only be able to enter the school porch after all school buses depart at 1.45 p.m.

(c) Walk into School from Gate 2 (Security Post)

Students are advised to follow the designated safety route and make their road crossing where there are duty Road Marshalls to guide them. We seek your cooperation in adhering to the above traffic management guidelines for the safety of all students and staff.

5 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	Monday 15 August – Tuesday 16 August	P1-P5 students will remain at home.
Listening Comprehension	Friday, 16 September	
Written Papers	Thursday, 29 September – Wednesday, 5 October	Normal school day for P1-P5 students.
Marking Exercise	Monday, 17 October – Thursday, 20 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 2022 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>

6 Elias Peaks Student Recognition

Our school adopts a timely, holistic and inclusive approach for student recognition, with an emphasis on our Eliaisian 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, peers nominate deserving classmates for the monthly 'Best Student' Awards based on their interaction and observation. At the next 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 P5 students will be attending their swimming lessons during curriculum hours on selected Wednesdays in Term 3. Parents can view more details on the PG message sent on 24 May.

2 Conversational Chinese and Malay Programme

The Conversational Chinese and Malay (CCM) Programme will commence in end June for P3 to 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. All P3 and P4 students are encouraged to participate in this programme. More details will be provided nearer the date through the PG app.

3 Racial Harmony Day Celebration

Racial Harmony Day (RHD) is celebrated joyously every year in EPPS. From Monday, 18 July to Friday, 22 July 2022, a series of activities ranging from the digital to traditional, have been planned for students and staff.

The theme for RHD 2022 is 'Multicultural Mosaic', which encourages all Eliasians to appreciate and celebrate our cultural diversity. In the light of recent events, it is a timely opportunity for us to reflect on the part we can each play to build a racially harmonious nation, regardless of our individual race, language, or religion. More details will be provided nearer the date.

4 School Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Schools take part in regular emergency training exercises to practise handling emergency situations, including security and fire incidents.

Please be informed that our school will be conducting our emergency preparedness exercise on Thursday, 28 July 2022, during curriculum hours. School hours will be as usual. For clarifications, please contact the school at 6584 4393.

5 National Day Celebrations

National Day this year falls on Tuesday, 9 August 2022, marking our nation's 57th birthday. The theme for this year's National Day is "Stronger Together, Majulah!" - a call for Singaporeans to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future. It also reminds Singaporeans that "unity in our diversity is what makes us stronger".

The National Day celebrations in school will be held on Monday, 8 August from 7.30 a.m. to 10 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 Wednesday, 10 August is a school holiday, and students will return to school on Thursday, 11 August 2022.

6 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 and 6 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 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.

More details will be provided nearer the date.

7 Teachers' Day Celebration

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, 1 September, 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.

8 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. While many of us have been 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.

MOE has launched the Parents in Education (PiE) Website. This website is to provide resources to help the 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>

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

Date	Events	Remarks
Monday 27 June	First Day of School	All students to report to school.
Wednesday 29 June	Temperature Taking Exercise	All students to bring a working thermometer.
Monday 27 June – Tuesday 2 August	Conversational Chinese and Malay (CCM) Programme	For P3 and P4 only. Mondays and Tuesdays from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Details will be sent through PG.
Wednesday 29 June – Wednesday 24 August	SwimSafer™ 2.0 Programme	For P5 only. Wednesdays 7.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Pls refer to notification sent through PG on 24 May.
Monday 4 July	Youth Day School Holiday	Students return to school on Tuesday, 5 July.
Thursday 7 July	Road Safety Education Programme	For P4 only. During curriculum hours. Details will be given nearer the date.
Saturday 9 July	National Education Show	For P5 only. Details will be given nearer the date.
Sunday 10 July	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
Monday 11 July	Hari Raya Haji (in lieu)	Public Holiday in Lieu
Monday 18 July – Tuesday 19 July	Prelim Oral Exam	For P6 only. <u>After</u> curriculum hours. Assessment Circular will be sent via PG in end June.
Monday 18 July – Friday 22 July	Racial Harmony Day Celebrations	During curriculum hours. Details will be given nearer the date.
Tuesday 19 July – Tuesday 26 July	Annual Health Screening	For P1-P6 students. During curriculum hours. Details will be given nearer the date.
Thursday 28 July	School Emergency Preparedness Exercise	For all levels. During curriculum hours.
Friday 5 Aug	Road Safety Education Programme	For P4 only. During curriculum hours. Details will be given nearer the date.
Monday 8 August	National Day Celebrations	During curriculum hours. Details will be sent through PG.
Tuesday 9 August	National Day	Public Holiday
Wednesday 10 August	National Day School Holiday	Students return to school on Thursday 11 August.
Monday 15 August – Tuesday 16 August	PSLE Orals Exam	For P6 only. P1-P5 students remain at home.
Wednesday 17 August	Gifted Education Programme Screening Exercise	For P3 students who opted to participate. During curriculum hours. Pls refer to notification sent through PG on 4 Jan. More details will be sent in July via PG.

Date	Events	Remarks
Thursday 18 August – Thursday 25 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 22 August – Friday 26 August	nuCLEAR@EPPS IPW Week	For P4 only. During curriculum hours. Details will be given nearer the date.
Monday 29 August – Wednesday 31 August	Annual Day Camp	For P5 only. From 7.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Details will be given nearer the date.
Thursday 1 September	Teacher’s Day Celebration	During curriculum hours. Usual dismissal time at 1.30 p.m.
Friday 2 September	Teachers’ Day	School Holiday
Friday 2 September	Eat with Family Day	Home celebrations
Monday 5 September to Friday 9 September	School Holidays	The General Office remains open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.
Thursday 8 September – Friday 9 September	Supplementary Classes	For P6 only. Details will be sent through PG.