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Parents' Connect

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1. PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Greetings to you! The past two months have been an enriching time for my colleagues and students, as we experienced some key highlights of Term 1, including the Sec 1 physical Parents Engagement Session cum CCA Showcase, Sec 1 Orientation, Ethnic Celebrations and the National School Games for our sports CCA. As part of Chinese New Year celebrations, the whole school was involved in bringing festive cheers to the elderly living in Taman Jurong community. Our Dragon and Lion Dance CCA also performed for the seniors at Tsao Foundation's Integrated Day & Home Care programme at Whampoa Community Centre on 23 February 2024. Additionally, our Chinese Dance and Guzheng Ensemble CCAs took time away from their family visitation to perform at the Chinese New Year Istana Open House on 12 February 2024. We are proud of our students' self-sacrificing efforts and sense of purpose!

I am happy to share that the school has received positive affirmations from the public in their interactions with our students. Members from Tsao Foundation commented that our students were well-behaved and respectful, and noted that they were serving food to the seniors during their interactions. Another member of the public affirmed our scouts who were out doing fund raising for the "Diamond Jubilee Challenge 2024" for being well-mannered, patient and polite. It is heartwarming to receive such positive feedback and it is wonderful to know that values that were caught in school, are being reflected in our students' actions.

The school would like to continue to partner you in supporting your child's holistic growth that will shape him/her to be a confident and engaged learner who takes responsibility for his/her own learning. We also want to continue to strengthen mutual understanding, respect and trust between the school and parents for the benefit of your child.

2. UPDATING OF PUPIL DATA & INFORMATION (BY 15 MAR 2024)

As mentioned in the Parents Connect Letter dated 2 January 2024, MOE requires all parents/Legal Guardian (LG)/Authorised Caregiver (CG) to update their child's/ward's data and information via the online SDF Portal for the purpose of providing educational services to your child/ward. We would like to thank parents who have updated their child's data and information via the online SDF portal. The information is useful to the school to continue to provide the necessary duty of care specific to the students' needs.

For parents/Legal Guardian (LG)/Authorised Caregiver (CG) who have yet to update their child's/ward's data and information, please complete the submission in the SDF Portal via the URL: <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf> using a Singpass account. You are encouraged to do so **by 15 March 2024** before the start of Term 2 on 18 March 2024.

3. STUDENT DEVELOPMENT WEEK – ‘FUEL YOUR FUTURE’ (4 - 7 MAR 2024)

To equip students with the essential skills to be future-ready, we have lined-up customised programmes for student development programmes at each level on Term 1 Week 10. As these are the key programmes of the school, students’ attendance is compulsory. A letter will be sent to you via Parents Gateway (PG) to provide more details of the programmes. An overview of the Student Development Week programmes in Term 1 Week 10 is as follows:

	4 Mar (Mon)	5 Mar (Tue)	6 Mar (Wed)	7 Mar (Thu)
Sec 1	Design Thinking VIA Workshop	Sec 1 Cohort Camp (see Pg. 4)		
Sec 2	Conversational Chinese/Malay Language Programme (CCM)		Education & Career Guidance (ECG), CCM	Science Pet Rocket, CCM
Sec 3	Lessons (Revised timetable)	Lessons (Revised timetable)	Lessons (Revised timetable)	Lessons (Revised timetable)
Sec 4/5	ECG Fair, World of Work for 4-L (WOW)	MTL Intensive Programme, WOW for 4-L	Social Etiquette Workshop, MTL Intensive Programme, WOW for 4-L	MTL Intensive Programme, WOW for 4-L

**8 Mar (Fri) is a Blended Learning Day*

4. TRAVEL DECLARATIONS FOR MARCH HOLIDAYS (BY 8 MAR 2024)

To continue to keep our school a healthy and safe environment for our students and staff, parents /guardians are required to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling for the holidays.

For parents/guardians who are onboard Parents Gateway, you may make a travel declaration for your child/ward in Parents Gateway, go to [Services > Declare Travels]. Parents/guardians who are not onboard Parents Gateway may make a travel declaration online via the weblink <https://go.gov.sg/ycss-student-traveldeclaration>.

Only one parent/guardian is required to make the declaration of your child’s /ward’s travel plan, indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by **8 March 2024 (Friday)**. No action is required if your child/ward is not travelling.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration either via PG or the online form if there is a change in travel destination. Please inform the school via email (ycss@moe.edu.sg) or Tel: 6261 2489 if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.

5. SEC 3 PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION (12 APR 2024)

The secondary 3 parent engagement session will take place on 12 April 2024 (Friday), from 1pm to 3pm, for parents/guardians of Sec 3 students. It serves to foster a collaborative relationship aimed at supporting the holistic development of each child. It seeks to deepen the home-school partnership, cultivate a stronger bond and shared commitment with our parents.

The session includes activities aimed at encouraging conversations and strengthening relationships between parent and child and a networking session with the form teachers. The

school is targeting a maximum of 50 parent-child pairs, on a first-come, first-served basis. More details regarding registration will be sent out later.

6. NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENT (NAPFA) FOR SEC 2, 4 & 5 STUDENTS (15 APR & 24 APR 2024)

The PE Department would be conducting the NAPFA for Sec 2, 4 and 5 students after school on 15 and 24 April 2024 respectively. Your support is sought to encourage and motivate your child to prepare for the assessment through regular physical exercise and conditioning in the following weeks leading to the NAPFA dates.

7. CROSS COUNTRY (27 APR 2024)

The school will be organizing our annual Cross Country at Jurong Lake Park on 27 April 2024 (Saturday) from 7.30 am to 12.00 pm. Your child/ward will be participating in a competitive run around the Jurong Lake Park. All students will assemble in the school hall by 7.30 am in their PE attire. Their attendance will be taken followed by warm-up exercises, before they proceed to the start point at Jurong Lake Park. The competitive run is scheduled to begin at 8.00 am. You are cordially invited for the event. You may volunteer your service as an event official or choose to participate in the run. More information on the registration for the event will be provided through your child/ward nearer to the event date. We encourage you to jog with your child to role model an active and healthy lifestyle.

8. CCA MATTERS

CCA is a key platform to develop our students holistically and build character. CCA attendance is one of the components in the Conduct Grade assessment. We seek your cooperation to ensure that your child/ward attends his/her CCA regularly so that he/she can explore his/her strengths and potential, learn social skills, and develop grit and resilience through the CCA experiences. You are welcomed to offer your services as a CCA Chaperon during CCA sessions. Please contact Mr Ganesh (covering SH/CCA) for details.

Sec 4 & 5 students' involvement in their CCAs will end on 27 April 2024 (Sat) so that they can channel their time and energy towards their preparation for the National Examinations.

9. ICT PROGRAMMES FOR SEC 1 & 2 – WORKSPACE SKILLS & NATIONAL DIGITAL EXPLORER

As part of our efforts to strengthen our students' digital literacy to navigate the digital age, the school has embarked on the following ICT programmes for Sec 1 & 2 students.

a. Sec 1 - Workspace Skills

Workspace skills is a series of interactive tutorials deployed via Google Classroom as assignments. Students upon completing the tutorial will get a competency and efficiency score and a e-badge for the digital skill they learnt. The badges earned are automatically recorded in their Digital Skills Passport. Students can download these badges to build up their portfolio.

b. Sec 2 - National Digital Explorer 2024

National Digital Explorer is a nationwide digital literacy initiative designed to empower students to learn real-world skills that enable them to think critically and be more productive learners. All Secondary 2 Express and Normal Academic students will be taking part in the programme.

Students who complete the eLearning modules will receive the digital ICDL certificate of completion at the end of the programme. Students should login to the eLearning portal (<https://learn.icdlasia.org/login/index.php>) to complete the modules. Details of the login information has been disseminated to the students via their email in January. Students can check their username and password via <https://for.edu.sg/nde2024>.

Students should make use of their SDL periods, Blended Learning Days and free time to complete the hands-on learning and bite-sized learning via Google Classroom (Workspace skills) or the ICDL eLearning platform (National Digital Explorer).

Information for Parents of Secondary 1 Students
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10. RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR EXPERIENTIAL & ADVENTURE CAMP FOR SEC 1 STUDENTS (5 – 7 MAR 2024)

The objectives of this camp are to develop in our Sec 1 students, resilience and teamwork through rugged outdoor living and challenging common experiences while building strong camaraderie and social bonds with their peers and teachers. They would be leveraging on their character strengths to work together as a class to achieve these objectives.

Brief details of the camp as follows:

Dates: 5 – 7 March 2024

Venue: School

Reporting Time: 7.30am at the Parade Square on 5 March

Dismissal Time: 3.00pm, 7 March

Attendance for the Sec 1 Camp is compulsory as it is one of the core programmes for character building in student development. We seek your support to ensure your child attends this camp.

Together We Thrive!

NG SOOK KIT (MS)
PRINCIPAL
1 MAR 2024

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