

17 September 2018

Dear Parents

Calendar of School Events/Public Holidays in Term 4

As we are in the midst of Term 4, the following is a reminder of the school schedule till the end of the term.

Week	Programmes/ Events/ Holidays	Remarks
Week 3	<u>Thu, 27 Sep 18</u> PSLE EL	All P1 to P5 students to report to school as usual. The P6 students will be dismissed after their PSLE papers.
	<u>Fri, 28 Sep 18</u> PSLE MA	
Week 4	<u>Mon, 1 Oct 18</u> PSLE MT	All students to report to school <u>in PE attire</u> from 7.30 am to 10 am . All students need not report to school.
	<u>Tue, 2 Oct 18</u> PSLE SC	
	<u>Wed, 3 Oct 18</u> PSLE HMT	
	<u>Thu, 4 Oct 18</u> Children's Day Celebrations	
	<u>Fri, 5 Oct 18</u> Children's Day Holiday	
Week 6	<u>Mon to Thu, 15 to 18 Oct 18</u> PSLE Marking Days	As teachers are involved in the PSLE Marking Exercise, all students need not report to school for the 4 days.
Week 8	<u>Fri, 2 Nov 18</u> School Marking & Administration Day	As all staff are involved in results processing for the overall assessment, all students need not report to school.
Week 9	<u>Tue, 6 Nov 18</u> Deepavali	All students need not report to school.
	<u>Fri, 9 Nov 18</u> Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) cum Home-Based Learning	All students need not report to school.

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Week 10	<u>Thu, 15 Nov 18</u> Level Prize Giving Day	All P1 to P5 students are to report to school from 7.30 am to 10 am & they will be informed of their 2019 class.
	P6 Graduation Day	All P6 students are to report to school from 7.30 am to 12.30 pm . The P6 parents are invited to join in from 10.15 am to 12.30 pm . More details will be shared later.
	<u>Fri, 16 Nov 18</u> Achievement Day	Only Prize Winners, Performers & selected Prefects need to report to school from 7.30 am to 10.30 am. More details will be shared later.

Use of Calculators for P5 & P6 Standard & Foundation Mathematics

The introduction of calculators at P5 and P6 aims to enhance the teaching and learning of Mathematics at the primary level in two ways. Firstly, calculators facilitate the use of more exploratory approaches in learning mathematical concepts, some of which may require repeated computations, or computations with large numbers or decimals. Secondly, the use of calculators enables teachers to use resources from everyday life, such as advertisements, to construct real-life problems with real-life numbers that may be difficult for students to work without a calculator. Hence, students would be better able to see the connection between Mathematics and the world around them.

Calculators would be used during the P5 and P6 examinations and only models that are approved by the Singapore Examinations & Assessment Board (SEAB) will be allowed. The list of approved calculators is available on the following SEAB website: <https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/documents/guidelinescalculators.pdf>. The school has adopted the brand and model, **CASIO FX 96SG Plus**, for the P5 and P6 students this year. This model can still be used as its approval period is till 2021. The school will be adopting the newer model, **CASIO FX 97SG X**, for the P5 cohort in 2019 and this would be included in the 2019 P5 Book List.

Use of Dictionaries for P5 & P6 Standard Mother Tongue

For P5 & P6 students sitting for MT & HMT Paper 1 (Composition), SEAB-approved Dictionaries or e-Dictionaries which are endorsed by the school can be brought into the examination room. The list of approved dictionaries is also available on the following SEAB website: http://www.seab.gov.sg/pages/dictionary_list.asp.

Do note that there should not be any form of annotation, e.g. tagging pages with stickers, highlighted text and written text in the dictionary. In the event that annotation is found, the students will proceed with the composition assessment without the dictionary.

Submission of Personal Accident Insurance Claims for Students

In an effort to support and allow faster processing and reimbursement of claims by NTUC Income, we would like to remind parents on the following when submitting the claim form and supporting documents to the General Office:

- ✓ The accident event must be due to school related activities or event as stated in the policy coverage.
- ✓ The payee is student's parent and is above 21 years old.
- ✓ The payee's bank account number is provided in the claim form so that reimbursement can be processed faster (compared to payment by cheque).
- ✓ The information and details indicated in the claim form are accurate and complete, including contact number and email address of the parent.

If you require further clarification on the above or any other matters relating to personal accident insurance claims for students, please contact our staff at the General Office for assistance.

Traffic Advisory

We would like to urge parent drivers to observe traffic regulations in and around the school. Please always allow your child to board/alight safely only at designated pick-up and drop-off points. At times, some parents could still be seen dropping and picking up their child unsafely along Sengkang East Way and Anchorvale Link (before and after the School Main Gate). This practice is dangerous and obstructs the flow of traffic along these two roads.

Punctuality & Attendance

Punctuality is a virtue which we would like to inculcate in our students. We have observed quite a number of students are habitually coming in late and rushing up to class for lessons. We would like to appeal to all parents to inculcate in your child from young the good habits of coming in early to settle down before lesson starts. We would also like to remind parents that curriculum time is precious and students should not be taken out of school during school terms without valid reasons. The school does not support cases of parents bringing students for holidays during term time.

As always, we are deeply appreciative of your support and look forward to your continued partnership in encouraging and motivating your child especially for this last lap. If you have further queries, please feel free to contact your child's Form Teacher or Mother Tongue Teacher.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your family and stay healthy.

Yours sincerely
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Principal