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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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We are fast approaching the end of Term 1 and would like to continue our communication with you as our valued partners.

1. Primary 4 to 6 ANDventure Programme

Our school curriculum innovation, ANDventure, focuses on providing a holistic, collaborative and creative learning space for our students to construct and demonstrate their understanding of curriculum concepts through art forms and ICT. The deliberate spread of platforms provides diverse opportunities to tap on students' varied interests and aptitudes. ANDventure is crafted based on 3Es:

- a. **ENGAGE** our students in a creative process
- b. **EXCITE** them to build a learning community with their peers
- c. **ENCOURAGE** them to take risks, explore possibilities and consider different perspectives

P4 ANDventure comprises 4 modules, one module a term. It begins with The Leader in Me, a CCE journey in the acquisition of good habits based on Steven Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. In Term 2, students will explore Science topic on Life Cycles through Dance and Creative Movement. In Term 3, they will experience Drama conventions meaningfully integrated with an EL unit where they learn more about values of honesty and integrity whilst strengthening their public speaking skills. The programme ends off with a values-based ICT module in Term 4. Students will learn to design Cyber Wellness posters using graphic software.

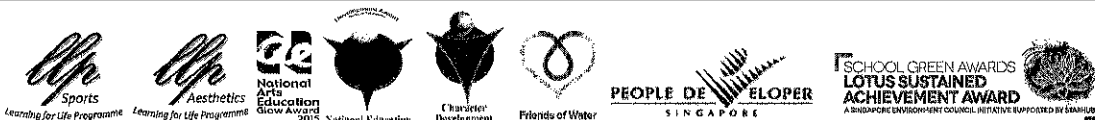
P5 ANDventure continues the learning through the arts with a 15-week Drama/CCE module. Students will explore with greater focus on the elements of performance in terms of movement, voice and character, as well as positive traits for effective collaboration such as empathy, graciousness and acceptance. In Semester 2, P5 ANDventure will transit to an ICT module where students learn to design their own mobile apps.

In 2016, P6 ANDventure is launched to further tap into the creativity of our students through an integration of visual arts, Science and ICT in Semester 1. They will create their own animation videos by working on pieces of clay to tell a story. They will also have the opportunity to be young potters, creating functional pieces of ceramics based on their Science understanding of structural adaptations and properties of materials.

An overview of the ANDventure Programme:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Primary 4	The Leader In Me	Dance/Science	Drama/English	ICT
Primary 5	Drama/CCE		ICT	
Primary 6	Visual Art/ICT	Pottery/Science		

"Learners with Passion. Leaders with Heart. Citizens of Character."



2. CNY Visit to Thye Hwa Kwan (THK) Hospital (Saturday, 4 February 2017)

On 4 February, a team of P4 to P6 student leaders, teachers, PSG members and former Andersonians visited THK Hospital to spread festive cheer to the patients. They distribute mandarin oranges and serenaded the patients with some CNY songs, much to the delight of the patients. This ViA project provides our student leaders the opportunity to exhibit our school values of Service to the Community, instilling care and empathy through meaningful interactions with the patients. We appreciate the time and support rendered by our PSG in carrying out this project and would like to thank them for the collaboration.

3. Chingay 2017 (Friday & Saturday, 10 & 11 February 2017)

Over two days, on 10 and 11 February, 105 Andersonians from P3 to P6 performed in the Chingay 2017 parade opening item, carrying red "WeCare Singapore" banners. Throughout the Chingay rehearsals, our performers showed a high level of commitment and resilience to give their best. The performance at the parade was a display of their pride for Singapore and they have exemplified the school values of Quest for Excellence and Service to the Community through their concerted efforts to perform in the banner contingent. A celebration was held in school on Friday, 24 February in appreciation of all participants and staff involved for their commitment to the event. We hope the memories of Chingay stay fondly in the hearts of all our participants.

4. Character in Sporting Excellence Assembly (Thursday, 16 February 2017)

The school conducted a simple yet dignified ceremony on 16 February during morning assembly to mark the importance of the National School Games (NSG). It also highlights the roles of student athletes in ensuring that the NSG is conducted safely, fairly and is a good learning experience for all. The ceremony also recognises the efforts put in by our school athletes and to encourage participation in sports as part of character development.

5. Celebrating Our Students' Achievements - North Zone Primary Schools Sports Championships

We are proud of our sports boys and girls in showing their fortitude and perseverance during their trainings and competitions for the zonal championships.

- i. Congratulations to our Junior Girls Volleyball Team, Junior Boys and Senior Boys Basketball Teams for coming in Top 4 in the Zonal Championships. We wish the team all the best for the next round of competitions at the National Championships.
- ii. Special mention to our Senior Boys Football Team for coming in Top 8 in the Zonal Championships, and the other sports CCA Teams for their participation in the tournaments.

6. Healthy Meals in School Programme (HMSP)

Since Term 3 2016, we have embarked on the HMSP in collaboration with Health Promotion Board. To serve healthy set meals for our students, we have worked with HPB and our canteen vendors to cut down fat, sugar and salt and serve whole-grains, fruit and vegetables in the meals. These healthy set meals incorporate food from the four main food groups – brown rice and wholemeal bread, meat, vegetables and fruit – thereby helping students receive the right nutrients necessary for their growing needs. These healthy meal sets are priced at \$1.20 and \$1.50.

To support our canteen vendors in serving healthy set meals in school, they attend culinary training to equip them with knowledge of healthy nutrition and culinary skills in using healthier ingredients. The school would also work closely with nutritionists and dieticians commissioned by HPB to monitor our canteen vendors' compliance with HMSP guidelines.

As part of the HMSP, our Physical and Health Education Teachers also reinforce the importance of eating healthier meals and leading a more active lifestyle. We hope our parents will join us in inculcating our children to make healthier choice for their overall well-being and growth.

7. P1 to P6 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (Friday, 10 March 2017)

As part of our continued home-school partnership, all parents/guardians of P1 to P6 students are invited for this session. Your child's/ward's Form Teacher would have issued a letter to invite you in selecting the preferred appointment time via the online portal. No classes will be held on that day. Students are to come to school in their uniform/PE attire with their parents. For parents who are driving, we seek your understanding to park at the nearest HDB public car parks. Should you need further information on this session, you may contact your child's/ward's Form Teacher.

8. Sports Camp (Monday & Tuesday, 13 & 14 March 2017)

The PE & CCA Department is organising a sports camp for selected Sports CCA members on 13 and 14 March. The objectives of the sports camp are to foster greater camaraderie between the various Sports CCA members, as well as to develop their leadership potential and competencies such as confidence, collaboration and communication. More details concerning the camp will be provided nearer the date.

9. P4 Parents Engagement Session (Friday, 31 March 2017)

The P4 Parents Forum will be conducted on 31 March, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The forum aims to share more information on Subject-based Banding (SBB) with the P4 parents/guardians. We look forward to your attendance at the session. More details concerning the session will be provided nearer the date.

10. P6 Parents Engagement Session (Friday, 7 April 2017)

The P6 Parents Engagement Session will be held on 7 April, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The forum aims to engage parents/guardians on how they can better support their child/ward for the final year in their primary school education. We look forward to your attendance at the session. More details concerning the session will be provided nearer the date.

11. P3 to P6 Sports Carnival / P1 & P2 Home-based Learning (26 May 2017, Friday)

The annual Sports Carnival for P3 to P6 students will be held on 26 May in our school.

On that day, P1 and P2 students will have Home-based Learning and do not need to report to school. Lessons will be prepared by our teachers to enable P1 and P2 students to experience an alternative form of learning at home. Further details will be provided nearer the date.

12. P3 MOE Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise

The MOE GE Branch will conduct the GEP identification exercise in two stages - Screening and Selection. All P3 students are invited to participate, though participation is not compulsory. Students who have opted not to participate in the screening exercise are still expected to attend school. The tentative dates for the GEP Screening and Selection Exercises are as follow:

- a) GEP Screening Exercise - 23 August 2017 (Wednesday)
- b) GEP Selection Exercise - 19, 20 October 2017 (Thursday, Friday)

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable students with high intellectual potential. Test-preparation activities could inflate students' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will not benefit fully from it. Thus we urge parents/ guardians not to conduct test-preparation activities to prepare students for the GEP Identification Exercise.

13. P6 PSLE 2017 Timetable and Syllabuses

The PSLE 2017 timetable and the information of the PSLE Syllabuses have been published at the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) website as follows:

- Timetable: <http://www.seab.gov.sg/content/examTimeTable/2017PSLEExamTimeTable.pdf>
- Syllabuses: <http://www.seab.gov.sg/pages/nationalExaminations/PSLE/syllabus.asp>

14. School Calendar, Term 2 2017

School Activities

P1 to P6 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference	Friday, 10 Mar
P6 Motivational and Study Skills Programme	Monday & Tuesday, 13 & 14 Mar
Sports Camp	Monday & Tuesday, 13 & 14 Mar
P4 Parents Engagement Session	Friday, 31 Mar
P6 Parents Engagement Session	Friday, 7 Apr
P3 to P6 Sports Carnival	Friday, 26 May
P1 & P2 Home-based Learning	Friday, 26 May <i>(P1 & P2 do not report to school)</i>
P5 & P6 Supplementary Lessons	Wednesday, 31 May to Friday, 2 June

(Further details on the above events will be given in due course)

Public Holiday & Scheduled School Holidays

Good Friday	Friday, 14 April
Labour Day	Monday, 1 May
Vesak Day	Wednesday, 10 May
Hari Raya Puasa	Sunday, 25 June
	Monday, 26 June will be a public holiday <i>(School will resume on Tuesday, 27 June)</i>

Thank you for your support in our various school programmes towards the holistic development of our students. We look forward to your continuous support as our partners-in-education.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Tan Wie Pin
Principal