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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Greetings! To continue our communication with you as our valued partners, we would like to share the following information with you.

1. Celebrating Our Students' Achievements

Our students have done well in both the academic and non-academic domains, and we would like to send them our congratulations.

North Zone and National Primary Schools Sports Championships 2017

- i. Our Junior Boys and Senior Boys Basketball Teams have come in 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Zonal Championships. Currently, both teams have clinched places in the Top 8 in the National Championships.
- ii. For National Inter-school Taekwondo Championship, Lee Ling Xuan, Ezanne (P6.4) achieved Silver in the Senior Girls Division, and Lim Ze Yuan, Caleb (P6.1) attained Bronze in the Senior Boys Division. Ang Yi Xin, Shermaine (P4.4) and Chua Ting Yi, Erin (P3.1) participated in the Junior Girls Division.
- iii. For National Wushu Championships, Leah Tan (P3.3) came in 2nd in Formulated 3-Duan Changquan and Formulated 4-Duan Spear. Zhao Yuan, Ian (P5.4) participated in the 1st International Nan Gun.
- iv. For National Gymnastics Championships, our gymnasts attained the following achievements:
 - Brandon Lim Kai Chen (P2.5) - 5th in Vault for Junior Division Boys
 - Elijah Looi Cheng Xin (P2.7) - 4th in Floor Exercise and 6th in All-round for Junior Division Boys
 - Phoebe Ng Song En (P4.6) - 6th in Balance Beam for Junior Division Girls Developmental
 - Jones Lim Jing En (5.5) - 1st in Vault for Junior Division Boys
 - Esther Khoo Yi Shuen (6.4) - 6th in Vault, 9th in Single Bars, 13th in All-round for Senior Division Girls and qualified for the individual apparatus finals
- v. For National Sailing Championships, Nicholas Wong Hong Ming (P6.5) took part in the Senior Boys Optimist category.
- vi. For Dance Sports Competition, Hazel Tan Rou En (P3.6) was a semi-finalist at the 3rd National Dancesport Competition for Primary Schools.

We are proud of our sports boys and girls in showing their fortitude and perseverance during their trainings and competitions. We hope the experiences gained by our students in these platforms have helped to strengthen in them the spirit of fair-play, respect and sportsmanship.

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



Competitions organised by various institutions

i. Wits and Words 2017 jointly organised by MOE Gifted Education Branch and Debate Association (Singapore)

The Anderson Debate Team comprises J. Yoga Lakshmi (P6.4), Josh Kong Jun Han (P6.5), Zhang Hanxin (P6.5), Chua Ying Zi Nicole (P6.6) and Ng Yu Xin (P6.6). They represented the school in the annual Inter-School Debate, 'Wits and Words 2017'. Congratulations to the team for winning Preliminary Round 1 and to Ng Yu Xin (P6.6) for clinching the Best Speaker title in the same round.

ii. Scholastic SPOT ON Read & Write Challenge 2017

Congratulations to Goh Yu Jin (P5.4) for winning 3rd Prize in the Primary 5 Category at this English Language read and write competition.

iii. Babble and Speak Competition organised by Nanyang Girls' High School

Congratulations to Regina Liow Yi Xuan (P6.3) for winning the Merit award in this national competition about communicating clearly in the English Language and thinking critically and creatively. During the final round, she competed against 11 other finalists with a very entertaining speech entitled "My Heritage in Singapore".

iv. SOTA (School of the The Arts) P6 Creative Writing Competition 2017

Five of our P6 students submitted their writing pieces for this writing competition. Congratulations to J. Yoga Lakshmi (P6.4) for being shortlisted as one of the finalists. As a finalist, she was given the opportunity to join the Junior Academy Short Story Workshop at SOTA.

v. Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC) 2017

This year, 20 students participated in the RIPMWC. Congratulations to Li Bowen (P6.6) for achieving High Distinction; Brandon Lim Chong Seng (P6.4), Tng Janice (P6.5), Chinnadurai Sananth Akash (P6.5), Pek Quankai (P6.5), Marcus Lai Jun'an (P6.5) and Ayden Kam Jay Eu (P6.6) for achieving Distinction; and Lim Jun Xi (P6.6) for achieving Credit.

2. Anderson Gives Back ViA - The Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) Flag Day 2017

As part of our school's Anderson Gives Back ViA efforts to inculcate our school values, Service to the Community, our Anderson family supported our partner, The APSN, in its Flag Day 2017 in January. The event took place during the CNY season and the blessings from the red packet donations has helped to raise funds for people with mild intellectual disabilities. The amount raised was a generous \$7153. We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all parents, staff and students who have contributed generously to this meaningful cause.

3. Parent Engagement Sessions

In Semester 1, we have held three Parent Engagement Sessions for parents of P1, P4 and P6. We thank our parents for taking time to be with us and giving us positive feedback in our partnership efforts with you.

In Semester 2, we will have the P5 Parent Engagement Session to be conducted on Friday 14 July from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The session aims to engage parents on how they can better support their children in the upper primary block. We look forward to your attendance at the session. More details concerning the session will be provided nearer the date.

4. School Emergency Exercise

The emergency exercise, which was a collaborative effort between the school, MOE's Security and Emergency Planning Office and the Singapore Police Force, was successfully completed on Thursday, 27 Apr. Through this exercise, our staff and students have learnt to be prepared for any emergency in the school premise and to be familiar with the safety and evacuation procedures. We seek your support to join us in continuing to reinforce the importance of safety with your child/ ward, not only in the context of the school but also as a nation that every citizen should be vigilant to be prepared for any emergency.

5. Suspension of Supplementary/Remedial Lessons, Enrichment & CCA

In view of the coming Semester Assessment 1, please note the suspension dates of the following programmes:

Programme	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
	2 – 5 May	8 – 12 May (10 May, Wed is Vesak Day)	15 – 19 May	22 – 26 May (26 May, Fri is Sports Carnival)
P1 LSP & LSM	✓	✓	✓	✓
P3 & P4 Conversation CL/ML	✗	✗	✓	✓
P3 & P4 Remedial	✗	✗	✗	✗
P5 & P6 E,M,S & MTL Supplementary Lessons	✗	✗	✓	✓
P5 & P6 Higher MTL	✗	✗	✓	✓
CCAs	✗	✓ CCAs to resume on 12 May	✓	✓

Legend: ✓ – Programmes run as per normal
✗ – Programmes suspended

There will be no after-school bus service from 2 May till 12 May. All after-school bus service will resume on 12 May, Friday.

For P1 LSP/LSM students, we seek parents' support to make their own transport arrangement.

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

Our Annual Sports Carnival for P3 to P6 students will be held on Friday, 26 May in our school.

On that day, P1 and P2 students will have Home-based Learning and need not report to school. Lesson 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.

7. Overseas Learning Journey to Shanghai (20 May, Saturday to 25 May, Thursday)

A group of P4 and P5 student leaders will embark on this overseas learning journey (OLJ) jointly organised by the Mother Tongue Department and Character and Citizenship Education Department. This OLJ aims to develop global awareness in our student leaders as they immerse themselves in Shanghai, known to be the most influential economic, financial, international trade, and cultural center in East China. Through authentic learning interactions with local students in schools and cultural visits, it will enable our students to become more adaptable when interacting with people from different cultural backgrounds as they embrace learning opportunities with Courage and Sincerity.

8. Term 2 June Holiday (27 May to 26 June)

Students will be taking their Term 2 School Holiday from 27 May to 26 June. During this period, your child/ward may be involved in various school programmes. The respective teachers-in-charge will issue letters to inform you through your child/ward of the details of the activities.

To help our children/wards continue to give their best effort in their work during the school holidays, they will be receiving some assignments from their teachers. Do support your child/ward in planning his/her time such that he/she will get sufficient time for study, play and rest.

P5 & P6 students will be required to attend Supplementary Lessons from 31 May, Wednesday to 2 June, Friday, from 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Please make the necessary arrangement for your child/ward to attend these sessions. You may refer to the letter issued by the P5 & P6 Form Teachers.

After the Term 2 school holiday, all students will report to school on Tuesday, 27 June for the start of Term 3. Monday, 26 June is a public holiday, the day after Hari Raya Puasa.

9. SNAC Registration

You would have received our letter in Apr that we are adopting a smartphone communication system for all parents/guardians. This smartphone communication system **SNAC™** or **Smart Notification Acknowledgement Console**, allows us to achieve a higher level of communication effectiveness and workflow efficiency in our information dissemination and communication with you and promotes green for the environment in paper reduction. You will be able to receive PDF attachment, message notification, and event notification such as e-consent form, and appointment slots from us. This app will allow us to receive your feedback in real-time, track notification read/unread status and take proactive measure to contact you on emergency matters should the notification not reach you within the stimulated time.

Please register the system on your smartphone. For assistance, you can refer to the video instructions below:

First Time Registration on SNAC™ - <https://goo.gl/OBlsCN>

Adding another child/children on SNAC™ - <https://goo.gl/wEqEmV>

Changing Your Authentication Code a.k.a Passcode - <https://goo.gl/M9zw7I>

Adding Spouse/Guardian to Received Notification (Edit or Change own Email Address) - <https://goo.gl/1exL4d>

For SNAC™ technical matters please email our vendor for technical support at - snac.support@apptitude.sg

10. Upcoming School Calendar

A) School Activities

<i>Date</i>	<i>Events</i>
▪ 26 May, Fri	P3 to P6 Sports Carnival P1 & P2 Home-based Learning
▪ 31 May, Wed to 2 Jun, Fri	P5 & P6 Supplementary Lesson
▪ 8, 15 or 22 July, Sat <i>(the scheduled date is pending confirmation from NDP 2017 Organising Committee)</i>	P5 National Education Show at The Float @ Marina Bay
▪ 14 Jul, Fri	P5 Parent Engagement Session
▪ 8 Aug, Tue	National Day Celebration cum P1 & P2 Sports Carnival
▪ 17 Aug, Thu and 18 Aug, Fri	PSLE Oral Exam P1 to P5 Home-based Learning
▪ 30 Aug, Wed	2 nd Parent-Child-Teacher Conference
▪ 14 Sep, Thu to 16 Sep, Sat	P5 Outdoor Camp
▪ 15 Sep, Fri	PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam P1 to P4 Home-based Learning
▪ 28 Sep, Thu to 4 Oct, Wed	PSLE Written Examination
▪ 19 Oct, Thu to 24 Oct, Tue	P1 to P5 Home-based Learning <i>(PSLE Marking Exercise)</i>

Further details regarding the above events will be given in due course.

B) Public Holiday & Scheduled School Holidays

<i>Date</i>	<i>Events</i>
• 1 May, Mon	Labour Day
• 10 May, Wed	Vesak Day
• 27 May, Sat to 25 Jun, Sun	Between Semesters 1 and 2
• 25 Jun, Sun	Hari Raya Puasa
• 26 Jun, Mon <i>(School will resume on Tuesday 27 June)</i>	Public Holiday
• 2 Jul, Sun	Youth Day
• 3 Jul, Mon <i>(School will resume on Tuesday 4 July)</i>	Scheduled school holiday (Day after Youth Day)
• 9 Aug, Wed	National Day
• 10 Aug, Thu	Scheduled school holiday (Day after National Day)
• 31 Aug, Thu	Teachers' Day
• 1 Sep, Fri	Hari Raya Haji
• 2 Sep, Sat to 10 Sep, Sun	Between Terms 3 and 4
• 6 Oct, Fri	Children's Day
• 18 Oct, Wed	Deepavali
• 18 Nov, Sat to 31 Dec, Sun <i>(School will resume on Tuesday 2 January 2018)</i>	At the End of School Year
• 25 Dec, Mon	Christmas Day

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tan Wie Pin
Principal