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Dear Parents/Guardian,

As we approach the end of Term 1 end of this week, I would like to thank everyone for your unwavering support and collaboration throughout this term. It has been heartening to see how well our Andersonians have settled in and are more familiar with routines and beginning to cultivate positive learning habits.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the key programmes and events that have taken place during Term 1:

1. Key Programmes in Term 1

i. Curriculum Briefing and Form Teachers' Engagement Sessions in T1W1 & T1W2

We appreciate your attendance and engagement in our Year Heads' curriculum briefings and Form Teachers' sessions. These sessions served as a crucial platform for us to share essential information regarding the learning outcomes and instructional strategies to support your child's learning and development.

During the briefing sessions, we also communicated significant updates, including the adoption of "Pioneers of the Future" (POTF) as our vision, and the adoption of "LIGHT" as our school values, where **L** represents **L**earning unceasingly, **I** represents **I**nnovation, **G** represents **G**ratitude, **H** represents **H**and-in-hand, and **T** represents **T**rustworthiness. Together, these values form our school values statement, "School of LIGHT".

ii. Student Leadership Investiture on 17 Jan 2024

The investiture ceremony was a significant milestone in recognising and celebrating the dedication of our student leaders in serving the school and their peers. The Investiture, attended by parents, teachers and fellow Andersonians, was a momentous occasion where we commissioned 147 Student Leaders, including Green Ambassadors, Peer Support Ambassadors, CCA Leaders, CCE Ambassadors and Prefects. Additionally, we also introduced our 2024 Prefect and CCE Ambassador EXCO members during the investiture ceremony.

The ceremony ended on a high note with all Student Leaders reciting the Anderson Student Leaders' Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to serving with integrity and excellence.

iii. National School Games (NSG) from T1W2

207 Andersonians' student athletes across a diverse range of sports CCAs, including basketball, badminton, football and volleyball participated in the NSG 2024. Additionally, our students also competed in non-CCA sports such as Artistic Gymnastics, bowling, golf, swimming, table tennis, tennis, taekwondo, track and field and wushu.

This year, 2 of girls - Kayla Lim (6.4) and Kovacs Lili (5.4) - participated in the NSG (Girls) Football Competition for the first time. Partnering with Naval Base Primary School, the team exhibited exceptional skill and determination, qualifying for League 1.

iv. Primary 3 SwimSafer 2.0 from T1W2

Swimsafer 2.0 commenced on 8 January 24 for all our Primary 3 students. This comprehensive programme offers a structured curriculum aims at equipping participants with essential swimming skills and knowledge for safe aquatic navigation. Beyond mastering swimming skills, the programme also fosters social interaction among students, providing them with opportunities to get to know each other better.

We would like to thank our parent volunteers in supporting the above-mentioned programme.

v. Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebration on 9 Feb

The school celebrated the CNY on 9 Feb 2024 (Fri). Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the festive spirit as they participated in various planned activities. One highlight of the celebration was the performance by the Lion Dance Troupe, which captivated the audience and added to the joyous atmosphere of the event.

vi. Total Defence 40 (TD40) Commemoration on 14 February

This year, we commemorate Total Defence Day 2024 under the theme “**Together We Keep Singapore Strong**”. It serves as a reminder to our students that Singapore is defensible and is worth defending, and that each one of us has a role to play in safeguarding our nation.

As part of TD40 commemoration, schools conducted an exercise to provide students with simulations of potential disruptions to Singapore. This exercise focused on preparing students for potential disruptions to our energy supply, considering Singapore’s reliance on fuel imports.

Through this experience, students were encouraged to develop resilience and adaptability while experience the inconvenience and physical discomfort associated with the temporary loss of electricity.

vii. Primary 2 Junior Arts Experience (JAE) on 23 February

The JAE is an integral aspect of our Music and Performing Arts for Life Programme (LLP) at Anderson Primary School. Designed as an after-school enrichment initiative, JAE fosters artistic appreciation and nurtures a passion for learning among our Primary 2 students.

viii. CCA Experience on 23 February

In our commitment to assist our Primary 3 students, as well as those newly transferred in this year in making informed decisions about their CCA selections, we organised a CCA Experience event on 23 February 2024 (Fri).

During the CCA Experience, students had the opportunity to engage in firsthand experience with various CCA offered at our school. We strongly encouraged all parents to have a meaningful conversation with your child about their CCA selection options by discussing their experiences and interests.

Participating in CCAs not only enriches students’ school experiences but also foster personal growth, teamwork and leadership skills.

ix. Fire Drill on 23 Feb 24

We have successfully conducted a fire-drill on 23 Feb 24 to ensure safety and preparedness of our students and staff in the event of an emergency. Conducting regular fire drills is just one of the many measures to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for learning.

During the fire drill, students and staff followed established evacuation routes and procedures with efficiency and discipline. Their cooperation and adherence to safety protocols were commendable, contributing to the overall success of the drill.

x. Parent Support Group (PSG@ANDPS)

The Parent Support Group is a platform for parent engagement through their involvement in their children's holistic development and creating greater parent to parent engagement.

It also provides a network support and links for the school, families and community as its members come from diverse backgrounds and possess varied skills and experiences.

The school held a meet-and-greet session with the PSG members on 22 February. As part of CNY celebrations, we warmly thanked the PSG for the strong partnership and unwavering support in Term 1, and we look forward to working with them in 2024 and beyond!

For parents who are interested to join the PSG@ANDPS, you can register through this online form at <http://tinyurl.com/48vc9eps>

2. Upcoming Key Events in Term 2

School holidays begin from 9 March to 17 March 2024. We wish you and your child/ward happy holidays for this March term break. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on **Monday, 18 March 2024**.

i. Public Holidays in Term 2

Below is the schedule of public holidays for Term 2, 2024.

Holiday	Date
Good Friday	29 March (Fri) 2024
Hari Raya Puasa	10 Apr (Wed) 2024
Labour Day	1 May (Wed) 2024
Vesak Day	22 ay (Wed) 2024

As **9 April 2024** is the eve of Hari Raya Puasa, all Muslim staff and students would have an early dismissal from 10.30 am onwards. Please do kindly make the necessary transport arrangement for your child/ward on that day.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim staff, students and their families an advanced '**Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri**' on 10 April 2024.

ii. Primary 5 Camp in T2W5

The Primary 5 camp provides our students with an authentic outdoor environment where they can apply what they have learnt from Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) and Outdoor Education in Physical Education (PE).

These experiences imbue in our students' values and life skills such as resilience, confidence, leadership qualities and teamwork, so that they will be confident to seize future opportunities and manage challenges together.

The school would also organise a parents' briefing session via zoom on Wednesday, 20 March 2024. More information about the Primary 5 Camp would be shared with you nearer the event date.

iii. P1 to P4 Home-Based Learning (HBL) in T2W5 & T2W6

Please refer to **Annex A** for the HBL dates for the respective levels. Form/Subject teachers will provide more instructions nearer the HBL day. Please do expect assignments/tasks (both online and hardcopy) from the teachers.

Our teachers will continue to monitor the progress of your child through HBL assignments, such as Student Learning Space (SLS), written work assignments and periodic check-in sessions with your child /ward.

During the Home-Based Learning period, all students are strongly encouraged to remain at home and complete the assigned work. The school will remain open for students who require in-school support. Please inform your child's form teacher should you need in-school support by Thursday, 11 April.

Device Availability Check:

As we prepare for the upcoming HBL it is essential to ensure that students have access to the necessary IT devices at home to facilitate their online learning.

Please ensure that your child has access to an IT device such as laptop, desktop or tablet, along with stable internet connectivity. Should you require any assistance or support in this regard, please do not hesitate to inform your child's form teacher.

In addition, the school may request for selected students to return to school during the HBL period. Parents/Guardian of selected students will be separately informed.

iv. P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment (WA) / P6 Term Assessment (TA) in T2W8

Assessment is an important part of teaching and learning which provides useful information to your child/ward, your child's/ward's teachers and you. In the implementation of holistic assessment, our school will use a range of appropriate assessment modes for different purposes to support the development of the whole child.

Through holistic assessment, our teachers can gather information about students' learning and provide feedback to the students on their mastery of concepts and skills as well as their strengths and areas for improvement.

The information is also helpful for our Andersonians to assess and reflect on their level of mastery of the concepts and/or skills. Besides, parents/guardians can use the information to provide the necessary support and encouragement for their children/wards. More information and details about WA and TA will be sent to you by the respective Year Heads.

v. Last Day for Term 2 on 23 May

The last day for Term 2 for our Andersonians is on Thu, 23 May 2024. School is closed from **Saturday, 25 May** to **Sunday, 23 June 2024** for the May/June break.

vi. Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) online session on Fri, 24 May

PCTC provides a platform for our Form Teachers to update parents regarding your child's holistic progress. This may then help you to guide and support him/her at home. More information about the PCTC (online) would be shared with you nearer the event date.

3. Dates for other upcoming school events in Term 2

- i. For your reference, please find appended **Annex A** for other school events in Term 2. Should there be any changes in the given school calendar, you will be informed via Parents Gateway.

4. Other Administrative Matters

i. Updating of Parents' Contact Details

It is important for you to keep your contact details current and accurate with the school. Maintaining up-to date contact information is crucial for ensuring effective communication between you and the school, particularly in emergency situations or when there are updates regarding your child's education.

You can conveniently update your contact information through the parents Gateway (PG) mobile application. PG not only serves for updating contact details but also offers various administrative functions such as consenting to school activities and declaring travel plans.

Your proactive effort in ensuring the accuracy of your contact information is greatly appreciated and contributes to the seamless partnership between school and home.

ii. Updating Student Details

We would like to thank parents for the annual submission of 'Update of Student Details' via Student Details Form (SDF) portal.

Parents can continue to use the portal (<https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf>) whenever updates are necessary throughout the school year.

iii. School Dismissal Procedures

Thank you for your cooperation and support in the successful implementation of a structured dismissal process. We are pleased to inform you that the dismissal procedures for our P1 and P2 students through Gates A and C respectively, followed by P3 and P6 students have been executed smoothly.

Your cooperation has not only streamlined our operations but also enhanced the safety and security of our school environment.

ii. New – Gates Closure and Dismissal Arrangements for After-School Programme (Effective from Term 2)

Commencing from Term 2, we are implementing enhanced measures to further bolster the safety of our students during dismissal and after-school activities. Here are the key changes:

(a) Closure of Gates after Dismissal

To safeguard the well-being of our students, all school gates will be closed immediately after dismissal. For visitors requiring access to the school premises, an intercom has been installed outside Gate A. Our security guards will grant access upon verification of the purpose of visit.

(b) Dismissal After After-School Programme

Students travelling home on foot will use Gate A for dismissal after the programme. Similar to regular school dismissal procedures, parents are kindly requested to wait outside Gate A to pick-up their child.

For vehicular access (Gate B), please note that it will be opened 10 minutes after the end of the after-school programme and fetch your child at the drop-off/pick-up area. Please plan your arrival accordingly to avoid traffic congestion along Ang Mo Kio Ave 9.

(c) Strengthening home-school partnership to foster students' responsibility

We seek to partner you in our efforts to promote students' independence and sense of responsibility. Please refrain from delivering your child's forgotten items to school unless they are essential, such as medication, spectacles, etc.

We aim to empower our students to take ownership of their learning. For instance, they should remember to organize their belongings independently and pack their bags the day before.

Such skills and traits are crucial for their learning and development. However, exceptions will be made for essential items necessary for the student's health and safety.

We would like to thank you for your partnership and your continued support in your child's learning and safety.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Thomas Boh
Vice-Principal

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Dates for key school events in Term 2

Date	Level	Event
18 Mar (Mon)	All	Start of Term 2
27 Mar (Wed) to 5 Apr (Fri)	All	Annual Health Check by HPB
28 Mar (Thu)	All	No CCA
1 Apr (Mon) to 12 Apr (Fri)	All	Mother Tongue Fortnight
3 Apr (Wed)	All	International Friendship Day
17 Apr (Wed) to 19 Apr 24 (Fri)	P5	Primary 5 Residential Camp
17 Apr (Wed)	P1 & P 3	Home-Based Learning for P1 & P3
18 Apr (Thu)	P2 & P4	Home-Based Learning for P2 & P4
	P4 CCA students	P4 CCA Home-based learning
19 Apr (Fri)	P4 CCA Students	P4 CCA Home-based learning
22 Apr (Mon)	P6.1, P6.3 & P6.5 1.30pm to 3.30pm	P6 NAPFA Test
24 Apr (Wed)	P6.2, P6.4 & P6.6 1.30pm to 3.30pm	P6 NAPFA Test
25 Apr (Thu)	P2 (After school)	Start of P2 JAE
	P3 (After school)	Start of P3 CCA
26 Apr (Fri)	P6	P6 Oral Assessment
	P1 to P5	Home-Based Learning for P1 to P5
23 May (Thu)	All	Last Day of Term 2
24 May (Fri)		Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (online)