

SENGKANG GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We welcome all our students back to school! We have implemented the new timetable in Term 3 and have seen the students adjusted well. In Term 1, the school has emphasized the importance of routines and habits such as punctuality, cleanliness and good manners. In Term 2, the focus was on the social emotional competencies to develop students' self-efficacy, social skills and decision making skills. In term 3, students will focus on applying what they have learnt in the first half of the year.

Term 3 will be an exciting term with Mother Tongue Language Fortnight activities, Racial Harmony Day, outdoor adventure camp for P4, National Day celebrations and NE show for P5 and many other activities. Do look out for more information from the school about these programmes. For the P6 students, they are entering the final phase of the PSLE preparation. They need to be very focus on their learning. Do encourage them to embrace a positive learning mindset, rest and eat well.

1. Staff Updates

We welcome the following staff who are newly posted in:

Teachers

Mrs Emily Koh Siew Mei (English Language and Mathematics) Mdm Chitra Devi Krishnan (English Language and Social Studies) Mr Eugene Lum Yu Jun (English Language and Social Studies)

Non-teaching Staff

Mr Quek Yew Sian (Operations Support Officer)

2. School Events in July

Date	Event / Programme	Remarks
2 Jul (Mon)	Youth Day	School Holiday. Students are not required to come to school.
5 Jul (Thurs)	School Open House (for K2 children and their parents)	2.30 pm to 4.30 pm
6 Jul (Fri)	Kindergarten Visit (for pre-registered K2 children and their parents)	8.30 am to 9.30 am
16 Jul (Mon) to 18 Jul (Wed)	Primary 4 Outdoor Adventure Camp	Please see item 3 for more information.
16 Jul (Mon) to 20 Jul (Fri)	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight: Part 2	During MT lessons Please see item 4 for more information.

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19 Jul (Thu)	P1 Speech & Drama Showcase	10.30 am to 11.30 pm More information will be provided to parents in a separate letter.
20 Jul (Fri)	P2 Speech & Drama Showcase	10.30 am to 11.30 pm More information will be provided to parents in a separate letter.
19 Jul (Thur) to 20 Jul (Fri)	Racial Harmony Day	During Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) period Assembly talk and Recess Activities Please see item 5 for more information.

3. Primary 4 Outdoor Adventure Camp

The Primary 4 students will be going on a 3 day, 2 night outdoor adventure camp from 16 July to 18 July at MOE Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre. The camp aims to build independence, resilience, confidence and camaraderie amongst the Primary 4 students. The camp programme includes low and high challenge elements, gardening / composting and a mini campfire. Participation of these activities will bring about holistic development of our students, expose them to the different outdoor activities and inculcate a love for outdoor education. All parents of Primary 4 students who have not returned the consent form are to do so as soon as possible.

4. Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight

The MTL Fortnight will be held from 16 to 20 July in conjunction with the Racial Harmony Day celebration. The programme aims to create an immersive environment for our students in the learning of their Mother Tongue languages and cultures. During this week, a wide range of cultural and language activities related to the Mother Tongue languages will be organised for mass participation of students, providing them opportunities in using their Mother Tongue languages and experiencing their culture. We will also take this opportunity to instil the values of respect and discipline in our students.

5. Racial Harmony Day & Hari Raya Aidilfitri Celebration

On 21st July each year, schools in Singapore commemorate Racial Harmony Day (RHD) to mark the anniversary of the 1964 racial riots. On this day, students will reflect on and celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society built on a rich diversity of cultures. This year's RHD theme is "Diversity Our Strength".

The RHD commemorations are a reminder that promoting social cohesion and racial harmony require collaborative efforts from our educators, students and stakeholders (including our parents).

On 19 July (Thurs), the school will organise a mini carnival for all the students and staff involving ethnic food and activities during CCE periods. Through these different activities, we hope that students will be able to understand and respect different races and all their cultural practices.

On 20 July (Fri), we will organise an assembly talk and recess activities to share the important messages of racial harmony with our students. To commemorate this day, we strongly encourage all the students to come to school in their traditional ethnic costumes. If they are involved in any physical activities such as PE lessons, they can come in their costumes and change into their PE attire thereafter. For the safety and comfort of the students, they should wear normal school shoes with their ethnic costumes.

Let us together impart the importance of Racial Harmony to our children.

6. Completion of the School Year

After the school or PSLE examinations, the school has planned various programmes for the students, as part of holistic development and character building for our students. All our students are expected to continue to be in school and participate in these programmes until 17 Nov 2018.

7. Road Safety

Recently, one of our student met an accident during a non-school day while crossing the road without using the pedestrian crossing. The school has been educating the students the importance of road safety such as "Stop, Look, Wave" steps when crossing at the traffic lights. Students are to use pedestrian crossings and wait for pedestrian lights to turn to their favour before crossing the road. Please reinforce the message of road safety, especially in using the pedestrian crossing.

8. School Emergency Exercise

The school will hold an emergency exercise at the beginning of semester 2. This exercise will engage the students to evacuate to the school field. This is part of the school's effort in alignment with SGSecure national movement to be ready to deal with an event involves hazardous threat. Terrorism has become a constant presence in modern life and Singapore is not immune to it. Please partner with us to sensitise your child to play his/her part seriously during the exercise. For more information about the national SGSecure movement, you may refer to https://www.sgsecure.sg/.

9. P1 Registration Exercise - Phase 1

Phase 1 of the P1 Registration Exercise will be held on 28 June and 29 Jun 2018. Parents whose children are eligible for P1 in 2019 would have submitted the P1 Registration Form through their older siblings who are current students of the school. Please inform the General Office immediately if you have not received the letter/form.

10. Update of Student and Parent Information (including Address and Phone Number)

Before the school holidays in June, we conducted a mass verification of the personal information of our parents and our students. If you have not returned the form (in yellow) to us, please do so by 3 Jul (Tue). Please update us especially if you have changed your handphone number so that we can keep you updated of important school information and your child's well-being (e.g. your child's absence for the day). In addition, if your child commutes from overseas (e.g. Malaysia) to the school daily or frequently (such as weekly, fortnightly, monthly), please also update in the form of his/her Singapore and overseas guardians' contact numbers and addresses.

After you have submitted the form, if there is further change to any information during the year, please continue to update us.

11. Car-parking

Parking charges will be implemented for staff parking within the school. Most of the school car park lots will be designated as season parking lots for staff and they will be painted in red. Visitors parking lots will be limited. Therefore, please park at alternative car parks outside school if you are unable to find a parking lot.

12. Labelling of Personal Belongings

Last term, the students left behind several personal items such as watches, wallets, books, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. Many of these items are not claimed by the owners. In order for us to return these items to the owner when they are misplaced, do get your child to write down his/her name and class on these items.

Thank you for your attention and we look forward another term of your continual partnership in your children's education journey.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gau Poh Teck Principal