



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Singapore's education aims to nurture students to become effective lifelong learners, ready for the future. MOE has announced recently about reducing the assessment load and stakes from next year. There are changes to help students develop intrinsic motivation and joy of learning for life. For more information, you may refer to the website [Bit.ly/2NyJnsc](http://Bit.ly/2NyJnsc) (our Education Minister Ong's WPS opening address) and [Bit.ly/2y9JDc0](http://Bit.ly/2y9JDc0) (infographics with summary of changes). We will also provide you with more information relating to the changes in the Parents Engagement Sessions in 2019.

## 1. School Events in October & November

Date	Event / Programme	Remarks
20 Sep (Thurs) to 2 Nov (Fri)	P1 – P5 Semester Examination	Letters on holistic assessment matters for Term 4 have been issued to all the parents on 18 Sep. Please take note of the assessment policy. If your child is absent from these assessments, please report to the school promptly and submit the supporting documents for your child's absence to the form teachers.
8 Oct (Mon) to 14 Nov (Wed)	Post PSLE programme for Primary 6 students including Learning Journey to Little India on 23 Oct.	Please refer to point 5 below. For the Learning Journey, please look out for a separate letter that will be sent out to you soon.
15 Oct (Mon) to 18 Oct (Thurs)	PSLE Marking Exercise	<b>All</b> the students <b>do not</b> come to school. On 15 Oct, there will be Home-based learning as shared in Sep SKGian Connect. More information will also be given out soon.
29 Oct (Mon) to 12 Nov (Mon)	Values in Action (VIA) Programmes for Primary 5 and 6	Please refer to point 6 below. We look forward to parents' support for the marketplace entrepreneurship and charity event on 9 Nov. The coupon sales will start from 29 Oct (Mon).
6 Nov (Tue)	Deepavali Public Holiday	
7 Nov (Wed)	Administration Day	All the students do not come to school. The teachers will be processing the examination results.

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15 Nov (Thurs) 9.00 – 11.00 am	2019 P1 Orientation	Students need not come to school except those who are requested by the teachers to return.
16 Nov (Fri)	Parent-Teacher-Child Conference	Please refer to point 2 below. A separate letter will also be issued later.
17 Nov (Sat) to 1 Jan (Tue)	School Holidays	

## 2. Parent-Teacher-Child Conference (PTCC)

Parent-Teacher-Child Conference for selected students will be held on 16 Nov (Fri). This year end conference will provide a platform for the school and parents to review the students' progress and development over the year and discuss plans to support the students' holistic development in the next year.

## 3. School Security Enhancement

The safety and security of the students is of utmost importance to the school. We constantly review the school safety to enhance students' safety. For parents who come into the school premises to meet the personnel of the school or the student care centre, we seek your understanding to register your presence with the security post and put on the authorised pass issued to you at all times. This is to ensure that only authorised personnel are allowed to be in the school premises and to account for every person's safety in our school premises during emergency.

## 4. Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS)

MOE and the school provide financial assistance to eligible Singaporean students to support their education needs. Parents who wish to apply FAS may collect the application form from the General Office from 15 Oct 2018. For the FAS to take effect from 1 Jan 2019, parents must submit the completed form and the necessary supporting documents to the school's general office by 2 Nov 2018.

## 5. Post-PSLE Programmes

The last day of school for all the Primary 6 students is up to 16 Nov (Fri). However, due to school programmes on 15 and 16 Nov (as stated in point 1 above), only selective students will be asked to come back on these 2 days. During this period up to 14 Nov, there are post-PSLE programmes in place during the curriculum time. These are specially designed activities to build the students' social-emotional competencies and develop other 21st century skills, getting them ready for the future. Therefore, it is important for your children to attend school daily. Please refrain from bringing your children on holidays before the end of the school year.

## 6. Values in Action (VIA) Programmes

The school has planned Values in Action (VIA) programmes in Oct/Nov. The programme aims to build students' character and internalise positive values through such experiences.

### a. Young Caregivers Programme for the Primary 5 students

As our society is facing a rising aging population, it is important for us to teach our children to care for the elderly. Therefore, we have arranged for all the Primary 5 students to visit an elderly hospice and each class will take different days from 2 to 12 Nov. This visit will create opportunity for students to interact with the elderly and promote inter-generational understanding and communication, especially. Through this programme, students will also learn about elderly and palliative care and hence, nurture them to be good caregivers. We hope parents can partner with us to reinforce the values of care and concern for the elderly at home and in the community. More information will be given in a separate letter.

### b. P6 Values in Action (VIA) – The Market Place Programme

This programme is part of the post PSLE activities for the Primary 6 students. Students will be given the opportunity to practise enterprise. The school will provide them a marketplace to sell their designed items or services. Through the activities, the students learn to be innovate and creative; they also learn about profit making and financial literacy. The profits made will be donated to Community Chest. We hope the students will internalise the school value of compassion through the endeavour.

The sale of items/services will take place on **9 Nov (Fri)** in the school. Sales are from \$0.50 to \$2.00 per item. All students can purchase the coupons from the General Office from **29 Oct (Mon)** and we strongly encourage students to save part of their pocket money to support this charity effort.

## 7. Textbooks and Storybooks Donation & Recycling Drive 2018

The school partners with NTUC FairPrice for the 'Share-A-Textbook 2018' community service project to help the needy and simultaneously, to promote a greener Singapore through recycling of used textbooks and storybooks. We strongly encourage students to donate their used textbooks and story books. Students, especially the needy students, who wish to use the used textbooks are welcome to select and collect the books. The schedule for this drive are as follows:

Activity	Date & Time	Venue
Donation of used textbooks and story books	7 to 9 Nov (Wed to Fri) from 7.00 am to 12.00 pm	Outside General Office
Selection and Collection of used textbooks and story books	13 Nov (Tue) from 10.00 am to 11.30 am	School canteen

For any books not collected after 13 Nov, the school will send them to NTUC FairPrice. We look forward to your support for this project.

Thank you for your attention!

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

