



SPS/17/032

28 March 2017

Open Letter from School Leaders

Dear Parents/Guardian

1. Warm greetings! Welcome back to a new term! We are certainly looking forward to another busy but exciting term.
2. We want to welcome Mrs Irene Sim, an Art teacher, to the Sembawang family.

Important Information...

Survey for Sibling Priority Registration 2018

3. The Primary One (P1) Registration Exercise will be conducted from June to August, with Phase 1 scheduled on 29 - 30 June 2017. Phase 1 is a priority phase for siblings of students who are currently studying in the school and it is only applicable to Singapore Citizen / Singapore Permanent Resident and the child to be registered must be born between 2 January 2011 and 1 January 2012 (both dates inclusive). As in previous years' exercises, the school will be identifying children who are eligible for Phase 1 registration through its Siblings List. The Phase 1 application forms will be given through their elder siblings who are currently studying in our school.

4. To ensure that all children who are eligible for Phase 1 do not miss the Phase 1 registration, we will distribute to **ALL** students a copy of the 2017 Sibling Survey form, Please submit the completed survey form to your child's form teacher, together with a photocopy of the following supporting documents (if applicable):

- a. NRIC of both parents
- b. Birth Certificate / Entry or Re-entry Permits / Singapore Citizenship Certificate for the child entering Primary One in 2018
- c. Birth Certificate of **ONE** sibling (of the child) currently studying in the school and
- d. Immunisation Records for the child entering P1 in 2018

All forms should be returned to the school by Friday, 7 April.

Labelling of personal belongs

5. For ease of identification, we would like to encourage our students to label their personal belongings, such as water bottles, lunch boxes, wallets and bags. Office has collected a number of lost and found items. If you are aware that your child has recently lost items such as water bottles and lunch boxes, please ask your child to identify and claim their belongings from Ms Su at the General Office. All unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to students in Cambodia by 19 May.

School Discipline

6. Our students are expected to be punctual and properly attired for all school activities and to follow the school rules as stated in the Student Handbook at all times. With good discipline, your child can learn better. We encourage you to spend some time going through the Student Handbook with your child for important information like safety and discipline guidelines to better support his/her education and learning.

Celebration of successes ...

Long Service Award

7. Behind every successful school is a team of dedicated and committed staff. In Sembawang Primary School, we are blessed with such a team and it gives us great pleasure to share with you a group of staff who will be receiving their Long Service Award. Congratulations to all the recipients!

No	Name of Staff	Award Title (No of Years)
1	Mr Tan Zuo Hou	5
2	Ms Kong Jia Yee	5
3	Mdm Michelle Tamarai d/o Joseph	5
4	Mdm Nor Afidah Bte Jaafar	5
5	Ms Nursahila Bte Roszelan	5
6	Ms Roshiea Rosly	5
7	Ms Tan Si Yin	10
8	Mdm Nor Aishah Bte Sa'ad	10
9	Mr Adrian Chong	10
10	Mdm Yamuna d/o Subramaniam	10
11	Ms Vernice Soh	15
12	Mrs Korine Kong-Chung	15
13	Ms Leong Wei Yee Tracy	15
14	Mdm Agnes Lim	20

Red Cross

8. The Excellent Unit Award (EUA) was established for all Red Cross Youth Cadet Units with the aim to assess the overall performance in the unit's attainment of subject proficiency and how each cadet unit has instilled values through service to humanity. We are pleased to announce that our Red Cross CCA group has achieved Gold award in the EUA. Congratulations, boys and girls of Red Cross CCA! Keep up the good work!

Rugby U13

9. Our under 13 (U13) Rugby boys took part in the North Zone Schools Rugby Tournament recently. We are happy to announce that our team has emerged Champion in the tournament. Our heartiest congratulation to Mohd Saifuddin (of 5D), Qiu Jie (of 6B), Cregan Ho Cheng Jun, Jack Ryan Lawless, Mohd Damian Ruben, Harry Chew, Darius Ang, Muhd Shariq Aqeel, Albert Torres (of 6C), Muhd Irham, Ricqiey Dannyall Bin Abdullah (of 6E), Hazwan Thafiq Bin Ishak (Captain), Mohd Shafiq Bin Mohd Elias, Darius Tan Ye Kai and Keith Tan Yongwen (of 6F). The boys will be taking part in the National Schools Rugby Tournament in the weeks ahead. We wish them all the best!

Track & Field

10. Another sporting good news! We are pleased to announce that in the Shot Put events at National Track & Field Competition, Vince Toh Jun We (of 4D) has emerged 3rd in the National Shot Put 'C' Division Boys, Roland Albert Reyes Torres (of 6C) has emerged 2nd position in the National Shot Put for 'B' Division Boys and Hessmetra Perumal (of 6E) has emerged 1st in the National Shot Put 'A' Division Girls. Congratulations, Vince, Roland, and Hessmetra!

Scholastic Read & Write Challenge 2017

11. We are pleased to inform you that Wang Jin Rou (of 5A) has won the 2nd Prize for the Scholastic Read & Write Challenge 2017 – Primary 5 category. Jin Rou will receive a certificate by Scholastic, \$100 cash and \$200 worth of Scholastic books. Well done, Jin Rou!

Yishun Town Secondary School (YTSS) 31st Speech day Award Ceremony

12. We are pleased to announce that one of our former students, Mahmudah Syafiqah Bte Faisal has won a Bronze Award for Sec 4 Normal (Academic) Stream and I-excel (Distinction) Award. Principal of YTSS congratulated Sembawang Primary School and its teachers for providing a strong foundation for learning for Syafiqah, which has contributed to her achievement today. Well done, colleagues! Let's press on to do our best for all students in SPS!

Canberra Day 2017

13. On Sunday, 12 March, a group of staff and students participated in the Canberra Day 2017. The theme this year was **Love your Environment, Let's Go Green!** To add on to the festivity of the event, 4 of our Aesthetics CCA groups, namely Chinese Orchestra, Chinese Dance, Malay Dance and Choir put up a splendid performance at the event. Well done, boys and girls! A big thank you to teachers and parents who made time for the event.

Up-coming school events ...

International Friendship Day

14. We will be celebrating International Friendship Day on Monday, 3 April. This year, the theme is **ASEAN 50**. Students can look forward to learning about the different backgrounds and experiences of the ASEAN countries. To commemorate International Friendship Day, students are encouraged to wear their ethnic costumes with school shoes on that day. Students without ethnic costumes should come to school in their school uniform.

Overseas Learning Journey

15. 30 P5 students will be participating in the Overseas Learning Journey to Siem Reap, Cambodia from 20 to 24 May 2017. In a bid to educate all students about voluntarism and showing care to the community, the school will be organising a donation drive to collect items to be taken to Siem Reap for donation to a school and an orphanage. This Values-in-Action (ViA) programme will be helmed by the P5 students and all students are encouraged to donate items (e.g. stationery, water bottles, clothes, school bags and simple story books) which are in good condition. Collection is from 10 April to 21 April. Students are to place the donated items in the labelled boxes at the concourse area.

The second Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)

16. The PTM will be held on Thursday, 25 May. There will be no lessons on that day as all teachers will be involved in the PTM. More information will be given at a later date.

Concluding remarks...

"I don't want to live in the kind of world where we don't look out for each other. Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand. I can't change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my bit."

~ Charles de Lint

17. Parents, let's help our children to recognise that they have a duty to himself / herself, his / her family, community, nation and the world. We should fulfil our responsibilities with love and commitment.

18. Thank you and have a wonderful term ahead!

Warmest regards,

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