



SBPS/18/087

30 July 2018

## **Open Letter from School Leaders 6/2018**

Dear Parents/Guardian

1. We are happy to have your children back to school for semester two. We are already in the midst of term 3 and have carried out some exciting and important events like the Focus Group discussion with parents and student leaders on the school's new Vision, Mission and Values, Open House, P5 NE Show, commemoration of Racial Harmony Day, and even a Lockdown Exercise to better prepare our school community to respond to any serious incident. For the academics, we have conducted oral mentoring for our P6 students to prepare them for the P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations and PSLE. The cluster program on reading Singapore literature (Singlit) was also launched to enthuse our students to read.
2. At the end of this term, we will be honouring and acknowledging the contributions of our teachers. Placing students at the heart of their focus, our teachers have worked hard to nurture them and help shape their character. We wish all teachers in SBPS a happy Teachers' Day!
3. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Mdm Yip Ah Moi who had officially retired after 19 years of service in Sembawang Primary as an operations school officer. We wish her happy retirement!
4. Miss Liyana Binte Dali, Miss Safiyah Salmi Binte Othman and Miss Nurul Huda Binte Daud Patel would be leaving for their teachers' training in NIE on 27 July 2018 and 8 August 2018 respectively.
5. We would also like to express our thanks to Mr Shi Yingwang, Chinese Language teacher, for his service to education as he would be resigning with effect from 1 August 2018. We appreciate his diligence and dedication shown for the charges under him. We wish him success in his next career.

### ***Important Information...***

#### Season Parking in School

6. The School will implement season parking with effect from 1 August 2018. The season parking lots are differentiated by RED markings, and are located within the security barrier of the School premises. The RED lots are **strictly reserved** for school staff and non-staff (such as canteen operator) who bought a season parking lot. In the day-to-day operation of the School, all visitors are only allowed to park at the visitor lots located outside the security barrier. The School has the prerogative to extend parking to visitors at the surplus RED lots for specific mass event such as Open House, subject to availability.

#### Security Incident Exercise

7. In line with SGSecure initiative, the School successfully conducted a security incident exercise on 13 July 2018, which your child participated. The security incident exercise was necessary to ensure that the School is ever ready to respond to any emergency, where the safety of your child is our utmost priority. We are happy to report that the School did well in the security incident exercise. The emergency drills that your child had acquired during the security incident

exercise is applicable during security incident at public places such as shopping centre. Speak to your child. Remember, *IT IS NOT A MATTER OF "IF", BUT "WHEN"*.

#### PSLE Oral Examination

8. The PSLE English and Mother Tongue Oral Examination for P6 students will be held on **16 and 17 August 2018 (Thursday and Friday)**. P6 students will be given separate instructions on their reporting time. **All P1 to P5 students need not report to school on these two days.**

#### PSLE Listening and Written Examinations

9. The PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination will be held on Friday, **14 September 2018**. **All P1 to P5 students need not report to school on that day.**

10. The PSLE Written Examination will be held from **27 – 28 September 2018** and **1 – 3 October 2018**. School will function as usual during the written examination.

11. We take this opportunity to wish all our P6 students all the best for their PSLE. Parents, we will work in partnership to support and encourage your children during the PSLE period. We believe that our students will give of their best for the upcoming PSLE! P6s, live up to our school motto – *"The Best from Me!"*

#### Semestral Assessment 2 (SA2) 2018

12. The schedule for the SA2 for P2-5 is appended in the table. We hope you will find it useful when you plan your revision schedule with your child. Please note that your child should not be taken out of school during the school term unless permission is sought. There will be no resitting of papers. A student who is absent for any paper must submit the relevant supporting document(s), e.g., a valid medical certificate, to his / her Form Teacher to account for his / her absence.

<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Level</b>
Tuesday, 2 October	EL and MT Paper 1	P2 – P5
8 & 9 October (Monday & Tuesday) – Afternoon	EL Oral	P5
	MT Oral	P5
10 & 11 October (Wednesday & Thursday) – Afternoon	EL Oral	P3 & P4
	MT Oral	P3 & P4
Wednesday, 24 October	Higher Mother Tongue	P5
Thursday, 25 October	EL Paper 2 and Listening Comprehension	P2 to P5
Friday, 26 October	Mathematics	P2 to P5
Monday, 29 October	MT Paper 2 and Listening Comprehension	P2 to P5
Tuesday, 30 October	Science	P3 to P5

#### ***Celebration of successes ...***

#### International Chinese Language Competition (ICLC) 2018

13. On 2 April 2018, 10 pupils from Primary 4 to Primary 6 represented our school to participate in the International Chinese Language Competition (ICLC) 2018. The ICLC promotes creative writing and expression in the Chinese Language in real time using the internet. Over 80 local primary schools participated this year. The competition is also open to international participants. Readers can vote for the most popular essay once the essays have been shortlisted. We are pleased to inform that Sean Ang of 4 Care has clinched the Bronze award for the local category. Well done, Sean!

### The Oracy Development Programme 2018

14. The Primary two students have completed the Oracy Development Programme with a good result of 6 Gold, 8 Silver and 2 Bronze team awards. This is part of the school's 5 year masterplan for Oracy [speaking +listening] development in our children. The journey begins at P2 where the focus is on poetry recitation and choral reading in a group to build their confidence, voice projection and clear articulation. They were assessed externally by the adjudicators from Singapore Performing Arts.

### Talent Development Programme (TDP) @ SBPS

15. The school continued with the TDP this year, to develop students with talents in the Aesthetics and Sports. A range of activities have been planned and organised for the selected students as follows:

#### **Talent Development Program (TDP) Schedule: July – October 2018**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
17 July	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Motivational Talk Tao Li (Ex National Swimmer)	All members
31 July	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Motivational Talk Ric Liu (Dreamz FM)	All members
11 Sep	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Planning for Games Day (VIA)	P3 – P5 members
18 Sep	2.00 – 3.30 pm	Planning for Games Day (VIA)	P3 – P5 members
25 Sep	2.00 – 5.30 pm	VIA Games Day @ Kindlegarden	30 members

### National School Games Rugby Championship 2018 (Junior Division)

16. Our Junior Rugby boys have emerged overall 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the National School Games Rugby Championship 2018 (Junior Division). Our heartiest congratulations to Paquingan Clarence Dave Diez, Maximus Sim, Rajarajan Nishanth, Saminathan Ravi Kumar Nimal Aravin, Khow Jyun Zhen, Alex Kye-Yung Hine, Charlie Kye-Tsun Hine, Dai Jia Cheng, Wan Ian Irfann Bin Wan Shamsury, Capuz Ralph Celedon Tanajura, Panganiban Jose Leandro V Reyes, Irfan Bin Mohamad Amrin, Gomes Leon and Erman Rifqi Bin Norman (Captain). They have worked hard towards self-improvement and have shown tremendous improvement as a team throughout the 3-week long tournament. Our appreciation goes to our parents for their unwavering support on and off the field.

### National Softball Championships 2018 (Junior Division)

17. Our junior softball girls came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the National Softball Championships. The team comprises Ma Wen Yan of 4 Care, Koh Xuan Hui Desiree of 4 Gratitude, Aw Yeung Tyz Yan, Shirfa Syafiyah, Zin Sabai Moe and Jescelia Faracia Hussain of 4 Integrity, Marysa Qistina, Nayli Sofia, Nurul Mardhiyanah and Shaista Adriana of 4 Respect, Puteri Qistina of 3 Care, Hey Xueta Tong and Joanna Chandra of 3 Empathy, Arissa Qarynna of 3 Integrity and Lai Ka Mun of 3 Gratitude. Our girls fought hard for all 6 matches, and emerged victorious for our last 2 matches. They have made tremendous improvement and we are grateful for the ardent support of the parents.

### ***Up-coming school events ...***

#### National Day Celebration

18. On Wednesday, 8 August, we will be celebrating Singapore's 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday. On that day, all students will report to school as usual by 7.30 am and school will be **dismissed at 10 am**. Both side gates will open from 10 to 10.30 am during dismissal time on that day. Students are strongly encouraged to come **dressed in red and white attire or red T-shirts with school shorts / PE shorts / pinafore**. For their safety, they are expected to wear white socks and school shoes. There is no after-school activities such as supplementary/remedial classes and CCAs on that afternoon. The canteen will be close on that day, so please ensure that your child has his/her breakfast before coming to school.

19. On that morning, our school will also be hosting 20 senior citizens from the Lions Befrienders Home. They will join us in the celebration and be part of the school community to affirm our loyalty and commitment to Singapore. This is one of the platforms that the school uses to teach our students to show appreciation for our pioneer generation.

**Concluding remarks...**

*“I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives.  
I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.”  
Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865*

20. Abraham Lincoln, 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, was an excellent example of someone who made a difference in his lifetime. Let’s heed his call – to be proud of Singapore and for Singapore to be proud of us.

21. Thank you. Happy National Day!

Warmest regards,

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