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Open Letter from School Leaders 4/2018

Dear Parents/Guardian

Important Information...

Refinements to the Primary One Registration Exercise

1. The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be introducing two administrative refinements to the Primary One (P1) registration exercise. The changes will take effect from the 2018 registration exercise.
2. From the 2018 P1 registration exercise, manual balloting by schools will be replaced by computerised balloting conducted centrally by MOE HQ. Similar to the manual process, computerised balloting ensures that all registrants that needed to ballot are assured of an equal chance for admission into the school. Computerised balloting is a secure process which has been used by MOE for the Secondary One Posting and the Joint Admission Exercises for many years. Parents no longer need to make arrangements to physically attend the balloting in schools. This helps to streamline the P1 registration process and make it more convenient for parents.
3. International students will be required to undergo a two-step process for the 2018 registration exercise:
 - **Step 1:** Submit an online 'indication of interest' form via the MOE P1 website, from 5 to 11 June 2018, and
 - **Step 2:** International students, who have submitted the 'indication of interest' form and are notified in October by MOE that they can be offered a P1 place in a school, must register in-person at the designated school during Phase 3 of the 2018 P1 registration exercise (in late October 2018).
4. International students who do not submit the 'indication of interest' form to MOE by 11 June 2018 **will not** be able to register during Phase 3 of the P1 registration exercise.

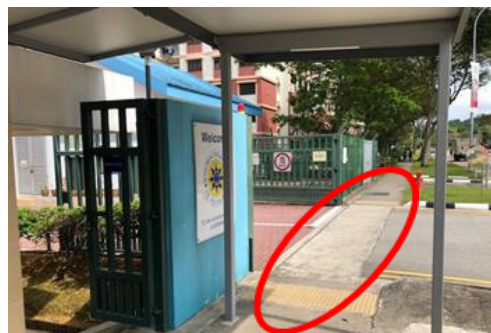
P1 Registration Dates

5. The registration of children for admission to P1 classes in 2019 will be opened from 28 June 2018 to 31 October 2018. More information on the procedures and documents required is available at the P1 registration exercise website at <http://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/primary-one-registration/>.
6. Details and dates for the different phases of registration for the P1 registration exercise can be found at the following website: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/primary-one-registration/phases>.

Security and Safety Matters

7. For the safety and security of our students, we do not allow parents/guardians to enter the school to bring food for their children during the meal breaks. If parents/guardians would like to deliver home-cooked food for your child, please make arrangement for him/her to collect the food from you at the main gate or side gate two during the meal breaks. We are also discouraging parents/guardians from depositing food at the general office as this will disrupt learning in class when the child is paged to come down to the general office to collect the food. We seek your kind understanding and cooperation.

8. On road safety, the school is seeking parent/guardians' help to remind your child/ward to exercise caution when crossing the road in front of the main gate (see photo). Your child/ward is to stop and look out for vehicles before crossing the road, in front of the main gate.



Celebration of Successes...

National Track and Field Championship

9. We are happy to announce that with tenacity, grit, determination and enormous effort, our athletes achieved fantastic results in the National Track & Field Championship 2018. Overall, our athletes made it to 48 final events, 36 top 8 positions and won a total of 22 medals! They also achieved a total of 23 Personal Best (PB) and Season Best (SB)! The team has also achieved overall 4th position for 'A' Division Girls, 3rd for 'D' Division Girls and 4th for 'D' Division Boys. Below are the individual results:

Division	Name	Event	Position
'A' Boys	Liu Qingyu	600m	3rd
		1 500m	2nd
'A' Girls	You Yutong	High Jump	1st
	Nasha Sabrina	200m	3 rd (PB)
		300m	3 rd (PB)
'B' Boys	Dhruy Manoj	100m	3rd
	Tee Cheng En	100m	4th
		200m	4th
	Vince Toh	Shot Put	2 nd (PB)
'B' Girls	Wong Jin Rou	High Jump	2 nd (PB)
		Long Jump	3 rd (PB)
	Nurul Syazwani Nurul Syazwana Wong Jin Rou Chong Xin Ci	4 X 100m	4 th (SB)
'C' Boys	Muhd Hafid	300m	3 rd (PB)
	Muhd Hafid Aiman Akash Mukhesh	4 X 300m	4 th (SB)
'C' Girls	Angel Lim	Shot Put	3 rd (PB)
'D' Boys	Montanez Antonio	Shot Put	2 nd (PB)
	Wan Ian Irfann	100m	2nd

Division	Name	Event	Position
		60m hurdles	3 rd (PB)
	Nicholas Loo Wan Ian Irfann Muhd Shahfi Antiago Eng	4 X 100m	2 nd (SB)
'D' Girls	Gerlene Soh	High Jump	1st
		Long Jump	1st
	Kendra Gomez	Shot Put	2nd

10. Our heartiest congratulations to our athletes! We would like to thank the track and field teachers, Mr Tay Eng Wee, Ms Tan Yi Xuan, Ms Joey Tan, Ms Ada Ng, Mr Tan Zuo Hou and Mr Kelvin Toh for their unwavering support!

National Rugby under 13 Championship

11. Our rugby boys took part in the Under 13 National Inter-Primary School Rugby Championship and emerged overall 4th position in the Cup category. The boys have displayed grit and tenacity and have certainly outdone themselves to become an improved team from last year. Our heartiest congratulations to Lim Kuan Yu, Mohd Asif, Izz Riyan, Mohd Dhiyaulhaq, Mohd Nabigh, Muhd Aminuddin, Han Yi, Muhd Syarif, Xiang Kehan, Wu Yuhan, Muhd Shah Rizal (Captain), Mohd Arfa Hazimi, Muhd Rayyan and Muhd Aqil. Well done, boys! Our heartfelt appreciation to our teachers-in-charge, Mr Adrian Chong, Ms Sharon Chan, Ms Evelyn Poh and Mdm Nuremiliyana, too.

National Softball Championship

12. Our senior Softball girls came in 7th position in the National Softball Championship. The team comprises Nur Batrisyia and Wan Puteri Tyra, Joey Tan, Alysa Cheong, Lau Pei Ling, Deon Ng, Ilyunisha, Lavenia Lim, Tan Xin Hui, Shannon Yu, Arina, Nurul Aaliyanah and Mathana. Our girls fought hard for 6 matches and had the opportunity to learn from their opponents and improve on their skills. A big thank you to the parents for their continuous support and the girls for working hard this season, juggling their studies and CCA. Thank you Miss Lee Wei Qin, Ms Sujatha and Mdm Afidah for being there for the girls!

Singapore Youth Festival 2018

13. Since 1966, the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) has been an annual event organised by the Ministry of Education to celebrate the vitality of our youths and their diverse arts talents. This year, our aesthetics group took part in the competitions and achieved excellent results.

CCA Group	Achievement
Malay Dance	Certificate of Accomplishment
Chinese Orchestra	Certificate of Accomplishment
Chinese Dance	Certification of Distinction
Choir	Certificate of Commendation

14. We would like to thank the students for their hard work and perseverance and believe that this experience will stand them in good stead in the future. Well done children and a big thank you to all the teachers and instructors!

Destination Imagination (DI)

15. On 6 April, 48 of our students took part in the above competition, organised by DI Singapore and ACS (Junior) School. Out of a total of 66 teams and 7 invitational teams, we achieved the following results:

Challenge	Name of Students	Result
Service Learning	Seah Wan Joo, Joscelin	3 rd
	Reuben Du	
	Kartikeyan Sundaresan	
	Afable Grey Anthony Banzuela	
	Nurul Nayli Iman Binte Mohammad Herman	
	Rameshkumar Tejashwini	
	Quek Seng Ee	
Improvisational	Yuvaraja Sunitha Nandhini	2 nd
	Geetika Biju Nair	
	Wakharkar Aahan	
	Tharine Sandaran	
	Dimatatac Alysa Beatrice Abear	
	Shanelle Lim Enqi	
	Poh Shi Xuan Alyssa	
Engineering	Dibble Cheri Lim	2 nd
	Hemanya Chadha	
	Lester Lim Yew Suan	
	Lim Zhi Feng Gerard	
	Quek Luck Syang	
	Wu Si Yun Ice	
	Woo Yu Rou Elena	
Engineering	Annena Job Chakkalakkal	3 rd
	Soh Kim Hwee Gerlene	
	Sanvith Sunil Mani	
	Eng Wei Xian, Antiago	
	Sean Ang Shao Xuan	
	Tay Hong Wei Andy	
	Isabel Lim	
Engineering	Alexander Cheviz Goh	5 th
	Elvira Pang Yi Le	
	Faye Koh	
	Nurul Aishah Binte Zakria	
	R Giri Sagar	
	Than Yi Ting	
	Toh En Shen Xavier	

16. Well done, children! A big round of applause to the teachers who supported and guided the students. The teachers involved are Ms Ada Ng, Mrs Hazel Boo, Mr Zhao Zhiyang, Mdm Nooraihan Mohamad Ali, Ms Ruhaida Hashim, Ms Tracy Leong, Mrs Jennifer Tan, Mrs Dinah Chia, Ms Pearlyn Seow, Ms Khalisah Kamisan and Mr Yang Binglin.

15th Singapore and Malaysia Bilingual Olympiad (SMBO)

17. On 3 April, 10 P5 and P6 students took part in the above mentioned competition, organised by Nanyang Girls' High School in collaboration with Thumbs Up (SPH). This is a friendly international competition which aims to promote effective bilingualism in English and Chinese. We are happy to announce that Wang Siyuan (of P6 Care) achieved the Top 30 certificates. Well done, Siyuan!

Sports Excellence Scholarship

18. We are proud to announce that our ex-student, Charlene Lim Jiayi, is one of the 17 athletes who was awarded the Sports Excellence Scholarship by the Singapore Sports Institute. Charlene's passion in bowling started in Primary 4 when she represented SBPS's Tenpin Bowling Team in national competitions. Charlene is currently representing Team Singapore in international bowling competitions. We wish Charlene all the best as she represents Singapore in the 50th Singapore International Open in May.

Kindergarten Visits

19. Our school has hosted a number of kindergartens who have requested for school visits, to provide a meaningful transition for their K2 children to a primary school. This year a total of 7 kindergartens brought 231 children to visit our school. Our Primary One and Two students were buddies to the K2 children and they have gained much from the experience.

20. The highlight of the programme was the canteen break. Our students showed the K2 children how to queue up to buy food and also taught them proper dining etiquette skills. It was gratifying to note that in the short three and a half months, our Primary One students have assimilated well into our school routines and have grown in confidence.

Up-coming School Events...

Parent-Child-Teacher-Conference (PCTC) and Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC)

21. The PCTC/PTC will be held on Friday, 25 May. There will be no lessons on that day as all teachers will be involved in the meeting. More information will be given at a later date.

Open House

22. Our Open House 2018 will be held on 21 July (Saturday) from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. On that day, guests and participants will get to experience learning at Sembawang Primary School. They will be brought on guided tours around the school and gain insights into our school programmes through the exhibitions and performances by our aesthetics CCA groups.

23. We will furnish you with more details, nearer the date.

Concluding remarks...

*“Sometimes life doesn’t go the way you planned...
That doesn’t mean you give up,
it means you have to push harder for what you want...!”
Author Unknown*

24. We need to be proactive and to take responsibility for our lives. We can plan ahead and if we meet with difficulties along the way, we can look for solutions to overcome the difficulties and push on. This term, we are focusing on Habit 1 – *Be proactive*. Let’s hum the same tune by showing our children how they can be proactive. For example, the semestral examination is just round the corner for the P3 to P6 students. We can show our children how to plan a study schedule and to spend their time wisely to revise their work. If anything is worth doing, it is always worth doing it well.

25. Thank you parents for guiding your children and for being their pillar of strength. Have a good term 2 break and do enjoy the bonding with your children.

Warmest regards

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