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School Motto: Realising the Star Within

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

UPDATE OF SCHOOL MATTERS FOR TERM 2, 2017

Movement of Vice-Principals

Mr Cecil Ang has been posted to St Andrew's Junior College with effect from 15 Dec 2016 and Mr Sukhdev Singh, former VP of Outram Secondary School, has joined the school with effect from the same date. Mr Wong Jia Wang has left the school on 17 March 2017 for the 6-month Leaders in Education Programme.

Major School Events/Programmes in Term 2

29 Mar (Wed)	Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony
5 Apr (Wed), 3.30-6.30pm	Physical Fitness 2.4km test for Sec 2, 4 & 5 students (No CCA on this day)
7 Apr (Fri), 3.30-6.30pm	Physical Fitness 2.4km trial for Sec 1 & 3 students (No CCA on this day)
7 Apr (Fri)	Commemoration of International Friendship Day
21 Apr (Fri), 3.30-8.30pm	School Anniversary & Awards Day
2 May (Tue) – 16 May (Tue)	Mid-Year Exams
17 May (Wed)	Marking Day (students need not report to school)
18 May (Thu) – 26 May (Fri)	MT Intensive Revision for Sec 4E5N
26 May (Fri)	Last day of school for Term 2, Breakfast with Form Teachers, SG Kindness Day
27 May (Sat)	Meet-the-Parents sessions for Sec 1-3, 4NA/NT
29 May (Mon)	GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Written Exam
30 May (Tue)	GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Syllabus B Written Exam
30 May (Tue)	Meet-the-Form-Teacher session for Sec 4E5N
31 May (Wed) – 6 Jun (Tue)	Sec 4/5 Intensive Remedial Lessons
27 Jun (Tue)	First day of school for Term 3

**Please visit our school website for the full year school calendar*

Parent Engagement

- **Chinese New Year (CNY) celebration-** As usual, our Parent Support Group (PSG) co-hosted our elderly guests for the celebration and prepared generous gift hampers for them, adding to the festive joy.
- **Welcome Brunch for Sec 1 parents** - Our PSG organised the annual Welcome Brunch and *lohei* for Sec 1 parents on 18 February which was well-attended by parents of Sec 1 students. The session proved to be an excellent opportunity for parents to network with one another, exchange parenting notes and to better understand the meaningful roles of PSG and how they can get involved with the school and their children's education.
- **Educational & Career Guidance (ECG) Parents' Forum** – This is the 2nd year the school successfully organised the forum for Sec 4 & 5 parents. The forum was held on 9 March, in conjunction with our 'Ready for the World' programme for graduating students. Parents felt empowered to guide their children in making educational and career decisions after picking up useful tips from Mdm Wang, our ECG counsellor. The event ended on a high note after a spontaneous Q&A session with panellists from various post-secondary educational institutions.

Upcoming events in Term 2:

- **Sec 1 Green Compass Programme** (Wed, 24 May morning): You may volunteer to be chaperons for Sec One students when they collect recyclables around the Sengkang community and raise the community's awareness on waste management.
- **Sec 1 to 3 & 4NA/NT Meet-the-Parents session** (Sat 27 May): Apart from meeting the Form/Co-Form Teachers of your child, you are strongly encouraged to attend the talks specially organised for parents.
- **Parent-child bonding activity organised by PSG** (Sat, 3 June) – Since values are often caught, not just taught, there is no better way to inculcate the values of Empathy and Graciousness than to participate in some charity activities with your child. More details will be disseminated to students/parents in due course.

Contacting Teachers

Teachers can be contacted during school operating hours on week days (ie. Between 7.30am and 6.00pm) but are not expected to respond to parents' and students' queries during the weekends and school or public holidays. In addition, we seek your understanding that teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day if they were not contactable or unable to access their email promptly during the day or if the queries and / or requests were made beyond the stipulated hours. If the queries and / or requests made during working hours were urgent, parents should contact the school's General Office for assistance.

School Achievements announced or achieved in Term 1/2017

- Red Cross Youth – Gold Excellent Unit Award for 12th consecutive year (2016 Year of Assessment)
- NCC – Gold Best Unit Award (2016 Year of Assessment)
- Girl Guides – Silver Puan Noor Aisha Award (2016 Year of Assessment)
- NPCC – Sejal Mathur and Hazel Yeo Han Rae, both from 4E5, were awarded the prestigious 2017 SPF-NPCC Badge, the pinnacle badge for outstanding NPCC cadets with good leadership qualities.
- Aeronautics Club – Precision Award & first Runner-up for Theory of Flight Award in 2017 Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition organised by DSO National Laboratories and Singapore Science Centre
- Robotics Club - First placing & Merit in Line Tracing category and 2nd Runner-up in Obstacle Challenge category in 2017 ITE Robotics Challenge organised by ITE College Central
- Malay Language Scrabble Team - Team & individual champions for both lower and upper secondary categories at N3 Cluster ML Scrabble Competition (Nadhirah Bte Tawfiq, 2E1 and Fatin Humaira Bte Mohd Ashik, 3E2); 4th place in North Zone Challenge, qualifying for national rounds of the Hawazi Daipi Challenge
- Infocomm (Videography) Club – Team 2nd at Berita Harian National Journalism Camp

Highlights of School Events/Programmes during 2016 Year-end School holidays and in Term 1/2017

- **China school exchange and cultural immersion trip** – 38 students and 5 teachers visited Suzhou Industrial Park Xinggang School (our China twinning school) in Nov 2016 where the students attended lessons with their China buddies, including a special music lesson in traditional Suzhou songs and musical instruments, and geography lesson in places of attraction in Suzhou. They also visited numerous places of historical and cultural significance in Hangzhou, Suzhou, Nanjing, Wuxi and Shanghai.
- **Chinese New Year Celebration** – The school celebrated CNY with an inter-class rooster mascot-making competition for lower secondary students and a talent show for vocal talents, in addition to the usual concert by our performing arts CCA and alumni members. The school also invited 5 residents from Bright Hill Evergreen Home for the Elderly and about 20 elderly residents from Compassvale Lodge to join us on the festival occasion.
- **Mother Tongue Fortnight** – Our MT department collaborated with MOE and the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning to organise a special assembly programme on 13 Feb where Nathan Hartono appeared as the ambassador for the “Falling in Love with Chinese” campaign. It is hoped that our students will be inspired to learn the Mother Tongue languages well and experience the joy of mastering it.
- **Sudoku Challenge** – Our Math dept organised this annual competition for all Sec 1-3 students as part of our ‘Fun Math Programme’. Lim Wei Zhe Bryan, 3E1 completed 2 puzzles in the final round with the best time of 12 mins.
- **STAR Programme** – All our students had an eventful week in the last 3 days of Term 1. Sec 1 students went through Social-Emotional Competency Inventory Profiling Review, Social Skills Training, The Leadership Challenge Model workshop and personal effectiveness workshop. Sec 2 students went on a science outdoor learning to Sengkang Floating Wetland, National Education Learning Journey to Bukit Chandu, and environmental education under our Green Compass Programme. Sec 3 students went for a 3D2N outdoor education camp at Boys/Girls Brigade Sembawang Campsite. Sec 4&5 students went through the “Ready for the World” Programme which includes self-discovery, personal effectiveness/self-esteem and personal branding workshops, educational and career guidance seminar, and experiential learning of decision-making skills through a ‘modern ninja warrior’.
- **APSN Flag Day** – All our Sec 4/5 students supported the APSN (Association of Persons with Special Needs) Flag Day on 15 Mar. Our school contributed the largest number of participants and raised a total of more than \$7,000. APSN (Centre for Adult) at Chai Chee CC is one of our partners for our Learning for Life Programme.
- **‘Make the Future’ Festival** – All our Sec 2 Exp and NA students visited the inaugural festival organised by Shell at Changi Exhibition Centre on 17 Mar. It was a huge four day event full of bright energy ideas and innovations that bring the learning of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) to life.

**Please visit our school website for more details of the highlights of our school achievements and programmes*

Thank you.

Mr Chia Chor Yann, Principal