



19 Sep 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Changes in School Calendar for Term 4**

- **End-of-Year Examinations** – Dates for the year-end exams have been adjusted to maximise curriculum time. EYE will commence on Tues, 1 Oct for Sec 3 students and on Thurs, 3 Oct for Lower Sec students (normal lessons on 1 and 2 Oct). All students do not have to report to school on Mon 14 Oct (Results Management Day) and Mon 21 Oct (Promotion Day).

### **Changes in School Policies/Practices wef Term 3**

- **School Library** – The school library has revised its opening hours to 8am-5pm with a 30-min lunch break for the librarian at 11.30am (Mon-Thu) and 12.30noon (Fri). Students are encouraged to visit the library for reference or use the library carousels for quiet self-study/revision or the enclosed discussion room in the library for group study/discussion. The MRL Club launched its inaugural “Stories We Tell” on 30 Aug with about 18 Sec 1-3 members staging group or solo items in the library after school. It was well attended by about 30 appreciative students/teachers and contributed to the EL dept’s Literary Appreciation Programme.

### **Highlights of School/Departmental Programmes/Events in Term 3**

- **Gear-Up Programme (Guiding & Empowering Students for Affiliation & Resilience to Unlock their Potential)** – The school has embarked on this school-based integrated support programme which is a new initiative by MOE to enhance students’ learning motivation, strengthen their school connectedness and build their resilience. This includes providing a safe and supportive environment, building positive relationships through significant adults and positive peer groups and providing opportunities to grow and contribute through service and learning. To this end, the school has engaged integrated service providers to organise programmes for 2 groups of students. Activities include learning journey to Lifelong Learning Centre, sports activities, overnight camp during the Sep holidays to learn about leadership and anger management skills etc. The school has also set up an After School Centre for selected students in the Gear-Up Prog to enable them to have meaningful leisure activities after school.
- **CVSS Alumni Annual Homecoming Day 2019 – Rejoice! (6 Jul)** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Alumni Homecoming Day planned by the Alumni EXCO with the theme “Rejoice!” saw alumni across 18 batches gathering together to reminisce their school days as they participated in various activities such as Captain’s Ball friendly matches, frisbee competition and singing competition.
- **Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day (19 Jul)** – The school commemorated RH Day based on the theme “The Singapore Connection”. The highlight was a Racial Harmony Carnival organized by CCE Department teachers, international students and PSG members. The carnival included henna painting, kalom drawing, ketupat-making, learning of some basic words of the Kristang Language, Chinese tea appreciation, playing of traditional games such as Chaptah, and tasting of ethnic food such as traditional biscuits, kacang puteh and Malay kueh. Other activities include an assembly programme featuring multi-racial song and dance performances, parade by teachers wearing various types of sarees etc. Teachers also shared during morning assembly on Singapore’s hawker culture and the impact of social media on racial harmony. Through the Structured Reading Programme, Lower Sec students learnt about youths as social influencers in Singapore while the Upper Sec students appreciated the importance of nurturing common spaces to embrace diversity. Our MRL Club also promoted racial harmony values at Sengkang Community Library through traditional games and colouring sessions organised for the community.

- **Annual Hosting of Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) Xinggang School (19 Jul)** - Our school hosted 38 students and 4 teachers from Xinggang School this year. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Singapore-China SIP and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twinning programmes between Singapore and Suzhou schools. As we have hosted Xinggang School since 2006, a crew from Suzhou TV station came along to record video clips of our hosting activities for their TV production. The Xinggang students attended special D&T and art lessons and joined in our Racial Harmony Day. The hosting ended with a farewell lunch and a visit to the ArtScience Museum for all the students/teachers from Xinggang and our Sec 3 student buddies.
- **Annual Race @ Punggol Waterway Park (26 Jul)** – All students completed a distance of 3km around the park and the competitive runners competed as a class as well as individually. The champion classes for each level were 1E2, 2E5, 3E1, 4E2 for boys and 1E2, 2E3, 3E3, 4E1 for girls. The best timing was 12m 12s for boys and 14m 47s for girls. Non-competitive runners were encouraged to cheer for their classmates while many teachers and some parents also took part in the run.
- **National Day Celebrations (8 Aug)** – The school celebrated ND this year with the theme “Our Singapore”. Various reps from all the UGs formed the marching contingent in the morning National Day Observance Ceremony. The band, dance and choir CCA presented a narrative about Singapore’s present and hopes and aspirations for the future through their performances in the assembly prog, which also included a video clip produced by Videography Club and mass singing of community songs. Other activities included CCE lessons on threat of terrorism and how youths should shape their vision of Singapore in the future, morning values sharing on our school value of ‘Gratitude’, and Structured Reading on the Singapore Bicentennial and ‘The Singapore Day’ celebrated by overseas Singaporeans.
- **Annual Hosting of Changshu Foreign Language Middle School (7-8 Aug)** - Our school hosted 28 students and 3 teachers from Changshu this year. On day 1, the students attended special Art and NFS lessons with hands-on learning activities. On day 2, the students joined in our national day celebrations and sportingly dressed in red as well. A farewell party was organised by our student buddies which included talent shows and quiz on Singapore and China. They were treated to a farewell lunch followed by a visit to the ArtScience Museum together with our Sec 2 student buddies after school.
- **Aviation Community Reception / Aviation Open House (15 Aug)** – Our school was invited to this event organised by CAAS (Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore) in recognition of our participation in the “Aviation in Schools” initiative. 10 students from the Aeronautics club attended the event and learnt much from the many exhibition booths put up by various aviation organisations/companies such as Changi Airport Group and Volocopter.
- **National Registration Identity Card Presentation Ceremony (29 Aug)** - The ceremony for all Sec 3 students to receive their NRIC began with an introduction on what it meant to be a citizen of Singapore, reinforcing the need for active citizenry. This was followed by video clips and sharings on what it meant to be ‘stateless’ as well as interesting facts about the Singapore NRIC and how to handle it with care. It was a symbolic moment when selected students from each class received their NRICs from their respective form teachers. 4 student representatives then led the cohort to recite the National Pledge in our 4 official languages. The ceremony concluded with a reflection on their roles and responsibilities of being a citizen.
- **Hosting of Teacher Development Coordinators from New Delhi, India (29 Aug)** – Our school hosted a group of 30 TDCs and shared with them our Singapore education landscape, career tracks and staff development progs for teachers and our student progs. The visitors had a tour of our school premises and facilities and popped into our classrooms and interacted with our students. They were in Singapore to attend a workshop on “Enhancing Teaching & Learning Effectiveness of Teachers and Students” organised by NIE in collaboration with the State Council of Education Research & Training, Government of New Delhi”.
- **Teachers Day Celebrations (5 Sep)** – The school celebrated Teachers Day “super heroes” style with the theme of “JusTeach League”. Teachers of course do more than just teaching as we also strive to develop all students holistically and care for their well-being. The programme for the day included carnival games, appreciation for teachers from students as well as our Parent Support Group, talent show by students etc. One notable addition this year was that our

Community Youth Leaders Club members went round the school the day before to give out hand-made well wishes cards to our non-teaching staff as the staff went about their work. The day ended with a high tea for all staff as usual with the strong support of all SAC members.

### **Highlights of School/Student/Staff Achievements in Term 3**

- **Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad** organised by Singapore National Institute of Chemistry - Bronze Award (Lee Jia Qian Valerie), Participation (Gabrielle Ho Shan Yu, Kate Lee Yan Kay, Quek Jie Ming)
- **Shell STEM Challenge** organised by Science Centre – 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners Up [All expenses-paid study trip worth \$12,750] (Eldon Chng, Eugene Koh Wen Siang, Brian Davidson Fok Zhendao, Shannen Lim, all from 3E3), Top 10 team (Jolie Tan, Yeo Sze Yun Gwyneth, Lim Kun Yan Markus, Lang Wen Bo, all from 3E3)
- **East Zone A\*Star Science Fair** organised by Victoria Junior College – Open Category Silver Award (Eldon Chng, Eugene Koh, Brian Davidson Fok, Shannen Lim, all from 3E3)
- **18<sup>th</sup> Elementz Science Research Competition** organised by Anderson Sec – Gold Award (Venice Gunawan, Ling Yi Jun, Marianne Poh, Neo Kai Qi, all from 2E4)
- **Singapore Mathematical Olympiad Junior Competition** organised by NUS – Silver Award (Ng Jun Xuan Javier 2E1), Bronze Award (Moh Kee Yong Kevan 2E4), Honourable Mention (Ling Yi Jun 2E4, Rayson Tan Jun Jie 2E3, Tong Kar Yue Abigail 2E5), total of 21 participants from our school
- **Chinese Creative Writing with Photography Competition** organised by Hokkien Huay Kuan and Lianhe Zaobao – Upper Sec category 2<sup>nd</sup> (Ho Jian Wei Raven 3E3) and 3<sup>rd</sup> & Consolation (Edward Ang Wei Siu 4E3)
- **National Chinese Text Recital Competition** organised by Committee for Promotion of Chinese Language Learning (CPCLL) and supported by Anderson Primary and Singapore Chinese Teachers Literary Recital Society – Bronze Award for Lower Sec category (Pham Yi Xin, Chezanne 1E1, Song Yu 1E3 and Shen Xinyi 1E5)
- **National Stamp Collecting Competition** organised by Singapore Philatelic Museum – Gold with Special Prize (Nur Azimah Bte Mohd Idrus, Nur Adlina Bte Adam, Tee Hong Xun, Teo Wen Xuan Nicole, all from 3E4), Silver Award (Syed Aliza Nadir, Yeow Xin Hui Angeline, Lee Jian Yu, Lim Zhi Qi Shaneese, all from 2E5)
- **Capital Group Talent Award** – Quek Qi Kang Andy (4E3, Badminton) and Tan Si Xuan (2E3, Basketball) [The cash award of \$500 each year is given to students who excel in their CCA and have good school attendance and conduct, to help them meet their CCA expenses and pursue their talent. Only 30 students nominated by schools are selected to receive this award this year.
- **Boys Brigade Band** – Our BB unit now have its own band of bagpipers and drummers who are fully trained and certified after having passed the stringent BBHQ band assessment. They will spearhead the formation of a BB band in the unit which will then be one of the few BB units to have an in-house BB band in years to come.
- **National Day Awards 2019** – Mdm Mabel Chia, HOD/CCE (Commendation Medal), Mr Leong Hon Fai, HOD/PE&CCA (Long Service Medal)
- **Home Team Corps Long Service Award** – Ms Leow Deng Li and Mr Nur Azam, both teachers i/c of NPCC holding the rank of ASP(NPCC) will be receiving 15 year Long Service Awards at the HTC Promotion and Awards Ceremony on 26 Sep in recognition of their outstanding service and dedication to the Corps.
- **17<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Korea International Camp** – Mdm Jenny Shea, our Teacher i/c of Girl Guides, was selected to co-lead the Singapore contingent for the camp in August, involving thousands of participants from all over the world. Mdm Shea also serves as a member of Guides Branch Committee in Girl Guides Singapore.

### **Ex-students**

- **Leow Zhen Xiang (2015 4G)** – Temasek Poly Diploma in Aviation Management & Services (with Merit), Changi Airport Group Course Gold Medal, Director's List Award, Vice President of IES Student Chapter, Physics Olympiad 2017 Bronze Award

- **Lo Ho Yin (2015 4H)** – Temasek Poly Diploma in Computer Engineering (with Merit), Microchip Technology Singapore Course Gold Medal, Director’s List Award, Vice President of Engineering Makers Club, Electronic Design Competition 2017 Silver Award, Hackathon @ ENG Bronze Award

### **Parent Engagement**

- **Parenting Workshop (25 Apr):** The PSG EXCO organised a parenting workshop on the topic “My Teen’s Friends – Peer Relationship & Influence” conducted by Family365. 25 parents attended it and learnt much on the topic.
- **Racial Harmony Day (19 Jul):** The PSG ran a variety of booths teaching our students how to play local traditional games of five stones, Chaptak and Pallanguzhi. Students enjoyed the games and appreciated the different cultures in Singapore.
- **Teacher’s Day celebration (5 Sep):** The PSG produced a video to pay tribute to teachers and gifted a cactus to all teachers. The school appreciate the presence of Mr Christopher Lian, PSG Chairperson and members for their presence and support.
- **International Coastal Clean-up (21 Sept Sat, 8am, Changi Beach Carpark 6):** The school will partner NUS Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum for our participation in this event and welcome the participation of parents of students involved as well as all PSG members. Interested parents may contact Ms Tay Siew Woon at ext 227 or Ms Audrey Leong at 347 or the PSG EXCO.
- **PSG Year-End Retreat cum Appreciation Lunch for parents (16 Nov, Sat):** This is for all parents who have volunteered their services or contributions to the school in one way or another in 2019. More details will be given later nearer the date.

Thank you.

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