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School Motto: *Realising the Star Within*

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Dear Parents/Guardians

### **UPDATES ON SCHOOL MATTERS FOR TERM 2/3 2022**

#### **Morning Flag-raising Assembly and Revised School Arrival & Dismissal time wef Term 3**

MOE has allowed schools to resume physical mass assembly. Hence with effect from Term 3, we will resume morning assembly for **all levels**. Flag-raising will start at **7.30am** sharp and all students are expected to be in school and assemble at the courtyard by **7.25am**. As it is a mass assembly, students are encouraged to keep their masks on although it is optional outdoors. Students who arrive after 7.30am will be considered late for school. Please help ensure that your child arrive in school on time. Habitual latecomers will face disciplinary actions as usual. All classes will be dismissed at 3.00pm on normal school days except those which may end earlier or later on certain days.

#### **Termly Temperature Taking Exercise (Fri 1 Jul)**

With effect from Term 2, daily temperature taking for all students has been reduced to once a term. We have arranged for the termly temperature-taking to be on the first Friday of each term (Fri 1 July for Term 3). Please help remind your child to bring his thermometer on the day.

#### **Changes in Pastoral Care Staff**

- **Mdm Gladelind Koo** is our Senior Special Educational Needs (SEN) Officer (used to be known as Allied Educator (Learning & Behaviour Support) who has joined the school since the start of the year. Mdm Koo's main role is in supporting SEN students (including physically impaired students) and strengthening an inclusive culture supportive of diverse learners in our school.
- **Ms Agnes Wong** is our School Counsellor who has joined the school since the start of Term 2. Ms Agnes (as she would like to be known as to the students) provides professional counselling to students with any issues and supports the Student Development Team in students' mental health and social-emotional development.
- **Ms Adeline Teo** is our Educational & Career Guidance (ECG) counsellor who has been attached to our school on Mondays and Wednesdays since February this year. Ms Teo helps students discover their values, interests, personality and skills, while keeping an open mind and staying adaptable and resilient as they work towards their ECG goals. She provides additional ECG resources and conducts individual/group counselling for students in exploring ECG options and navigating the complexities of today's fast-changing education and job landscape. We would like to encourage all our students to seek help and guidance whenever necessary. Reaching out to others to ask for help is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of self-awareness, courage and strength.

#### **Removal of Mid-Year Exams (MYEs) for all Primary and Secondary levels by 2023**

- In tandem with the above MOE's initiative, we will be removing Sec 2 and 4 MYE in 2023. The removal of MYE will free up time and space for teachers to use more varied and engaging pedagogies; promote student-initiated learning and enhance development of 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies. We should reduce any excessive focus on testing and academic results and place greater emphasis on learning and nurturing in students a stronger intrinsic motivation to learn rather than extrinsic motivation to study for exams.
- Termly Weighted Assessments (WAs) will continue and the weightings for WAs and end-of-year examinations will be adjusted, without any disproportionate weighting. Teachers will continue to monitor and gauge your child's learning and progress through regular classwork and in-class formative assessment etc, provide your child with feedback to improve learning and guide your child to act on feedback given.
- Parents can refer to the MOE resources that provide practical tips and advice on supporting your child's learning: Guidelines for School-Home-Partnership: <https://go.gov.sg/guidelines-school-home-partnership>  
Resources for Parents on Social and Emotional Learning: <https://go.gov.sg/sel-resources-for-parents>  
Parent Kit issues: <https://go.gov.sg/parent-kit-moe>  
Parents Gateway – Parenting Resources Portal: <https://go.gov.sg/parents-gateway>

#### **MOE Engineering and Tech Programme Scholarship (ETPS) for Pre-University Students from 2023**

To strengthen STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and encourage greater participation in STEM-related higher education and careers, MOE has introduced a new Engineering and Tech Programme Scholarship (ETPS) for pre-university students from 2023. The ETPS seeks to ensure a robust STEM talent pipeline and is targeted at students with strong foundations in Mathematics and Science, and those who exhibit inclination towards applied and interdisciplinary learning. 200 students will be selected for the scholarship each year, and applications for the scholarship will open in early-2023 to Year One pre-university students. We encourage our students who aspire to pursue a career in the STEM industry to aim for the scholarship.

## **MoneySense Programmes for Parents of Secondary School Students**

MoneySense is a national inter-agency initiative to educate and equip the consumers with essential financial literacy. There is a series of programmes organised during the June school holidays to support parents in engaging their children in inculcating good financial habits at home. These include a complimentary online talk for parents of secondary school students organised by the Institute for Financial Literacy on Sat 4 June, 10-11am. For more information, please call 69507538 or email to [ifl@spi.edu.sg](mailto:ifl@spi.edu.sg). The Zoom link will be sent upon signing up for the talk.

## **International Friendship Day (8 Apr)**

Our school commemorated International Friendship Day in the week of 8 Apr with a range of activities which include Principal's engagement of students on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, CCE lesson/video/static display on IFD messages, Batik-painting and E-escape room games. The theme for IF Day for 2022-2024 is "Singapore in Asia". Asia is the world's fastest-growing region, and Singapore continues to facilitate closer economic, political, social, and cultural cooperation within ASEAN and in Asia. Our youth can play an active role in fostering people-to-people ties, and thus celebrate the region's diversity and vibrancy and promote the spirit of friendship and collaboration. In addition, students can deepen their understanding of Singapore's realities as a small state and appreciate how we can safeguard our national interest and have much to contribute to efforts at international cooperation.

## **SBS Transit Kindness Month (9-31 May 2022)**

Our school was invited to join SBS Transit in spreading kindness and showing appreciation to the Bus Captains and Station Staff. It resonates well with our school values of Graciousness and Gratitude. 1E1, 1E2, 3E2 and 3E3 have created 4 lovely class appreciation boards which we will handover to SBS Transit to bring good cheer to their staff.

## **School/Staff/Student Achievements**

- **MOE Photo Story on CVSS Environment Education** - Our green efforts have been featured on MOE's social media platforms. This is a recognition of our good efforts in educating our students on environment conservation and sustainability, as well as our contributions in caring for the environment. The photo story is posted on:  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/moesingapore/posts/341881864641639>  
Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/p/CcC9g9\\_JXE1/](https://www.instagram.com/p/CcC9g9_JXE1/)
- **Mdm Rebecca Ng** served as a member of the MOE Lower Sec Instructional Materials Working Committee for Chinese Language B/Basic Chinese from 2020-2022 and was invited to continue as a member of the Upper Sec committee from 2022-2023.
- **Mdm Caroline Hew, HOD/Science**, was awarded MOE Postgraduate Scholarship for 2022-2023. She will be pursuing a Master of Education degree in Learning, Design, Innovation & Technology at Harvard University, USA. Mr Emmanuel Chng will be the covering HOD/Science from Semester 2 onwards.
- **Mr Emmanuel Chng, LH/Lower Sec Science** is featured in the MOE publication of "STEM Career Guide 2022" to promote the teaching profession to STEM undergraduates. It is a good recognition of his dedication to the teaching service.
- **Empowering STEM Education Professionals Programme** - 6 of our teachers (Mrs Preeti Kulkarni, Mdm Caroline Hew, Ms Tay Siew Woon, Mr Patrick Chong, Mdm Mohanajothi, Mrs Sarah Chia) were the top 4 teams in the inaugural Empowering STEM Education Professionals Prog 2020/2021 organized by NIE. The prizes include a study trip to Bangkok which could finally be arranged this year from 28-30 May. During the study trip, they will attend a 2-day workshop on design thinking and STEM questioning, and also present their work to teachers from 10 Thai schools which are centres of excellence for STEM education.
- **Singapore Polytechnic Young Engineer Awards (Achievement)** – Anne Kirsten Trinidad Diano 4E2, Renie Chiang 4E2, Kristee Tan 4E3, Amber Lee 4E5, Chin Li On 4E5, Tan Dao Jun 4E5, Tan Kwan Wei 4E5, Caleb Ong 3N2, Koh Tze Wang 4E5/2021 and Keane Tan 4E3/2021 have received these awards. They have either done well in the 2021 Advanced Elective Module in Fundamentals of Robot Programming or in past Aeronautics Club competitions. Those who are sitting for "O" level this year will also receive conditional offer for Early Admission Exercise application in SP Electrical & Electronics Engineering courses.
- **Singapore Math Kangaroo Contest** – Mathematical Kangaroo is an international Math competition with more than 70 participating countries. The key competence tested is logical combination and not just pure knowledge of formulas. A total of 56 Sec 2 students took part in the Grade 8 contest (equivalent to Sec 2 Math) and have done our school proud. 3 students won Silver Awards (Jayden Ter 2E3, Novelonio Nixie 2E3 and Chew Kai Cheong 2E4, with country ranks of 47th, 47th and 51st respectively and global ranks of 12th, 12th and 16th among the silver awardees respectively), 12 students won Bronze Awards (Rachmadi Cheryl 2E1, Elton Tan 2E2, Koo Jia Le 2E1, Shayndel Lee 2E4, Kylie Wong 2E4, Ng En Ling 2E4, Kyan Kok 2E4, Rhea Rigzin 2E4, Eunise Tan 2E2, Haldar Priyesh 2E1, Ching Ethan 2E2 and Wee Cadence 2E4) and 11 students won Honorable Mention (Mao Xingkai 2E2, Singamsetty 2E2, Toh Seraphina 2E3, Lee Wei Han 2E1, Cheryl Xie 2E2, Lim Mei Xuan 2E3, Muhd Ashraq 2E3, Jeyden Tan 2E4, Li Weixiao 2E4, Yeo Xuan Qing 2E2 and Janeil Ouyang 2E3)
- **12<sup>th</sup> Design for Change Singapore Challenge 2021** – This annual challenge aims to empower students to play an active role in sharing the world towards a more desirable and sustainable future. The VIA champions and core team members of 4E1, 4E5 and 4N2 took part in the challenge last year among 68 teams across Singapore and documented their Sec 3 service-learning projects as vlogs. 4E1 team was invited to present their project in the "Be The Change Celebration" in Nov 2021 and won a Commendation Award as the top 3 in the 14-18+ age category. The team members were Dayan Sim, Shen Xinyi, Johnathon Woo and Mabel Tan.
- **Girl Guides Puan Noor Aishah Award** – Gold Award
- **SPF-NPCC Badge** – Dervin Goh Guan Le 4N3 and Tan Lin Xuan Celincia 4E4. The SPF-NPCC Badge is the pinnacle award that recognises the outstanding achievements and leadership capabilities of the cadets
- **Boys Brigade Founders Award** – Oh Shi Yang 4E5 and Yeo Keng En 4E5. The BB Founders Awards is the highest accolade for BB boys in secondary schools.
- **National School Games Opening Ceremony** – As our school is the national softball convenor, Chia Sze Wu Edwin 3E3 was given the privilege to represent softball for the athlete oath taking at the NSG opening ceremony held on 7 Apr this year.

*More details of some of the above programmes/achievements may be found on our school website under "highlights".*

**Thank you.**

**Chia Chor Yann, Principal**