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School Motto: *Realising the Star Within*

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Dear Parents/Guardians

UPDATES ON SCHOOL MATTERS FOR TERM 3/4 2022

Highlights of School Programmes/Events in Term 3

- **Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day (21 Jul)** - Our school commemorated RH Day in the week of 18-22 July with the theme "Singapore Our Cultural Mosaic". All students went through a CCE lesson and structured reading on racism. Sec 2 students took part in a Racial Harmony Carnival (organised for a different level each year) while the other levels attended a talk on racial issues by a guest speaker from the SAF Veteran's League, and took part in a Racial Harmony Challenge consisting of quizzes and a sarong tying competition. The key messages were also reinforced through a static display on ethnic food and clothes.
- **National Service Singapore Engagement Session (26 Jul)** - An engagement session was organised for all Sec 4/5 students to help them appreciate the importance of NS and prepare male students for National Service. Two of our former students were invited to share their NS experiences.
- **National Day Celebrations (8 Aug)** - Our school celebrated National Day with the theme "Stronger Together, Majulah!", which included an Observance Ceremony, CCE lesson on National Day and a demonstration of fire-extinguishing skills by SCDF officers in conjunction with our evacuation drill held on the same day. Our flag bearer party made up of members from all our 5 uniformed groups (NCC Air, NPCC, Red Cross, Boys Brigade and Girl Guides) also helped out at Compassvale Primary School ND Observance Ceremony the same morning. Student volunteers from Boys' Brigade, Softball, Dance and Community Youth Leaders' Club helped to conduct activities at the 'PAYM Loves Red Carnival' on 7 Aug. Our NCC cadets also performed their Freestyle Drill at the Sengkang GRC ND Observance Ceremony at Sengkang CC on 9 Aug.
- **National Registration Identity Card Presentation Ceremony (18 Aug)** - The ceremony for all Sec 3 students included a reflection on what it meant to be a Singapore Citizen, interesting facts about the NRIC and how to handle it with care, presentation of certificates by Form teachers to student reps to symbolise their attainment of citizenship, and a video clip of 4 teachers leading the students to recite the National Pledge in the 4 official languages.
- **SchoolARTS@SKH (19 Aug)** - This year-long initiative is a concerted effort across various North Zone schools to bring about positivity amongst patients at the SingHealth Community Hospitals. 83 of our students from Choir, Dance, Drama, NCC(Air) and PA/AVA/Videography CCA put up a lunch time concert at Sengkang Community Hospital for the patients and staff. Visitors and members of the public present also enjoyed the performances.
- **Read for Books (23 Aug)** - All students except 4E5N participated in this annual charity book drive organised by the National Library Board through their weekly morning structured reading programme. The activity is part of the National Reading Movement and aims to raise awareness and share the gift of reading with the less privileged. For every 10 people who read for 15 mins, one book will be donated to selected beneficiaries. This year's beneficiaries included WondeRead that provides free reading material to underprivileged children, and Migrant Worker Library for migrant workers in Singapore at no cost. Our students' participation will enable the donation of 104 books to these beneficiaries. Our school has been taking part annually in "Read for Books" since 2018. We hope this will encourage a culture of reading amongst our students while facilitating their meaningful contribution to the wider community.

STAR 3 Programme (End of Term 4)

We have planned the following activities for each level at the end of Term 4:

- **Sec 1** - ALP Makers' Day where students will get to extend their learning from their ALP lessons and tinker with different materials to construct a flying object; Code for Fun Enrichment Programme involving hands-on experience in applying computational thinking and STEM concepts to create prototypes to solve real world problems.
- **Sec 2** - Cyber-Wellness Quest to learn tips in navigating the cyberspace; Project Work learning journey to the Science Centre, followed by a PW Learning Festival (Students may have a chance to interact with visiting STEM teachers and education officials from Thailand); Sports Enrichment Programme with their chosen electives (Archery in school, Inline Skating at the Sports Hub and golf at Orchid Country Club)
- **Sec 3** - Personal Educational & Career planning and SMART goal setting in preparation for their national examinations next year; Dialogue sessions with the Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Counsellor and members of our School Advisory Committee to help them gain awareness of the multiple post-secondary pathways and careers available; Inter-class Tchoukball competition.

Adjustment of School Canteen Food Prices (with effect from Term 4)

Our school has always tried to keep school canteen food prices affordable over the years while ensuring quality and healthy food. MOE has recently reviewed the pricing in schools and recommended a more sustainable price range in secondary school canteen of between \$2.50 and \$3.20 per medium-portion meal to cover increasing cost with effect from Term 3. We have therefore allowed our canteen stallholders to raise their prices to the new recommended price range and its equivalent where necessary with effect from Term 4. Thank you for your kind understanding

Code in the Community (CITC) Programme (1 Oct – 20 Nov)

The programme offers free coding classes to disadvantaged students. It is supported by Google and Infocomm Media Development Agency (IMDA) and managed by Saturday Kids. Parents of students who meet the selection criteria are encouraged to sign their children up for the upcoming run at <http://www.codeinthecommunity.com/registration>. Registration for the limited places is on first-come-first-served basis. Parents may visit <http://www.codeinthecommunity.com> for more information about CITC or email petra@saturdaykids.com for any course-specific queries.

School/Staff/Student Achievements

- **National Day Awards 2022** – Mrs Lee Sear Yeen, HOD/Humanities (Commendation Medal), Mdm Wan Fazithahariani Bte Wan Ahmad, ST/English (Long Service Medal), Mr Irmady Bin Khalid, School Lab Technician (Long Service Medal).
- **The LEAP Award 2022** – Ms Ritchell Choong, Assistant Year Head 1, received the award (Listening Educator for Advancement and Progress) given by Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan. The award recognises exceptional teachers who have made a positive impact in nurturing their students from the heart. The award received 183 nominations from 122 schools nationwide and Ms Choong is one of 13 recipients selected. She is our second award recipient after Ms Koh Bee Choo, Level Head/CL last year.
- **MOE Ethos and Code Outreach Committee** – Mdm Edwina Cheng, Year Head 2, was appointed as a member of the committee for a one-year term from 4 Mar 2022. The committee focuses on ensuring strategic alignment in the communication and cascading of the Ethos of the Teaching Profession and the Code of Professional Conduct for Educators to all educators. This is a great honour for our teachers. Ms Koh Bee Choo had served in the same committee for the previous term of 2021/2022.
- **Singapore Mathematical Olympiad 2022** – 32 students took part in this Olympiad organised by the Singapore Mathematical Society. Kristian Borislavov Belinski (2E4) achieved a Bronze medal and 3 students achieved Honourable Mention in the Junior Section (Rachmadi Cheryl Fernandez 2E1, Toh Seraphina 2E2, Pang Zi Shan 2E3) while 1 student achieved Honourable Mention in the Senior Section (Zoey Lee 4E2).
- **Singapore Junior Olympiads (Biology/Chemistry/Physics) 2022** – 13 students participated in these Olympiads organised by the respective National Institutes. 3 students achieved Honourable Mention for Physics (Goh Min Le 4E2, Hua Yanning 4E5, Yap Keng Weng 3E5) and 1 student achieved Certificate of Participation (Challenge) for Biology (Yeo Keng En 4E5)
- **Tik Tok Skit Competition on Malay Finesse** organised by Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC) – The Tik Tok video produced by Izz Hakimi 3E4, Izzah Elyana and Nurfirzanah 3E1 won the Top prize in the secondary category. Participants recorded a 2-minute skit to portray the application of Malay finesse when visiting homes. Our students' video was showcased during the Malay Finesse Fiesta on 16 Jul at National Library Board. Their achievement was also featured in Berita Harian on 25 Jul where they shared about their challenges in producing the skit and their views on technology and etiquettes.
- **N3 Cluster Malay Language Scrabble Competition** – Our students were champions in the Upper Sec category and 1st runner up in the Lower Sec category. The team comprises Izz Hakimi (3E4), Iffah Umairah (3E4), Alfiah Firzana (3N2), Nurfirzanah (3E1), Medina Azahara (2E3), Fatrisya Adriana (2E1), Siti Hajjar (2N3), Nazurah Sajidah (2E2) and Muhd Syazwan (2E1). Alfiah and Iffah also came in individual 1st and 2nd in the US category while Siti Hajjar came in individual 2nd in the LS category.
- **TP-CSA Youth Cyber Exploration Programme 2022** organised by Temasek Polytechnic and Cyber Security Agency – Chiam Jun Yu Zavic (4E5) has always been interested in cybersecurity and signed up for this programme on his own. His passion paid off and he won first place and a trophy in the Capture the Flag Challenge. Zavic's efforts epitomises the true spirit of student-initiated learning and we hope his achievements will inspire more students to pursue their passion and interests independently.
- **National School Games Floorball Championship 2022** – Our "C" Div Boys Floorball Team captained by Qusyairie Putra Syafique (2N2) has made school history by coming in National 3rd placing. All the players will receive Team Colours Awards given by Singapore Schools Sports Council as national Top 4 teams in the NSG. The success has engendered strong school spirit as many students and teachers watched the 3rd placing match live in school besides students and parents supporters at the venue. The school offers DSA through Floorball besides Softball.
- **National School Games Sportsmanship Award 2022** – Our Floorballers, Uthayaguru K Baylon (4N3) and Ng Chang Yi Xavier (4E4), received the award from SSSC for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship in the NSG.
- **Singapore Olympic Foundation-Peter Lim Scholarship 2022** – The scholarships worth \$1000 each aims to help young deserving sports talents from humble background to achieve their sporting goals. We have 4 awardees for the first time in our school history - Andrea Fernandez Rachmadi (1E4) and Rachmadi Cheryl Fernandez (2E1) for Rollersports, and Lucas Yong Cheng Xi (1N1) and Aqiel Zikry (1N2) for Wushu. We are heartened that they have pursued their sporting passion even though Rollersports and Wushu are not offered as a CCA in our school. Rachmadi and Andrea have also been selected into the 2022 Inline Freestyle National Squad by Singapore Rollersports Federation. Opportunities and support such as representing Singapore in the Chuncheon Leisure Sport Festival in South Korea (23-25 Sep) will be provided to them by the SRF to qualify for the Singapore National Olympic Council selection for the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games.
- **Boys Brigade** – Our BB unit despite being a small unit of around 50 members managed to collect \$8,700 in the annual BB Donative Drive (\$1,200 above target) and was awarded the Silver Honours Roll for the event. The unit has also done well in the annual BB Blaze (BB AdventureRe:Ignite) which comprised a range of physical challenges and outdoor activities, and was awarded the Gold Honours Roll.
- **Ngee Ann Polytechnic Graduation Day 2022** – 3 of our former students graduated from NP this year with outstanding performance – Claudia Heng (Diploma in Pharmaceutical Science with Merit and ARPA Prize), Tela Gian Francis Oandasan (Diploma in Film, Sound & Video with Merit) and Alphonsus James Foo (Diploma in Biomedical Science with Singlab Technologies Prize)
- **ITE Graduation 2022** – 2 of our former students received a course medal for their outstanding performance in their respective courses. They are Mohd Azulhilmi B Mohd Y (Nitec in Asian Culinary Arts, ITE College West) and Hoh Jonah (Higher Nitec in Electronics Engineering, ITE College East)

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

Thank you.



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