

1 August 2017

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Greetings to you!

July has been an exciting and eventful month for the school. We are proud to share our students' achievements with you! Please refer to Annex A for the achievements obtained at the various competitions and events.

We would greatly appreciate your continued support for the following events taking place this month:

1. **National Day Celebrations on Tuesday 8 August 2017**

The theme for our National Day this year is ***One Nation Together***. Singapore celebrates her emergence as an independent country amidst the community of nations. On Tuesday 8 August, the school will celebrate National Day **from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.** During this celebration, our students will also be participating in All Children Exercising Simultaneously (ACES) session. Students are encouraged to come dressed in red T-shirt, school PE shorts and black school shoes on this day. Please note that **Thursday 10 August 2017 is School Holiday**, in lieu of National Day which falls on Wednesday 9 August 2017.

2. **Student-Led Meet-The-Parents Session on Friday 11 August 2017**

All P1 to P5 students are required to do a portfolio presentation and sharing of their learning experiences to their parents during this Student-Led Meet-The-Parents session. Kindly bring your child/ward along for the session. Your child/ward is required to come in school uniform. *Home-Based Learning (HBL)* will be assigned to the P1 to P5 students while the P6 students will carry on with normal school hours on 11 August 2017.

We hope you will use this opportunity to get connected with us for the benefit of your child/ward.

Details of the session are as follows:

Date : Friday 11 August 2017 (Primary 1 to 5)

Time : From 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

[Morning Break for teachers: 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.]

[Lunch Time for teachers: 12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.]

[Afternoon Break for teachers: 3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.]

Venue : P1 to P5 Classrooms

3. **CCA Orientation Day for Primary 2 and 3 on Monday 14 August 2017**

Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) provides students with a platform to discover their interests and talents. Well-organised and implemented, they can fuel in the individual a life-long love for a particular activity. Through CCAs, students will be able to learn values, social and emotional competencies and the emerging 21st Century Competencies.

All P2 and P3 students will be scheduled to view and experience the CCAs that are available in 2018 on Monday 14 August 2017. CCA booths will be set up at the Indoor Sports Hall. This will allow students to make informed choices as they decide on the CCA that they are keen to join the following year.

Following the CCA Orientation Day, all P2 and P3 students will be issued a CCA registration letter for their selection of 2018 CCA through MC-Online. More details will be provided in a separate letter.

4. P6 PSLE Oral Examination on Thursday 17 August & Friday 18 August 2017

The P6 PSLE Oral Examination will be held on Thursday and Friday, 17 and 18 August 2017 respectively. The teachers have worked hard together with our P6 students in preparing them for the upcoming Oral Examination. Let us wish the P6 students well in this milestone examination.

5. Home-Based Learning (HBL) for Primary 1 to Primary 5 Students

All P1 to P5 students are NOT required to come to school on Friday 11 August (except for students who are coming with their parents for the Student-Led MTPS), Thursday 17 August and Friday 18 August 2017. P1 to P5 students will be assigned meaningful online subject-based assignments. Details of the Home-Based Learning (HBL) exercise are as follows:

English, Mathematics, Science and Malay Language assignments will be carried out through www.mconline.sg while *Chinese Language* assignments will be carried out on www.ezhishi.net and *Tamil Language* assignments on www.pazhahutamil.com.

For students with no computer or internet access at home, parents are strongly encouraged to find alternative venues for their children to access the LMS on that day.

Students are advised to access their LMS accounts prior to the HBL exercise to ensure that they do not face difficulties when gaining access to the portal on that day. If they do encounter problems, please do let your child's/ward's Form Teacher know. We will provide the necessary support for your child's/ward's HBL.

Should your child/ward encounter any difficulty during the HBL exercise, they can contact the designated Technical Helpdesk for MC Online at 6777 5198 and eZhishi.net at 6742 7555.

6. Gifted Education Screening Exercise for P3 on Wednesday 23 August 2017

The Gifted Education Branch of the Curriculum Planning & Development Division is carrying out the identification of students for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) 2018. The identification exercise is carried out for Primary 3 students in two stages – Screening and Selection. The Screening Stage will be held on Wednesday 23 August 2017 for P3 students. Shortlisted students at the Screening Stage will be invited to the Selection Stage which will be held on Thursday 19 October and Friday 20 October 2017.

Please be reminded that Wednesday 23 August 2017 is a regular school day. This means that students who have opted not to participate in the Screening Exercise are still expected to attend school.

7. Assessments for Students in Term 3

With reference to the Assessment and Learning Plans issued to the students last month, the Primary 6 students will be sitting for the P6 Preliminary Examinations to prepare them for PSLE. Primary 1 to 5 students will be having formative assessments to assess their learning.

In Horizon, we would like our students to 'Begin with the End in Mind'. Hence, we would like you to encourage your child to revise his/her work daily and be responsible for his/her own learning.

8. **Teachers' Day Celebrations on Wednesday 30 August 2017**

This year's Teachers' Day falls on Thursday 31 August 2017 which is a school holiday. We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on **Wednesday 30 August 2017** and school will function from 8.00a.m. to 10.30a.m. **All students will be dismissed at 10.30a.m.**

We do understand that parents/students would like to show their appreciation to our teachers and we would like to thank you in advance for the thought. If your child wishes to show his/her appreciation to the teachers, we would like him/her to work on handmade cards. A simple handmade, personalised card will be much appreciated by our teachers.

9. **Road Safety in Horizon Primary School**

The safety of students, staff and parents are our utmost concern. The school would like to reiterate the following safe-driving practices:

- a. Drive below 15 km/hour when in the school premises.
- b. Maintain "Stop, Drop and Go" practice when alighting your child. Do not park and wait at the pick-up cum drop area adjacent the foyer. This will inconvenience other parents. Should you wish to spend more time with your child when alighting, please consider using the neighbouring HDB car parks and enter via Gate B or Gate C.
- c. To park in the designate parking lot during pickup, walk across to receive your child and walk back together.
- d. Do not park in the Bus Bays. The two end pillars are blind spots for both vehicles and pedestrians. In addition, there are many children moving around the area after school hours.
- e. Avoid overtaking or cutting-in of a vehicle that is slow in disembarkation unless absolutely necessary, e.g., buses alighting children. Do give a greater clearance.
- f. Check your blind spots before moving off.

We appreciate your cooperation to keep the school safe for our students, staff and fellow parents.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim staff, parents and students ***Selamat Hari Raya Haji***. Please note that **Friday 1 September 2017 is a Public Holiday**.

Thank you.

Your partner-in-education,



Mrs Grace Leong

Principal

Achievements of our Horizon Stars

	Competition / Event	Achievements
1.	Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary School (APMOPS) 2017	Top 10 – Liu Zihan, 6 Innovator
2.	National School Games National Tenpin Bowling Championships 2017	<p><u>Junior Division Boys (Individual)</u> 1st position – Aidan Moy, 5 Thinker 2nd position – Kuay Jayan, 5 Discoverer</p> <p><u>Junior Division Boys (Team)</u> 3rd position – Aidan Moy, 5 Thinker – Kuay Jayan, 5 Discoverer</p>
3.	National School Games Golf Championships 2017	<p><u>Girls Category</u> 1st position – Angel Lim Ann Qi, 6 Inventor</p>
4.	2017 National Indian Music Competition	<p><u>Mridangam Junior Category</u> 1st position – Haripriya Seenivasan, 5 Innovator</p>
5.	Super 24 Dance Competition	<p><u>Primary School Category (Team)</u> 3rd position – International Dance CCA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choo En Min Chloe, 3 Thinker 2. Jermaine Soh, 3 Thinker 3. Lim Yan Ling Clarie, 3 Thinker 4. Lee Ten Huan Tristan, 3 Creator 5. Koh Jing Wen Kaylee, 3 Creator 6. Aisyah Binte Amin, 3 Creator 7. Tan Ai Xin, 3 Reflector 8. Tung Bai En, 3 Inventor 9. Ong Nhat Anh Thu, 3 Inventor 10. Erica Lim Si En, 3 Inventor 11. Diyana Law Mohamed Zahreem, 3 Inquirer 12. Chew Maegan Nicole, 6 Innovator 13. Cher Jia Xin Janae, 6 Innovator 14. Kellie Seah Kai Leng, 6 Innovator 15. Denise Ong Li Ting, 6 Innovator 16. Hong Yixuan, 6 Thinker 17. Lee Jaelyn, 6 Creator 18. Lee Dashielle, 6 Creator 19. Ng Jing Suan Kimberly, 6 Reflector 20. Enya Lim Zhi Yan, 6 Reflector 21. Huam Hui Wen Zoe, 6 Inventor 22. Goh Hoon Teng Joslyn, 6 Inventor 23. Charn Jing, 6 Inquirer 24. Jerlynn Teo Jia Ling, 6 Explorer