

1 March 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of Term 1, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support in our school programmes and activities. We believe that with the constant effort put in by all stakeholders of Horizon Primary, we would be able to inculcate strong values in our students and develop them holistically.

With the beginning of Term 2 in March, we would like to inform you of the upcoming events/activities that will be happening. We look forward to continue the exciting learning journey in Term 2 with your child/ward.

1. Meet-The-Parents Session (1) on Thursday 9 March 2017

The school views parents/guardians as important partners in education. The Meet-The-Parents Sessions are scheduled for parents/guardians and teachers to meet for a discussion on your child's/ward's development in school. We hope you will use this opportunity to get connected with us for the benefit of your children.

Details of the first session are as follows:

Thursday 9 March 2017	
Levels:	All levels (P1 – P6)
Duration:	8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Venues:	P1 – P6 Classrooms – P1 – P6 Form Teachers School Hall – Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Teachers
Teachers' Lunch / Break	
Break 1:	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Lunch:	12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.
Break 2:	3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Do take note that teachers will not be at the respective venues during the break and lunch periods.	

Please note that students are NOT required to come to school on Thursday 9 March 2017.

2. Home-Based Learning on Thursday 9 March 2017

The school believes strongly in developing self-directed learners. E-learning is part of the teaching and learning strategies used to imbue in our students the passion for learning and the skills needed to be independent learners. The school's e-learning portal enables students to enrich and enhance their knowledge in English Language, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue Languages through the use of ICT.

To support continuity of learning during the Meet-The-Parents Session (1) on Thursday 9 March 2017, the school will be conducting a Home-Based Learning (HBL) Exercise. This is to ensure that our students are well prepared in the event that they are required to learn from home.

Details of the HBL Exercise are as follows:

Day/ Date:	Thursday, 9 March 2017	
LMS Portal:	MC Online	
Direct Link:	http://www.mconline.sg	
Assignment:	i) English Language	Only 40 minutes should be allowed for each session per subject.
	ii) Mathematics	
	iii) Mother Tongue Languages (Using the respective portals)	
	iv) Science (P3-P6 only)	

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 Portal 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 our designated Helpdesk at the telephone number below:

Technical Helpdesk:

MC Online- (65) 6777 5198 (Monday – Friday : 7.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.)
(Saturday : 7.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.)

3. Health-related Measures for Term 1 School Holidays

The March Holidays are from Saturday 11 March 2017 to Sunday 19 March 2017. **All P1 students** are to submit the hard copy Travel Declaration Forms to their Form Teachers by Monday, 6 March 2017. **A Nil return is required** for those students who are not travelling.

For P2 - P6 students who are travelling, they will need to download the travel declaration form from the school website and submit the form to their Form Teachers by Monday 6 March 2017. Do take your child/ward to see a doctor immediately if he/she is unwell during or after the school holidays. We thank you for your cooperation in emphasising the importance of personal hygiene and social responsibility.

4. Briefing and Dialogue Session for Parents of P6 Students on Wednesday 22 March 2017

As we prepare our P6 students for their transition from Primary education to Secondary education, we will be conducting a briefing session for parents of P6 students. During the session, we will be covering information on the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) and other related matters. In addition, we will be highlighting important issues pertaining to the P6 level.

We look forward to your active participation for this event. Details for registration will be given in a separate letter to parents of P6 students.

5. P5 SA1 Oral Examination on Monday 27 March 2017 and Tuesday 28 March 2017

The P5 SA1 Oral Examination will be conducted in the afternoon (2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.) on the above-mentioned dates. The assessment is for both English Language / Foundation English Language and Mother Tongue Languages / Foundation Mother Tongue Languages. Details will be furnished closer to the assessment.

6. **Mother Tongue Language Fortnight from Monday 27 March 2017 to Friday 7 April 2017**

The school is organising the annual Mother Tongue Language Fortnight in Term 2. This event is to create an immersive environment for learning and appreciation of all the Mother Tongue Languages.

The theme for 2017 is *Traditional Food* and the programme will provide suitable platforms for students to learn and appreciate our traditional food.

Through this programme, we hope to stimulate students' interest to learn and immerse in Mother Tongue Languages and develop a love for our country.

Let's work in partnership to develop our students' passion and skills for life-long learning.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Grace Leong
Principal

Table of Events/Activities for March 2017

<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Event / Activities</u>	<u>For</u>
Term 1 Week 9 2 March (Thu) to 4 March (Sat)	P4 'Dare To Dream' Camp	All P4 students
Term 1 Week 10 7 March (Tue) to 8 March (Wed)	P5 Sexuality Education	P5 students
Term 1 Week 10 9 March (Thu) 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Meet-The-Parents Session (1)	Parents who have registered
Term 1 Week 10 9 March (Thu)	Home-Based Learning	All students
Term 1 Week 10 10 March (Fri)	P3 Road Safety Programme	All P3 students
11 March (Sat) to 19 March (Sun)	Term 1 School Holidays	All students
Term 2 Week 1 22 March (Wed)	Briefing and Dialogue Session for Parents of P6 Students	Parents of P6 students
Term 2 Week 2 27 March (Mon) to 28 March (Tue) 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	P5 SA1 Oral Examination <i>Oral Examination will be held in the afternoon on both days.</i>	All P5 students
Term 2 Week 2 – Term 2 Week 3 27 March (Mon) to 7 April (Fri)	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight	All students

Table of Key Events/Activities for Term 2 2017

<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Event / Activities</u>	<u>For</u>
Term 2 Week 4 10 April (Mon) to 11 April (Tue) 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	P3 and P4 SA1 Oral Examination# <i>Oral Examination will be held in the afternoon on both days.</i>	All P3 and P4 students
Term 2 Week 4 14 April (Fri)	Good Friday (Public Holiday)	All students
Term 2 Week 5 20 April (Thu) to 21 April (Fri) 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	P6 SA1 Oral Examination# <i>Oral Examination will be held in the afternoon on both days.</i>	All P6 students
Term 2 Week 6 24 April (Mon) to 5 May (Fri)	P3 to P6 SA1 Written Examinations	All P3 to P6 students
Term 2 Week 7 1 May (Mon)	Labour Day (Public Holiday)	All students
Term 2 Week 8 10 May (Wed)	Vesak Day (Public Holiday)	All students
Term 2 Week 8 11 May (Thu) to 12 May (Fri)	NAPFA Test (5 Stations)#	P4 and P6 students
Term 2 Week 9 15 May (Mon) to 18 May (Thu)	NAPFA Test (1.6 km run)#	P4 and P6 students
Term 2 Week 9 19 May (Fri)	School Admin Day (Semester 1) <i>Students need not attend school on this day.</i>	All students
Term 2 Week 10 22 May (Mon) to 26 May (Fri)	P5 Internationalisation Trip to Hong Kong <i>For selected students</i>	Selected P5 students
Term 2 Week 10 23 May (Tue) to 26 May (Fri)	P5 Internationalisation Trip to Sarawak <i>For selected students</i>	Selected P5 students
19 June (Mon) to 23 June (Fri)	P6 Supplementary Lessons	All P6 students

Details of the event will be given closer to the given date.

Note:

Events listed here are accurate as at 1 March 2017. Should there be any changes or cancellation of events due to unforeseen circumstances, the school will inform you through writing and updates on the school's website.