

27 June 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Term 3 has begun and we welcome all our students back from an enjoyable month-long break.

1. Health-Related Measures for Term 3

As part of our good routine health practice, there will be a Temperature Taking Exercise on Friday, 30 June 2017. All students are required to bring a working digital oral thermometer. We would like all parents to continue to place emphasis on personal hygiene and social responsibility. If your child/ward is unwell, please take him/her to see a doctor immediately and refrain from sending him/her to school until he/she has recovered fully.

2. Updates on School Upgrading to Support Holistic Education

Horizon Primary School's upgrading works is scheduled to commence at the end of November, 2017 and is projected to complete by end 2019.

A new block will be constructed to house facilities such as a dance studio, a band room, CCA rooms and learning support rooms. This block will be built on part of the existing school field. For safety and security, during the upgrading works the school field will be barricaded and only accessible to personnel involved in the construction on the new block.

P.E. lessons will not be affected by the construction of the new block. Lessons will be conducted at the hall, the indoor sports hall and basketball court.

Facilities in the existing blocks will also be upgraded. These include existing classrooms and the Media Resource Library. Some facilities will be converted, e.g. the existing AVA room will be converted into a room to support Programmes for Active Learning (PAL). Additional facilities will also be added to the existing blocks, e.g. an outdoor learning area.

The school will work with the contractors to reduce the impact of the upgrading works on teaching and learning. Some planned measures include the installation of air-conditioning units in classrooms and the scheduling of upgrading works in the existing blocks during the school holidays between school terms.

We seek your support and co-operation as the school undergoes the upgrading works. Should you have any queries do email the school at horizon_ps@moe.edu.sg or get in touch with us at 67535411.

3. Kindergarten Visits from Tuesday 27 June 2017 to Thursday 29 June 2017

A number of kindergartens in our community have shown a keen interest to visit our school during school hours. Horizon Primary School will continue to collaborate with the kindergartens who are our key partners. We will be hosting the K2 students to enable them to get a school experience so that they can journey successfully into the formal school setting in the following year.

4. School Holiday on Monday 3 July 2017 in lieu of Youth Day

In lieu of Youth Day which falls on Sunday 2 July 2017, Monday 3 July 2017 is declared a school holiday for all schools.

5. Class Photo Taking Session

The class photo taking session is scheduled on Wednesday, 12 July 2017. Students are required to be in their school uniform for the photo-taking session. Students will bring along their PE attire if they have PE or PAL lessons on that day.

6. Morning Tea Sessions with School Leaders

We are beginning a series of Morning Tea Sessions with School Leaders to engage and to partner parents in nurturing our students holistically.

This semester, we will start the morning tea sessions with the Primary 1 and 2 students' parents. We are inviting 3 to 4 parents from each class to join the session to share questions, thoughts and suggestions about your child's experience at Horizon Primary thus far. In order to have a meaningful and interactive dialogue session, we will keep the number of participating parents small yet taking into consideration the representation for the entire level. Parents will be notified via the SNAC communication platform to register on a first come first served basis. Details of the sessions are as follow:

Morning Tea Sessions with School Leaders		
Level	Date	Time
P1 session	Thursday, 20 July 2017	0815 to 0945
P2 session	Friday, 21 July 2017	0815 to 0945

7. National Education (NE) Show for Primary 5 Students on Saturday 15 July 2017

Our Primary 5 students will be attending the NE Show on Saturday, 15 July 2017. This year, the event will be held at the Marina Bay Floating Platform. More details will be provided during a briefing for the Primary 5 students before 15 July.

8. School Visit by Xiamen Experimental School on Wednesday 12 July 2017

With the emphasis on developing 21st Century Competencies (21CC) in our students, we have been providing our Upper Primary students the opportunity to visit other countries to raise their global awareness by partnering schools overseas. A team of staff and students from Xiamen Experimental School will be visiting us on Wednesday, 12 July 2017 for an immersion programme. Our Primary 5 students will host the visitors and engage them in exciting activities. The school would like to take the opportunity to sharpen the leadership skills of our Primary 5 students through this experience. Please join us in extending our warmest welcome to the visitors on their visit to Horizon.

9. Celebration of Hari Raya on Wednesday 12 July 2017 and Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day on Wednesday 19 July 2017

This year, our school will celebrate Hari Raya Puasa on Wednesday, 12 July 2017 and commemorate Racial Harmony Day on Wednesday, 19 July 2017. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim students and their families Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

The theme for this year's Racial Harmony Day (RHD) is The Singapore Way. To commemorate this day, our students and teachers will be dressed in their ethnic costumes. The theme emphasises on the journey our nation has progressed from tolerating differences to embracing diversity, to developing the Singapore identity. It is important that Racial Harmony is part of this identity and way of life for our young.

A series of exciting activities have been lined up for students to deepen their understanding of racial harmony in Singapore. To commemorate RHD 2017, our students will be engaged through assembly programmes and activities during the week of commemorating RHD and CCE lessons that will enrich their understanding of racial harmony in Singapore.

10. International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) by UNSW for English Language and Mathematics

P3 to P6 students who have signed up for the above competitions and assessments will be having their assessments on the following dates after school hours:

Tuesday 11 July 2017 – English
Tuesday 25 July 2017 – Mathematics

Online practices, sample ICAS papers, hints and tips are found at <http://www.singapore.unsw.edu.au/student-portal>

11. Student-Led Meet-The-Parents Session (2) for P1 to P5 Students on Friday 11 August 2017

As part of our continual efforts to provide opportunities for our students to exhibit their confidence in learning to their parents, we are organising a Student-Led Meet-The-Parents Session (2) for P1 to P5 students on Friday, 11 August 2017. P6 students will have lessons as per normal. More details will be provided in a separate letter to you. We hope that all parents/guardians will be present with their child/ward to support their learning and appreciate their experiences in school.

12. Table of Key Events/Activities for Term 3 2017

Please take note of the details of the events/activities/holidays in Term 3 as reflected in the table of key events/activities. We look forward to a meaningful partnership to help our children enjoy school every day!

Your partner-in-education,



Mrs Grace Leong
Principal

Table of Key Events for Term 3, 2017

Day / Date	Event / Activity	For
Week 1 27 June to 29 June	Commencement of Hosting of K2 Kindergarten Visits: School Experience @ Horizon	K2 Students
Week 1 Friday 30 June	Temperature Taking Exercise	All Students
Week 1 Friday 30 June	School Tour for Parents of K2 Students	Parents of K2 Students
Week 2 Monday 3 July	School Holiday in lieu of Youth Day	All Students
Week 2 4 July to 7 July	P5 Trip for International Experience to Sarawak, Malaysia	Selected Primary 5 Students
Week 3 Tuesday 11 July <i>After School Hours</i>	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) by UNSW for English Language	For Primary 3 to 6 students who have registered
Week 3 Wednesday 12 July	Class Photo Taking Session	All students
Week 3 Wednesday 12 July	Hosting of Xiamen Experimental School (Partner School for Trip for International Experience)	Primary 4 Students and Teachers
Week 3 Wednesday 12 July	Celebration of Hari Raya Puasa	All Students
Week 3 Saturday 15 July	#National Education (NE) Show	Primary 5 Students
Week 4 Sunday 16 July	Punggol North Street Parade 2017	Selected Tap Dancers
Week 4 Wednesday 19 July	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	All Students
Week 4 Thursday 20 July & Friday 21 July	Morning Tea Session with School Leaders	Parents of P1 and P2 students
Week 5 Tuesday 25 July <i>After School Hours</i>	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) by UNSW for Mathematics	For Primary 3 to 6 students who have registered
Week 5 Wednesday 26 July	#MT Celebrate Reading!	All Students
Week 5 Thursday 27 July to Friday 28 July <i>After School Hours</i>	Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examination: English Language and Mother Tongue Language	Primary 6 Students
Week 6 Monday 31 July <i>During School Hours</i>	NAPFA 1.6 km Run Re-test	Selected Primary 4 and 6 Students

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Week 7 Monday 7 Aug <i>During School Hours</i>	Primary 6 Preliminary Examinations – EL & MT LC	Primary 6 Students
Week 7 Tuesday 8 Aug 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	#National Day Celebrations cum ACES Day	All Students
Week 7 Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 Aug	National Day Public Holidays: 9 Aug 2017 National Day School Holiday: 10 Aug 2017	All Students
Week 7 Friday 11 Aug	#Meet-the-Parents Session 2 Student-Led Conference for P1 to P5 students	Primary 1 to 5 Students
	Primary 6 students will have lessons as per normal.	
Week 8 Monday 14 August <i>During School Hours</i>	CCA Orientation Day	Primary 2 and 3 Students
Week 8 Thursday 17 Aug & Friday 18 Aug	#Primary 6 PSLE Oral Examination: English Language and Mother Tongue Language	Primary 6 Students
	Primary 1 to 5 students NEED NOT come to school: Home-based Learning	Primary 1 to 5 Students
Week 9 21 – 25 Aug <i>During School Hours</i>	#Preliminary Exams (P6): <i>For more information, please refer to the respective Assessment and Learning plans.</i>	Primary 6 Students
Week 9 Wednesday 23 Aug <i>During School Hours</i>	#Primary 3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Test: For more information, go to http://www.moe.gov.sg/education/programmes/gifted-education- programme/	Primary 3 Students
Week 10 Wednesday 30 Aug 8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Teachers' Day Celebration	All Students
Week 10 Thursday 31 Aug	School Holiday: Teachers' Day	All Students
Week 10 Friday 1 Sep	Public Holidays: Hari Raya Haji	All Students

#Details of event/activity will be given closer to the event date.

Note: Details listed here are accurate as at 26 June 2017. Should there be any change/cancellation of events due to unforeseen circumstances, the school will inform you through writing and updates on the school's website.