

1 August 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For the month of August, we are looking forward to an exciting month filled with events and meaningful experiences for our students. In this letter, we are delighted to share with you some updates and events planned:

1. National Day Celebration on Thursday, 8 August 2024

The theme for this year's National Day is "***Together, As One United People***", which aims to highlight the collective strength of our people and underscores the importance of every citizen rallying together to share our future and uplift those around us.

This year, our National Day celebration includes the National Day Observance Ceremony, All Children Exercise Simultaneously (ACES) workout, CCE (FTGP) lesson and National Day concert. ACES workout is part of our Move It Horizon! initiative where we celebrate National Day through sports. The details are as follows.

Reporting Time: 7.30 a.m.

Dismissal Time: 10.45 a.m.

Attire: Red T-shirt, school PE shorts, black school shoes with white school socks

Things to bring: Storybook, school organiser, water bottle, pencil case, quick-bites

We look forward to an enjoyable National Day Celebration in Horizon Primary School. Together, As One United People! Majulah Singapura!

2. (a) Primary 6 PSLE Oral Examination on Tuesday, 13 August 2024 and Wednesday, 14 August 2024

The Primary 6 PSLE Oral Examination will be held on Tuesday, 13 August 2024, and Wednesday, 14 August 2024.

Our teachers have worked hard together with our Primary 6 students to prepare them for the upcoming oral examination. We wish our Primary 6 students all the best as they sit for their first national examination. Details of the examination will be provided to parents/guardians of Primary 6 students in a separate letter.

2. (b) Home-Based Learning (HBL) for Primary 1 to Primary 5 Students on Tuesday, 13 August 2024 and Wednesday, 14 August 2024

To ensure ease of locating the learning resources, learning materials will be shared via the Singapore Student Learning Space(SLS) on <https://vle.learning.moe.edu.sg/login>.

Students are advised to check that they are able access their SLS accounts prior to HBL. If they encounter problems, please inform your child's/ward's Form Teachers. We will provide the necessary support for your child's/ward's HBL.

Should your child/ward encounter any difficulty during the HBL exercise, you may contact the SLS Technical Helpdesk at 6702 6513.

3. Home-Based Learning (HBL) for Primary 1 to Primary 5 Students during PSLE Marking Exercise from Monday, 14 October 2024 to Wednesday, 16 October 2024

The school will be conducting HBL during the PSLE Marking Exercise for Primary 1 to Primary 5 students. This will take place from Monday, 14 October 2024 to Wednesday, 16 October 2024.

The HBL exercise aims to develop students' dispositions and skills needed for self-directed learning. As such, there will be synchronous and asynchronous learning activities for students. An example of synchronous learning is when students learn from a teacher in a virtual space via Zoom. An example of asynchronous learning refers to students accessing materials via SLS at their own pace. More details regarding the HBL exercise will be sent out in October.

4. Gifted Education Screening Exercise for Primary 3 Students on Thursday, 15 August 2024

The Ministry of Education is carrying out the identification of students for Gifted Education Programme (GEP) 2025. The identification exercise is carried out for Primary 3 students in two stages – Screening and Selection. The Screening Stage will be held on Thursday, 15 August 2024. Shortlisted students will be invited to the Selection Stage which will be held on Tuesday, 15 October 2024, and Wednesday, 16 October 2024.

Kindly refer to the letter – *Gifted Education Programme (GEP) 2025* – issued on Wednesday, 10 July 2024 for more information and respond by Friday, 2 August 2024 to give consent for your children's/wards' participations in the Screening Exercise. We would like to thank the parents/guardians who had already responded.

Please be reminded that Thursday, 15 August 2024, is a regular school day. All Primary 3 students are expected to attend school, including students who have opted not to participate in the Screening Exercise.

5. (a) Teachers' Day Lunch on 23 August 2024

We are having our Teachers' Day lunch on Friday, 23 August 2024. Students will be dismissed from school at 12.15 p.m. on 23 August 2024. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.

5. (b) Teachers' Day Celebration on 29 August 2024 – Horizon Cares!

We will be celebrating Teachers' Day from 7.30 to 10.45 a.m. on Thursday, 29 August 2024. In conjunction with our 15th Anniversary celebrations, we will be collaborating with South East Community Development Council (CDC) for our celebration through the event "Walk for Rice".

In line with our theme "Leading with Hearts, Serving with Purpose", we would like to invite parents to join our teachers and students to celebrate this day through an act of service - by walking along Punggol Waterway Park, and clocking the distance for a good cause. More information such as the mechanics of the event, the route and distance would be provided in a separate letter titled "Horizon Cares! 2024".

Students will be dismissed from school at 10.45 a.m. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.

5. (c) Teachers' Day School Holiday on Friday, 30 August 2024

Teachers' Day falls on Friday, 30 August 2024. It is a school holiday and all students need not come to school on that day.

6. Horizon Alumni Homecoming 2024 on Thursday, 29 August 2024

In the spirit of having our former batches of students return to rekindle bonds and express their appreciation to their teachers, we are holding our Horizon Alumni Homecoming 2024 on 29 August 2024, from 11.45 a.m. – 1.15 p.m., immediately after our Teachers' Day Celebration and dismissal of our current students. The school will be open to welcome old boys and girls from 11.30 a.m. onwards. Should your child/ward be an old boy or girl of Horizon, do get them to join us on this day. More details on registration for this event will be made available via our school's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/HorizonPrimary/).

Thank you, parents/guardians, once again for your continued support. Let us continue to create meaningful and joyful learning experiences for our children.

Your partner-in-education,

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Principal