

1 March 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are approaching the end of Term 1. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in our school programmes and activities. With the start of Term 2 in March, we would like to inform you of the various events / activities that will be coming your way. We look forward to continuing a meaningful and fruitful learning journey with your child / ward.

1. School Visit by Salvation Army Lam Butt Chung Memorial School, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 1 March 2018

A team of staff and students from Salvation Army Lam Butt Chung Memorial School, Hong Kong, will be visiting us on 1 March 2018 for an immersion programme. Our Primary 5 students will host the visitors and engage them in exciting activities. Through this experience, the school takes this opportunity to sharpen the leadership skills of our Primary 5 students. Please join us in extending our warmest welcome to the visitors on their visit to Horizon.

2. Cultural Immersion Programme in Hong Kong from 5 to 9 March 2018

36 Primary 5 students and 5 teachers will be embarking on an overseas trip to Hong Kong. The aims of this programme include developing in students the 21st century competencies of global awareness, cross-cultural skills and sensitivities, and to deepen students' commitment and rootedness to Singapore.

3. Health-related Measures for Term 1 school holidays from 10 to 18 March 2018

The March holidays are from 10 to 18 March 2018. All Primary 1 students are to submit the hard copy of the Travel Declaration forms to their Form Teachers by Monday, 5 March 2018. A nil return is required for students who are not travelling overseas.

For Primary 2 to Primary 6 students who will be travelling overseas, they will need to download the Travel Declaration form from the school website and submit it to their Form Teachers by Monday, 5 March 2018. Do take your child / ward to see a doctor should he / she feel unwell during or after the school holidays. We thank you for proactively being socially responsible.

4. P4 Outdoor Adventure Camp: "Dare to Dream" from 22 to 24 March 2018

In alignment with the National Outdoor Adventure Education Masterplan, all Primary 4 students will have the opportunity to build confidence, resilience and independence through the Outdoor Adventure Camp. Students will be able to apply the 7 Habits and school values through various outdoor activities. The cohort camp is definitely one of the most memorable learning experiences for all Primary 4 students in Horizon. A separate letter has been sent to all parents / guardians of Primary 4 students. Thank you for your support in the holistic development of your child / ward!

5. Mother Tongue Languages' Fortnight from 26 March to 6 April 2018

The school is having its annual Mother Tongue Languages' Fortnight in Term 2. This event aims to create an immersive environment for the learning and appreciation of all the Mother Tongue Languages. Students will learn and appreciate their own cultures through hands-on experiences.

6. Cyber Wellness Education

Cyber Wellness (CW) refers to the positive well-being of Internet users. It involves an understanding of online behaviour and awareness of how to protect oneself in cyberspace. The focus of CW is about helping students to become responsible digital learners.

At Horizon, we use MOE's CW framework to develop the child's instinct to protect and empower him to take responsibility for his own well-being in cyberspace. The three principles, 'Respect for Self and Others', 'Safe and Responsible Use' and 'Positive Peer Influence' when adhered to will anchor a child's well-being in cyberspace as he will then be able to make careful and well-considered decisions.

This March holiday, we would like to encourage parents to guide your children to be a positive peer influence online. Please refer to Appendix A, Parents Tip Sheet for some tips and online resources for parents on how you can guide your child to stay safe and kind online. The tip sheet attached reinforces the messages communicated to your child regarding positive peer influence when they are online during the pre-assembly programme.

7. Early dismissal of all students during SA1 examinations 2018

All Primary 1 to Primary 6 students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on 26 April and 27 April, and 10 May to 15 May 2018. This is to enable students taking SA1 examinations to get adequate rest and do their revision. The early dismissal would facilitate teachers' common marking. Students who are taking the school bus should proceed to their usual respective waiting points to board the bus.

8. Change of date for P6 SA1 Oral Examination to 26 and 27 April 2018

To prepare P6 students on the use of Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) eOral portal for the PSLE Oral Examination, Ministry of Education has arranged an eOral Practice Session for our students. Our school will participate in this exercise. Through this, the students will be more familiar with the process of the eOral examination. Hence, the P6 SA1 Oral Examination dates will be changed to 26 April 2018 (Thursday) and 27 April 2018 (Friday). Details will be given out in a separate letter.

9. Updates about PERI Upgrading

The construction phase of the PERI upgrading of the school will commence in the next few weeks. The construction of the new building and upgrading of existing facilities will continue till end-2019. After PERI upgrading, the school will be equipped with more and improved facilities to better support the holistic education of students.

PERI upgrading of the school will be carried out by Kwan Yong Construction Pte Ltd. During the next few weeks, for the safety and security of our staff and students, hoardings will be put up around the construction site to secure the area and prevent access to the construction area. Access to the construction site will be by a work access entrance. This will be manned by a security guard provided by the company. In addition, entrance to the site will be monitored by biometric fingerprinting. Additional security guards will be provided by the company to ensure that the site is secure and that there is no unauthorized access.

During the construction period, the school will work with Kwan Yong Construction Pte Ltd to ensure traffic safety. We will minimise disruptions during arrival and dismissal times. We seek your understanding and cooperation with the traffic arrangements made during PERI upgrading.

To ensure that our students are minimally affected by the noise and dust from the construction work, air conditioning units will also be installed in the classrooms in block "B" which are closer to the construction site and access road into the construction site.

Should you have any feedback to Kwan Yong Construction Pte Ltd about PERI upgrading, you can contact the following personnel from the company involved in the upgrading works:

1. Mr. Qiu Jun, Senior Project Manager (9144 0485)
2. Mr. Zulkarnain Rahman, WSH Officer (9842 6024)
3. Mr. Wilson Tang Wei Shan, Project Engineer (9365 1160)

The school will also continue to provide timely updates and additional information of the PERI upgrading construction process. Should you have any enquiries, you can also contact the school at 67535411 or email the school at horizon_ps@moe.edu.sg

Let's continue to work together to help our children enjoy learning in a safe environment!

Your Partner-in-Education,



Mrs Grace Leong
Principal

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Table of Key Events for Term 2 2018

Date / Time	Event / Activity	For
Term 2 Week 1 22 Mar (Thurs) to 24 Mar (Sat)	P4 Adventure Camp*	All P4 students
Term 2 Weeks 2 and 3 26 Mar (Mon) to 6 Apr (Fri)	Mother Tongue Languages' Fortnight	All students
Term 2 Week 2 30 Mar (Fri)	Good Friday (Public Holiday)	All students
Term 2 Weeks 3 and 4 2 Apr (Mon) to 13 Apr (Fri)	English Fiesta	All students
Term 2 Week 5 16 Apr (Mon)	P4 SA1 Oral Examination* Oral exam will be conducted in the afternoon on this day.	All P4 students
Term 2 Week 5 17 Apr (Tues)	P3 SA1 Oral Examination* Oral exam will be conducted in the afternoon on this day.	All P3 students
Term 2 Week 6 23 Apr (Mon)	P5 SA1 Oral Examination* Oral exam will be conducted in the afternoon.	All P5 students
Term 2 Week 6 26 Apr (Thurs) to 27 Apr (Fri)	P6 SA1 Oral Examination* Oral exam will be conducted in the afternoons on both days. All students will be dismissed at 1 p.m.	All P6 students All students
Term 2 Week 7 1 May (Tues)	Labour Day (Public Holiday)	All students
Term 2 Week 7 3 May (Thurs) to 4 May (Fri)	P3 to P6 SA1 Written Examinations* - EL and MT (Paper 1 and LC)	All P3 to P6 students
Term 2 Week 8 7 May (Mon)	P3 to P6 SA1 Written Examinations* - HMT (Paper 1 and LC)	P5 to P6 students taking HMT only
Term 2 Weeks 8 to 9 10 May (Tues) to 15 May (Tues)	P3 to P6 SA1 Written Examinations* – EL, MA, MT, SC All students will be dismissed at 1 p.m.	All P3 to P6 students All students
Term 2 Week 10 21 May (Mon)	School Admin Day Students do not attend school on this day.	All students

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Term 2 Week 10 22 May (Tues)	P1 <i>Viva La Musica</i>	All P1 students
Term 2 Week 10 24 May (Thurs) to 25 May (Fri)	Meet-the-Parents Session for P6 students* Event will be conducted in the afternoons. All P6 students will be dismissed at 2 p.m. on both days.	All P6 students
18 Jun (Mon) to 22 Jun (Fri)	P6 Booster Session*	All P6 students

*Details of the event will be provided closer to the given date

Note:

Events listed here are accurate as at 1 March 2018. Should there be any changes of the events due to unforeseen circumstances, the school will inform you in writing and through the school website.

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What is Positive Peer Influence?



Positive peer influence is a key principle in MOE's Cyber Wellness Framework which encourages our students to:

- ✓ Be a positive role model online (e.g. share healthy and positive content, harness technology to do good); and
- ✓ Advocate positive online behaviours (e.g. stand up for their peers online, report cases of cyber bullying to a trusted adult/authority, post encouraging remarks on social media).

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Why is Being a Positive Peer Influence Online Important?



Being a positive peer influence online will help your child to:

- ✓ Exercise empathy and kindness online
- ✓ Develop resilience and moral courage to stand up to negative peer pressure and unhealthy online influences
- ✓ Learn responsibility for words and actions
- ✓ Leave positive digital footprints and establish a good online reputation

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How can Parents Help?



Encourage your child to:

- ✓ Be **S.U.R.E.** before sharing. Check the **S**ource, **U**nderstand the facts, **R**esearch and **E**valuate
- ✓ **T.H.I.N.K.** before posting. Ask: "Is it **T**rue? **H**elpful? **I**nspiring? **N**ecessary? **K**ind?"
- ✓ Be an upstander for friends who are cyber bullied
- ✓ Use technology for good





Key Messages



Model positive online habits



Value the importance of being a positive peer influence online



Guide your child to use technology for good



Encourage your child to be a positive peer influence online



Resources



Ministry of Education

Check out MOE's Cyber Wellness Portal for up-to-date cyber wellness tips and resources for parents.

ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/for-parents



Media Literacy Council

Check out "Media-WISE: A SMART guide for YOUTHs" for tips on how your children can stay safe and kind online.

medialiteracycouncil.sg/-/media/MLC/Resources/Pdf/Youth/Media-Wise.pdf



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Pick up some research skills and learn more about the **S.U.R.E.** method from NLB's eLearn Centre, an e-learning portal for Internet users of all ages.

nlb.gov.sg/sure/elearn-centre

