

1 November 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Yet another year has flown by. We have come to the very last few weeks of the school year. As such, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all our parents/guardians for your strong support and encouragement towards school programmes. The strong partnership fostered between the school and parents has enabled us to provide our students with rich and wonderful learning experiences.

As the school year is coming to a close, we hope that you will take note of the upcoming events and important matters. We would like to inform you ahead of time so that you can make the necessary arrangements.

1. Schedule for Thursday, 1 November to Friday, 16 November 2018

Many year-end events are taking place during the last few weeks of the term. As such, students need not come to school on certain days of the week. Please take careful note of the school hours on these dates.

Day / Date	Description	Remarks
Friday 2 November 2018	Staff Admin Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students need NOT come to school as teachers will be working on year-end administrative matters. ProTeach @ Horizon Student Care services is open from 7.30 a.m.
Monday 12 November 2018	Promotion Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of school
Tuesday 13 November 2018	Leadership Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only P6 students will attend this graduation ceremony. The rest of the students need not attend school. Parents of P6 students will be invited to attend this event. ProTeach @ Horizon Student Care services is open from 7.30 a.m.
Wednesday 14 November 2018	Star Awards Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only award recipients and student performers will attend this ceremony. The rest of the students need not attend school. Parents of award winners will be invited to attend this event. ProTeach @ Horizon Student Care services is open from 7.30 a.m.
Thursday 15 November 2018	Orientation Day for 2019 Primary 1 Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students need NOT come to school. ProTeach @ Horizon Student Care services is open from 7.30 a.m.

<p>Friday 16 November 2018</p>	<p>Staff Retreat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students need NOT come to school as teachers will be working on 2019 plans. • ProTeach @ Horizon Student Care services is open from 7.30 a.m.
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2. Issuance of Report Books

Report Books will be issued to **Primary 4** students on **Monday, 5 November 2018**, together with an Option Form to select their subject combination for Primary 5. All Option Forms and Report Books must be returned to the Form Teacher by **Wednesday, 7 November 2018**.

All other level students will receive their Report Books on **Wednesday, 7 November 2018**. All Report Books must be returned to your child's/ward's Form Teacher by **Friday, 9 November 2018**.

3. Punggol North Eco Carnival 2018 on Saturday, 3 November 2018

The school will be participating in the Punggol North Eco Carnival 2018 which will be held on Saturday, 3 November 2018 from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at Punggol 21 Community Club. Our students will be displaying eco-friendly gadgets that facilitate everyday life and common activities during the carnival. The gadgets are constructed from recycled materials and are supported by *micro:bit* microcontrollers that are programmed by the students themselves. The event is open to members of the public and all parents/guardians are welcome to support our students and their projects.

4. Early Dismissal at 11.00 a.m. for Hindu Students on Monday, 5 November 2018 & Deepavali Public Holiday on Tuesday, 6 November 2018

Please note that students do not report to school on Tuesday, 6 November 2018, as it is a Public Holiday. Hindu students will be allowed to leave school at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, 5 November 2018. Consent forms will be given to you to indicate if you wish to have your child/ward dismissed at 11.00 a.m. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Hindu students and their families a Happy Deepavali.

5. Promotion Day on Monday, 12 November 2018

The school's Promotion Day is an annual exercise held during the last week of school to promote students to their new 2019 classes. Before they move on to their new classes, students will have time to reflect and take stock of what they have done for the year with their teachers and classmates. There will be a segment for students to write words of encouragement for each other. Students are to bring along their markers, coloured pens and/or decorative materials for this segment. We would like our students to end their school year in Horizon with fond memories that they will bring with them for many years to come.

In the second half of the day, students will be promoted to their 2019 classes. They will be led to their 2019 classrooms to meet their classmates. They will have time to build new bonds in their 2019 classes. Students will receive their 2019 booklists together with a letter with updates on the preparations for 2019.

6. Leadership Day on Tuesday, 13 November 2018

On Tuesday, 13 November 2018, we will be celebrating Leadership Day with our P6 graduands. This is a special occasion for our P6 students as it is their graduation day and

together, we rejoice with our students as they embark on their next stage of learning. Parents of these students are invited to witness this special occasion.

7. Star Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, 14 November 2018

Star Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 14 November 2018 from 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. This annual event serves as a platform for us to recognise and celebrate the academic and non-academic achievements of our staff and students. More details will be provided to the award winners, student performers and invited guests through a separate letter.

8. Orientation Day for 2019 P1 Students on Thursday, 15 November 2018

Primary One Orientation for 2019 Primary 1 students and their parents/guardians will be held on Thursday, 15 November 2018 from 8.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. We would like to warmly welcome and orientate the 2019 P1 students and their parents/guardians to the school.

9. Travel-related matters

Do remember to exercise social responsibility by declaring your travel plans this coming year-end school holiday. All Primary 1 students need to declare their travel plans regardless of whether they intend to travel or not. **A "Nil" return is required.** The travel declaration forms will be issued to all Primary 1 students on Thursday, 1 November 2018. Primary 2 – Primary 6 students who intend to travel will have to download the Travel Declaration Form from the school website. The deadline for the submission of the Travel Declaration Forms to the Form Teachers for all levels is **Friday, 9 November 2018.**

10. Health Related Matters – Temperature Taking

As part of the school's efforts to instill personal responsibility for and to familiarise students with health and safety procedures, a Temperature Taking Exercise will be held on **Monday, 7 January 2019.** All students are reminded to bring a thermometer that is in good working order to school for the Temperature Taking Exercise. Students in Primary 1, 2019 will be issued with Oral Digital Thermometers at the start of the school year.

11. Horizon Primary School Yearbook 2018

As part of our efforts to document Horizon's growth and achievement both at personal best, school or national level, we are excited to share Horizon Yearbook 2018 with you. As this year's theme is '**Realising our Dreams Beyond the Horizon**', it will be a meaningful capture of the joy of learning, synergy, team spirit and numerous achievements and accolades amongst our staff and students who have participated in both internal and external platforms and opportunities beyond the school. P6 students will be able to collect their copies from the General Office at the end of the year. They are to look out for the collection dates via the school website. Primary 2 to Primary 5 students will receive their copy in January 2019. Every family will be entitled to a copy. The copy will be passed to the eldest child who has sibling(s) in Horizon Primary School.

12. English Language & Mother Tongue Language Publication 2018

The EL and MTL Departments are proud to present their inaugural publications of students' writing - *Horizon Stars: Celebrating Every Writer* and *MTL Celebrate Writing!*

Horizon Stars: Celebrating Every Writer is a collection of English Language writing pieces from Primary 1 to Primary 6, including a wide variety of genres such as narratives, jokes, riddles and poems. The publication seeks to showcase our students' writings, expose them to different genres of writing and celebrate various writing styles. Through this compilation, we aim to honour every creative thought, every imagined world and every child's bravery to express themselves through their writing.

MTL Celebrate Writing! is a compilation of our Primary 3 to Primary 6 students' essays in their own Mother Tongue Language. It acts as a platform to showcase our students' good pieces of writing. Besides the printed version, the compilation will be also available online. The e-Book caters to different types of learners and promotes self-directed learning. *MTL Celebrate Writing!* enables students to have a sense of pride and makes their reading and learning experience more meaningful.

We hope you and your child will relish reading the writings in the publications.

13. Annual Parents' Perception Survey 2018

As our usual practice, we would like to hear your feedback on the various programmes and experiences that we have provided for our students at the end of the year. We will be also conducting this survey for students and teachers to give us a sensing on the collective perception from our key stakeholders. This document will be used as a reference as we draft and plan for the programmes in 2019 so as to maximise the positive school experience for our students.

Soon you will be receiving a SNAC notification that will invite you to participate in this annual survey for parents. Do give us your feedback and we would like to thank you for your strong support.

Thank you, parents/guardians, for sharing this wonderful year with us. We hope all of you will have some quality family time and a restful, fulfilling break during the holidays.

Your partner-in-education,



Mrs Grace Leong
Principal