



Dear Parents/Guardians,
School Vision: Learners with Passion, Citizens of Honour

4 Apr 2018

1. Event Calendar (Term 2 Week 3: 4 Apr– 11 Apr 2018)

Dates	Day	Levels	Subject
4 Apr	Wed	6I	Stress Management Talk (11am – 12pm)
4 Apr	Wed	1R, 1I, 1E, 3D & 3R	School Health Service Visit
5 Apr	Thu	1D, 3P	School Health Service Visit
6 Apr	Fri	P4, P5, P6 students taking Tamil Language	Tamil Theatre Experience @ The Grassroots' Club from 1.45pm to 5.30pm (Lunch: 1.45pm to 2.15pm)
6 Apr	Fri	P4 & P5 Class Monitors	PSL Training @ PAL Room (2.30pm – 4pm)
6 Apr	Fri	All	International Friendship Day
10 Apr	Tue	P5 & P6	SA1 HMTL Paper 1

2. Announcements

National School Games Wushu Championships 2018

Our Wushu members had recently taken part in the National School Games Wushu Championships 2018. We are pleased to announce the following results. Congratulations and well done, boys and girls!

Events	Name	National Overall Position
Senior girls 4-Duan Cudgel	Nur Ufairah Maria D/O Mira Hossen (6E)	20 th
Senior boys 5-Duan Broadsword	Yeo Jin Xin (6E)	7 th
Senior boys Group Quanshu	Krishang Joshi (6E); Matthew Sum Jun Hong (6I); Javier Chew Shi Chuin (6E); Yeo Jin Xin (6E); Choo Yan Heng (6P); Yeo Chang Jun Edwin (6R); Mikael I.Javale (6E)	11 th

Singapore Youth Festival 2018 – Guitar

22 Guitar Club members participated in this year's SYF Arts Presentation for Instrumental on 2 Apr at School of the Arts (SOTA). We are pleased to announce that they have received the Commendation Award for their performance. Congratulations to the Guitar Club!

3. International Friendship Day (IFD) 2018

The school will be commemorating IFD on Friday, 6 April 2018. This year, the theme for IFD is "Celebrating the ASEAN Community". Singapore is honoured to take on the chairmanship of ASEAN this year. With the chairmanship of ASEAN and the milestone celebration beyond ASEAN's 50th anniversary, it is a great opportunity for our students to celebrate the shared successes and the growth ASEAN has experienced thus far. At the same time, it is important for our students to continue to learn from the different backgrounds and experiences of people in our neighbouring countries in order to reinforce a sense of togetherness and strengthen the ASEAN identity.



In line with this year's theme, CCE IFD classroom lessons will be conducted to deepen our pupils' understanding and appreciation of ASEAN. Representatives from the Royal Embassy of Cambodia and Embassy of the Philippines are invited to our school to set up information booths that will showcase their native costumes and cultural artefacts, during recesses on Thu, 5 Apr and Fri, 6 Apr 2018, respectively. In addition, the canteen will be selling various types of ASEAN cuisine. There will also be an assembly programme this Fri, 6 Apr 2018. Through a series of exciting activities that have been lined up, we hope that our students will have a meaningful and engaging IFD.

4. 2018 PSLE "Instructions for Candidates" Booklet

The above-mentioned booklet will be issued to all P6 students with the Weekly Notification. Every student who has registered for the 2018 PSLE will be given a copy of this instruction booklet. The booklet contains essential instructions for candidates offering PSLE.

Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL) Examinations

All P6 students taking NTIL examinations will also receive the "Additional Instructions to Candidates on the NTIL Examinations".

Parents/Guardians are requested to complete the attached acknowledgement slip and return it to the Form Teachers by Wed, 11 April 2018.

5. Student Care Centre Admission for P5 and P6 Students

With the completion of the PERI Upgrading later this year, the Student Care Centre (SCC) will be moving to its dedicated premise within the new block. The school will be able to accommodate an additional 30 places in the SCC with the move that is likely to take place in April or May this year. Hence, we would like to invite parents of P5 and P6 students who are keen to admit their child into the SCC to submit their application.

Do note that SCC admission is only available to students who are Singapore Citizen or SPR. Given the limited vacancies, priority for a place in the SCC will be given to households that meet the income criterion for Student Care Fee Assistance (SCFA) from Ministry of Social & Family Development (MSF). The school will be working with the SCC Operator to increase the number of places in future.

Please submit the attached Registration Form to your child's Form Teachers or General Office by Fri, 6 April 2018. Only those shortlisted by the school will be contacted by the SCC Operator for submission of relevant documents for admission as well as for SCFA application.

6. Cyber Wellness: What's the Right Age for Parents to Get their Children a Handphone?

The right age to give kids their first handphone is really up to parents. Age isn't as important as the child's maturity level, ability to follow home and schools' rules, and their sense of responsibility. When parents give their children handphones, they are in fact giving them powerful communication and media-production tools. Children can create text, images, and videos that can be widely distributed and uploaded to websites instantly. Parents really need to consider whether their children are ready to use their phones responsibly, sensibly, meaningfully and respectfully.

If parents think their child's technological savviness is greater than their ability to use it wisely, they need to pay attention to the gap. They may need to say, "No, not yet." The following are some questions to consider before allowing your child to use a handphone:

- Do your children show a sense of responsibility, such as letting you know when they leave the house? Do they show up when they say they will?
- Do your children tend to lose things? If so, expect they might lose a (expensive!) phone, too.
- Do your children need to be in touch for safety reasons?
- Would having easy access to friends benefit them for social reasons?



- Do you think they'll use their handphones responsibly: for example, not using in school or at home during family time?
- Can they adhere to limits you set for usage?
- Will they use text, photo, and video functions responsibly and not to embarrass, hurt or harass others?

(Extracted from: *Common Sense Media – Cell Phone Parenting*)

7. Nomination for Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Award 2018

Since its inception in 1998, the *Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Award* aims at recognizing Chinese Language teachers who are exemplary in their efforts towards the teaching of Chinese language and culture. Previously known as the Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Award, this award seeks to affirm deserving teachers who have successfully inculcated the love for Chinese language and culture in their students.

The school would like to nominate Mdm Ong Siew Khim for the *Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Award 2018*.

Please extend your support by filling up the official nomination form online at: <http://bit.ly/chineseteachersawards>. Each nomination must be accompanied by a short write-up of 150 to 500 words in either English or Chinese, detailing the nominee’s achievement in 2017. Deadline for submission of all nominations is 16 April 2018.

8. Nomination for The Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Award 2018

Jointly organised by Tamil Murasu, Singapore Tamil Teachers’ Union and the Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee, *The Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Award 2018* aims to recognise the stellar performance of Tamil teachers for their role in educating and promoting Tamil Language among their young charges.

Nominees are passionate teachers of Tamil Language who act as catalysts in arousing students’ interest in Tamil language. They have also exemplified the innovative infusion of pedagogies in their classroom which engages their students and encourages them to be self-directed learners.

The school would like to nominate Mrs Manoj Kamala d/o Swamy for the *Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Award 2018*.

Please extend your support by filling up the nomination form given to your child. You may complete the form in either English or Tamil, and additional copies are available at the General Office. Nominations forms can also be accessed online at <http://www.tinyurl.com/MITT-Tamil> and <http://www.tinyurl.com/MITT-English>. Please submit all forms to the General Office by 11 May 2018.

9. From the Counsellor’s Desk – Teasing and Bullying

Bullying is an intentional, purposeful act, and therefore can be controlled if there is a strong commitment and concerted action on the part of all adults involved. One basic distinction often made in the literature on peer-on-peer aggression is between *teasing and bullying*. Teasing and Bullying exist on a continuum:

Joking – – – – – Teasing – – – – – Bullying

Joking

Joking is at the benign end of the continuum and reflects a more equal relationship. Joking implies that both sides find it funny.



Teasing

Teasing is a social exchange that can be friendly, neutral or negative. Done in the right spirit, it can actually be positive. When kids tease each other about clothes, musical tastes or behaviour, it helps them learn to deal with constructive criticism. It's part of how they relate. The parties may or may not have an equal relationship, but one person may not find it funny. It can be fun, playful and constructive or it can be nasty. Teasing may result in anything from amusement to extreme upset. Unless both find it amusing, it is not acceptable.

Bullying

Bullying involves an unequal relationship (either socially, physically, intellectually) and one of the people involved is definitely the target/victim. It is meant to hurt. The goal is to embarrass the victim and make the bully look better. It may start out as negative teasing. But when it's done repeatedly with the intent of being hurtful or threatening, it becomes bullying.

Parents should treat each situation differently. Some children will quickly develop strategies to overcome negative teasing or bullying. Others will require assistance. If you know that your child needs support, here are some things that you can do.

- Listen and focus on him/her. It's important for a child to know that their home and school will want to protect him. Emphasize that bullying or negative teasing should not be tolerated. Every student should be educated in an atmosphere that makes them safe.
- Brainstorm with him/her about ways to keep safe such as how to seek help, or where he/she can find an adult.
- Do not call the parents of the bully or teaser. It could backfire on your child. Let the school mediate.
- Role play with the child. Pretend you're the bully and have your child develop useful response.
- Model good behaviour.

Thank you for your support.

With warm regards,

Cheng Huey Teng (Mrs)
Principal

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Acknowledgement Slip

**Receipt of 2018 PSLE "Instructions for Candidates" Booklet and
"Additional Instructions to Candidates on the NTIL Examinations" for students taking NTIL
(To be submitted to the Form Teachers by Wed, 11 April 2018)**

Name of Student: _____

Class: P6 _____

Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Contact Number: _____

Date: _____



**Registration Form for P5 & P6 Students Only
Student Care Centre (SCC) at Changkat Primary School**

Yes, I am interested to apply for my child's admission at the Student Care Centre in 2018.

Child's Particulars

Name of Student: _____

2018 Form Class: _____

Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Contact No: _____ (HP) _____ (Home)

Email Address: _____

Please note:

1. Only students who are Singapore Citizens or SPR are eligible to apply for a place at the SCC.
2. If your monthly gross household income is \$4000 or less, or the Per Capita Income (PCI) is below \$1000 or less, you are eligible to apply for Student Care Fee Assistance (SCFA) from Ministry of Social & Family Development (MSF).
 - a. PCI is defined as the monthly gross household income divided by the number of family members staying in the same household
 - b. Depending on your gross household income, you will receive subsidy ranging from 10% to 98% of the monthly student care centre fee.
 - c. The student care centre operator will assist you in the application for the SCFA subsidy.
3. The number of places for admission to the SCC is limited during its first year of operation.
 - a. Priority will be given to those who are on Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) or qualify for SCFA subsidy.
 - b. Only those who are successful in their application for admission in April/May 2018 will be contacted by the SCC Operator.

Gross Household Income Declaration

Have you submitted the application for your child to be on FAS in 2018?

Yes

If 'Yes,' you do not need to fill up the table below.

No

If 'No', please fill up the information of ALL members living in your household in the table on the next page.



S/ N	Name & BC/NRIC No	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Gross Monthly Income
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8					
Gross Household Income					\$

I, _____, hereby declare that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

