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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are quickly coming to the end of the first semester. For the Sec 1s, I hope they have made new friends, have become accustomed to the secondary school curriculum, and have got acquainted with their new CCA. For the graduating students, CCA has ceased, and they should now re-focus all their time and effort towards preparing themselves well for the National Exams. For this purpose, we have put in place an intensive study and remedial programme for those taking the Mother-Tongue Language exam on 28 and 30 May, as well as an almost two-week long day study camp to prepare our Sec 4s and 5s for the O-level exams. For students preparing for the N-level exams, while there is no mandatory study programme, students should find time to consult their teachers during the first two weeks of the June holidays as well.

On the non-academic front, we are ending this term on a high note with our very first night Arts Festival, Zest, on Friday 25 May. This is a rare opportunity for our students to showcase their skills in singing, dancing, and the arts to the rest of the school, parents and our alumni. This is the first time we are opening up our Zest to parents and our alumni and I would like to encourage all parents and guardians to come support your child too if he or she is performing. At the same time, we are also well aware that a few of our graduating students eagerly want to perform at this year's inaugural Zest. Our Year Head and teachers will be working with them to guide them in balancing their time well between their academics and their preparation for this festival.

After this mid-year exam, many students will be getting back their exam results. For the Sec 1s, it will be their very first set of full secondary exam results. While the grades are an important indication of how well they have learnt in Semester 1, what is even more important is that they learn from their mistakes and find out how to improve. They should be comparing with their previous selves and against their own expectations, and find ways to get better, and not compare against their peers. Everyone has their individual strengths and interests, and different ways of answering exam questions. It is important to find out what works for oneself, tap on those areas of strength and strive to do better. I wish one and all a good learning experience as they get back their mid-year results.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all students to make full use of the June school holidays - spend time dabbling in your interests, deepening your areas of passion, and spend quality time to reconnect with your family and friends. Don't simply waste the 4 weeks away sleeping, gaming or hanging around in the malls and void decks. It is a valuable time to catch up on many activities and hobbies which could not have been possible during term time. I would also like to remind all students to stay safe during the June holidays – be wary of online crime, stay away from deals that appear too good to be true, and in general avoid getting oneself into trouble with the law. With this, I wish one and all a very safe, fruitful and meaningful June holiday break.

Here are some notable student achievements and upcoming programmes for your perusal.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN TERM 2

- 1 Our Uniformed Groups have done very well in 2017. Earlier in the Term 1 letter, we reported on the achievements by Scouts and NPCC. The table below shows the updated results for all Uniformed Groups CCAs. We would like to thank all teachers-in-charge and students for their hard work and dedication to their CCAs. Congratulations to the following CCA groups!

CCA	Achievement	Competition
Scouts	Gold	Frank Cooper Sands Award 2017
NPCC	Gold	Unit Overall Proficiency Award 2017
Girl Guides	Gold	Puan Noor Aishah Award 2017
Red Cross	Silver	Excellence Unit Award 2017
NCC (Air)	Silver	Best Unit Competition 2017

This year we are pleased to share that another two of our students from NPCC, **Ja'afar Siddiq bin Muhd Bahauddin (4N1)** and **Nina Shameera bte Osman (4N2)** have achieved the SPF-NPCC Badge, a pinnacle award given to outstanding cadets who display great leadership qualities. Congratulations and well done to Ja'afar Siddiq and Nina Shameera!

We would also like to extend our heartiest congratulations to our alumnus **Joshua Ang (class of 2016)** for achieving the highest Scout honour, the President's Scout Award. It was a proud moment for him to be receiving this honour from our President herself, and we would like to thank our Scouts teachers-in-charge for guiding and supporting him in this journey even after graduating from Zhenghua. It was an arduous journey and we are very proud of Joshua and his unwavering spirit in the pursuit of this pinnacle award. Well done Joshua!

2 National School Games Artistic Gymnastics Championships 2018

Our gymnasts **Mikha'il Illya' Grant (4N2)** and **Mohammad Mikhail Haziq (4E1)** continue to excel at the National School Games Artistic Gymnastics Championship this year. Mikhail Haziq ranked first and second in the Individual Apparatus (Horizontal Bars) and Individual Apparatus (Floor) segments respectively while Mikha'il obtained second place in the (Individual Apparatus) Pommel Horse and (Individual Apparatus) Rings and an overall Silver in the B Division Artistic Gymnastics Championships. Our heartiest congratulations to Mikha'il and Mikhail Haziq for their outstanding performance!

3 National First Aid Championships 2018

Our senior Red Cross cadets performed very well in the National First Aid Championships, obtaining an overall Bronze award in the Cadets' Senior Management Category. Well done to the following cadets!

Isaac Chu Ching An (3E3)	Candy Tay Jia Hui (3N1)
Ong Ying Mildred (3E3)	Soh Shu Hui (4N1)
Sun Qi Fei Phaedra (3E3)	Joleen Teo Xi Wen (4N2)
Lau Re-Gine (3E4)	Tan Shirminn (4T1)
Lim Xin Yue (3E4)	

ACADEMIC MATTERS

4 Assessments in Term 2, Marking Day and Post-Exam Activities

Monday 14 May has been designated as **Marking Day**, and students need not report to school on this day. School will continue as per normal from 15 May onwards with script-checking and Post-Exam Activities (PEA). The Post-Exam Activities schedule for the respective levels can be found in **Annex A**. The programmes and activities are compulsory and full participation is expected from your child / ward. Please note that CCAs will resume in Weeks 9 and 10 unless notified otherwise by the CCA teachers-in-charge.

5 Mother-Tongue Language Intensive Programme for Sec 4Exp5NA Students

The GCE 'O' Level MTL Exam (including MTL 'B' Syllabus) will be conducted on **28 and 30 May**. The MTL Department will be conducting the MTL Intensive Programme on **18 May, 21 – 24 May**, during curriculum time.

6 June Study Camp for Sec 4Exp5NA Students, 4NA Students taking 'O' Level Maths

The annual June Study Camp will be conducted from **31 May – 8 June** as part of the preparations for the upcoming GCE 'O' Level Exams. The Study Camp schedule can be found in **Annex A1**.

Please ensure that your child / ward attends lessons during the June Study Camp as scheduled as subject teachers will be doing important revision work, conducting Science Practicals and guiding students for coursework completion. Any absence from the June Study Camp must be supported by a valid medical certificate.

PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

7 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) II (25 May)

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to meet your child's / ward's Form Teachers and/or subject teachers on **25 May from 11.00 am – 6.00 pm** for a discussion on their holistic development and progress during Semester 1. Online registration will be open from **7 – 23 May** on MOnline. Do take note that students will be dismissed from school at **10.20 am on 25 May**. More details on the PTM will be provided nearer the period of registration.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eugene Lin
Principal

KEY EVENTS IN JUNE HOLIDAYS AND TERM 3

Date	Event
14 May	Marking Day (<i>Students need not report to school on this day</i>)
25 May	Parent-Teacher Meeting II (11.00 am – 6.00 pm)
25 May	ZEST Arts Festival (6.30 – 9.00 pm)
26 May – 24 June	June school holidays
28 May, 30 May	GCE 'O' Level Mother-Tongue Language Examinations
29 May	Vesak Day Public Holiday
31 May – 8 June	June Study Camp for Sec 4Exp5NA and 4NA students taking 'O' Level Maths
15 June	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday
18 – 22 June	Student Leaders Overseas Service Learning Trip
25 June	First day of Term 3
2 July	Youth Day School Holiday
5 – 12 July	GCE 'N' Level English Language Oral Exams
31 July – 3 August	GCE 'N' Level MTL Oral Exams
10 – 17 July	GCE 'O' Level MTL Oral Exams
13 – 28 August	GCE 'O' Level English Language Oral Exams
17 July	GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension Exam <i>(Please note that all students not sitting for the GCE 'O' MTL Listening Comprehension Exam will be dismissed earlier at 1.00 pm)</i>
13 July	Racial Harmony Day celebrations
20 July	Urban Challenge
8 August	National Day celebrations in school <i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 10.30 am after the celebrations)</i>
9 – 10 August	National Day Public and School Holidays
26 July – 7 August 31 July - 7 August, 24 – 29 August	<u>School Prelim Exams</u> GCE 'N' Prelim Exams GCE 'O' Prelim Exams
13 – 20 August	Sec 1 – 3 Common Test 2
22 August	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday
30 August	Teachers' Day celebrations <i>(Students will be dismissed earlier at 11.00 am after the celebrations)</i>
31 August	Teachers' Day School Holiday
1 – 9 September	September School Holidays

Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2018 (Secondary 1)

- 1 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (21 – 24 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 2 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.
- 3 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the Secondary 1 students. Afternoon programmes such as CCA will continue unless otherwise notified by the teacher-in-charge.

Day/Date	Event	Location	Dismissal Time
Monday 21 May	Inter-class Games - Volleyball	School	12.00pm
Tuesday 22 May	Mathematics Trail	Pang Sua Pond	12.20pm
Wednesday 23 May	1N1/1N2/1T1: History Learning Journey	Singapore River	12.20pm
	1E1-1E4: Aesthetics Exposure Programme	School and Singapore Conference Hall	12.20pm
Thursday 24 May	1N1/1N2/1T1: Aesthetics Exposure Programme	School and Singapore Conference Hall	12.20pm
	1E1-1E4: History Learning Journey	Singapore River	12.20pm

As School and Edusave funding is utilised for these programmes, a valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences.

Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2018 (Secondary 2)

- 4 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (21 – 24 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 5 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.
- 6 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the Secondary 2 students. Afternoon programmes such as CCA will continue unless otherwise notified by the teacher-in-charge.

Day/Date	Event	Location	Dismissal Time
Monday 21 May	2E1-2E4: Kayaking	Kallang Water Sports Centre	a. - 3.30pm (estimated time of return)
	2N1/2N2/2T1: Geography Water Trail	MacRitchie Reservoir	12.20pm
Tuesday 22 May	2E1-2E4: Kayaking	Kallang Water Sports Centre	3.00 - 3.30pm (estimated time of return)
	2N1/2N2/2T1 and selected students from 2E: Aesthetics Exposure Programme	School and Singapore Chinese Orchestra	12.20pm
Wednesday 23 May	Inter-class Competition: Floorball	School	12.00pm
Thursday 24 May	STEM Day	School	12.00pm

As School and Edusave funding is utilised for these programmes, a valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences.

Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2018 (Secondary 3)

- 7 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (21 – 24 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 8 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.
- 9 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the Secondary 3 students. Afternoon programmes such as CCA will continue unless otherwise notified by the teacher-in-charge.

Day/Date	Event	Location	Dismissal Time
Monday 21 May	3E: English Oral Exam	School	2.00pm
	3NA: ITE Experience Programme	ITE West	4.30pm (dismissal from venue)
	3NT: Learning Journey	SHATEC	12.00pm
Tuesday 22 May	Inter-class Competition: Softball	School	12.00pm
Wednesday 23 May	AM: Sexuality Education	School	NA
	PM: Values in Action Home Visit	3E1: Kang Le Daycare (Hospice Care) (HCA)	4.00pm
		3E2: Bo Tien Activity Centre for the Elderly	4.30pm
		3E3: Fei Yue Senior Activity Centre (Bukit Batok) & Pacific Healthcare (Bukit Panjang)	4.30pm
		3E4: Red Cross Home for the Disabled	4.45pm
		3N1: Pacific Healthcare (Lengkok Bahru) / Econ Medicare	4.45pm
		3N2: Orange Valley Senior Activity Centre & Orange Valley Nursing Home	4.30pm
		3T1: St Luke's Community Hospital	4.30pm
Thursday 24 May	Sports Education Programme	Skating: School	12.20pm
		Kinball: School	
		Muay Thai: School	
		Darts: School	
		Tchoukball: School	
		Golf: Sembawang Country Club	
	Bubble Soccer: The Cage, Kallang	1.00pm (estimated time of return)	
	Bowling: Bt Batok Civil Service Club		

As School and Edusave funding is utilised for these programmes, a valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences.

Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2018 (Secondary 4NA)

- 10 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (21 – 24 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 11 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.
- 12 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the Secondary 4NA students.

Day/Date	Event	Location	Dismissal Time
Monday 21 May	IP Subject Lessons	School	12.20pm
Tuesday 22 May	IP Subject Lessons	School	12.20pm
Wednesday 23 May	English Oral Examination 2	School	12.20pm
Thursday 24 May	Geography Learning Journey	Little India	12.20pm

As all programmes are compulsory during this period, a valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences.

Mid-Year Post-Examination Activities 2018 (Secondary 4NT)

- 13 Post-examination activities will take place for all students during week 10 of Term 2 (21 – 24 May). The activities carried out during this period are designed for the holistic development of your child.
- 14 Do note that all the post-examination activities are compulsory and your child will benefit from his/her full and enthusiastic participation. Reporting time to school for all days remains at 7.30am.
- 15 Below is a summary of the events held during the post-examination period for the Secondary 4NT students.

Day/Date	Event	Location	Dismissal Time
Monday 21 May	IP Subject Lessons	School	12.20pm
Tuesday 22 May	English Oral Examination	School	12.20pm
Wednesday 23 May	Diamond Programme	Gobbler Shop & Hotel Clover	1.00pm
Thursday 24 May	Diamond Programme	Gobbler Shop & Hotel Clover	1.00pm

As all programmes are compulsory, a valid Medical Certificate is required for all absences.

