

7 July 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Welcome Back!**

On behalf of the school, I welcome all our students back to the school. It was heartening to see all the children settled down within the first few days of the school. As a good start is important to anything that we do, we started the first day of the school by reminding our students on the importance of caring for each other, being good friends to their peers and how they can help one another to be better individuals as well as being responsible students in the school and children at home. This is because we believe that character and positive relationships at all levels; among peers and between teachers and students are important.

### **Review of Strategic Directions**

As part of the review of school strategic directions, the school invited all parents to share their thoughts on the values they would like their children to embrace as well as their learning experience in Pei Tong Primary School (PTPS) through a survey. The school also sought the inputs of our School Advisory Committee (SAC) on their thoughts on the values and competencies employers would value in employees. We also conducted a survey among all staff in PTPS too to gather feedback on similar areas as in the survey for parents and we are very heartened to share that there is a high degree of alignment between our parents' desires for their children's education and that of the philosophy of education and values embraced by our staff. The key values that are deemed important to both the parents and staff are our existing school values and they are:

- Care
- Respect
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Excellence

As the values surfaced are also the current school values, the school will continue to retain them.

The key aspects surfaced as important for their children's learning experience in PTPS as well as our staff's philosophy in education are:

- Holistic education
- Maximising children's potential
- Values inculcation and character development
- Being future ready
- Being resilient

The school has taken into consideration your inputs for the refinement of the school vision and mission. We will update you once the refined vision and mission are finalise. We would like to thank our parents who have taken the time to respond to the survey. It is important that we journey together to provide the best learning experience we can during their six years in the school.

## **Key Programmes for Term 3**

In addition to the level programmes which are specially planned and organised for the students in the respective levels for them to have a meaningful learning experience in the school, the school will be holding the following key programmes in Term 3:

### Senior Citizens Shopping Trip

As part of the school's Values in Action (VIA) effort, the school will be organizing the annual senior citizen shopping trip and lunch on 8 July 2017. P4 student leaders and staff will be accompanying 75 senior citizens from five homes to shop in the morning. This will be followed by lunch in school where the students will serve the senior citizens. Through this meaningful event, the students will have the opportunity to put the values and leadership skills they have learnt into action, through serving and interacting with the senior citizens.

### National Day Celebrations and Lower Primary Sports Day (P1 to P3)

Our school will be celebrating our Nation's 52nd birthday on the 8 August 2017. This year's theme is a rallying call to unite all Singaporeans. 'One Nation' is to remind Singaporeans that regardless of origin and background, we belong as one people and one nation. In the morning of our celebrations, students and staff will participate in an observance ceremony as we reflect on our humble beginnings and how we have progressed as a nation thus far. This will be followed by classroom activities for the upper primary students and lower primary sports day for the P1 to P3 students. The Lower Primary Sports Day provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate and apply the skills they have learnt in their Physical Education lessons and to display good character values as a competitor and a spectator. We seek parents understanding to ensure the attendance of your child to enable them to benefit from these meaningful activities.

## **Healthy Eating**

### 5-Minute Snack Time

To ensure the well-being of the students, the 5-minute snack time has been extended to students from P1-P6 since the beginning of this year. We would like to seek parents' co-operation in ensuring that your child brings only bite-size food that is nutritious and manageable, suitable for a snack time and not meal time, if your child needs to have a snack after recess and before school dismissal.

### Healthy Choice of Food

The school has observed that generally there tends to be an increase in obesity rates among students after the June holidays as many students have been inactive during the holidays. Due to the many health risks and illness related to obesity, we would like to encourage parents to continue to educate and reinforce in their children healthy eating habits and being physically active. As school is a large part of a student's life, we can work together in helping the children establish life-long healthy habits. As part of Health Promotion Board's Healthy Meals in School programme, we work with our canteen vendors to serve healthier food options. More details on the Healthy Meals in School Programme can be found on Health Promotion Board website.

## **School Safety**

### Entry to and exit from school processes

To enhance the safety of students and walk-in visitors coming and leaving school, the school reviews and refines existing processes continually. The school has put in place the following with effect from Term 3:

- Extension of the opening hours of the Orange gate from 7:30am to 5:00pm.
- Relocation of the changing of the pass from the main gate to the counter beside the General Office.
- The main gate will only be used for vehicles access. Walk-in students and visitors entering the school from the main gate will be re-directed to the Orange gate. The school continues to seek your cooperation to wait for your child/ward outside the respective gates during school and CCA dismissal and refrain from making arrangements for pick-up such that your child needs to walk through the main gate as this will compromise your child's safety.

Please note that visiting hours to the bookshop has also been revised to the following:

1120 – 1220hrs – Monday to Friday

1400 – 1600hrs – Monday to Tuesday

1330 – 1600hrs – Wednesday to Friday

### Lockdown Drill

The school will be conducting a lockdown drill in school on 14 July 2017. The purpose of the drill is to familiarize our students with the process of lockdown in the event that the safety of the school is compromised. Students learn how to hide themselves quietly in a locked room when they hear the code word. They will only come out from their hiding when an all-clear signal is given. This drill will be carried out with close monitoring on safety of the students by the school staff.

### **School Calendar for Term 3**

Attached is the school calendar for Term 3 for your reference and planning. The document will also be uploaded in the school website for your convenience.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to your partnership. Do continue to share with us with feedback on the school; both areas for improvement as well as areas that we have done well so that we can do more of those areas.

Thank you.

In partnership with you,  
Mrs Ng-Teo Sock Hua  
Principal  
Pei Tong Primary School

## School Calendar

### Term 3

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
8 Jul (Sat)	P4 VIA: Senior Citizens Shopping Trip Tour	P4 CCE ambassadors, prefects and selected students
14 Jul	Lockdown Drill	During curriculum time
15 Jul (Sat)	P5 NE Show	The Float @Marina Bay
27 & 28 Jul	P6 Prelim Exam : Oral	After school
31 Jul	P4 SA2: Oral (English Language)	After school
3 Aug	P4 Subject-Based Banding briefing for P4 parents	After school
7 Aug	P4 SA2: Oral (Mother Tongue Languages)	After school
8 Aug	National Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed early.
	Lower Primary Sports Day (P1, P2 and P3)	
14-16 Aug	P3 SA2: Oral (Mother Tongue Languages)	During curriculum time
17 & 18 Aug	PSLE Oral	P1-P5 students need not attend school and do E-learning at home
21 Aug	P6 Prelim Exam : English Language	During curriculum time
22 Aug	P6 Prelim Exam: Mathematics	During curriculum time
	P3 - P5 SA2: Listening Comprehension (Mother Tongue Languages)	During curriculum time
23 Aug	P6 Prelim Exam: Mother Tongue Languages	During curriculum time
24 Aug	P6 Prelim Exam: Science	During curriculum time
24 & 25 Aug	P3 SA2: Oral (English Language)	During curriculum time
25 Aug	P6 Prelim Exam: Higher Mother Tongue Languages	During curriculum time
28 Aug	P3-P5 SA2: Listening Comprehension (English Language)	During curriculum time
29 Aug	P4 SA2: Science Practical	During curriculum time
	P6 Prelim Exam: Listening Comprehension (English Language/Mother Tongue Languages)	After school
30 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration	School as usual