

# PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

30 June 2025

#### Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope all our students had a good break and spent quality time with their families during the June holidays. In this issue of the Newsflash, we will provide updates on the highlights of Term 2 and key events in Term 3.



#### CCA Achievements

CCAs are conduits for our students to discover their interests and strengths beyond the academics, and to develop students holistically. Our students have done well in their respective CCAs in Semester 1 2025 where they developed key traits such as leadership, student agency and resilience through engaging learning experiences in CCAs.

At the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation, our Concert Band, Modern Dance and English Drama achieved the Certificate of Distinction and our Chinese Orchestra and Choir achieved the Certificate of Accomplishment. Our B-Division Basketball Badminton Boys team emerged Top 8 in the NSG East Zone Championships. Our B-Division Football Boys continued to compete at League One in the National School Games Football Championships. Our student Kallie Tan Wan Yu (3E5) clinched the B-Division Girls U52kg Black-Belt Kyorugi Title at the NSG Taekwondo Championships. Two of our boys from the SP-CCA Athletics team raced at the 4x100m C-Division Boys Finals at the NSG Track and Field Championships. The Uniformed Groups (NCC Land, NCDCC and NPCC) were recognised as Distinction Units. accomplishments would be impossible without the passion and grit of teachers and students. The National School Games for the C-Division teams are on-going in Term 3. The school rallies behind every team and player, wishing them excellence.



#### **Overseas Learning Trip to Suzhou**

The overseas trip to Suzhou took place from 11 to 15 May 2025 with 4 teachers and 30 Sec 3 students, to broaden their knowledge of emerging educational, technological and economic trends in the region. They had a meaningful experience learning from staff and students from Xing Cheng school where they learned about Chinese poetry, calligraphy and art sculptures commonly seen in the popular gardens found in Suzhou. Other activities included dumpling making, robotics and experiencing the variety of school's CCAs. They also visited the places of interest such as the Silk Museum, to appreciate the history and heritage of silk production in Suzhou. Other historical sights included the Shangtang (七里山塘) and Tiger Hill (虎丘). Beyond the school, students had the opportunity to visit the DJI drone company in the Suzhou Industrial Park. Through this trip, students immersed themselves in the rich culture and breathtaking nature of Su Zhou and are inspired by the learning dispositions of their China counterparts.



#### 29th Student Council Investiture

The school witnessed the leadership transition of the Student Council during the 29<sup>th</sup> Student Council Investiture on 26 May 2025. The ceremony not only marks a new chapter for the incoming Student Councillors but also celebrates the achievements and contributions of the outgoing 28<sup>th</sup> Student Council. With great pride, we welcome the 29<sup>th</sup> Student Council as they step forward to embark on a journey that reaches beyond the expected, beyond boundaries, and beyond the stars.

# Class Leaders Committee and Peer Support Leaders Appointment Ceremony

The appointment of our 2025 Class Leaders and Peer Support Leaders was held in the school hall on 30 May. Congratulations to all our Class Leaders and Peer Support leaders, and we hope they will continue to chart new horizons, with courage, compassion and commitment.



### Attendance and Temperature-Taking

#### **Exercise**

The attendance and temperature-taking exercise for Term 3 will be conducted on **Wednesday**, **9 July 2025** for all staff and students. All students are required to bring a functional thermometer for the exercise. The exercise allows schools to maintain their preparedness to re-activate the attendance and temperature-taking regime should the need arise. It will also help to educate students on taking personal and social responsibility for their own health.



### **School Emergency Exercise**

The school will conduct the 2nd Emergency Exercise in July. This emergency exercise aims to train staff and students to be prepared for security incidents that may arise in the school and be familiar with the safety and evacuation procedures. During this exercise, we will have a lockdown cum an evacuation to an assembly area within the school.



There would not be any reminders on travel declaration for short holidays (Mar/Sep). For the Sep school holidays, parents/guardians are to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she intends to travel overseas. There is no need to submit the form if your child is not travelling. If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration to update the travel plan via PG or inform the school of cancellation of travel plan(s).



#### **Blended Learning (BL)**

Blended Learning will continue in Term 3 and students will participate in at least 1 hour of Student Initiated Learning (SIL) activity to explore an area of interest beyond the curriculum. For Sec 4 and 5 students, SIL is optional and they may use the time to prepare for the upcoming National Examinations instead. The updated BL days for Term 3 are reflected below.

Date (Day)	Level
15 Jul (Tue) - 17 Jul (Thu)	Sec 2 - 5  *Sec 1 away for OAL  *National Oral Examinations
1 Aug (Fri)	All levels
15 Aug (Fri)	Sec 1 - 3, 4N only
29 Aug (Fri)	Sec 1 only

Students who are sitting for the National Oral Examinations must return to school on some days between 15 and 17 July depending on their exam schedule. Please check with respective EL or MTL teachers if in doubt.



# **Parents Engagement Sessions**

We believe that close partnership between the school and parents is critical to our students' educational progress. The following parents engagement sessions have been planned for Semester 2. Details for the respective sessions will be sent via Parents' Gateway nearer to date.

Level	Engagement Session	Day/Date
Sec 1	Parent Engagement Session (OAL Camp Briefing)	Friday 4 July 2025, 5.30- 6.30 pm (Online via Teams)

Sec 2	1.	Briefing on the Upper Secondary Subject Combination Selection Exercise	Friday 25 July 2025, 5.30- 6.30 pm (Online via Teams)
	2.	Post-secondary education pathway talk by our ECG counsellor	Saturday 26 July 2025, 10.00-11.00 am (Online via Teams)



# MOE Outdoor Adventure Learning

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Under the National Outdoor Adventure Education Master Plan, students will experience two Outdoor Adventure Learning Camps in their secondary education. These camps provide opportunities for students to apply their learning in an authentic context through a variety of outdoor living experiences and adventure activities. The Secondary One Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp is a 4D/3N residential camp and will be held at the MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre from 15 to 18 July 2025. The Secondary Three 5D/4N MOE-OBS Challenge will be conducted from 3 to 7 November 2025.



#### **Staff Matters**

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to PRSS.

Name	Designation
Mdm Norhafizah Bte Ma'arof	EL Teacher
Ms Ng Si Min, Jasmine	School Counsellor

We thank the following officers for their contributions and service to the school and students. We wish them all the best for their new postings/endeavours:

Name	Posting w.e.f 30 Jun 2025
Mr Wong Wei Long	HOD (Special Assistance Plan) at Anglican High School

#### **Important Dates in Term 3 2025**

Date	Event
28 Jun	Sec 3 NE Show
4 Jul	Sec 1 Parent Engagement Session
7 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday
8 Jul	GCE O Level MTL Listening
	Comprehension Examinations
9 Jul	Temperature-Taking Exercise
10 Jul	CCA Leadership Handover
	Ceremony
14 - 18 Jul	GCE O & N-Level EL & MTL Oral
	Examinations
15 – 18 Jul	Sec 1 OAL Camp 4D3N
15 - 17 Jul	BL Days (Sec 2 -5)
18 July	Racial Harmony Day
21 July	Racial Harmony Day Bazaar
25 July	Sec 2 Parent Engagement Session
26 July	Post-Secondary Education
	Pathway Talk by ECGC
30 July	Staff and Student Photo-taking
	session
1 Aug	BL day (All Levels)
1 - 6 Aug	4N Preliminary Examinations (wave1)
4 – 22 Aug	WA3
8 Aug	National Day Celebration
11 Aug	National Day School Holiday
12 – 15 Aug	4N Preliminary Examinations
	(wave2)
15 Aug	BL Day (Sec 1 - 3), 4N only
21 Aug - 3 Sep	4E5N Preliminary Examinations
22 & 25 Aug	HPV Vaccination
	(S1 & S2 female students)
25 Aug – 5 Sep	Parent-Teacher Meeting (selected
	students only)
26 Aug- 3 Sep	Annual Health Check(S1 & S2
	students)
29 Aug	BL Day (Sec 1 only)
4 Sep	Teachers' Day Celebration
5 Sep	Teachers' Day School Holiday

# Key Preliminary & National Examination dates in 2025

### **GCE O Level**

Date	Examination
14 – 18 Jul	GCE O & N Level EL & MTL Oral
	Examinations
8 Jul	GCE O Level MTL/MTLB Listening
	Comprehension Examinations
21 Aug – 3	4E5N Preliminary Examinations
Sep	
1, 6, 9 & 14	GCE O Level Science Practical
Oct	Examinations
8 Oct	GCE O Level EL Listening
	Comprehension Examinations
16 Oct – 10	GCE O Level Written Examinations
Nov	

# **GCE N Level**

Date	Examination
14 – 18 Jul	GCE O & N Level EL & MTL Oral
	Examinations
1 - 14 Aug	4N Preliminary Examinations
	(Wave 1 & 2)
16 & 17 Sep	GCE N Level EL & MTL Listening
	Comprehension Examinations
19 & 25 Sep	GCE N Level Computer Applications
	Practical Examinations
15 – 25 Sep	GCE N Level Written Examinations
& 6 – 14 Oct	(Wave 1 & 2)