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PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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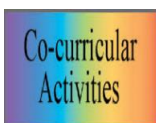
Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope you had an enjoyable time bonding with your child/ward during the March holiday. We had a great start to 2024 in Term 1 with the respective Level Camps, where our students learned to work with their peers and teachers and displayed a strong school spirit. Apart from the 2023 O level results, some of our sports CCAs have also done well in the B Division National School Games. We are pleased to share with you the highlights of Term 1 and the key events planned for Term 2.



2023 GCE O Level Examination Results

Congratulations to our 4E5N students on their outstanding performance at the 2023 GCE O Level examinations! 100% of our 4E cohort were eligible for JC / Polytechnic and 83.3% of our 5N cohort were eligible for Polytechnic. 86.1% of the entire cohort attained 5 or more O Level passes. We would like to thank all parents and teachers for playing an instrumental role in supporting our students to realise their potential.



National School Games (NSG) 2024

The NSG is an important milestone in the holistic development of student-athletes. Our B-Division Sports Teams participated in the respective NSG East Zone and National Championships in Term 1. Our Football team got into the B-Division Football League One while our Basketball (Boys) qualified for the East Zone Basketball Championships Quarter-Finals. Our student-athletes demonstrated grit, resilience, teamwork and leadership at the competitions. The C-Division NSG competitions will be held in Terms 2 and 3. We wish our C-Division teams excellence.



PRSS 39th Anniversary Celebrations

The school will be celebrating its 39th Anniversary on 24 April with the theme 'Pillars of Inspiration in PRSS' as we will be featuring our current and ex-Pasirians and staff who have inspired us and laid the foundation for our success today through the different segments of the programme which include the 39 stories segment, the Student Learning Festival as well as the Awards ceremony, where we will celebrate the academic and non-academic achievements of our students in 2023.

We would like to thank all our stakeholders in advance and will continue to strive forward with all the pillars of support and inspiration in our school and the community.



Blended Learning (BL)

Blended Learning days will continue to be implemented in Term 2 and the BL days for all cohorts are on 27 Mar, 24 Apr and 8 May.

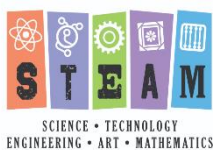
Students will report to school on 24 April for the Student Learning Festival and will be dismissed by 10.30 am to continue with BL at home. Likewise, the PRSS X-country will take place on 8 May and students will continue with BL after the event.



English Language & Literature Festival

The English Language department will be organising our annual EL & Lit Festival in Term 2 Week 3 where students will participate in book talks, master classes and exciting library activities to cultivate the joy of learning English Language and Literature. The theme of the festival is 'Empower Your Voice', with a focus on honing students' public speaking and oral presentation skills. Some highlights include a Sec 1 drama showcase as well as a workshop conducted by Mr Darren Tay, the

Master Trainer from the Public Speaking Academy. Interested students can sign up with their EL teachers to attend the workshops.



S.T.E.A.M. Carnival 2024

The S.T.E.A.M. Carnival for all Sec 1 to 5 students will take place in Term 2 Week 9. The aim of the festival is to raise students' awareness of an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Students will have opportunities for authentic hands-on learning by applying critical thinking and problem-solving skills beyond their curriculum. Other activities such as "Build-A-Device with a Scientist" and a STEAM career fair will also be organised for interested students within the week to expose them to the possible STEAM-related career options as part of education and career guidance (ECG).



Taking care of Student Wellbeing - Pop-Up Café for students

On 14 February 2024, in conjunction with Valentines' Day, the school library was transformed into a café, with the theme 'In Gratitude, We Thrive', serving artisan tea, coffee, and finger food such as sandwiches and waffles. This is the first out of a series of pop-up café to be launched throughout the year, as part of the school's effort to promote student wellness and advance student agency in uplifting the school community. Stay tune to the next pop-up café in April, where we commemorate International Friendship Day 2024!



Green School Initiatives

In support of environmental sustainability and MOE's target to reduce net carbon emissions from the schools sector by 2030 under the Singapore Green Plan 2030, existing non-LED lights in standard school facilities (such as classrooms, canteens and staff rooms), will be replaced with more energy efficient LED lights by July 2024.

As part of our effort to drive sustainability education at PRSS, the school will be commemorating events such as World Water Day (22 Mar), Earth Hour (23 Mar) and Earth Day (22 Apr).

On World Water Day, there will be a Water Rationing exercise where students will learn about the importance of water security and the pressing need to protect our water resources. Students are encouraged to bring their water bottle as the water cooler will be shut off for few hours on that day.

Earth Hour 2024 will be held on Sat 23 March. The school will be observing Earth Hour on **Monday, 25 March from 8.45 am to 9.45 am**. All lights in the school (e.g. classrooms, canteen, labs, staff room and general office) will be switched off for 1 hour. The rest of the electrical appliances such as projectors, fans, computers will continue to be switched on and lessons will continue as usual.

For Earth Day on 22 April, the theme is "Planet vs Plastics" and students will learn about the damage done by plastic to human and animal health, the urgency to phase out single use plastics by 2030 as well as the need to invest in innovative technologies and materials to build a plastic free world. In addition, students will participate in recycling and upcycling activities which will enable Pasirians to demonstrate the PRIZE values of being environmentally responsible. Let's lend our support and do our part for planet Earth.



Class Leaders Committee and Peer Support Leaders Appointment Ceremony

The school witnessed the appointment of our 2024 Class Leaders and Peer Support Leaders in a ceremony held in the school hall on 27 February. Congratulations to all our Class Leaders and Peer Support leaders, and we hope they will continue to be sources of inspiration and create ripples of influence that will leave a positive and lasting impact on their peers and the wider school community.



Parents Engagement

As part of our ongoing efforts to partner parents in your child's educational journey, the school has planned a series of level Breakfast Sessions for parents to engage with School Leaders and key personnel. Details for the respective sessions will be sent via Parents' Gateway nearer to date.

Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4/5
12 Apr	10 May*	19 Apr	17 May*

*Updated

Staff Matters

We welcome the following staff to the PRSS family:

Name	Designation
Ong Yan Lin	NIE Trainee (Bio/Chem)

Important Dates in Term 2

Date	Event
18 - 20 Mar	ApLM@ITE, ApLM@Poly for S3 students
27 Mar	BL Day
1 - 5 Apr	English Language & Literature Festival
12 Apr	Breakfast Session (S1 Parents)
16 Apr	Hari Raya Concert
19 Apr	Breakfast Session (S3 Parents)
24 Apr	Student Award Ceremony & Student Learning Festival
24 Apr	BL Day
10 May	Breakfast Session (S2 Parents)
29 Apr - 3 Jun	DSA e-Open House
2 May	Performing Arts@VCH
17 May	Breakfast Session (S4/5 Parents)
6 - 7 May	HPV Vaccination for S1&S2 female students
8 May	Cross Country Event
8 May	BL Day
9 - 17 May	Annual Health Check for S1 & S2 students
13 - 17 May	STEAM Carnival
16 - 17 May	Career Awareness Day
20 - 24 May	End-of-SEM Activities
21 May	Student Council Investiture and Student Leadership Forum
21 May	Champion's Tea (B Div)
20 – 21 May & 23 – 24 May	Sec 3 Parent-Teachers' Meetings
27 May	MTL/MTLB O-Level Written Exams
25 May - 23 Jun	June school holidays