



# NEWSFLASH

PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

24 June 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3. 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 have provided 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 2024 where they developed key traits such as leadership, student agency and resilience through engaging learning experiences in CCAs.

Our various Performing Arts groups, the Chinese Orchestra, Choir, Concert Band, Modern Dance and English Drama put up a spectacular musical showcase 'The Pursuit' on 3 May 2024 and were treated to an Appreciation Tea by the school for their efforts and achievements. Our B Division Basketball Boys Team emerged Top 8 in the NSG East Zone Basketball Championships while our Football Boys competed at League 1 in the National School Games Football Championships. The uniformed groups (NCC Land, NCDCC and NPCC) were all recognised as Distinction units. Such accomplishments would be impossible without the passion and grit of teachers and students. The National School Games for C-Division teams are ongoing in Term 3. The school rallies behind every team and player, wishing them excellence.



## Participation of Choir in NDP 2024

The PRSS Choir was invited to be part of the combined school Choir for the National Day Parade 2024 Music Video segment. Kudos to our Choir members for the enthusiasm and dedication in making the MV production a success. We hope that they have had an

enriching and memorable experience during the studio recording and interacting with fellow choir members from other schools. Let's look forward to the live telecast of the music video on 9 August 2024!



## Overseas Learning Trip to Brunei

The overseas trip to Brunei took place from 5 to 8 May 2024 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 Sekolah Menengah Berakas and visiting the Eco Ponies Garden where they learned about sustainable farming practices. They also visited the Eco Corridor and Bukit Sepatir to learn about the importance of conserving nature. Through this trip, students immersed themselves in the rich culture and breathtaking nature in Brunei and were inspired to lead a more sustainable lifestyle.



## Overseas Learning Trip to Penang

Some of our Sec 2 and 3 students went on an overseas cultural and school immersion trip to Penang with 4 teachers from 19 to 22 May 2024. The highlights of the trip include interaction and exchange of ideas and experiences on eco-school practices with staff and students from Penang's SMK Convent Butterworth and an industry visit to Paramit Malaysia which is a global contract development and manufacturing firm, known as Factory in a Forest for their sustainable efforts in architectural design and factory operations. Our teachers and students also visited the iconic Penang Hill, Peranakan Museum, Chew Jetty and Armenian Street which featured various forms of street art and Chinese clan houses. Through this trip, students fostered their knowledge of sustainability and strengthened their appreciation and sense of belonging to Singapore.



### The 28th Student Council Investiture

The school witnessed the leadership transition of the Student Council during the 28th Student Council Investiture on 21 May 2024. The ceremony not only marks a new chapter for the incoming Student Councillors but also celebrates the achievements and contributions of the outgoing 27th Student Council. We look forward to the contributions of the 28th Student Council as they continue to lead the student body with their positivity and vitality.



### CCA Leadership Handover Ceremony

The CCA Leadership Handover Ceremony will take place on 2 July 2024 to mark a significant transition as the new student leaders prepare to assume their roles. This event will also celebrate the achievements of the outgoing leaders and welcome the incoming leaders with a formal handover of responsibilities and artefacts that represent their CCAs.



### Authentic Learning and Holistic Development

The school strongly believes in developing students' joy of learning by providing opportunities for students to relate the knowledge and skills acquired from the classroom in the real-world context. As such, the STEAM Carnival featuring inter-disciplinary workshops from Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics was organised for all students from 13 to 17 May. The English Language and Literature Festival was also held from 1 to 5 April where selected students attended author workshops and talks by professionals on honing their public speaking skills. Other highlights include a Sec 3 inter-class debate and the 'Poetry Under the Stars' event where our Upper Secondary students learned about star gazing and were inspired to write their poems.

The school also organised the Student Learning Festival on 24 April, in conjunction with our 39th anniversary celebration, for students to showcase their student-initiated projects and learn from one another. In the final week of Term 2, Sec 2 students attended the various Cultural Fusion workshops that culminated into a combined level showcase. Our Sec 1 students participated in the Code for Fun programme and our Sec 3 students bonded with their classmates through the annual inter-class games.



### Attendance and Temperature-Taking Exercise

The attendance and temperature-taking exercise for Term 3 will be conducted on **Wednesday, 3 July 2024** 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 responsibility for their own health and social responsibility.



### School Emergency Exercise

The school will conduct the 2nd Emergency Exercise in August. This emergency exercise aims to train staff and students to be prepared for security incidents that may arise in the school and to 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.



### 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 National Examinations instead. The updated BL days for Term 3 are reflected below.

Date (Day)	Level
17 Jul (Wed)	All levels
23 Jul (Tue) - 25 Jul (Thu)	Sec 1, 2, 4 and 5 <i>*Sec 3 away for OBS</i>
13 Aug (Tue)	Sec 2 only
14 Aug (Wed)	Sec 3 only

Sec 4 and 5 students may need to return to school on one of the three days between 23 and 25 July to sit for the National Oral Examination depending on the exam schedule.



## Parents Engagement Sessions

We believe that close partnership between the school and parents is critical to our students' educational progress. The following Parent 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 2 Aug 2024, 5.30-6.30 pm (Online via Zoom)
Sec 2	1. Briefing on the Upper Secondary Subject Combination Selection Exercise	Friday 5 July 2024, 5.30-6.30 pm (Online via Zoom)
	2. Post-secondary education pathway talk by our ECG counsellor	Saturday 6 July 2024, 10-11am (Online via Zoom)



## MOE Outdoor Adventure Learning (OAL)

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 Three 5D/4N MOE-OBS Challenge** will be conducted from **22 to 26 July 2024**. 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 **13 to 16 August 2024**.



## Staff Matters

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to PRSS.

Name	Designation
Mr Lim Yong Liang	Chem/Physics Teacher
Mdm Dian Farhana Binte Abdul Razak	Corporate Support Officer

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 24 Jun 2024
Ms Chua Wei Tian	CPDD (Science Branch), MOEHQ
Ms Faith Nah	Compassvale Secondary School, LH/EL
Ms Wong Yun Yi	CPDD (Chinese Unit), MOEHQ
Ms Salsabila Binte Ishak	Special Education Officer - Diploma in Special Education, NIE
Mr Ong Ruiwen	Resigned from Service
Mdm Sharifah Maimunah	Resigned from Service
Ms Nadirah Binte Jamallodin	Resigned from Service, joined Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore



## Important Dates in Term 3

Date	Event
27 Jun	4NA / 4NT EL Oral Prelim Examinations
29 June	Annual Cross-Country Run @ Bedok Reservoir Park
1 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday
3 Jul	Temperature-Taking Exercise
3 Jul	GCE O Level MTL and MTL B Listening Comprehension Examinations [Early Dismissal - Upper Sec @ 12.40 PM; Lower Sec @ 1.15 PM]

4 - 12 Jul	GCE O Level MTL Oral Examinations
5 Jul	Sec 2 Upper Secondary Subject Combination Selection Briefing
8 - 19 Jul	MTL Fortnight
16 July	Racial Harmony Day Bazaar
17 Jul	BL Day
18 July	Racial Harmony Day
4 - 20 July	Sec 3 NE Show
23 - 25 Jul	BL Days
22 - 26 Jul	GCE N & O Level EL and O Level HMTL/MTLB Oral Examinations
23 - 25 Jul	GCE N Level NA/NT MTL/BMTL Oral Examinations
22 - 26 July	Sec 3 MOE OBS
29 Jul – 7 Aug	4N Preliminary Examinations
8 Aug	National Day Celebration
10 Aug	National Day School Holiday
13 - 16 Aug	S1 OAL Camp 4D/3N @ MOE Changi Coast OALC
16 – 28 Aug	4E5N Preliminary Examinations
29 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration
30 Aug	Teachers' Day School Holiday