

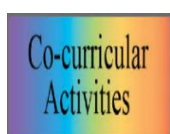


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PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

26 June 2023

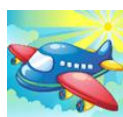
We hope that all students had a good break and spent quality time with the family during the June Holidays. In this issue of the Newsflash, we will provide updates on the highlights of Term 2 and key events in Term 3.



CCA Achievements

CCAs are conduits for our students to discover their interests and strengths beyond the academics, and to develop holistically. Key traits such as leadership, student agency and resilience are honed through communal learning experiences in CCAs. Pasirians have done exceptionally well in CCAs in 2023 as they revert to pre-Covid norms.

Chinese Orchestra, Choir, Concert Band, English Drama obtained the Certificate of Distinction in the Singapore Youth Festival while Modern Dance was accorded the Certificate of Accomplishment. Our B Division Basketball and Football Teams emerged top 8 in East Zone and qualified for National League 1 respectively. The uniform groups (NCC, NCDCC, NPCC) were all recognised as "Distinction" units. Such accomplishment would be impossible without the passion and grit of teachers and students. The National School Games for C-Division teams are on-going. The school rallies behind every team and player, wishing them excellence.



Overseas Learning Journey to Penang

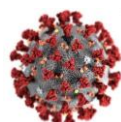
The trip took place from 21 to 25 May 2023. 26 students and 4 teachers embarked on the trip to broaden their knowledge of emerging educational, technological and economic trends in the region. They interacted with staff and students from Penang's SMK Convent Butterworth. Through this trip, students deepen their cross-cultural skills and strengthened their sense of belonging to Singapore.



Authentic Learning and Holistic

Development

Relatability of knowledge and skills acquired from the classroom is key to developing students' joy of learning. As such, the school has dedicated an authentic learning week to the STEAM Carnival featuring inter-disciplinary work including Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics from 15 - 18 May. The English Language and Literature Festival was held from 9 - 12 May as well where students attended author workshops and talks by professionals and went on learning journeys to learn how to unlock the power of language to make a difference. In the final week of Term 2, Sec 2 students embarked on a National Education/ Humanities Learning Journey to various World War 2 sites to appreciate the importance of national security and historical perspective taking. Sec 1 students picked up "future-skills" by participating the Code for Fun programme. Sec 3 students furthered their outdoor education through the 5-days MOE-OBS programme in March.



Update on Management of C+/Ag+ Students in school

In alignment with Singapore's endemic COVID-19 new norm, MOE has refined the guidelines for the management of C+/Ag+ students in school, where the focus is on individual's health and well-being and in developing students' social responsibility within the school community.

For students who are unwell, they should seek medical attention and/or stay home to rest (regardless of ART result)

For students who are well, they can return to school (regardless of ART result). If students has mild symptoms or test Ag+ but has no symptoms, the student should exercise social responsibility - minimise close physical contact with others in large group settings, and wear masks.



Attendance and Temperature Taking

Exercise

The attendance and temperature taking exercise for Term 3 will be conducted on **Wednesday, 5 July 2023** for all staff and students. As 5 July is a Blended Learning Day, students attending from home will go through the exercise with their Home Teachers via the online platform. 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.

Emergency Exercise

School Emergency Exercise

Our school will be conducting an Emergency Exercise on Friday, 4 Aug 2023 from 9.00am to 11.00am. 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 drill followed by evacuation to an external holding site, which is Yumin Primary School. The evacuation will involve the students walking to the Yumin Primary School, assembling in the school hall, and then walking back to school. We seek your understanding that the school may not be able to attend to visitors during the period of exercise as all the staff will be involved in the exercise.



Travel Declaration for Sep Holidays

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).



School Reporting Time & Attire

Guidelines

Day	Reporting Time
Mondays	8.25 am
All other days	7.30 am

All students are expected to be at their assembly venue punctually by the stated reporting time.

As the weather gets warmer with daily temperatures hitting as high as 34 deg C, the school has allowed students to come in half-uniform effective 26 Apr 2023. Half-uniform refers to any school official T-shirt including PE T-shirt, Level Camp T-shirt or 35th Anniversary T-shirt with school shorts/pants/skirts. CCA T-shirts are to be worn only during CCA lessons.



Blended Learning (BL)

Blended Learning will continue in Term 3 Week 2 for all levels and students will participate in at least 1 hour of Student Initiated Learning (SIL) activity to explore an area of interest beyond the curriculum. The updated BL days for Term 3 are reflected below.

HBL Session	Date (Day)	Level
9	26 Jun (Mon)	Secondary 4/5N
	27 Jun (Tue)	Secondary 3
	28 Jun (Wed)	Secondary 2
10	5 Jul (Wed)	All levels
11	19 Jul (Wed)	All levels
12	2 Aug (Wed)	All levels
13	16 Aug (Wed)	All levels (except 4E5N)



Parents Engagement Sessions

Close partnership between the school and parents is critical to 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	Breakfast Session cum Parent-Child Bonding Session	Wednesday 2 Aug 2023

Sec 2	<p>1. Streaming Briefing on the Upper Secondary Subject Combination Selection Exercise</p> <p>2. Post-secondary education pathway talk by our ECG counsellor</p>	<p>Friday 14 July 2023, 6 pm (school hall)</p> <p>Saturday 15 July 2023, 10 am to 11 am (zoom)</p>
Sec 3	Breakfast Session	Friday 07 July 2023

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

Name	Posting w.e.f 26 Jun 2023
Ms Leong Su Juen	Singapore Teachers' Academy for the aRts (STAR), MOE HQ
Ms Cindy Soh Sock Kheng	Zhonghua Sec Sch, EL Teacher
Ms Filzah Yahaya	Special Education Needs Branch, MOE HQ
Ms Tan Ci Jun Eudora	St. Hilda's Sec Sch, Music Teacher
Mr Zulkifli Mohamed Saat	Broadrick Sec Sch, Student Welfare Officer
Ms Cecilia Ang	Resigned from Service
Mr Ang Ee Hup	Resigned from Service



MOE Outdoor Adventure Learning (OAL)

Under the National Outdoor Adventure Education Master Plan, students will experience 2 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 adventurous activities. The Secondary 3 MOE-OBS Challenge has been conducted in March 2023. The **Secondary 1** Outdoor Adventure Camp is a 3D2N residential camp held at Camp Christine@ Jalan Bahtera from 26 to 28 June 2023.



Change in Bookshop Operator

The school has appointed Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd as the school's bookshop operator with effect from 1 Jun 2023. The bookshop will continue to operate from 7.00am to 3.00pm at the canteen during school term.



Staff Matters

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to PRSS.

Name	Designation
Mr Jonathan Ng Tian Loong	D&T Teacher
Ms Peck Pei Yi Francesca	Music FAJT
Ms Tan Ler Nie	EL & Hist Teacher (Untrained)

Important Dates in Term 3

Date	Event
26 - 28 Jun	Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Camp
3 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday
4 Jul	GCE O Level MTL and MTL B Listening Comprehension Examinations
5 Jul	BL Day
6 Jul	GCE O Level MTL B Oral Examinations
7 Jul	Sec 3 Parents' Engagement
6 - 17 Jul	GCE O Level MTL Oral Examinations
11 - 17 Jul	GCE N Level English Language Oral Examinations
14 Jul	Sec 2 Streaming Briefing
15 Jul	Sec 2 Post Secondary Education Pathway Talk via zoom
17 - 21 Jul	Racial Harmony Week Mother Tongue Fortnight Week 1
19 Jul	BL Day
25 Jul - 3 Aug	GCE O Level English Language Oral Examinations
27 July	Student Conference
25 - 27 Jul	GCE N Level Mother Tongue Languages and Basic Mother Tongue Languages Oral Examinations
31 Jul - 4 Aug	MT Fortnight Week 2
1 - 3 Aug	4NA/4NT Preliminary Examinations (Wave 1)
2 Aug	BL Day
2 Aug	Sec 1 Parents Engagement
4 Aug	School Emergency Preparedness Exercise
8 Aug	National Day Celebration
10 Aug	National Day School Holiday
28 Jul - 3 Aug	GCE O Level Higher MTL Oral Examinations

7, 11 – 16 Aug	4NA/4NT Preliminary Examinations (Wave 2)
16 Aug	BL Day
17 – 29 Aug	4E5NA Preliminary Examinations
31 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration
1 Sept	Teachers' Day School Holiday