



HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I am happy to see our teachers and pupils back in school, ready for the academic year of 2018. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

I am honoured to be part of an institution that has spanned over 40 years and be given the opportunity to be the 8th Principal of Henry Park Primary School. I am grateful for all the hard work that my predecessors and past teachers had done in shaping Henry Park to become what it is today.

In Henry Park, the child is central to everything we do. Our programmes and policies are designed to meet the varied needs and interests of our pupils. Each child is important to us in Henry Park as we foster him/her to be a happy learner and help realise his/her potential. This is best reflected in the school's philosophy that "Every Child matters and every child can succeed".

The school mission, vision and values serve as lighthouse, guiding the school in nurturing the leader in our pupils – with talents and strength of character through our distinctive programmes such as the Applied Learning Programme (ALP), Learning for Life Programme (LLP), in-house Talent Development programmes and service-learning experiences for our students to develop a heightened sense of empathy for others and contribute to our community. Through our customised curriculum, our pupils go through a holistic education that will groom them to be people of character and relevance, who are Honest in Performance, and who possess Pride in Service.

Our work aims to fulfil our vision of developing Henry Park pupils to live life being guided by our RICE values of Respect, Integrity, Care and Excellence. This will equip and prepare them for the future and become successful and contributing individuals with a strong moral compass whom we will be proud of.

As a school, we know it takes the whole community to raise the Henry Park pupil. We value the partnership with our parents, the SAC, HPPA and our Alumni. We would like to encourage each and every one to journey with my team of dedicated and caring staff as we give our pupils a meaningful and enriching schooling experience. In the education that we provide, we would like our pupils to Dream to aspire, to possess the skills to Discover and the heart to Dare in each phase of their lives.



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1 School Leaders and Year Heads

Let me take this opportunity to introduce our school leaders and key personnel to you.

Ms Nathalie Chen, VP (Academic)
 Mdm Wong Su May, VP (Academic)
 Mrs Vijaya Ganesh, VP (Administration)

We can be contacted via hpps@moe.edu.sg.

The school has the Student Development Team (SDT) which oversees the holistic development of the pupils. Through the SDT, the school seeks to provide a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for our pupils where they have opportunities to engage in quality learning experience and acquire values supportive of their lifelong well-being. We are pleased to introduce the members of the SDT. The SDT will send out letters each term to keep you updated of key matters pertaining to the respective levels.

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2 Safety and Security

The school believes in providing our pupils with a safe and secure environment to ensure that good learning takes place. To achieve this purpose, we seek the strong collaboration with parents and the community. This is especially important in the light of the current



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security climate. As a school, we will be practising lock-down drills and evacuation of the whole school to an external holding site. While it has been a good practice for the school to be open to parents and caregivers, it has created other concerns that might compromise the security and safety of our pupils. Hence, the school will be reviewing how we can manage this openness, yet maintain security for the school. We will be introducing these changes in phases and we seek your understanding as we introduce these changes.

We like to remind that all visitors are required to report at the security post located at the bus bay or just outside the general office. We hope parents will refrain from sending your child's books, files, stationery, water-bottles etc to school as this will make it difficult to deter unauthorised persons from entering the school. We hope you will work with your child/ward to appreciate the importance of responsibility for their own belongings in packing their bags daily.

3 Traffic Issues

As you are aware, Henry Park Primary School is a big school and traffic to and from the school during the school reporting times and dismissal time can be very heavy. We would like to appeal to you to help the school ensure a safer and smoother traffic flow. Please follow the instructions given by our staff and parent volunteers. Do give them your understanding and cooperation so that we can ensure the safety of our pupils.

In the morning, if there is a build up at level 3, you may drop your child off at level 1. Please note that only a right turn is allowed at level 1's exit. We have noted some parents making illegal left turns at level 1's exit and there have been near misses. For your safety and of other motorists, we appeal to you to adhere to the traffic guidelines. Both left and right turns are permitted at level 3's drive-way exit.

Please refrain from sending your child to school before 6.30 a.m. To avoid morning traffic congestion, you may drop your child at school by 7 a.m. & arrive 20 minutes after dismissal to avoid afternoon traffic congestion.

4 School Bus

On days when your child is not taking the school bus back home at the standard dismissal time, please inform the bus driver beforehand to avoid holding up the bus as the driver tries to locate your child.

5 Pupils' Well-Being

The school has collected most of the pupils' workbooks, files and materials, and placed them in the classrooms. Pupils should use their timetable to guide them in packing their school bags so that they can better manage the weight. We seek your assistance in guiding your child/ward in the matter. Our collective efforts will ensure that our pupils' school bags are not too heavy.

We are delighted to note that even the P1 have adjusted very well to the primary school. Do encourage your child to be independent and if they need any help, to approach their teachers so that we can assist them. Children have to learn to manage homework and cope with assessments. Support from parents is critical at this stage.

For a start, encourage your P1 child to talk about his/her new experiences and what he/she likes and doesn't like about school. Listen for any worries he/she might have and attend to those concerns. It is easy as adults for us to brush aside what seem to be small matters, but it is helpful to learn to see things through his/ her eyes.



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As your child adapts to school life, show your support in other ways, such as valuing him/her for who he/she is, and not what he/she has achieved. Instead of comparing his/her performance with others or expressing disappointment when he/she is not performing up to your standard, appreciate his/her efforts. Focus on the learning process - not only on the marks!

6 School Achievements

a. PSLE 2017

The P6 (2017) did well in the PSLE. More than 30% of pupils obtained a T-score of more than 250. In all subjects, our pupils have fared well when compared with national results and comparable schools.

b. NIQC

We would also like to congratulate our 5 teams of teachers who presented in the National Innovation and Quality Circles (NIQC) In-House assessment. The school achieved 4 Gold and 1 Silver.

7 Walk-for-Joy

As we develop our pupils to be successful and contributing individuals with a strong moral compass through our Character and Citizenship Education (CCE), we would like to strengthen the school's effort in educating and raising awareness in our pupils on the emerging societal needs/issues and providing opportunities to give back to our society.

From 2018, the school will be organising the "Walk-for-Joy" campaign. Our teachers and staff have pledged to complete a walk annually to raise funds for a different beneficiary each year. We would like our pupils to support their teachers in their walk by raising funds through pledge cards for our beneficiary.

In 2018, we would like to contribute to St Luke's Hospital (SLH), a 233-bed community hospital that serves patients regardless of race and religion & St Luke's ElderCare (SLEC) to support their efforts to holistically care for their 6000 seniors across the 16 eldercare centres island-wide through integrated services and programmes that will improve the physical, psychological and social well-being.

Selected staff and pupil representatives will present the donation to St Luke's and spend time with the seniors.

The pledge cards will be issued to the pupils on 7 February 2018. We look forward to receiving your support in the school's social cause.

More information on the "Walk-for-Joy" will be provided later.

8 Calendar of Events

A copy of the Semester 1 Calendar of Events will be provided to your child.

Koh Chin Thong, Martin
Principal



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