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Dear Parents/ guardians,

Opening Remarks

The staff ended the June vacation with the Walk for Joy on 22 June 2018. The walk which took almost 2 hours was tiring but meaningful as the patients of St Luke's Hospital and St Luke's Elder Care were the beneficiaries of a whole school effort towards a good cause. Your generous support has gone a long way in meeting the needs of the patients.

We are also happy to see the children return to school well-refreshed and ready for another semester. We believe that the children would be delighted with some of the new programmes that the school has planned for them with our parents in HPPA and Alumni. With the help of our parents, the school would be mounting a special authentic learning experience in the form of a Career Fair where P5-6 students will learn more about occupations. With our partners, the school will also be planning a special Children's Day treat for all our students. These are just two new programmes that the students can look forward to in semester 2. We will share more details at a later date.

We wish all our students for a meaningful learning experience in the next half year!

1. Character Value for Term 3 - CARE

The character value for Term 3 is "Care". Through the assembly and the Form Teacher Guidance period (FTGP), the school hopes to introduce to students the various aspects of Care - in words and deeds.

Below is a brief outline of the outcomes for the character value for Care:

P1/2 - Accepting the positive characteristics in themselves and others and showing good manners at all times

P3/4 - Caring about other people's feelings, knowing when to apologise and being able to respond positively to the needs of their peers by demonstrating care and concern

P5/6 - Learning the meaning of COMPASSION and EMPATHY, being supportive and responsive to the needs of others with kindness and compassion and having a moral responsibility to care for the environment

We hope that parents will lend their support and partner the school in our efforts to bring out the best in our students by reinforcing the above outcomes at home.

2. P5 National Education (NE) Show

All P5 students will be given the opportunity to attend the NE Show on Saturday, 21 Jul 2018. The NE show is a special preview of the National Day Parade (NDP). Details will be provided specifically to the P5 students.

3. e-Learning Days (previously known as Home-Based Learning)

During the course of the year, the school will conduct e-Learning days for the students. The purpose of the e-Learning day is to develop in students the qualities of self-directed learning and resilience, while increasing their proficiency in ICT-facilitated learning via the online tools on the school's Learning Management System (LMS) and Student Learning Space (SLS). This also prepares our pupils for home-based learning in the event of emergency school closures. **During the e-Learning Days, the affected students will not attend school.**

The e-Learning Days are as follows:

Date	Levels
23 July 2018	P1-P2
27 Sept 2018	P1-P5

The respective AYHs will provide more information nearer the dates.

4. Air-conditioner in the School Hall

Last year, we had raised funds for the replacement of air-conditioner in the school hall. Over the past months we have completed the procurement process and the contract has been awarded to MOE's Term Contractor. The installation works have commenced. Based on the schedule given to the school, the air-conditioner would be ready by August, in time for PSLE.

5. Instilling Responsibility in our pupils

We would like to inculcate in our pupils the value of responsibility for their own actions and belongings. As such, parents are encouraged not to deliver items that your child/ward has forgotten to bring. Instead, do work with your child/ward to develop the routine of packing his/her bag with the necessary items on a daily basis, such as books, pocket money and packed food (if relevant).

The school will make exceptions for critical cases such as medicine. In such cases, parents may leave the items with the General Office and your child/ward will be informed to collect the item from the office.

Our students have also been advised that they may approach their teacher or staff in the office if they had forgotten their pocket money. The office staff will call the parents to confirm the amount to be loaned to the child and he/she may return the exact amount the next day.

6. Dismissal Arrangements

From time to time, our admin staff have been receiving calls regularly from parents to relay dismissal arrangement messages to their children. We appeal to you to refrain from doing this because this would disrupt lessons in the classroom whenever the admin staff has to call the teacher through the intercom system to relay the message. Whenever the lessons are held out-of-classroom, the admin staff may have to relay the message to the teacher personally which also disrupts their work. However, if it is an urgent matter, the school would make an exception to relay the message. Please work out your dismissal arrangements with your children beforehand. We seek your co-operation in this matter.

7. Road Safety

Occasionally, we observe care-givers and even parents walking out from the school via the vehicle exit gate at the bus bay. We strongly discourage that as it may lead to an accident. Generally, motorists will not expect anyone to walk out from this gate. It is also important for us to role model the correct habits to our children as they are very impressionable. We seek your help in communicating this to your care-givers.

8. Evacuation Drill- External Holding Area (EHA)

This is a reminder that the External Holding Area (EHA) Evacuation Drill would be conducted on **Monday, 23 July 2018**. In situations where it is unsafe for the school population to remain in the school premises, e.g. major fire and explosion, the school population would be required to evacuate to an EHA that is out of the danger zone. This exercise enables the school to prepare for an external evacuation in the remote event that the need arises.

The P1 and P2 students will not report to school on 23 July 2018. Instead, they will have e-learning at home. For P1 and P2 students who are in the school-based SCC, they will report by 7.30 am. Please note that the school gates will be closed at 7.40am and pupils will not be able to enter the school due to the EHA exercise. More information on e-Learning will be given nearer the date.

On the day of the drill, the P3 students will evacuate to an external venue at Eunoia Junior College while all P4 to P6 students will proceed with the usual evacuation procedure and assemble at their allocated Assembly Areas within school.

All students will be shown a video of the day's drill and briefed on EHA evacuation. If you have any queries over your child participating in the drill, please inform your child's form teacher.

Please note that the school gates would be closed from 7.40 to 8.30 a.m. on 23rd Jul. Visitors would not be allowed into the school during this period.

The P3s and P4s would be having a later recess on that day at 10 a.m. instead of at 9.30 am. Please ensure they have a proper breakfast on that day.

9. Enhanced Security Measures

We had implemented the enhanced security measures with effect from Term 2. Thank you for your feedback which has helped us to review the measures. We have successfully implemented these measures for one term. We thank all parents for working with the school in ensuring a safe environment for our children.

We have observed that during dismissal, there are many parents and care-givers who will line up Level 3 covered pedestrian walkway from the office porch to Holland Road Exit (Gate 1). This hinders movement for our students to exit the school smoothly.

A turnstile has been installed near the gate. From 1 August 2018, it will be de-activated for morning arrival to allow students to walk into school through the covered walkway. From dismissal, the turnstile would be activated to allow one-way exit for our students to Holland Road until 6 p.m.

As such, parents and care-givers will not be able to enter the school through the turnstile during dismissal. The porch will only be for students waiting for pick-up by their parents via vehicles. Parents are encouraged to make use of the official dismissal points at Gate 7 and the area behind the canteen as meeting points. We will be informing the students of the change and seek your cooperation in confirming the meeting points during dismissal with your child(ren) from 1 August 2018.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for our updated Gate Opening Hours. The changes are highlighted in green. The abovementioned changes would be introduced from 1st August 2018.

10. Parking

MOE will be implementing Season Paid Parking in all schools from 1 August 2018. When Season Paid Parking is in place, cars can only be parked in lots that are designated as car park lots. These car park lots will comply with LTA's safety and regulatory guidelines. For HPPS, we do not have sufficient car park lots for our staff. We are in the process of applying for additional lots, subject to LTA's approval. The reserved parking lots will be painted red and white, and they are reserved for season holders.

There are no changes to the current dropping-off and picking-up arrangements for your children. During dismissal pick-up, we will allow you to wait in the school for no longer than 10 minutes. Should you need to pick up your child when he/she is unwell, we will permit entry and parking over a short duration in authorised areas (within 10 minutes). Our Security Guards will guide you accordingly. These guidelines will also apply to Saturdays.

MOE allows schools to make exceptions to the above guidelines only for once-off large scale events, such as Orientation, Parent-Teacher Meetings, etc. On such occasions, we would allow you to park in school subject to availability of parking space.

11. Articles on Parenting

Friendships play a big part in shaping your child's identity. *Here's how parents can encourage their children to be open and inclusive.*

You'll find them in every school. Your child could be in one. He may have changed his hairstyle or wardrobe to fit in. He may even have picked up lingo you can't stand. We're talking about cliques – those closely knitted groups of friends found in every school. The group's identity is shaped by shared activities, values and behaviours. Members of the group might dress the same way, talk the same way and imitate each other's quirks. And they spend an inordinate amount of time together – refusing to accept anyone else into the group.

Being in a clique is not always a bad thing – it's all part of adolescence. Friendships provide social support for acceptance and belonging. Cliques with positive influence can help children feel good and confident about themselves. But some cliques become a danger to others when they engage in social-ly unacceptable behaviour such as bullying.

A Senior Specialist from MOE's Guidance Branch offers parents tips on how to encourage your child to be open and inclusive.

Read more at <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/let-s-talk-about-cliques>

12. School Calendar (Semester 2)

Please refer to the link below to access to the school calendar for semester 2:

<http://henryparkpri.moe.edu.sg/qql/slot/u548/announcements/2018/2018%20Semester%202%20Calendar%20of%20Events.pdf>

13. Student Achievements

Chua Chu Kang Community Club and Youth Xiangqi Culture and Mind Sport Committee	Intergeneration Xiangqi Carnival 2018 Chua Chu Kang Cup Xiangqi Competition U18 Category – Silver Huang Youcheng Joshua (4B)
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Singapore Sports School	<p align="center"><u>Primary Schools Invitational Fencing Championships 2018</u> Junior Girls' Foil – 3rd Trina Soh (5A)</p>
Ai Tong School Alumni Association	<p align="center"><u>Table Tennis Nurture Cup 2018</u> Open Category Girl's Under 12 Singles – Joint 5th Pey Kee Yen (5E)</p>
Alpha Academy (Badminton)	<p align="center"><u>Alpha Age Group Series</u> Boys' Singles U-12 - Joint 3rd Jorelle Yak Han Rui (6B)</p>
Singapore Canoe Federation	<p align="center"><u>Singapore Canoe Marathon 2018</u> U12 Boys JK1 6km event – 2nd Seah Nigel (6G)</p> <p align="center"><u>National Kids Kayaking Championships 2018</u> U12 Boys JK1 500m – 1st U12 Boys JK1 2000m – 2nd U12 JK2 500m – 2nd Seah Nigel (6G)</p>
Singapore Youth Festival	<p align="center"><u>Singapore Youth Festival 2018 Contemporary Dance</u></p> <p align="center">Accomplishment Long Xinning Claire (4A) Shanen Fong Yi Xuan (4A) Trisha Neo Rui Xin (4A) Low Yi Ting (4B) Zoe Li Tze Lam (4B) Chan Sun Loy (4C) Alicia Lee (4D) Isabelle Chua Li-Anne (4D) Janelle Chua Ying Ting (4D) Lee Jing En Kristen (4D) Lim Wei Qi (4D) Jennifer May Utama (4E) Katie Hung Rui Ting (4E) Poenar Viviana Artemisa Jiaying (4E) Chua Chyi Yih, Vanessa (4F) Ilika Mehul Motani (4I) Tan Sheen Megan (5E) Janelle Lim En (5F) Tan Qi Ya (5F) Gerlynn Ang (5G) Natalie Claire Tan (5G) Chen Xinning (5H) Ong Megan Emiko (6C) Charlene Tan Bo Yi (6D) Hu Yixuan, Ichel (6E) Shayna Choo Si Na (6E) Yap Kah Yee (6E) Wee Jing Ting (6F) Wee Atsuki (6G) Lo Jing En Shannyn (6H) Tsee Yi En Valerie (6H)</p>
The Ministry Of Education & Debate Association (Singapore)	<p align="center"><u>Wits and Words: Inter-School Debate Championship</u></p> <p align="center">Division 1 - Good Speaker Award Cayden Chik Yong Jun (6C) Nikki Ashley Poon (6D)</p>
Holy Innocents' Primary School	<p align="center"><u>19th International Chinese Language Competition</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Bronze</u></p>

	Janelle Ong Yu En (6A)
Hwa Chong Institution	<p><u>Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary School (SMOPS)</u></p> <p><u>Platinum Award</u> Li Kaiyue (5I)</p> <p><u>Gold Award</u> Chen Kay Den (6I) Matthias Goi Jing Heng (6I) Pranav Athreya (6I) Suraj Karthik Lal Rajkumaralal (6I) Frederick Wu Guan Xun (5I) Siew Jing Hong (5I) Yang Zi Yan (5I)</p> <p><u>Silver Award</u> Teo Jun Kai, Ethan (6B) Ong Sher Han Gareth (6C) Wang Hao (6D) Ng Yang En Ivan (6I) Wong Elizabeth Hsu Min (6I)</p> <p><u>Bronze Award</u> Chen Yanshuo (6B) Chua Yanyao (6B) Gabriel Nyeo (6B) Lim Gene Siang, Hector (6C) Niranjana Dhasarathan (6D) Jodie Yam (6I) Joshi Om Vaibhav (6I) Maclaren Aidan Ming (6I) Pang Cheng Ee Sean (6I) Tng Shih Chun (6I) Tyler Foo Chuan Rui (6I) Wu Yiwen (6I) Ng Jay En (5I)</p>
Raffles Institution	<p><u>Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Contest (RIPMWC)</u></p> <p><u>2018 - Open Category</u></p> <p><u>High Distinction</u> Li Kaiyue (5i) Frederick Wu Guan Xun (5i) Yang Zi Yan (5i)</p> <p><u>Distinction</u> Yeo Kai Jun Michael (5a) Ong Sher Han Gareth (6c) Kwok Lik Ian (6c) Siew Jing Hong (5i) Pranjal Dasghosh (4i) Sun Xiangyi (4i)</p>

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Principal

Vision
A Leader in Every Child – with Talents and Strength of Character

Mission
Nurturing leaders through a distinctive education in learning and character development

School Values
Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence

