



HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As 2018 draws to a close, we have much to celebrate and many happy memories. I would like to acknowledge the leadership of our Vice Principal (Administration), Mrs Vijaya Ganesh. As you may know, Mrs Ganesh is taking up the role of Vice Principal (Administration) in Tanjong Katong Primary School.

As a new Principal of the school it has been a great help working closely with Mrs Ganesh and this has helped to ensure a well informed and smooth transition for me this year. I would also like to thank the many parents who have spoken to me this year, especially the parents from HPPA. I am also appreciative of the Alumni and SAC whose views we hold dear and their inputs have shaped our programmes and this has a positive impact on the quality of school experience for our students. To have a good understanding of our stakeholders is important to enable the school to meet the needs and aspirations of our students.

Our students have enjoyed a successful year. They have excelled in many fields. I have attended many celebration events and have listened in awe as their achievements have been described. These achievements have been in their academic studies, sport, music, the arts and uniformed groups to name just a few.

We have worked hard to encourage vibrancy in the school. Walk for Joy, Trip to Hong Kong, Educational and Career Guidance Fair and Children's Day Carnival were some of the newer programmes that we embarked on this year. We will continue to review our processes and set the priorities to build upon the successes of the school so that we can improve further as a school.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the coming holidays and look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for the 2019 academic year.

Please see attached Annexes for updates on year-end school matters.

Koh Chin Thong
Principal

1 Farewell to VP(Admin) Mrs Vijaya Ganesh

We wish to inform that our VP (Admin), Mrs Vijaya Ganesh will be posted to Tanjong Katong Primary School with effect from 15 December 2018.

Mrs Ganesh joined Henry Park Primary School in 2009. In her 9.5 years with HPPS, she has played a pivotal role in championing school partnership with our key stakeholders such as the SAC, HPPA and Alumni, resulting in the school being accorded with the Best Practice in Partnership Award in 2014.

Mrs Ganesh contributed to several milestone events and projects in Henry Park Primary such as the PERI-upgrading works, Talent Fiesta, Henry Park Express Heritage Gallery for SG50 and NDP 2017. To ensure the readiness of the school for emergency, she also led us in the Exercise Rhino, School Lock-down exercise and External Holding Area evacuation.

Mrs Ganesh always puts in the best in whatever she undertakes and truly embodies the school values of respect, integrity, care and excellence. She has been a familiar face to our students and parents and we will miss her warm smile and personality.

We wish her success in her future endeavours.

2 Promotion Matters

In line with PERI recommendation, our classes remain intact for 2 years so that students can strengthen peer relationship and support. Our P2 students are re-grouped from 10 classes to 8 mixed-ability classes. The P4s will be allocated into their mixed-ability classes based on the school's recommendation from Subject-Based Banding (SBB). Non-academic considerations such as gender and ethnicity allow better social mixing. We also look into the learning needs and profile of our students to better cater to their diverse needs.

With the mixed-ability classes, it reduces fine differentiation and allows students to strengthen their social and emotional competencies as they learn from the strengths of their peers and collaborate with others of different abilities and backgrounds.

Please be informed that the decision on the allocation of class to your child is final as reflected in his/her report book which he/she will receive on 15 November 2018.

If your child is absent on that day, please arrange with the Form Teacher to collect the report book from the General Office during the school holidays between 0800-1700 from Mondays-Fridays.

3 Lower Primary Prize Presentation (15 Nov 2018)

The Lower Primary Prize Presentation aims to recognise and celebrate the successes and holistic development of our students and emphasize the importance of developing positive learning attitude and good values in our young learners during their foundational years in Henry Park Primary School.

The Lower Primary Prize Presentation, held a day earlier than the school's Prize-Giving Day (P3-P6) is a time for our P1-2 students to recognise the continued efforts of their schoolmates and for our Year Head, Mr Dominic Sy to round up the year with them, acknowledging and affirming their growth and progress.

This year, parents of prize recipients in P1 and 2 will be invited to attend this presentation.

Please refer to the level's Term Letter at Annex D for more information.

Date: Thursday, 15 November 2018
Time: 0800-0900
Venue: School Hall

Our P1 and P2 students will continue with their End of the Year Class celebration after the prize presentation.

4 Primary 3-6 Prize-Giving Day (16 Nov 2018)

The P3-P6 prize recipients will receive their certificates for their achievement during the certificate ceremony on 15 November 2018. This will be conducted during curriculum time and attended by all the students from the cohort.

Only P3-P6 prize recipients and their parents will be invited for the Prize-Giving Day (PGD) on 16 November 2018 through a formal invitation. Please refer to the invitation card for more information.

All P1 to P6 students who are **not** involved in the PGD concert and non-prize recipients do not have to report to school on 16 November 2018.

All students will report back to school on **2 January 2019, Wednesday**.

5 End-of-Year Class Celebration

Our P1-P6 students will be having their end of the year class celebration on **Thursday, 15 November 2018**. The objectives are to celebrate the progress and successes of our students for the year and allow them to close the year with their classmates and teachers through meaningful reflections and bonding activities.

The celebration timing will be staggered and planned around the students' recess. Please refer to the letter sent by the Year Head on 9 Nov for more information.

6 Snack Break

We will continue with snack breaks in 2019 on Wednesdays & Thursdays. Kindly be reminded that the first day of school falls on Wednesday, 2 Jan 2019. Please pack healthy snacks for your child(ren) for their snack break.

7 School Dismissal

To help our lower primary students familiarise themselves with their dismissal routines, please take note of the following dismissal time for the first week of school as shown below.

Level	Adjusted Dismissal Timing (2 nd - 3 rd Jan 2019)	Adjusted Dismissal Timing (4 th Jan 2019)
P1 & P2	1.15pm	12.45pm
	Dismissal Timing (2nd- 3rd Jan 2019)	Dismissal Timing (4th Jan 2019)
P3-P6	1.30pm	1.00pm

The school gates will be opened ten minutes prior to dismissal time. We anticipate that traffic will be heavy and seek the understanding and patience of all parents to arrive not earlier than 10 minutes before the official dismissal time.

8 Recess Timing

Please note that the recess timing for the first 3 days of school will be adjusted as shown below to provide more time for our P1 students to transit.

Level	Adjusted Recess Timing (2 nd - 4 th Jan 2019)	Usual Recess Timing (from Mon 7 th Jan 2019)
P1	8.45am- 9.30am	9.30am – 10.00am
P2	9.30am-10.00am	
P3	9.30am-10.00am	9.00am – 9.30am
P4*	8.45am-9.30am	
P5 & P6	10.00am-10.30am	10.00am –10.30am

*P4 students (2019) will be given the roles of recess buddies to P1 students. The (2018) P3 students will be briefed on their roles by their form teachers to help them prepare. More information will be provided by the AYH.

9 Student Transfer Exercise for Primary Schools (STEPS)

The STEPS is only applicable to P1 to P5 parents who wish to transfer their child/children to another school due to relocation to another address or to schools nearer to their residence. Please refer to the following documents for information on STEPS 2018:

- A. Annex B – Information Sheet for Parents
- B. Annex C - Step by Step Guide for Internet Users

For clarification, please contact Mdm Lim Puay Lan at lim_puay_lan@schools.gov.sg or 64663600.

10 Information on Direct School Admission

DSA-Sec admits students to a secondary school based on a diverse range of talents and achievements that may not be demonstrated at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). P5 and P6 parents (2019), may refer to the information sheet on DSA.

11 Articles on Parenting

Quality time is a language of love that children understand and crave. Spending time together creates opportunities for you to strengthen your relationship with your child and build trust.

You may read more about suggestions [here \(https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/fun-activities-for-children\)](https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/fun-activities-for-children) for fun activities that can be done with your children this holiday.

12 Student Achievements

Archery Club of Singapore	8th National Inter-School Archery Championship 2018 D Division – 4 th Justin Goh (5E)
Active SG	Singapore National Games Petanque Premier Singles – 2 nd Gavin Ong (5I)

Singapore Taekwondo Federation	<p align="center"><u>12th National Poomsae Championships 2018</u> Individual Category – Bronze Soon Yi Xuan Aurelia (2G)</p>
Singapore Middle School Chinese Teachers' Association (SCTA) and Lianhe Zaobao, SPH and Nan Hua High School	<p align="center"><u>45th National Schools Translation Competition</u> Prize Winner Rochelle Tan En Qi (5I)</p>
Transview Golf Academy	<p align="center"><u>Lion Cubs Golf Championship @National Level 2018</u> Handicap Division Boys - Overall 3rd & Gold Award Pang Cheng Ee Sean (6I)</p> <p align="center">PC 'C' Division - Overall 3rd & Gold Award Pang Rui Qi Joanne (5B)</p> <p align="center">PC 'C' Division – Gold Award Chew Hui Jia Emma (5A) Teo Jia Kai Nigel (5C)</p> <p align="center">PC 'C' Division – Silver Award Tay Ke Rui Shannon (5G)</p> <p align="center">PC 'C' Division – Bronze Award Yeo Kai Jun Michael (5A)</p> <p align="center">PC 'D' Division – Silver Award Phan Vinh Anh (2J) Tay Yi Rui Cayden (3E)</p> <p align="center">PC 'D' Division – Bronze Award Pang Rui Xuan Janelle (3B) Dylan Sean Ng Ooi Khiang (3G) Edison Chen (6F)</p>
Hong Kong Piano Music Association	<p align="center"><u>The 20th Hong Kong – Asia Piano Open Competition</u> Bartok (For children Vol I) – 1st Chopin Polonaise / A minor Valse – 1st Bach (Little Preludes and Fugues) - 2nd Kuah Rui Yi (3D)</p>
The Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing	<p align="center"><u>CSTD Asia Pacific Dance Competition 2018</u> Song & Dance Troupe (11 years & under) – 1st Summer Chua Rui-Anne (1A) Isabelle Chua Li-Anne (4D)</p> <p align="center">Song & Dance/ Tap Troupe (9 years & under) – 3rd Summer Chua Rui-Anne (1A)</p>
4 th Annual Challenger Sports Track and Field Meet 2018	<p align="center"><u>U9 boys 60m – 1st</u> Asher Wong (2A)</p> <p align="center"><u>U10 boys Shot Put – 4th</u> Basil Foo (3A)</p> <p align="center"><u>U11 boys 100m – 1st</u> Trevis Gan (4D)</p>

	<p><u>U11 boys Long Jump – 1st</u> Garrett Chua (4C)</p> <p><u>U11 boys 600m – 3rd</u> Ng Zai Xi (4B)</p> <p><u>U11 girls 600m – 4th</u> Faith Koh (4D)</p> <p><u>U12 boys 100m – 2nd</u> Tong Xian Yao (5B)</p> <p><u>U12 girls Long Jump – 2nd</u> Hoo Rui En (5B)</p> <p><u>U9 Boys 6x60m – 2nd</u> Asher Wong (2A), Leon Fong (2B), Mohd Shaqil Iman (2B), Javier Yee (2B), Aydhan Ridzal (2D), Sho Saito (2E)</p> <p><u>U9 Boys 6x60m – 4th</u> Crispin Ang (2A), Dedric Koh (2B), Pan Hongda (2F), Dhamir Afiq Bin Daud (2G), Keane Nicolas Kai En (2H), Jayden Ho (2I)</p> <p><u>U9 Girls 6x60m – 4th</u> Ardyani Binte Mohd Isran (2A), Nur Arissa Wee (2A), Charis Low (2B), Joy Neo (2E), Jeraldine Seng (2F), Hoo Rui Ting (2F)</p> <p><u>U11 Boys 4x100m – 1st</u> Luke Tong (4B), Trevis Gan (4D), Shane Owen Postel (4C), Garrett Chua (4C)</p> <p><u>U12 boys 4x100m – 2nd</u> Joel Ching (5C), Bryan Seah (5A), Aidan Michael Soh (5D), Tong Xian Yao (5B)</p> <p><u>U12 girls 4x10m – 3rd</u> Esther Wu (5D), Yasmine Zaharin (5D), Marika Leo (5F), Hoo Rui En (5B)</p>
<p>The Annual Mathlympics for All Singapore Primary Schools 2018</p>	<p><u>Overall - 1st Position</u> Siew Jing Hong (5I)</p> <p><u>Overall – 3rd Position</u> Li Kaiyue (5I)</p> <p><u>West Zone – 1st Position</u> Yang Zi Yan (5I)</p> <p><u>West Zone – 2nd Position</u> Loh Shao Kai, Dylan (5C)</p> <p><u>Gold</u> Li Kaiyue (5I) Loh Shao Kai, Dylan (5C) Ng Jay En (5I) Ranen Toh Kai Ler (4I) Siew Jing Hong (5I) Tan Kai Ye (4I) Tan Shayne E (4I) Wu Junliang Vincent (5A)</p>

Yang Zi Yan (5I)
Yeo Kai Jun Michael (5A)

Silver

Bryan Low Zhi Kai (5I)
Claire-Leia Ng Shean Ee (Wu Xuanyi) (4I)
Isaac Sim Jing Xiang (5I)
Koay Tye Zhung Ethan (5D)
Rachel Goh Rui En (5I)
Samuel Ho Khai Sheng (5A)
Soh Xing En (5I)
Tristan Lock Chun Yu (5I)

Bronze

Ansari Ahamed Fatin Shaik (4C)
Chia Zhi Kai Aaron (4A)
Leong Kai Wern (4I)
Lin Shiyu Declan (4A)
Lucas Tan Yi En (Chen Yien) (4I)
Phan Phu Anh (4I)
Soh Cai Ren, Thaddeus (4D)
Victor Yu Guan-Yu (4A)
Xin Anhe (4I)

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

