



TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

TPS Celebrates

A very Happy New Year to all our parents, guardians and pupils. We would also like to welcome our Primary One pupils and their parents/guardians to the fold of Tampines Primary School.

2016 promises to be an exciting year as we prepare to celebrate our 30th anniversary in a simple yet purposeful way. It is my sincere hope that each and every one of our pupils and their parents and siblings will be part of the celebrations which will be embedded into our key school events throughout the year.

It is my pleasure to announce that our P6 graduates did the school proud in the 2015 PSLE. I would like to thank the staff and parents for working hand in hand in motivating and inspiring the children to do their best. We seek the unstinting support and cooperation of the parents of all our pupils in partnering the school towards our strategic destination of being “A Quality School of Learning and Character” .

Upcoming Events

No	Event	Date
1	Temperature Taking Exercise	06 Jan 2016 07 Jan 2016
2	Smart Photo Taking for P1 and P6.	13 Jan 2016
3	Annual Health Screening for P1 to P6	25 Jan to 03 Feb 2016
4	Meet the Parent Session for all levels	22 Jan 2016 (note: this is an evening session)
5	Annual Parents' Workshop	27 Feb 2016 (Saturday morning event)





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Strategic Thrust 2: Nurturing Leaders of Character

Buddy Programme to P1 Pupils

Our Buddy Programme aims to develop a culture of care among our pupils as well as develop leadership skills of our upper primary pupils. As part of the programme, we have assigned P5 buddies to each P1 pupil to help our new TPS pupils adapt to primary school life and equip them with skills to be self-disciplined and independent.

Early Bird Programme (EBP)

To develop our pupils to be self-directed learners, it is important for them to arrive in school on time. All pupils are requested to assemble in the school hall by 7.40 a.m. daily. Our EBP runs five days a week and starts promptly at 7.40 a.m. This is followed by flag-raising ceremony at 7.50 a.m. before lessons commence at 8 a.m. The EBP covers an array of activities to enrich pupils' learning and to build character. We strongly encourage all pupils to come to school punctually to benefit from the EBP.

Neat School Attire

It is the policy of the school to check on the school attire on the first week of school of a new term. Please ensure that your child/ward has

- his/her hair cut and not dyed
- name tag sewn on
- socks on (must be above the ankles)

P1/P6 Smart Card Photo Taking

P1 and P6 pupils are scheduled for a photo shoot to process their 2016 Transit Link Smart cards on **Wed 13 Jan 2016**. P1 and P6 pupils are to be in their full school uniform for the photo shoot. Should pupils have PE lessons on that day, kindly ensure your child/ward bring along the official school shirt/blouse and pinafore for the photo shoot. All pupils are to adhere to hairstyles approved by the school as reflected in the pupils' handbook.





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Update of Pupils' Particulars

Each pupil will be issued with a new pupil data form for 2016. Kindly update the school if there are any changes to the information on the form especially contact details and address. For Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents, should there be a change of official address during the course of the year, please update your official address via any neighbourhood police post.

Please reflect any medical conditions of the child/ward if any. The update should be accompanied by official documents from attending doctor. Parents/Guardian will have an option to opt out from receiving information from MOE HQ with regards to MOE key events, survey for parents or resources for parents such as articles to promote parent-child relationship. This clause will not affect the school from sending information to parents on matters such as programmes, alerts etc.

Strategic Thrust 3: Achieving Aesthetics and Physical Excellence

Temperature Taking Exercise

The Temperature-taking Exercise will be conducted on **Wed 06 Jan and Thurs 07 Jan 2016** for our staff and pupils. The form teachers would inform the pupils about this twice-a-year exercise on **Mon 04 Jan 2016** during Day 1 orientation.

P1 pupils will be receiving their complimentary oral digital thermometers (ODT) from their form teachers and they will be taught how to use the ODT. For the rest of the pupil cohort, they would be required to bring their ODT for both days.

Pupils' well-being is our topmost concern and we thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring your child/ward brings his/her ODT for the exercise. Pupils may purchase new ODT (at \$4.50 each) from the school bookshop (if needed) prior to the exercise.





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Annual School based Health Screening in Primary schools P1 – P6

Health Promotion Board (HPB) will be conducting Annual Health Screening in Term 1 from **25 Jan to 03 Feb 2016**. Pupils from **all levels** will be screened by HPB and a printout of student's health record will be issued.

Pupils from **P1 and P5** are scheduled for their immunization exercise; hence a copy of the child's health booklet containing their history of immunization records is to be submitted to their form teachers. Parents/ Guardians whose children/ wards are from these 2 levels will also receive a HPB information booklet to endorse their agreement. These information booklets with endorsements and student health booklets for P1 and P5 students will need to be returned to the form teacher **before Fri 15 Jan 2016**.

Strategic Thrust 4-Engaged Staff In a Vibrant Environment

TPS warmly welcomes the following new staff to our family:

Mdm Koh Meng Hoe	English Language Teacher
Mdm Raihana Bte Saadon	English Language Teacher
Mdm Diana Binte Mamat	English Language Teacher
Miss Oh Ding Hui	English Language Teacher
Miss Tan Soo Kheng	Chinese Language Teacher
Miss Ebelle Ong	Teaching Internship Programme (TIP) 2016

We thank the following staff who have left the school for their invaluable contributions to TPS and wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

Mdm Wong Yen Ling has served in the capacity of Vice-Principal for three years. She will be leaving the school to pursue her post graduate studies in the National University of Singapore.

Mdm Tinie Tan Mui Ngin who returned from her year long no pay leave in 2015 has been appointed Level Head/Chinese Language in Meetoh School

Mr Joe Ang Choon Hai has been transferred to White Sands Primary School.

Mrs Pushparani Martin, has served the school as a Tamil Language teacher for 29 years and has been a pillar of the school since its inception. She has continued to bring the standard of Tamil Language to new highs with the pupils consistently bringing glory to the name of the school in constituency and national competitions. We wish Mrs Martin continued good health and a happy retirement.





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Strategic Focus: Partnership

The importance of school-home partnership and how parents can connect with the school and MOE

As a parent/guardian, you are the key navigator of your child's growth. Your child/ward will benefit the most when we put your child at the heart of what we do, and when we understand our shared responsibilities for your child/ward and work together to bring out the best in your child/ward. Having a close partnership with us will help you to better understand your child's/ward's learning experience in school, so that you are able to provide him or her the necessary family care, support and reinforcement at home.

You can support your child in various ways. We encourage you to join the Parent Support Group (PSG) so that you can get involved with the school's activities and get to know other parents and your child's friends in school. You can sign up for activities that suit your schedule and you do not necessarily have to devote long hours in the school's Parent Support Group to be fully engaged in your child's education. Effective parenting cannot occur in isolation from the school, and we would like to partner you to develop your child to be the best that he or she can be.

More information on how you can be involved in your child's education can be found at <http://parents-in-education.moe.gov.sg>

Parent Support Group (PSG)

We look forward to stronger support from parents. You can play a more active role in supporting one another and contributing to your child's education in school. For parents who are interested to join TPS PSG, you can drop by our General Office to fill in a form or kindly contact Ms Esther Kuek, Senior Teacher Partnership at this email address:

kuek_mei_mei_esther@moe.edu.sg.

School Safety

The school seeks your continued partnership in ensuring our pupils' safety whilst they are in school. This is a reminder that only parents/guardians with valid visitor passes are allowed into the school premise beyond the designated drop-off points. Please refer to the following table for a breakdown





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of school areas that are granted for parents/guardians' access during the stipulated times:

Timing	Accessible School Areas	Remarks
Morning Peak Hours 7.30 am to 8am	<u>Designated drop-off points</u> Front gate Back gate School Foyer	Parent/guardian <u>should refrain</u> from walking with your child/ward beyond the designated drop-off points. Our school personnel will be on morning duty to assist and direct you accordingly if need be. Should parent/guardian require urgent assistance, kindly proceed to General Office after 7.30am. Note that visitor pass is not required up to General Office during morning peak hours.
During school curriculum hours	General Office	Kindly display your visitor pass if you wish to enter the school to settle any outstanding matters. Upon receiving the visitor pass, kindly proceed to General Office for assistance. Please be reminded that parents/guardians are discouraged from making purchases from the school bookshop during curriculum hours.
During Dismissal	<u>Designated pick-up points</u> Front gate Back gate <u>In wet weather condition</u> School Foyer Secondary School Indoor Sports Hall	If a parent/guardian needs to enter the school compound beyond the designated pick-up points, please proceed to the security guard post at the <u>front entry gates</u> to sign out for a visitor pass. We seek your understanding that parents/guardians and visitors <u>are not allowed to enter the school premise from the back gate.</u>

In view of staggered dismissals and extended curriculum hours, the school is committed to ensure safety of our charges at all times. Hence, kindly cooperate with our school staff and security personnel to enter the school premise only from the front gates.

The school will be adding signages and posters periodically to reinforce our safety and security messages and efforts. We look forward to working with you to make our school compound safer for our children.



Staff Well-Being and Development



Student All-Round Development



Teaching and Learning



Character and Citizenship Education



Partnership





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Others

School Bookshop & Uniform Supplier

Uniform Supplier

For pupils who need to purchase school uniforms, do note that our school uniform supplier will operate in the school canteen on weekdays **4, 5, 12, 19, 26 Jan 2016** from 9 a.m to 3 p.m. We seek parents' understanding that for the safety of our pupils, parents will only be allowed to enter the school to purchase uniforms during the specific dates and timing.

School Bookshop

Parents are strongly encouraged to patronize the school book shop after school dismissal.

Contacts for reference

Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd

Tel: 6786 4473/ 6559 2296

Shanghai School Uniforms Pte Ltd

Tel: 6338 2741 / 6352 2741

Dental Clinic

Dental services are available for pupils in the school are the following days:

Term 1: Wed, Thurs and Fri (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Tel: 6784 7817

Here's wishing you a good week ahead!

With warmest regards

Miss Veronica Tay
Principal

