



# TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*A Community School of Excellence: Caring Hearts and Creative Minds*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our warmest wishes for a Happy 2023! I would like to introduce two new school leaders who will be joining Tampines Primary School. We warmly welcome Ms Charmaine Ariken as our VP/EO and Mr Edmund Tin as VP/Admin. Both are experienced school leaders, and they will bring depth and fresh perspectives to our leadership team. Together with Mrs Zahira Binte Mohamed Sedik, we hope to be able to work closely with all parents and guardians to help Tampines Primary School become a 'community school of excellence, caring hearts and creative minds'.

The first day of school, 3 Jan 2023, P1 and K1 students will report to school with two accompanying parents and/or guardians. P1 and K1 parents/guardians will receive specific instructions for the day via their personal Parents Gateway (PG) applications. All students P1 – P6 will report from 4 Jan 2023. From 4 Jan 2023, parents should only come into the school during school hours if they have made appointments to meet with the staff. To decongest the gates and for safety reasons, parents/guardians are gently reminded to take special note of the staggered dismissal times and points for the different levels for all school days:

### **School Hours and Dismissal Points Term 1 2023**

Level	School Hours	Gates (Dismissal Only)
P1	7.50 am to 1.45 pm (Wed 12.15 pm)	Gate 1 (Primary School Gate)
P2	7.50 am to 2 pm (Wed 12.30 pm)	Gate 1A (Primary School Gate)
P3	7.50 am to 2 pm	Gate 2 (Secondary School Gate)
P4	7.50 am to 2 pm	Gate 1 (Primary School Gate)
P5	7.50 am to 2 pm	Gate 2 (Secondary School Gate)
P6	7.50 am to 2 pm	Gate 7 (Gate next to MK Gate 6)*

\*Opened until last class dismissed at around 2.10 pm. Students with siblings will meet at foyer and use Gate 1 or 2.

Students who wish to be dismissed with their siblings will need to inform their teachers and arrangements can be made for them to wait in the foyer. Parents are responsible and can choose for their children to be dismissed together. Clear instructions must be given to all siblings involved as to the preferred gate for dismissal. For the safety of students, the routine of dismissal should be fixed; not be changed unless the change is permanent, ie, for the rest of the school year. The support staff and the teachers will not be able to take special instructions to vary this as they will be involved in the daily dismissal duties.

The orientation programme will run for the first three days for P1 students and first two days for all students to familiarize themselves with their new classes and to collaboratively set class expectations. Students do not need to bring any books for their first day of school. They should bring a small bag with sufficient pocket money for recess, personal thermometer, healthy snack,



pencil case, water bottle, colouring materials and a story book. Students who use the school buses or public transport need to be masked.

By now, all parents/guardians should have registered for their PG accounts so that they are able to receive important notifications.

## **2022 PSLE Achievements**

Congratulations to the class of 2022 for achieving very good results. The entire cohort has successfully graduated. Despite the many challenges posed by COVID 19, the belief in and practice of our school values as well as our Tampinesian hallmarks have enabled the cohort to stay resilient and motivated. We salute the efforts of the students, their families and staff. We know that they will be well prepared for the next stage of their education.

## **School Information, Calendar & Class Timetables**

Please find attached the school calendar for Semester 1, 2023.

School will function from 7.50 am to 2.00 pm on all days except that on Wednesdays, P1 and P2 students will be dismissed at 12.15 pm and 12.30 pm. Students are encouraged to come to school by 7.40 am so that they can participate in our daily pre-assembly programmes such as story-telling, community singing and informative talks. Students who arrive after flag raising will be noted as being latecomers. Late coming forms part of a student's behaviour record as well as conduct grade.

Parents/guardians will be receiving introductory memos with your children's class timetables and details of the subject teachers. In alignment with MOE guidelines on parent engagement, teachers will not be sharing their personal phone numbers with parents/guardians. Parents/Guardians can contact staff using the student diary, the school's official phone number or staff's official email addresses. For urgent matters, staff will respond within the next working day and all parents/guardians can expect a response within three working days. The canteen stalls will also sell food for breakfast and snack breaks before morning assembly.

## **Student Safety**

Please help us to remind your children to adhere to traffic regulations and to always use the pedestrian crossings.

Staff will be on duty at all gates and the pedestrian crossing during arrival and dismissal. In addition, we seek your understanding and co-operation as school policy states clearly that no stranger should come into the school compound. During arrival, parents/guardians are reminded to only walk their children to the school gates as entry to the school is restricted solely to students. If any parent needs to come into the school, you are reminded to call the office to make an appointment. The same applies for the purchase of books and uniforms. If there is a need for any purchase of books or uniforms, you may do so after all students have been dismissed (2.15 pm). Do always register yourself at the guardhouse if you enter the school buildings and report at the General Office before proceeding.



I wish to thank all driving parents/guardians who adhere to the traffic regulations and for making the school compound safe for all students. Parents/Guardians will keep within the speed limits and drive with care near and within the school. We deeply appreciate parents/guardians who are thoughtful and courteous drivers, for ensuring that their children are ready to alight and board quickly. There is no visitor parking in the school. During dismissal, cars will only go into the school compound after the departure of the school buses, at about 2.15 pm. If your child's mobility is affected for any reason, please approach the school for special access arrangements.

Parents/Guardians are gently reminded that they should not be delivering items that their children might have forgotten as we wish all students to learn to be responsible. Parents/Guardians and students are also discouraged from distributing birthday goody bags.

### **Important Reminders**

We thank parents/guardians for their continued active efforts in ring-fencing and ensuring that Tampines Primary remains safe for all students and staff. Let us remind ourselves that students and staff should not report to school if they are:

- Sick or unwell with flu-like symptoms
- Have positive ART or PCR

Refer to <https://www.covid.gov.sg/> for updated details.

Parents/guardians are gently reminded that students should not come to school until they have completed their medical leave, as given by health professionals. If they have symptoms, they should continue to rest at home until they are fully recovered. Parents/guardians can liaise with the form teachers to check on school work that needs to be done. We thank parents/guardians for keeping teachers informed regarding their children's wellbeing when they are on medical leave.

### **CCA, Supplementary, Remedial & Enrichment Classes**

If the teacher feels that your child needs additional support, your child will be asked to attend remedial classes. Remedial classes are arranged for selected students from P1 – P5. For P6 students, teachers will arrange for supplementary classes. The teachers will inform you via separate memos with the relevant details if your child is attending any of these programs.

From time to time, the school will work with external vendors to conduct enrichment classes that the students will need to pay using their Edusave funds and/or cash.

Should your child be chosen to represent the school in a sport or performance CCA, additional CCA practices will be held, and parental permission will be sought. If there are changes to the regular schedules, the teachers will inform you and your child. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children coming to school and returning home safely. Communicate clearly with your child and caregivers if there are additional after-school activities and the arrangements that you have made.



## **Conclusion**

Besides my monthly updates and memos sent via PG, I look forward to interacting with parents/guardians throughout the course of the year. The first briefing for P1 – P6 parents/guardians will be on 2 and 3 February 2023 via zoom. The Year Heads will be sending out the invitations.

We look forward to 2023 as a year of fresh opportunities and growth for all our students.

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Lay See Neufeld

Principal

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## Annex

### Key Dates to Note for Semester 1 2023:

Date (2023)	Events	Remarks
2 Jan	New Year School Holiday	No School
3 Jan	First Day of School for P1 and K1	Only P1 and K1 Students are required to come to school
4 Jan	All students P1 – P6, K1 – K2 to report to school	Parents/guardians should walk the students only to the school gates. Staff and prefects will assist P1 and MK students.
6 Jan	CCA Orientation for students	
9 Jan – 10 Jan	P1 and P6 School Smart card photoshoot	Details to be provided by form teachers. Students scheduled on PE days, should bring along a formal school shirt for the photoshoot.
9 Jan – 5 Apr	P5 Swimsafer Programme	
13 Jan	Commencement of CCA	
23 Jan – 24 Jan	CNY Holidays	No School
30 Jan – 10 Feb	P2 SEP Programme	Programme will be held during PE lessons
2 Feb or 3 Feb	Parents Engagement Day	Details to be confirmed
20 Feb – 24 Feb	P6 Diagnostic Review	
7 Mar	Student Leaders' Investiture	Details to be confirmed
13 Mar – 17 Mar	Term 1 March School Holidays	No School with exceptions
13 Mar – 15 Mar	P5 Camp	MOE Dairy Farm (Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre)
20 Mar – 29 Mar	HPB Health Screening (P1 – P6)	Details to be confirmed
7 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday	No School
17 Apr – 21 Apr	P1 – P6 MT Fortnight Activities	Activities will be held during MT curriculum lessons
22 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa	Saturday
24 Apr	Hari Raya School Holiday	No school



Date (2023)	Events	Remarks
1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	No School
2 May – 26 May	P5 LIP Programme	Details to be confirmed
8 May – 12 May	P3 – P5 Weighted Assessment (WA)	Details to be confirmed
15 May	P5 Senior Olympics	School Hours
17 May	P3 Senior Olympics	School Hours
19 May	Camp for Friends	Selected Students
26 May	MK Family Day	MK @Tampines Primary
22 May – 24 May	Aesthetics Week	School Hours
22 May – 26 May	P4 SEP Programme	Programme to be held during PE lessons
26 May	Model Pupil Award Ceremony (Sem 1)	Selected students and parents
26 May	Meet the Parent Session	Details to be confirmed
27 May – 25 Jun	Term 2 June School Holidays	No School with Exceptions
29 May – 30 May	P6 Booster Camp I	Only P6 Students
22 Jun – 23 Jun	P6 Booster Camp II	Only P6 Students

