



## TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*A Community School of Excellence: Care, Create, Connect and Contribute*

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Dear Parents,

As the school year draws to a close, we celebrate the growth and learning of each Tampinesian and look forward to a well-earned year end vacation.

### **Joint Advisory**

We gently remind parents of the joint advisory from Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau of Singapore (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA), Health Sciences Authority (HAS) and Health Promotion Board (HPB) that we have attached to educate students on crime-related issues, including the harmful effects of vaping. The advisory is to support parents to educate your child to be safe during the school holidays.

### **Admin Day and P1 Orientation on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

We gently remind parents again that there is **no** school for **all students** on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 being Admin Day and P1 Orientation.

### **Release of Report Books**

P4 students will receive their report books on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 so that their parents can exercise their option for their child's subject combination by Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024. P1 – P3 and P5 students will receive their report books on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024. In addition, P3 – P5 students will be receiving their SMART Reports with details of their areas of strengths and improvements. P6 students will receive their report books on the same day as release of PSLE results.

P1 to P5 students will receive their 2025 booklist by Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### **P6 Graduation Day Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The 'Class of 2024' will be celebrating their graduation on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024. This celebration is a significant milestone for our P6 Tampinesians who have completed six years of primary education. To celebrate their efforts, achievements and friendships, all P6 students will come together with their teachers and peers to show their appreciation to each other and the school. Congratulations to the students on their graduation and we wish them the very best in their secondary schools!

### **Release of PSLE Results**

We are pleased to inform you that two parents will be able to accompany your P6 child to receive the PSLE results this year. More details will be shared via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the date. We are providing the link to the Open House for Secondary Schools again <https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/open-house-for-secondary-schools-2024>.



The tentative date of 2024 PSLE Result Release will be released within the period of Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024. Do note that the date of release of the PSLE Results will be announced through the media. You may refer to SEAB's Website at this link: <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/important-dates-for-candidates>

### **Excellence Day on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

There is **no** school on that day and **only the prize winners will attend** Excellence Day on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024. A separate invitation with further details will be sent to you via PG nearer the date.

### **Travel Declaration**

To ensure that Tampines Primary continues to be a healthy and safe environment for all of us, we require parents/guardians to make a **travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling** for the holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child via PG, go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS].

- Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. **If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG if there is a change in travel destination or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.**

### **Start of School Year 2025**

As Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 is a public holiday, school will reopen on:

- Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025: **Only P1 students report to school.**
- Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025: All students (P1 to P6) report to school.

### **School Rules and Regulations on the use of e-Devices**

Parents would have read from the media coverage on the measures with screen time and the impact of screen time on child development. You may access the press coverage at this link:

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/singapore-to-put-in-place-measures-to-deal-with-screen-time-and-device-use-in-coming-months>

We would like to highlight that all primary **students are strongly discouraged from bringing their handphones or wearing smartwatches (with recording and transmitting functions) to school.** We gently remind parents of the school rules and regulations on the use of Mobile Phones and Smart Watches (Page 24 of the 2025 Student Diary). Handphones must be always switched off and communication capabilities for smart watches must be disabled within the school premises. All



devices, if used inappropriately, will be confiscated and kept by the school until a parent comes to claim it. Students would need to face disciplinary consequences of any breach of this school rule. Students can continue to use their POSB Smartbuddy watches to purchase food in the canteen. We seek your active partnership to ensure that your child/ren adhere to these new school rules which will reduce the ill effects of screen time and will improve their self-discipline.

## **End-of-Year School Uniform and Books Purchase**

We have provided you with the details of the schedule in our last memo. You may refer to the our school website again for their contact details at the following link: [Service Providers \(moe.edu.sg\)](http://Service Providers (moe.edu.sg)).

Do contact our school uniform and bookshop vendors directly for any queries.

### **Bookshop Sales Information**

From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024, parents will be able to place their order/s for the 2025 booklist through their bookshop online for home delivery or appointments for collection from our school bookshop during the holidays. Please access the website link: [www.oapl.sg](http://www.oapl.sg) to place your orders.

### **Note for P1 2025 Parents attending P1 Orientation on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

To facilitate a smoother P1 2025 Orientation Sales process, P1 2025 parents coming to school on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 for our P1 Orientation, will now be able to pay for the books online and choose to collect in school on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024. To allow our bookshop vendor to be able to pack all online orders in time for P1 Orientation, all P1 Orientation Day school collection orders must be ordered by **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

## **Recognising Our Teachers**

We would like to bring your attention to the following awards to recognize the work of our teachers:

### **1. President's Award for Teachers 2025**

The President's Award for Teachers (PAT) recognises experienced educators who are role models for the teaching profession. These educators constantly adopt innovative approaches in their lessons and are lifelong learners and mentors to their peers. They embody deep passion for teaching and inspire their students and peers through their words and deeds.

Since the establishment of the award in 1998, it has recognised over 130 educators for their teaching excellence, dedication and hard work.

### **2. Outstanding Youth in Education Award 2025**

The Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) recognises young teachers, aged 35 and below, who are inspiring role models for the teaching profession. These teachers embody youthful idealism, energy, and enthusiasm, inspiring both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

OYEA is open to teachers who are presently in service at a primary school, secondary school, JC or MI. Since its inception in 1999, more than 100 outstanding young educators have received the award.

### **Nomination Details**

Nominations for both awards for our Tampines Primary teachers can be submitted online (<https://go.gov.sg/pat2025> and <https://go.gov.sg/oyea2025>). The links to the online nomination forms can also be found on the Academy of Singapore Teachers website ([OYEA Nomination Form](#) and [PAT Nomination Form](#)).



Nominations for OYEA and PAT will close on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. We thank you in advance for your recognition of our teachers' efforts.

### **Posting of Vice-Principals**

With effect from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024, our current Vice-Principal, Mrs Zahira Mohamed Sedik will be posted to Student Development Curriculum Division 1 as Deputy Director of National Education. We want to express our gratitude for her dedication and contributions to the school. We extend to her our very best of wishes in her next lap of her leadership journey.

We warmly welcome our incoming Vice- Principal, Mr Kelvin Ho Wee Min from Springdale Primary School who will join the Tampines Primary School family on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

### **Conclusion**

As we celebrate each child's learning journey and growth, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our staff for their unwavering dedication in nurturing our Tampinesians holistically. To our parents and students, we wish you a joyful and restful year-end holiday—may it be filled with wonderful moments of connections, cheer and cherished time together.

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Lay See Neufeld

Principal

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