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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our best wishes for a Happy 2025! We warmly welcome our students back to an enriching year with varied planned school events and activities. We extend a special welcome to our new P1 students and other new transfer-ins as well as their parents on joining the Tampines Primary community. We look forward to your active partnership.

First Day of School for P1 Students

On Thursday, 2nd January 2025, **only P1 students** will report to school with two accompanying parents/guardians. Please note that P1 students will be dismissed at 12.00 pm. P1 parents/guardians should refer to the letter issued on 27th December 2024/TPPS/Prep/20/2024 via Parents Gateway (PG) for details.

First Day of School for P2 to P6 Students

All students, P1 – P6, will report on Friday, 3rd January 2025.

School Hours and Dismissal Points

To decongest the gates and for safety reasons, parents/guardians are gently reminded to take special note of the staggered dismissal times and various dismissal points for the different levels for all school days:

Level	School Hours	Gates (Dismissal Only)
P1	7.50 am to 1.45 pm (Wednesday 12.30 pm)	Gate 1 (Primary School Gate)
P2	7.50 am to 2.00 pm (Wednesday 12.30 pm)	Gate 1A (Primary School Gate)
P3	7.50 am to 2.00 pm	Gate 2 (Secondary School Gate)
P4	7.50 am to 2.00 pm	Gate 1 (Primary School Gate)
P5	7.50 am to 2.00 pm	Gate 2 (Secondary School Gate)
P6	7.50 am to 2.00 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.

You will need to inform the form teachers and your children if you wish for a different gate for dismissal. Students who wish to be dismissed with their siblings will need to update their teachers so that they can meet at the foyer before leaving the school together at an agreed upon gate. Teachers will not be able to supervise these students. Teachers are only able to supervise the times and dismissal points attached above. Thus, clear instructions must be given to all siblings involved as to the preferred gate for dismissal. For the safety of all students, the routine of



dismissal should be fixed. The support staff and the teachers will not be able to take special instructions to vary this as they are involved in their 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. P1 to P3 students will pack according to the packing list issued in November 2024. P4 to P6 students should bring a small bag with sufficient pocket money for recess, personal thermometer, a healthy snack, pencil case, water bottle, colouring materials and a story book.

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

From Friday, 3rd January 2025, parents should only come into the school during school hours if they have made appointments to meet with the staff.

2024 PSLE Achievements

Congratulations to the class of 2024 for achieving very good results. Our belief in nurturing the potential of each student 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, 2025.

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 12.30 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 storytelling, community singing and informative talks. Students who arrive after 7.50 am 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 contact details of the subject teachers. In alignment with [MOE guidelines on parent engagement](#), parents/guardians can contact staff using the student diary, the school's official phone number or staff's official email addresses. For more 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 sell food for breakfast and snack breaks before morning assembly.

School Rules and Regulations on the use of e-Devices

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.**

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 learning.



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). We would like to bring your attention to a typographical error in the first paragraph of point 7 of our school rules which should read as follows:

7. Use of e-devices capable of capturing, storing, displaying and/or transmitting visual, audio and verbal information

Examples of such devices are: mobile phones, fitness trackers, smart watches (including ~~including~~ **excluding** the POSB Smart Buddy) and e-book readers.

Student Safety

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

Staff are on duty at school gates and the nearest 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 be able to drive 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 and cakes.

LTA has informed the school that they will be checking to ensure that parents adhere to all traffic regulations. Parents should not be parking and blocking the school exits during arrival and dismissal as these are traffic violations. Please park in the HDB carparks or arrange to meet your child/ren in the nearby void decks if you find this to be more convenient.

Important Reminders

1. Temperature Taking Exercise (TTE) Tuesday, 14th January 2025 & Wednesday, 15th January 2025

The TTE is to ensure staff and students are prepared for a pandemic. This exercise will help us to keep the school safe and opened for learning.

There will be a practice on Tuesday, 14th January 2025 before the actual exercise on Wednesday, 15th January 2025. Do help your children prepare for the exercise by reminding them to bring the Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school on both days. Our school will be issuing the P1 students with an ODT each over these few days and parents do not have to buy them. The form teachers



will be keeping the ODTs for all P1 students in class. For P2 to P6 students, parents are to purchase a new ODT if it is lost or damaged. ODTs can be purchased from the school's bookshop.

We thank parents/guardians for their continued active efforts in ring-fencing and ensuring that Tampines Primary remains safe for all students and staff. We would like to remind parents of the following:

- Students should not report to school if they are sick and/or unwell with flu-like symptoms and to see a doctor.
- Students should not come to school until they have completed their medical leave, as given by health professionals. They should rest at home for the full duration of the medical leave.
- If your child has recovered and still exhibit mild symptoms, he/she should wear a mask and exercise personal and social responsibility in school.
- If your child is still unwell or exhibit clear flu symptoms, we will isolate your child, and you will be required to bring your child home to seek medical consultation.

Parents/guardians can liaise with the form teachers to check on schoolwork that needs to be done during their children's absence. We thank parents/guardians for keeping teachers informed regarding their children's well-being when they are on medical leave.

2. 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 engage 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 via a memo. 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.

3. Schedule for Higher Mother Tongue Languages Classes

The P5 and P6 Higher Mother Tongue Language afternoon lessons will be scheduled from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm on Fridays in 2025. A detailed schedule will be sent to the parents via PG at 1st week when school re-opens in 2025.

4. President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) and Recognising Our Teachers

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

- **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.

- **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, 10th January 2025**. We thank you in advance for your recognition of our teachers' efforts and taking the time to make your nominations.

5. Lunar New Year Celebrations – Year of the Snake

There will be a celebration on Tuesday, 28th January 2025 during school hours. School dismissal is at 10.30 am. Our school will close at 12.00 pm sharp. All parents are gently reminded that they need to be punctual in fetching the child/children home on that day.

Parents and Guardians whose children are in Student Care Centre (SCC) are to refer to Commit Learning SchoolHouse (CLS) schedule for the operating hours for that day.

Wednesday, 29th January 2025 and Thursday, 30th January 2025 are public holidays. Students report back to school on Friday, 31st January 2025.

6. 2025 Project Hong Bao

In developing our Tampinesians to be caring individuals, the school has partnered Tan Tock Seng Hospital to support the hospital through the Project Hong Bao. We would like parents to help to encourage all students to try to save some of their pocket money to donate to this worthy cause. More details will be provided nearer the date via PG.

7. Instagram

We would like to recommend two Instagram accounts:

- **MOE Parent-Focused Instagram** at <https://www.instagram.com/parentingwith.moesg>
This account shares tips and MOE resources, celebrates the ups and downs of the parenting journey, and grows with parents as a community by inspiring and supporting each other through shared experience.
- **Tampines Primary Instagram** at https://www.instagram.com/tampines_pri/
This account shares stories, current highlights and learning experiences of students and staff at Tampines Primary. These would include celebrations of school events and activities.



Conclusion

The school's monthly updates and memos are sent via PG. These memos are also uploaded on our school's website at [Letters to Parents](#) should you need to refer to them.

Wishing all families a Happy New Year and with the coming of spring, my staff and I would like to wish all students and their families celebrating the Lunar New Year: 灵蛇迎春, “蛇”来运转。We look forward to 2025 as a year of opportunities and growth for all our students and may the Year of the Snake Bring Success and Good Luck!

Yours in Partnership,

Mrs Lay See Neufeld

Principal

#CelebrateEveryChild



Annex

Key Dates to Note for Semester 1 2025:

Date	Events	Remarks
2 Jan	First Day of School K1 & P1	No School for P2 to P6
3 Jan	School Reopens for All levels	
14 – 15 Jan	Temperature Taking Exercise	Students are reminded to bring along an Oral Digital Thermometer to school
15 Jan	P1 & P6 Smart Card Photoshoot	P1 and P6 Students to take photo in School Uniform (bring formal uniform if it is a PE day)
28 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebration	Half Day Dismissal
29 – 30 Jan	Chinese New Year Holidays	No School
13 – 14 Feb	Parents Engagement 1 & 2 (online)	Details to be provided
24 – 28 Feb	P6 Diagnostic Review (Non Weighted Assessment)	
15 – 23 Mar	March Holidays	No School
31 Mar	Hari Raya Puasa Holiday	No School
10 – 12 Apr	P5 Camp	Details to be provided
18 Apr	Good Friday Holiday	No School
1 May	Labour Day Holiday	No School
8 – 21 May	HPB School Health Screening	Details to be provided
12 May	Vesak Day Holiday	No School
13 – 16 May	P3 – P5 Weighted Assessment	
30 May	Parent Teacher Meeting Session	Details to be provided
31 May – 29 Jun	June School Holidays	No School