



# Tampines

# Pulse

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## Principal's Message

Every Monday morning, we will sing the school song,

*With gladness of hearts we join in song  
With loyalty and oneness of minds we throng...*

I started my leadership journey in Tampines Primary as Vice Principal. Even though I was here for less than a year before I was posted out as Principal, the wonderful memory of the whole school raised in song, singing in perfect pitch, has motivated and inspired me throughout these intervening years. I am indeed grateful to be given the opportunity to return to serve the school.

Guided by its core values of Resilience, Excellence, Adaptability and Passion, Tampines Primary has grown from strength to strength and it is valued by the parents and community as a school that cares for and nurtures each pupil.

The PERI upgrading programme is progressing well. All existing classrooms have been fitted with sinks. The library has been completed and is now being fitted with new shelves and furniture. The contractors are currently building the playground and installing the fitness equipment.

All upgrading works and the new block are targeted to be completed by the end of 2019. In addition to housing our existing student care, the new seven-storey block will also house our own MOE kindergarten (MK) and kindergarten care (KCare).

As part of uplifting the children who live in Tampines, MK@Tampines Primary will, from 2021, be providing K1, KCare and from 2022, be providing K1, K2 and KCare. We will also be collaborating with Early Years Centre(s) which provide infant care and childcare services for children aged two months to four years. These centres are PCF Sparkletots Preschools at Blk 106, Tampines Street 11 and at Blk 151 Tampines St 12. Children registered at these preschools will have priority to enter MK@Tampines Primary and the children at MK@Tampines Primary will similarly have priority and will be able to register at Tampines Primary School during Phase 2(A) 2 of the Primary One Registration Exercise.



In the first four months of this year, we have been able to meet members of the parent support group and an extended group of parents. The staff and I are strongly encouraged by the concern that you have for your child's holistic learning and growth, by your positive feedback and also your strong desire to help the school.

Intrinsic to our school is our core value of continual improvement and excellence. Up to date, we have reviewed some of our safety guidelines as well as refreshed our school rules, homework and assessment policies. To ensure that Tampines Primary continues to meet the needs and aspirations of each child, the staff will be carrying out a new cycle of envisioning and strategic planning, re-looking at the vision, mission, strategic thrusts and programmes. The staff will consider new ideas, initiatives and policies such as inculcating joy in learning and learn for life. We will be engaging with you, our stakeholders, for your ideas and feedback.

Our future is filled with hope and promise. We are humbled and excited with the prospect of extending our outreach to serve the many more children who will be enrolling with us ... *"onward Tampines Primary School"*.

**Mrs Lay See Neufeld**  
Principal

# TPS Celebrates – achievements, talents & passion



## OPS BACA Competition

Ops Baca is a new zonal Malay Language competition that showcases talents and passion amongst Primary 2 to Primary 5 pupils. The competition helps to develop pupils' confidence through participation in activities such as storytelling, poem recitation, singing and acting. The school emerged first runner up in the overall category.



## National School Games

Our pupils proudly represented the school in the National School Games in various sports. It was heartening to see the pupils exhibiting the school values of resilience and passion, as well as sportsmanship and teamwork. They gained valuable experience and confidence through the competitions.



## TPS Superstars

TPS Superstars is an annual celebration of pupils' confidence and creativity through the performing arts. It is an opportunity for participants to collaborate with their peers. This year, an astounding array of talents turned up for the auditions. The celebration culminated in an exhilarating showcase of the top five acts.



## Singapore Amazing Flying Machines Competition

The Singapore Amazing Flying Machines Competition (SAFMC) 2019 is a platform where primary school pupils can exhibit teamwork, critical and inventive thinking skills through the design of simple paper planes. Teams comprising P5 and P6 pupils represented the school in the competition. The judging criteria included flight range, precision and theory of flight presentation. It was a memorable and enriching experience for the participants.



# Spotlight



## Total Defence Day

The school commemorated Total Defence Day on 12 February. This year's theme 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong' served to remind pupils that we ourselves must defend Singapore. Pupils engaged in meaningful activities and conversations about the pillars of Total Defence including the sixth pillar – Digital Defence. This new pillar has been added to emphasise the need for the nation to be vigilant and responsible online in view of the increasing pace of global digitalisation.



## International Friendship Day

With the aim of nurturing the spirit of friendship and collaboration in pupils, the school commemorated International Friendship Day from 11 to 12 April. The theme 'Connected Communities' promoted the appreciation of cultural diversity. Pupils learnt more about the cultures of ASEAN countries through their participation in various activities and reflect on their roles in embracing others from diverse backgrounds.



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## Camp for Friends

Camp for Friends started in 2012. It promotes social harmony and the embracing of diversity beyond the classroom and the school. Pupils' excitement filled the air on 1 March as they gathered for an overnight camp. Together, they created joyful moments, stepped out of their social comfort level and strengthened friendship bonds, the Tampinesian way.



## Staff Bonding – Culinary Experience & SWAS Battle

Staff bonding and team building could not have been more fun and engaging! Special moments were created together through a culinary experience and SWAS Battle in which everyone was a contributive, supportive and valued team member. It was all about challenge, teamwork and loads of laughter!



## Recycling Bin Design Contest

The first Go Green activity of the year was an inter-class contest on Recycling Bin Design. The contest unveiled great ideas and creativity, and encouraged collaboration amongst pupils. Many classes achieved 'Go Green Star Advocate' awards and have put their self-designed recycling bins into good use. The Go Green Awareness Team would like to congratulate everyone for their 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) spirit and hope to see recycling in action anytime, anywhere!



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## Student Leaders Investiture

Every year, the school celebrates the appointment of the school prefects and CCA leaders from Primary 3 to Primary 6. These student leaders have demonstrated leadership qualities, hence were selected to lead their peers in the school. It is hoped that many others will be inspired to become student leaders as they witness the appointment of their peers.



## Partnership

CNY Carnival, organised by Tampines Park RC, was held on 17 February. The event was graced by Minister Masagos Bin Zulkifli. Our pupils from the Chinese Dance group put up a stunning performance.

PSG Networking Day provided a platform for parent volunteers to come together and interact with one another. Their enthusiastic support and contributions to school events and programmes are greatly appreciated.

Dads for Life event was held on 9 March to promote father-child bonding. A total of 30 teams turned up for the session. It was great fun learning the basics of football and much more.



# Preparatory School – igniting the love for learning



Ang Pow project

My wonderful P5 buddies... thank you!



Could I print my hand too?



It's PAL show time!

An enjoyable theatre excursion to SOTA



Red Indians and Cowboys in action!



Let's see who can blow the biggest bubble!

Look at our self-portraits!



To the beat of our ice-cream sticks...

Learning and playing together

Weighing our favourite M&M's chocolates



# Progressive School – nurturing confident learners



Dramatic Storytelling is so fun!

What's your next move?

We learn best together.



Oh no... what's my line?



Hold tight! We're going to take off!

Stories come alive with drama in Social Studies.

All about New Water!



The tiger's tale...



Designing our very own Hong Baos.



Time for Math Bingo!

# Graduating School – inspiring young minds



Haha! Look at our new hairdo.

Let's experiment and create a new flavour!



Loads of fun at KidZania!

Our product kills 99.9 germs.



It's finger-licking good!



Special delivery!

## We are Great Buddies to the Little Ones!



Don't we look alike?



Oh... that's the map symbol for capital cities.

Mapwork

Science can't be more fun!



Yes! The bulb lights up.

Today's Science lesson is "fishy".



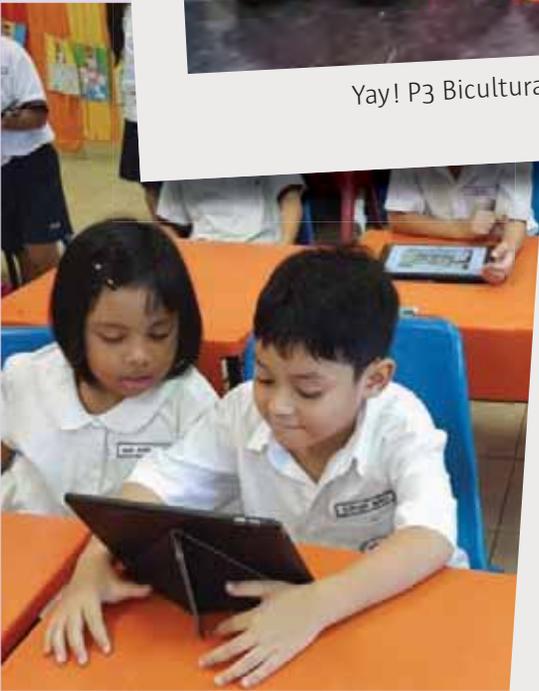
We've found the seven continents!



# Integrated School – loving the language, sharing the culture



Yay! P3 Bicultural Class Drama Showcase is a success.



Learning is more interesting with ICT.



Of course I'm the king!



Let's put our heads together!



All dressed and ready for our drama showcase!



Warming up for drama lesson is so much fun!

# Best Moments@TPS

