



## TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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Dear Parents,

The P6 students have just completed their PSLE examinations. The End-of-Year Examination schedules for P3 – P5 have been issued to all parents and guardians via Parents Gateway (PG). P3 – P5 students will be sitting for their Oral, Listening Comprehension and Paper 1 (Composition) components from next week. P1 – P2 students will be issued year-end holistic report cards based on their learning dispositions as well as their learning outcomes based on tasks and assignments.

The end of the academic year can be a stressful period for our students. Parents can continue to encourage your child to give his/her best, recognize the symptoms of stress or anxiety and address them.

### MTL Symposium

Our MTL Department put up an exhibition booth at the MTL Symposium organized by MOE on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Suntec Convention Centre and we were heartened by the overwhelming participation and warm support at our booth. Our team of MTL teachers engaged participants with useful insights and engaging activities on how to make learning MTL fun for young children.



### P1 and P2 Junior Olympics

P1 and P2 Junior Olympics were held on two Tuesdays, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 respectively. Students applied the skills learnt during PE in 6 physical obstacles races. This gave them the opportunity to demonstrate our Hallmarks traits of Resilience, Excellence, Adaptability as they engage in active participation. This event also highlighted the importance of friendship as they competed against one another, and each student was awarded a friendship medal in celebration of the Olympic Value of Friendship.



### **P5 Values-in-Action Programme- Farmers' Market on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Our P5 students expanded their sustainability knowledge during the P5 Eco-Stewardship VIA programme, delving into the practical aspects of growing plants in both soil and hydroponics. They also ventured into the world of vegetable marketing, learning to find their 'unique selling point' and crafting eye-catching posters to promote their produce within the school community. Students had the hands-on experience of collecting fresh crops, cleaning, packing and marketing their produce. The climax of the event was the "Farmers' Market" where marketing teams worked tirelessly to set up eye-catching sale booths, ready to showcase their hard-earned produce.



Adding to the excitement, our P2 students joined the event as potential buyers. These young environmental champions had taken a firm stance against single-use plastics, and they brought long used plastic bottles collected before the September school holidays. These bottles were contributed to the school's recycling initiatives in collaboration with Tampines GRC.

The P2s, armed with their plastic bottles, took on the role of judges and voted for the 'Best Farmers' Booth' appreciating the creativity and dedication put into each booth. The Farmers' Market was not just a marketplace but a celebration of sustainability, creativity, and collaboration. Our P5 Eco-stewards demonstrated their growth as responsible citizens, environmental advocates, and innovative entrepreneurs.

### **P3 to P6 Sports Carnival on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The inaugural P3 to P6 Sports Carnival will be held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from 8.00 am to 11.00 am. The Sports Carnival is to showcase each student's sporting ability through their application of the skills learnt during PE lessons. There will be 12 physical challenges in four main areas-Running, Jumping, Throwing and skills. We look forward to the Sports Carnival for our students to continue to embrace a healthy lifestyle.

### **Children's Day School Holiday on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

We gently remind parents again that school dismissal will be as usual on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Please note that Children's Day School Holiday is on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and all students do not report to school that day.

### **PSLE Marking Exercise Days from Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

With reference to 27<sup>th</sup> June Memo, we remind parents that the PSLE Marking Exercise will be conducted on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023. There is no school bus



transport service from Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Please make the necessary arrangements for your child to be sent to and from school.

All P5 students will report to school for revision on all three days. There is no school for P1 – P3 and P6 students. P4 Swimsafer schedule has been sent earlier via PG. We have included the schedule again for your information. More details for Home-based Learning will be sent in due course via PG.

Level	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Monday)	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Tuesday)	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Wednesday)
P1 and P2	Home-based Learning		
P3	Home-based Learning		
P4	Swimsafer Programme (4 Care) 7.30 am – 10.30 am Only P4 Care students will report to school.	Senior Olympics (Whole Cohort) 8.00 am – 11.00 am All P4 students will report to school.	Swimsafer Programme (4 Hope, 4 Grace) 7.30 am – 10.30 am Only P4 Hope and 4 Grace students will report to school.
	Home-based Learning		Home-based Learning
P5	Revision 8.00 am – 12.30 pm Canteen will be opened and students can also bring their own snacks for their breaks		

### **Admin Day and P1 Orientation on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Please note that there is **no** school for all students on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 being Administration Day and P1 Orientation. Staff will be involved in meetings and doing the necessary administrative work to promote students to their 2024 classes. Staff will be involved in the P1 Orientation in the afternoon as we look forward to welcoming next year’s P1 students and parents.

### **Increase in Pricing Cap for School Bus Services from 2024**

With effect from January 2024, the pricing cap for school bus services provided by our current bus operator, **Hui Wang Bus Service**, will be increased for distance ranges up to 4km. The challenges of driver shortages and rising operating costs have affected all school bus operators, resulting in the sudden termination of school bus services in several schools in 2023. You may refer to MOE’s media release of Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 for more information.

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20230824-pricing-cap-adjustment-for-existing-school-bus-contracts>

To arrange for school bus services for your child/ward in 2024, please liaise with the bus operator directly. For existing students who are currently taking school bus services, the form, **Request for School Bus Services**, will be distributed through the bus drivers.

Singapore Citizen (SC) students who are taking the school bus and receiving the MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) will have 65% of their monthly school bus fares covered by the school bus subsidy. MOE will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with schools and bus operators to ensure a sustainable school bus service model.

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

Please refer to the attached schedule for school uniform purchase. You may refer to the our school website for their contact details at the following link: [Service Providers \(moe.edu.sg\)](http://moe.edu.sg). Do contact our school uniform vendor directly for any queries.





## **Excellence Day**

To celebrate every child and recognize our students in both Academic and Non-Academic areas, TPPS Excellence Day 2023 will be held on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Only prize winners and accompanying parents will be invited for this school event. More details will be available nearer to the day.

## **Haze Warning**

In view of the possible return of haze over the next few weeks, our school has made the required preparations to deal with the situation should the index turn unhealthy. If your child has pre-existing medical conditions, please ensure that he/she brings his/her medication, e.g., inhalers, to school.

## **Conclusion**

The staff and I will continue to grow our Tampinesians holistically through the various programmes and have seen their growth through the year. Let us continue to actively collaborate in supporting each child and appreciate his or her learning journey.

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Lay See Neufeld

Principal

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