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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Strategic Thrust 1: Achieving Academic Excellence

Assessment Structure

Aligned with PERI (Primary Education & Review Implementation) committee's recommendation, the school has implemented various assessment modes (e.g. Holistic Assessment Tasks and Mini Tests) besides Semestral Assessments to gather information on different facets of our pupils' learning and development throughout the year.

To further align the school's assessments to a more holistic one, we will continue to implement these assessment modes to build our pupils' confidence and desire to learn, and to provide feedback to support and guide their learning. The intent of the following assessment structure is also to shift our focus from grades achieved in assessments to skills development in our pupils. This will help to develop our pupils holistically as well as to provide quality time for our teachers to address their pupils' learning gaps.

Kindly take note of the assessment structure for pupils' learning in 2017.

Level	Assessment Modes, 2017	Contribute to final grades?	Rationale
P1	Holistic Assessment Tasks	✗	An aggregated score is needed to qualify our pupils for any awards that recognise their academic performance throughout the year. In the absence of the Semestral Assessments (SA), the Mini Tests in Terms 2 – 4 will be weighted to benefit our pupils for these awards.
	Mini Tests	✓	
	No SA 1 & SA2	NA	



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Level	Assessment Modes, 2017	Contribute to final grades?	Rationale
P2	Holistic Assessment Tasks	x	Mini Tests in Terms 1 – 3 will be weighted to ensure alignment and coherence with the revised P1 assessment structure.
	Mini Tests No SA1 SA2	✓ NA ✓	
P3 - P6	Holistic Assessment Tasks	x	
	Mini Tests SA1 & SA2	x ✓	

✓ denotes 'Yes'

x denotes 'No'

Supplementary/Remedial lessons

P5 and P6 Mother Tongue supplementary lessons commence in Term 1, Week 4.

Supplementary and remedial lessons for P3-P6 English, Mathematics and Science will begin in Term 1, Week 5.

Pupils involved in supplementary and remedial lessons will receive a consent form from their respective subject teachers. All pupils are strongly encouraged to attend these lessons.

School bus service will be provided for pupils **at 4 p.m. on Fridays only**. However, you will have to make your transport arrangement to pick up your child at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Subject	Level	Day	Time
Mother Tongue Supplementary	P5 & 6	Tuesday	3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
English, Maths and Science Supplementary	P5 & 6	Friday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
English, Maths, Science and Mother Tongue Remedial	P3 & 4	Friday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.



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Strategic Thrust 3: Achieving Aesthetics and Physical Excellence **Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) 2017**

The first CCA session will start on **Fri 20 Jan 2017 from 8.30 – 10am**. Please ensure that your child takes his/her breakfast before coming to school. Pupils are to report to school in their school/PE attire. They may bring their CCA gear but they should change out of their CCA gear after CCA. Lessons will resume according to the timetable after the CCA session.

Strategic Thrust 4: Engaged Staff in a Vibrant Environment **Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Awards 2017**

This award is organised by Lianhe Zaobao and zaobao.sg, co-organised by Singapore Chinese Middle School Teachers' Association and Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union, with the strong endorsement by the Ministry of Education.

The school would like to encourage parents and pupils to nominate our Chinese Language teachers for this award. This is to affirm and give due recognition to teachers who have shown exemplary efforts in teaching the Chinese Language and culture.

All nominations has to be made through the official nomination forms. Photocopies of the forms are also acceptable. You may download the form from www.zaobao.sg or approach the school's General Office for available copies.

Each nomination has to be supported by an English or Chinese write-up of a minimum 150 words to a maximum of 500 words. The closing date for submission is **Tues 28 Feb 2017**. Submission details can be found on the nomination forms.

The school looks forward to your nominations!

Strategic Focus: Partnership **Meet-The-Parents Session**

The first Meet-The-Parents session will be held on **Fri 20 Jan 2017 at 7 p.m. for all levels.**

Level/Time	7.00 – 7.40 pm	7.45 – 8.25 pm	8.30 – 9.10 pm
P1 – P2	Classroom	MT	-
P3 – P4	Hall	Classroom	MT
P5 – P6	MT	Hall	Classroom

Parents will be informed about the curriculum outline and programmes for each level and meet the respective form teachers. Subject Based Banding (SBB) matters for P4 & P5 as well as P6 PSLE matters will be addressed at this meeting. **We strongly encourage all P4 to P6 parents to attend.**

Parking in the school on that evening will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. For your convenience, there are ample parking lots in the HDB car parks in the vicinity of the school. We seek your cooperation to complete and return the attached reply slip promptly to your child's/ward's form teacher **by Mon 16 Jan 2017** so that the school can make the necessary logistics arrangements.

If your child is required to attend the Learning Support Programmes (LSP) for English or Mathematics, there will be a separate letter issued to invite you to attend an additional briefing accordingly.

We remind all parents/guardians to make alternative arrangements to meet your child's teachers on another day if you require an in-depth conversation about your child's development.

Others

Donation of used EL storybooks and magazines

The school would like to appeal to you for your donation of used EL storybooks and magazines which are in good condition and suitable for your child's classmates. These donated storybooks and magazines will contribute to a class library collection for the pupils to borrow. Our aim is to instill the love of reading in our charges as well as to expose them to a variety of genres.

If your child is unable to carry the storybooks/magazines to school by himself/herself, you could label the bag(s) with the EL teacher's name and the class and kindly leave the bag(s) in the school's General Office. Alternatively, you may allow him/her to bring a few books/magazines each day to be given to the EL teacher.

Please note that the storybooks and magazines are accessible to all the pupils in the classroom and the teachers will not be keeping track of the loan/return. However, they will reinforce in their pupils the importance of being responsible in returning the storybooks/magazines in order to benefit their classmates. We look forward to your donations **by Thurs 26 Jan 2017.**



Exchange of Whiteboard Set purchased from TPS Bookshop

It was brought to our attention that there is a quality issue with the whiteboard sets sold by our bookshop. We have informed the bookshop management and they have feedback that the manufacturing defect occurred in one batch of their production of the Zip-lock bag.

As an immediate corrective action, pupils who had purchased the faulty item can bring it to the school's bookshop for a one to one exchange. Our bookshop vendor would like to convey their apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Appointments

Prior appointments to meet our staff should be made either by telephone or email to the staff concerned to avoid disappointment.

We appeal to our parents/guardians to contact our staff during office hours from Mondays to Fridays between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. We seek your understanding that our staff are unable to return your call or meet you personally during their scheduled teaching time. This is to ensure valuable curriculum time is not disrupted nor the safety of the pupils compromised. For email correspondence, the staff will respond within 3 working days.

We will be updating other events via our school calendar at a later date. You may forward any further query or give us feedback via our email address at tpps@moe.edu.sg.

Thank you and have a good week ahead!

With warmest regards,

Miss Veronica Tay
Principal





**Reply Slip for Meet-The-Parents Session
Fri 20 Jan 2017 (7 p.m.)**

***to be returned to the Form Teacher by Mon 16 Jan 2017**

Name of Pupil : _____

Register number : _____

Class : P _____

Name of Parent : _____
/Guardian

Contact No. : _____



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Please tick where applicable:

I will be attending the Meet-The-Parents Session.
Number of person/s attending: **01 / 02

I will not be attending the Meet-The-Parents Session.

****Please delete accordingly.**

Owing to space constraints, we are only able to cater to 2 adults to attend the Meet-The-Parents Session. To ensure you are able to focus on the issues communicated, we request that you do not bring children to attend the session.