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Dear parents/ guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope your child/ward had a good break and is ready to start the new term. This term, pupils will be participating in various activities such as learning journeys and school-wide events designed to support their holistic growth and learning. My team and I would like to thank all parents for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning. We look forward to a fulfilling Term 3 2025 with your child/ward.

1. Staff Movement

- a) We would like to welcome the following staff to the WSPS family:
 - Mdm Sun Yahui (Senior Teacher/ Chinese Language)
 - Mdm Mazida Binti Mohamed Noor (Teacher)
 - Mdm Shim Bao Ling (SEN Officer)
 - Mdm Jazliyana Binte Jonet (SEN Officer)
- b) We would also like to thank Mdm Maznah Binte Ismail (Teacher) for her contributions in WSPS and we wish her a happy retirement.

2. School's Achievements in National School Games (NSG) and CCAs

We are pleased to announce our pupils' achievements in the NSG and various CCAs:

- a) NSG Achievements:
 - Football Girls (Senior Division): 2nd Position in League 2
 - Table Tennis Boys (Senior Division): 2nd Position in League 3
 - Football Boys (Senior Division): 3rd Position in League 2 (Group 2B)
- b) <u>CCA Achievements:</u>
 - Computing Club CCA: Pei Hwa Hackathon Competition Best Presentation Award and People's Choice Award
 - Environmental Science Club: World Water Day Infographic Competition 3rd Position
 - Scouts CCA:
 - i) Chief Scout Award for 10 cub-scouts
 - ii) Frank Cooper Sands Award

We would like to thank all our parents/guardians for their continued support in your child's CCA development and pursuit of excellence. We would also like to thank our dedicated teachers and coaches who have trained and motivated our pupils in the process.

3. Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise (ATTEx)

The school will be conducting the ATTEx on **Wednesday**, **9** July 2025. Its objective is to educate pupils on taking personal responsibility for their own health and practising social responsibility. Please ensure that your child/ ward has a working thermometer on the day of exercise.

4. Co-Curricular Schedule for Term 3/ 2025

Dates			P3 to P5
Term 3	Week 1	2-Jul	CCA
	Week 2	9-Jul	No CCA
	Week 3	16-Jul	CCA
	Week 4	23-Jul	No CCA
	Week 5	30-Jul	CCA
	Week 6	6-Aug	CCA
	Week 7	13-Aug	No CCA
	Week 8	20-Aug	CCA
	Week 9	27-Aug	CCA
	Week 10	3-Sep	CCA

Please find below the schedule for CCA in Term 3 for Primary 3 to Primary 5 pupils.

5. Mode of Cash Payment

Parents are strongly encouraged to make payments for MOE bills or school bills using the established electronic payment modes. These include **GIRO**, **AXS services** (kiosk, website, or mobile app), or **QR code payment** for MOE bills. If you have not signed up for GIRO, we encourage you to use these convenient alternatives.

Should you prefer to make a cash payment at the school's General Office, please be informed that the cash payment service is strictly available only during the following hours:

Day	Time
Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays)	8.00 am to 3.00 pm

Please ensure that you obtain a receipt for all cash payments.

6. Recycling Right (in support of: #GoGreenSG)

Recycling is a simple act that can make a big impact, and it's something we can all do every day. However, one of the most common challenges is contamination of recyclables by food, drink residues, or other waste. Even a small amount of contamination can spoil an entire batch, making the recyclables unusable.

To help our pupils develop good recycling habits, we would like to share a few important tips:

- Always empty and rinse containers such as bottles and cans before recycling.
- Scrape food scraps into the bin before recycling food containers.
- Use separate bins for recyclables, food waste, and general garbage.

For more information on how to recycle correctly, please visit <u>https://www.cgs.gov.sg/recycleright/how-to-recycle-right/</u>.

Let's work together to keep our recycling clean and green!

7. Supporting a Harmonious Community

The school has received feedback regarding noise disturbances, the use of common areas for sports despite clear signage and littering in the residential blocks nearby after school hours by our pupils.

We kindly ask parents to remind your child/children to observe posted rules, be mindful of noise levels, and dispose of litter properly. Respectful behaviour towards our neighbours is important in maintaining a harmonious community.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership in guiding our pupils to be responsible and thoughtful members of society.

8. Education and Career Guidance Fair

Our annual Education and Career Guidance Fair for Primary 5 and 6 pupils will be held on **Friday, 4 July 2025**, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the school. This fair aims to inspire and guide our pupils as they begin to explore various education and career pathways.

For more details, please refer to the message sent via Parents Gateway on **Wednesday**, **28 May 2025**.

We appreciate your support in making this event a meaningful and enriching experience for our pupils.

9. Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Fortnight Activities 2025

As part of the school's continued efforts to nurture our pupils' cultural awareness and appreciation of their Mother Tongue Languages, the MTL Department is organising the Mother Tongue Languages Fortnight (MTLF) for all Primary 1 to Primary 6 pupils from **7 to 18 July 2025**. The goals of MTL Fortnight activities are to:

- Create an engaging and interactive environment for the learning of MTL.
- Provide platforms for pupils to actively learn MTL.
- Offer authentic opportunities for pupils to use MTL and experience different cultural aspects.

During the MTL Fortnight, pupils will participate in a variety of activities designed to make learning and using MTL fun and engaging. These activities include:

- Crafting traditional snacks and desserts using clay
- Listening to captivating folklore during storytelling sessions
- Playing traditional games
- Designing and creating cultural handicrafts
- Practising calligraphy and exploring traditional designs
- Singing and appreciating traditional songs

These activities are thoughtfully designed to provide pupils with a fun, immersive experience that builds both language skills and cultural appreciation.

We look forward to a vibrant and meaningful MTL Fortnight, where our pupils can learn, discover, and celebrate their cultural roots in engaging and memorable ways.

10. English Language Reading Week

The English Language Reading Week, taking place from **14 to 18 July 2025**, is designed to inspire a love for reading and strengthen pupils' engagement with the English language through fun and meaningful activities. Two key highlights include:

a) Read for Books Charity Drive – Wednesday, 16 July 2025

On **16 July**, pupils will take part in the Read for Books Charity Drive, an initiative that raises awareness and shares the joy of reading with the less privileged. For every 10 pupils who read for 15 minutes, one book (or its equivalent) will be donated to selected beneficiaries. This activity will take place during their English Language lessons.

b) Characters Come Alive Day – Friday, 18 July 2025

On **18 July**, pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. This creative and engaging activity allows them to express themselves, connect with the stories they love, and develop a lifelong appreciation for reading.

11. National Education (NE) Show (Primary 5)

As part of the cohort's learning journey, the Primary 5 pupils will be attending the NE Show held at The Padang on **Saturday, 19 July 2025** from 2.30pm to 9.30pm. Please refer to the notification via Parents Gateway (PG) sent out on **Friday, 16 May 2025** for more details.

12. Racial Harmony Day 2025

Racial Harmony Day (RHD) is observed each year to mark the anniversary of the 1964 race riots and serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining peace and unity in our multicultural society. It is also a time for us to celebrate the rich diversity that makes Singapore home for all of us.

This year's theme, *"Our People, Our Tapestry,"* reminds us that every race, religion, and community play a valuable role in building the strong social fabric we enjoy today. In school, pupils will learn about the importance of respect, empathy, and appreciation for different cultures through RHD activities.

As part of the celebrations, pupils are encouraged to wear their ethnic costumes or those of another culture to school on **Thursday**, **24 July 2025**. This is a meaningful way for them to learn about and appreciate the traditions of others, while also fostering mutual understanding and new friendships. Pupils without ethnic costumes should come in their school uniform, and all pupils are to wear school shoes.

13. Learning Journeys for Primary 3 and Primary 4 Pupils

Learning journeys form one of the key Student Development Experiences (SDE) for primary school pupils. Primary 3 and Primary 4 pupils will be embarking on their learning journeys in the month of July. More details on the learning journeys will be sent via Parents Gateway (PG) nearer to the dates.

a) Learning Journey to HortPark for Primary 3 Pupils

The Primary 3 pupils will be going on their learning journey (during curriculum hours) to HortPark. Please see the schedule below.

Class	Dates	
3A	Monday, 21 Jul 2025	
3B	Tuesday, 22 Jul 2025	
3C	Wednesday, 23 Jul 2025	
3D	Thursday, 24 Jul 2025	
3E	Friday, 25 Jul 2025	

b) Learning Journey to Harmony in Diversity Gallery for Primary 4 Pupils

The Primary 4 pupils will be going on their learning journey (during curriculum hours) to Harmony in Diversity Gallery. They will be participating in a gallery tour as well as an outdoor trail at Telok Aver Street. Please see the schedule below.

Class	Dates	
4A, 4E	Tuesday, 22 July, 2025	
4B, 4F	Thursday, 24 July 2025	
4C, 4D	Friday, 25 July 2025	

14. Healthy Living #5: The Power of a Good Night's Sleep!

Did you know that sleep is just as important for your child as healthy food and regular exercise?

Primary school-aged children need 9 to 11 hours of sleep each night to support their growing bodies and developing minds. A good night's sleep helps to improve:

- Concentration and learning in the classroom •
- Mood and behaviour throughout the day •
- Memory and problem-solving skills •
- Physical health and growth

Signs of insufficient sleep may include crankiness, difficulty focusing, and even more frequent colds.

Tips for better sleep:

- Maintain a regular bedtime—even on weekends •
- Establish a calming bedtime routine (such as reading a story) •
- Limit screen time at least one hour before bed •
- Create a quiet, comfortable, and cozy sleep environment •

Let's work together to help our pupils be well-rested, healthy, and ready to shine each day!

15. Growth Mindset Nuggets #6: From Effort to Excellence – Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Learning with a Growth Mindset

The MTL Department fosters a growth mindset by encouraging pupils to persevere, embrace challenges, learn from mistakes, and strive for excellence. Through engaging activities such as storytelling, festive celebrations, cultural appreciation, and language games, pupils build confidence and curiosity—understanding that success stems from effort and persistence.

Reading plays a vital role in this journey. With regular exposure to storybooks, comics, and folktales, pupils strengthen their language skills while developing empathy and imagination.

To support your child's love for reading, scan the QR code for curated book recommendations and resources from the National Library Board. By nurturing an appreciation for their Mother Tongue and cultivating strong reading habits, the MTL Department empowers pupils to become passionate, resilient learners who strive for their personal best.



16. Major Events and Holidays for Term 3

Date	Event	Remarks
6 Jul (Sun)	Youth Day	
7 Jul (Mon)	Youth Day School Holiday	Pupils need not report to school.
8 Jul (Tue) – 10 Jul (Thu)	P5 Cohort Outdoor Adventure Camp	-
9 Jul (Wed)	Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise	For all pupils.
19 Jul (Sat)	P5 NE Show	Please refer to PG sent on 16 May for details.
22 Jul (Tue) – 23 Jul (Wed)	P6 Oral (Prelims)	To be conducted after curriculum hours. More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
24 Jul (Thu)	Racial Harmony Day Celebrations	
28 Jul (Mon) – 7 Aug (Thu)	Weighted Assessment 3	For P3 to P5 pupils only.
7 Aug (Thu)	P6 Listening Comprehension (Prelims)	
8 Aug (Fri)	National Day Celebrations	School hours for all pupils will be from 7.30am to 10.30am.
9 Aug (Sat)	National Day Public Holiday	
11 Aug (Mon)	National Day School Holiday and Designated Day Off-In-Lieu	School will be closed. Pupils need not report to school.
13 Aug (Wed) – 14 Aug (Thu)	PSLE Oral	P1 to P5 pupils need not report to school.
18 Aug (Mon)	P6 English Language	
19 Aug (Tue)	P6 Mathematics	D6 Proliminary Examinations
20 Aug (Wed)	P6 Mother Tongue Language	P6 Preliminary Examinations
21 Aug (Thu)	P6 Science	
21 Aug (Thu)	P3 GEP Screening	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
22 Aug (Fri)	P6 Higher Mother Tongue Language	P6 Preliminary Examinations
4 Sep (Thu)	Teachers' Day Celebrations	More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.
5 Sep (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday	Pupils need not report to school.
6 Sep (Sat) – 14 Sep (Sun)	Term 3 School Holidays	P6 supplementary classes will be held on 11 and 12 Sep. (More details will be sent via PG nearer the date.)

Thank you for your kind attention to the above information.

Your partner-in-education,

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