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School Vision: Joyful Learners, Responsible Citizens and Creative Leaders in a Connected Community

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Dear Parents/Guardians

TERM 3 COMMUNIQUÉ

As term 2 comes to an end and the June vacation approaches, I thank you for your partnership in the holistic education of your child/ward this semester. In schools, mid-year is a time when we reflect on our work, improve on our plans and recharge for the exciting semester ahead. In the coming school vacation, I hope that you and your child/ward will also find time to reflect together on what he or she has learnt to consolidate the knowledge, skills and attitudes acquired. I also hope that you will help us to reinforce these messages to your child/ward: **Learning Requires Humility** and our school motto, **Effort Determines Success**. Wherever he or she is on this learning journey currently, he or she can only improve by being conscientious and humbly learning from mistakes.

In the month-long school holidays ahead, may I suggest 5 actions below for you and your child/ward to take for a happier and meaningful time together:

1. **Give:** Ask your child/ward to give of his/her time to serve others, to do something for others, because being able to contribute can bring peaceful joy to oneself. You may want to create opportunities for your child/ward to help and contribute at home and in the community.
2. **Read and Relate:** Encourage your child/ward to read widely and discover the joy of losing oneself in the world of books. Remind him/her to connect with people who care about him/her by spending time with them because our connections with people build our resilience. You may want to organise family trips to a library and spend quality family time together.
3. **Exercise:** Urge your child/ward to exercise regularly this school holiday to strengthen the body and mind because we always feel energised after a good exercise.
4. **Appreciate:** Remind your child/ward to notice and pay attention to the many beautiful things around him/her: Music, Art and Nature. A visit to our local museums or parks could be a worthwhile activity to do with your child/ward.
5. **Try:** Encourage them to learn something new because learning (something that one is interested in) can be exciting and joyful. Teach him/her to learn from books, from you, from community platforms, and knowledgeable others.

The first letter of each of these 5 actions form the word *GREAT*. So, on behalf of the school, I wish all of you a GREAT school vacation.

Yours faithfully

Mr Chua Choon Hock
Principal

I. Administrative Matters

a) June School Holidays

Please note that the School Holidays will be from 01 June to 30 June 2019. School will resume on Monday, 01 July 2019.

General Office opening hours during School Holidays will be from 7 am to 5 pm.

b) Temperature Taking Exercise

As part of our Emergency and Health Preparedness programme, the Temperature Taking Exercise will take place in Week 1 of Term 3 on Thursday, 4 July 2019. We would like to remind all students to ensure that their thermometers are in working condition and bring them on 4 July 2019 for the Temperature Taking Exercise.

c) Travel Declaration for School Holiday

To inculcate in our students social responsibility, you are requested to declare your child's/ward's June holiday travel plan. For P1 students who have just joined the school system, you are requested to declare their June holiday travel plans to the school, whether or not they are travelling overseas for the June holidays.

For P2 to P6 students, you are requested to declare only if they have travel plans. Parents/guardians can make the declaration on Parents Gateway (PG) for convenience or via the school website at <https://cedarpri.moe.edu.sg/for-parents>.

II. School-Wide Events and Programmes

a) Whole School Learning Journey

On 4 July, all students from Primary 1 to Primary 6 will be going on a whole school learning journey. The learning journeys are part of the Social Studies field-based learning experience where students are able to contextualise their learning in an authentic real- world setting, thus enabling the relational learning of concepts and content.

More than that, they also serve as valuable National Education learning touchpoints where students can learn more about Singapore and cultivate citizenship dispositions such as the sense of belonging and a sense of hope.

Through this learning platform, students will also be encouraged to work together in teams to fulfil the learning outcomes.

The venues for the learning journeys are indicated below:

Primary 1	Gardens By the Bay	Primary 4	Singapore River Trail
Primary 2	Singapore Orchid Garden	Primary 5	Chinese Garden
Primary 3	Marina Barrage	Primary 6	Singapore Botanic Gardens

b) Racial Harmony Day

On 21 July each year, schools commemorate Racial Harmony (RHD) to mark the anniversary of the 1964 racial riots. Through various platforms during the week, students will reflect on and celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society built on a rich diversity of cultures. The theme for RHD this year is “The Singapore Connection” and here in Cedar Primary, we want to give opportunities for students to learn more about the different races and cultures that we have in Singapore. It will also be a time for the students to learn about shared spaces and the common identities that bind us together as Singaporeans.

c) National Day

National Day marks our separation from Malaysia and our emergence as an independent country in the community of nations. We will be commemorating this momentous occasion in three parts: curriculum engagement in class as part of the CCE lessons, the formal observance ceremony and the celebrations segment where students and staff will attend a concert, followed by the GH3 carnival where we come together as one to celebrate National Day. More information about National Day will be given to you at a later date.

d) Cedar Recycling Programme

We began our efforts in environmental education in Term 2 with an assembly programme on waste management and the importance of recycling. There were also recess activities which helped students to further understand their role as champions of the environment. To promote active recycling, the school asked the students to bring old magazines, newspapers or brochures from home.

In Term 3, students can bring old clothes from home to recycle. The clothes will be donated to charity homes and channelled to recycling facilities, depending on the conditions. Recycling bins in the four different house colours have been placed in the canteen for the students to place their old clothes. We seek your support in reinforcing the message of recycling at home and also for your contributions to the recycling efforts in Term 3.

e) Cyber Wellness Week

The third run of the Cyber Wellness programme from 9 July to 12 July for the year aims to educate and empower our Cedarians to understand and tackle the issues of cyberbullying. Victims of cyberbullying often succumb to negative feelings and other stress-related conditions. This occurs primarily because cyberbullying erodes their self-confidence and self-esteem.

Through our week-long programme, students will learn about examples of cyberbullying and the appropriate measures to handle these issues. We will also be inviting our friendly Police Officers from the Singapore Police Force to share their insights with the students during our school assembly.

f) Student Leaders’ Investiture

Our inaugural Student Leaders’ Investiture will be held on 23 and 24 July 2019. The Ceremony is to invest our student leaders with the authority and responsibility to lead and serve the school and the community.

During the Student Leaders’ Investiture, the following Student Leaders will be appointed:

- Executive Committee Members of the Prefectorial Board
- Prefects
- Trainee Prefects

- House Captains
- Sports Leaders

g) Read@CPS

In Week 5, 29 July to 1 Aug, we will be organising Read@CPS. During this period, students can look forward to different types of language activities. These activities have been designed to promote the love of reading and writing for both the English Language and Mother Tongue.

h) Books 2 Go!

In partnership with the National Library Board (NLB), students will get to borrow books from a pre-selected collection on 3 and 4 September. Do sign up as a member if your child/ward has not done so. For those who are already members, please assist with the following:

- Ensure your child/ward brings his/her school ez-link card/library card
- Pay the fines (if any) in your child's/ward's library account
- Return all books in your child's/ward's account before the mass borrowing activity
- If your child/ward has lost his/her school ez-link card, please report the loss at any public library and have a new library card made. (Note: A fee of \$1.00 applies for a new library card.)

Kindly ensure that the NLB books borrowed in the school on 3 and 4 September 2019 (Tuesday and Wednesday) are returned to any public library by the due date that is indicated on the loan receipt and not at the school library.

In addition, you are encouraged to sign up for *myLibrary*, a suite of enhanced e-services. With the *myLibrary* ID, you will be able to view your child's/ward's borrowing record as well as activating the free reminder service. The reminder service will prompt you to return the books which your child/ward has borrowed, on time. To register, visit <https://account.nlb.gov.sg>. For further assistance, please contact NLB at enquiry@nlb.gov.sg.

i) P1 to P6 Sports Exposure Programme (SEP)

To sustain your child's/ward's physical and mental robustness and his/her pursuit of a healthy lifestyle, the P1 to P6 Sports Exposure Programme will commence in Term 3 Week 1. Enclosed are the details of the programme:

Level	P1 to P6
Dates	Fridays (5, 12, 19 and 26 July)
Duration	4 sessions (2 hours per session)
Time	1.45 pm to 3.45 pm (Lunch break: 1.15 pm to 1.35 pm)
Venue	School Premises

j) Kidszone@Cedar

KidsZone@Cedar is established by our partner, Bartley Community Care Services. It aims to provide a safe and stimulating environment for students from Cedar Primary School to engage in meaningful and fun activities with the emphasis on character building. Students get to learn and play new games and sports as well. The centre also provides family support services to students and their parents.

KidsZone@Cedar opens daily from Monday to Friday, except during school holidays and public holidays. The operation hours are 1.45 pm to 5.00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 1.15 pm to 4.00 pm on Wednesday and Friday.

III. Level Event and Programmes

a) **P3 SwimSafer Programme**

The P3 SwimSafer Programme is a highlight of our school’s Physical Education curriculum experience. Through this programme, pupils will develop water confidence, understand the principles of water safety and learn techniques to prevent drowning. In addition, this programme also builds our students’ physical and mental robustness and cultivates confidence, determination and resilience. The details of the programme are as follows:

Dates and Times	Programme Details
Practice: Session 1 (2 July 2019) Session 2 (9 July 2019) Session 3 (16 July 2019) Session 4 (23 July 2019) Session 5 (30 July 2019) Session 6 (6 August 2019) Session 7 (13 August 2019) Session 8 (20 August 2019) Assessment: Session 9 (3 September 2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session are conducted on Tuesdays. • Students will report to school as per normal. • Students will board the bus to the swimming complex after the flag raising ceremony. • The swimming lessons will be from 8.10 am to 9.30 am. • Students will be having a short break at the swimming complex after their lesson. Please do pack some healthy snacks as light refreshments for your child/ward. • Students will return to school after the swimming lesson and go for recess at 10.15 am. • Your child/ward will be heading back to classes for lessons at 10.45 am.
Venue:	To be confirmed.
Cost:	<u>No payment</u> is required from students. The programme fee is fully borne by the school and MCCY (Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth).
Remarks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P3 students participating in the SwimSafer Programme are to bring the following items on the days of the programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Swimming gear (swimming trunk/costume, swimming cap, goggles) ○ Slippers (to be worn from school to the swimming complex) ○ Towel ○ Water Bottle ○ Plastic Bags (to keep wet swimming gears) ○ Light Refreshments • P3 students will report to school wearing their swimming attire on the inside and PE attire on the outside. • The school will arrange for two-way transport for students to ferry them from school to the swimming complex, and back. • In the event of wet weather, swimming lessons will continue under shelter.

b) P3 and P4 Project Care

Project Care is part of the school's continual effort to provide learning experiences for the students to put the values of kindness, integrity, responsibility, resilience and creativity into action. We are very heartened by the students' display of kindness during their visit to Thye Hua Kwan Senior Activity Centre at MacPherson and we look forward to planning for more such visits in Term 3. Some classes from Primary 3 and Primary 4 have been scheduled for their visits to the Centre in Term 3. By these simple acts of service, we hope that the students will learn that they can make a difference in the community. More details will be given at a later date.

c) P5 National Education (NE) Show

Every year, the Primary 5 students get to attend the NE Show which is a preview of the National Day Parade. The objective is to get the students to appreciate the significance of National Day through a hands-on learning experience. The students will be going through pre and post NE Show lessons to help them unpack the National Day theme for 2019 through discussion and activities. This year, the students will be going for their NE show on 20 July, Saturday. More information will be given to you at a later date.

IV. Partnership with Parents

a) Dads for Life Programme

Launched in 2009, Dads for Life is Singapore's National Fathers Movement that seeks to inspire, mobilise and involve fathers to become good influences in their children's lives – for life!

Programme flyers and registration forms will be given out 1 month prior to the activity. Interested participants are to submit the completed registration forms through the General Office. Further information will be given out in Term 3 for parents/guardians interested to join us for the event.

b) Go for Hope, Health and Harmony (GH3) (from Semester 1)

GH3 is our school's signature community-based programme designed to make exercise a more purposeful endeavour. This programme encourages the school community to reach a collective goal by exercising for Hope, Health and Harmony. Students, teachers and stakeholders earn points for their efforts and develop a sense of affiliation to their individual classes and Houses (Leopard, Panther, Jaguar and Cheetah).

Hope

This year, the school has continued its partnership with Potong Pasir Community Club (CC) in raising funds for the Rice, Oils, Sugar and Essentials (ROSE) Programme. The ROSE Programme spearheaded by the Potong Pasir CC has been running for a few years now. Since then, they have delivered more than 20,000kg of these basic living necessities to over 200 households on the first weekend of each month.

We are proud to announce the total amount that has been pledged by parents, guardians and staff in supporting the ROSE Programme this year is **\$7860**. The pledged amount will be collected in August. A letter will be sent to you through your child/ward on a later date.

Parents/Guardians who have pre-selected the dates to volunteer in the ROSE programme for the second half of the year will receive a reminder SMS from the school nearer to the date.

Continuation of GH3

The GH3 programme has commenced and will continue in Term 3 with the classes competing head-to-head to reach the top of the mountain through their class effort. Students will also continue to work towards their individual goals of the different challenges and contribute to their Houses through their efforts.

Cedar Primary School Calendar of Events

Term 3 Calendar of Events

Date/Day	Events	Remarks
1 Jul Mon	First Day of School for Term 3	All students are to report to school by 7.40 am
1 Jul Mon	Commencement of P6 Supplementary Lessons	For P6 Students only
2 Jul Tue	Primary 3 SwimSafer Programme	<i>Every Tuesday for All Primary 3 students from 2 Jul to 3 Sep</i>
3 Jul Wed	National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore	During curriculum time, for P4 and P5 students who have signed up
4 Jul Thu	Temperature-taking Exercise	Every student is required to bring a working Oral Digital Thermometer to School
4 Jul Thu	Whole School Field-Based Learning Journey	All students
5 Jul Fri	Sports Exposure Programme	Every Friday from 5 Jul to 26 Jul 2019
8 Jul Mon	Youth Day (School Holiday)	School Holiday
9 Jul Tue	Commencement of P2–P5 Remedial Lessons	Teachers will issue details and consent forms
9–12 Jul Tue–Fri	Cyber Wellness Week	For all students during curriculum hours
15 Jul Mon	Commencement of CCAs	Teachers will issue details and consent forms
19 Jul Fri	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	Activities will be carried out during curriculum hours
20 Jul Sat	2019 NE Show for all P5 Students	Teachers will issue details and consent forms
23 & 24 Jul Tue & Wed	Student Leaders' Investiture	During Hall Assemblies
26 Jul Fri	P6 Prelim Exams: Listening Comprehension	During Curriculum Hours

29 Jul–1 Aug Mon-Thurs	Read@CPS	
2 Aug Fri	P6 Prelim Oral Exams P1 to P5 e-Learning Day	P1 to P5 students need not report to school
5 Aug Mon	P6 Prelim Exams: Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1	
6 Aug Tue	P6 Prelim Exams: English Language Paper 1	
7 Aug Wed	P6 Prelim Exams: Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1	
8 Aug Thu	54th National Day Celebration cum Go for H3 Carnival	Students will be dismissed at 10.15 am
9 Aug Fri	54th National Day	Public Holiday
12 Aug Mon	Hari Raya Haji School Holiday	School Holiday
15 & 16 Aug Thu & Fri	PSLE Oral Exams	All P1–P5 students need not report to school
22 Aug Thu	P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment: English Language P6 Prelim Exams: English Language 2	
23 Aug Fri	P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment: Math P6 Prelim Exams: Math P3 GEP Screening Exercise	
26 Aug Mon	P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment: Mother Tongue Language P6 Prelim Exams: Mother Tongue Language	
27 Aug Tue	P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment: Science P6 Prelim Exams: Science	
28 Aug Wed	P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment: Higher Mother Tongue Language P6 Prelim Exams: Higher Mother Tongue Language	
3 & 4 Sep Tue & Wed	Books 2 Go! (NLB Mass Borrowing)	
5 Sep Thu	Teachers' Day Celebration	Students will be dismissed at 10.15 am

6 Sep Fri	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
7–15 Sep Sat–Sun	Term 3 School Holiday	
11–13 Sep Wed–Fri	P6 Supplementary Classes	
16 Sep Mon	First Day of School - Term 4 P5 Camp from 16 to 18 Sep 2019	

THE END