



OPERA ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2022 TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to formally welcome all our P1 students on 4 January 2022 and our P2 to P6 students on 5 January 2022. We hope that 2022 will be an enriching and fulfilling year of learning for your child.

We would also like to take this opportunity to bid our former Principal, Mdm Loe Lai Pink a fond farewell. We are grateful for all her invaluable contributions to the school for the last 6 years. She will be greatly missed by all of us at OEPS and we wish her all the best in her new posting and future endeavours.

As the newly-posted Principal, I hope to leverage the strengths that Mdm Loe has built with the staff of OEPS and continue to provide a quality school experience that is "Uniquely Opera".

1. Staff Updates

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff who have joined the school recently.

Name of Staff	Appointment
Mrs Tan Wai Ling	Principal
Ms Dawn Sim Ee Sze	Subject Head, Aesthetics
Ms Sim Yoke Hian Clarice	Senior Teacher, English
Ms Jennifer Ng Siew Hoong	Administrative Manager
Mdm Amal Norahmah Binte Darlan	Teacher, English and Math
Miss Leong Sue Ning	Teacher, Music
Mdm Siti Noor Khadijah Bte Othman	Teacher, English and Math
Mdm Norliah Binte Daroos	Teacher, Math
Mdm Juhariah Binte Ahmad	School Counsellor

We would like to congratulate the following staff on their new appointments with effect from 1 January 2022.

Name of Staff	Appointment
Ms Chia Hui Min	Head of Department, Science
Mr Ray Aziz	Senior Teacher, Music

We would also like to bid farewell to the following staff and wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

Name of Staff	Appointment
Mdm Loe Lai Pink	Principal
Ms Lim Chiu Ee	Administrative Manager



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Name of Staff	Appointment
Ms Tan Shuling	Teacher
Ms Dian Fatimah Binte Ismail	Teacher
Ms Chua Li Shan Irene	Teacher
Ms Karen Ong Lay Hoon	Teacher
Mrs Shahrin (Sainava Bte Muhammad)	Teacher
Mrs Geraldine Rita Pereira	Teacher
Mdm Suraiya Binte Noor Mohamed	Teacher
Mr Mohd Helmy B Rahim	Allied Educator
Ms Irja Wendy Binte Abd Rahman	School Counsellor

2. Matters pertaining to Covid-19 Situation

We would like to reiterate the importance of social responsibility and the following Safe Management Measures as we transit to living with COVID-19.

(a) Student Wellbeing

- Face Masks
 - Remind your child to wear their face masks at all times in school.
 - Ensure that your child wears a well-fitted face mask and to bring additional face masks if they need to change them when their face masks are dirty.
- Daily Temperature Taking
 - All students will take their temperature in the classroom daily.
 - Ensure your child brings along his/her own personal oral digital thermometer (in working condition) daily. If your child needs a replacement thermometer, he/she can purchase one at the school bookshop for \$4.50 each.
 - Remind your child to clean the thermometer using a tissue paper. The tissue paper should be disposed of properly in the bin.
- Students who are unwell
 - If your child is not feeling well, please seek medical attention promptly and adhere to the instructions given by the doctor.
 - If your child's temperature is at 38 Degrees Celsius and above or has flu-like symptoms (cough, runny nose, shortness of breath) when he/she is in school, we will contact you to pick him/her from the General Office and seek medical attention immediately.
 - Students are not permitted to go home during school hours for safety reasons.
- Personal Hygiene
 - Students should observe personal hygiene through frequent hand washing with soap and water throughout the school day, especially before and after food.
 - Remind your child the proper way to wash their hands. You can also refer to the website <https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/471/keepyourhandsclean>
 - Students should practise wipe down of tables in the classrooms and canteen, and any shared equipment after use.
 - Students are to bring along their water bottles labelled with their names and classes so that they can refill water from the water coolers. They should refrain from drinking directly at the water coolers for hygiene purposes.



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The school will continue to clean the school compound regularly to ensure that the school premises are clean and safe for our students and staff.

(b) Staggered Dismissal Timing

To reduce overcrowding during dismissal, we will continue to implement the following dismissal schedule:

Dismissal Timing		
Levels	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	Wed
P1, P2, P5	1.20 p.m.	11.50 a.m.
P3, P4, P6	1.30 p.m.	12.00 p.m.

We would also appreciate the cooperation from parents and guardians to observe SMM and traffic rules while waiting to fetch your child home from school. Your kind understanding would provide a conducive environment for all students to be dismissed safely.

(c) Visitors to school

- All visitors to the school are required to register themselves using the Safe-Entry/TraceTogether App at the security guard post before entering the school compound.
- Visitors will have their temperature taken at the security guard post and will not be allowed entry if their temperature is at 38 degrees Celsius and above.
- Visitors are also required to wear face masks at all times when they are in the school compound.

(d) Supporting your child through their vaccination

The national COVID-19 vaccination programme is extended to children aged 5 to 11 from 27 December 2021. All children who have crossed their 5th birthday in 2021 are eligible to book a vaccination appointment.

Please inform the Form Teacher and PE teacher about the dates of your child's vaccination. Your child will be excused for two weeks from strenuous physical activities after each vaccination. All PE teachers will also check in with students before the start of the PE lessons.

We strongly encourage parents/guardians to get their child/ward vaccinated if they are medically eligible, to keep our families and our wider community safe.

(e) Trace Together (TT) Token

All students are to carry their TT tokens with them daily. They are strongly encouraged to hang the TT tokens using lanyards so the tokens are visible. Parents/ Guardians are to assist in checking that your child's TT token is in working condition.

For students who have lost or misplaced their TT tokens, parents/ guardians may collect TT tokens for their children from any Community Centre/Club. Singaporeans and Permanent



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Residents who are collecting their tokens for the first time can also request for the TT token to be delivered via post. Details can be found at token.gowhere.gov.sg.

3. School Operation Matters

(a) Responsibility for Personal Belongings

- The school would like to work with all parents to help our students grow to be more responsible and independent by inculcating the habit of packing their bags according to their timetable.
- If your child has forgotten to bring his/her belongings (e.g. books, files, stationery and homework) to school, there is **no requirement** to make a trip to school and pass the item to your child.
- Allow your child to learn from the experiences even if he/she has to face the consequence of not bringing his/her belongings.
- Students who forget to bring food or money for their recess, they may approach the staff at the General Office for assistance.
- For those who cycle/scoot to school, guide your child to secure his/her bicycle/scooter at the bicycle racks on the school premises. The school will not be responsible for the loss and/or damage to your child's/ward's bicycle/scooter.

(b) Delivery of Food

- If you need to deliver packed food to your child during dismissal in view of after-school activities, the food should be given to the staff on duty at the bus-stop or canteen gate.
- Ensure your child collects the food from the staff on duty at the gate. The packed food should be labelled with the child's name and class. Any uncollected food will be discarded on the same day.

(c) Birthday Celebrations

- Kindly be reminded that birthday cakes and food items are not permitted for your child's/ward's birthday celebrations in schools.
- This is to safeguard the safety of all children especially those with food allergies and dietary restrictions. We seek your kind understanding and cooperation on this.

(d) School Smart Card Phototaking (Primary 1 and 6)

- There will be a photo-taking session on 13 January 2022, Thursday, for all Primary 1 and Primary 6 students for the issue of School Smart Card (SSC).
- Students are required to be in their **school uniform**.
- The School Smart Card for Primary 1 will be ready by end March 2021 while the photo-images captured for Primary 6 students will be used for Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2023.

(e) Pupil's Diary 2022

The Pupil's Diary 2022 will be given to all students on their first day of school. The book serves as a journal for students to pen their homework for the day and note the school rules and expectations.



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Parents/guardians are requested to read the school rules and discipline matters on pages 6 to 13 and sign on page 13 for acknowledgment by 7 January, Friday. We thank you for partnering the school to remind your child in following the school rules. Your support will further inculcate in our students to have shared responsibility in creating a conducive learning environment for all.

(f) Bookshop operating hours

During school term, parents/guardians are only allowed to visit the bookshop **after dismissal at the following timing:**

Day of the Week	Timing
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday	12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

4. Communication with Parents

The school seeks to work closely with our parents/guardians for the holistic well-being of our students. Our teachers' and allied educators' workload in partnering parents will be managed in balance with our core professional duties, particularly in teaching and learning.

Our school's official modes of communication with parents are:

- School phone (General Office: Tel: 6241 0417)
- School email (Email: oepe@moe.edu.sg)

In addition to the above, we will also communicate with parents via the Parents Gateway. Form Teachers and Subject Teachers will also use ClassDojo to communicate with parents. The invites to parents to be onboard ClassDojo will be issued by the first week of school.

We seek your understanding and cooperation to communicate and engage our teachers within school hours (7.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.), on weekdays and during school terms.

Teachers are not expected to respond to parents' and students' queries after school hours, during the weekends and school holidays. They are also not expected to provide their personal mobile numbers to parents / students.

Urgent messages to teachers may be directed to the school's General Office, should the teachers be in class and are uncontactable during school hours.

Appointments for face-to-face meetings with teachers should be made in advance. Parents should email the teachers or contact the General Office at least 3 days in advance, to minimise disruptions to their teaching duties.



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5. Calendar of Activities (Term 1)

The key activities for Term 1 can be found in the attached Annex A.

We hope this termly update is useful for you. Please feel free to contact us at 62410417 or email us at oepe@moe.edu.sg, should you need further clarifications.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Your Partner-In-Education,
Mrs Tan Wai Ling
Principal



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Annex A

Calendar of Events for 2022 Term 1		
Date	Events/Programme	Level
4 Jan (Tue)	First day of school and Orientation for P1 only	P1
5 Jan (Wed)	First day of school for P2 to P6	P2 to P6
11 Jan (Tue)	Commencement of HMT Lessons for HMT students	P3, P5&P6
12 Jan (Wed)	Curriculum Briefing & Form Teacher Interaction for P1 to P5 Parents (1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.) via Zoom*	P1 to P5
13 Jan (Thu)	P1 and P6 School Smart Card Photo Taking* <i>P1 and P6 pupils are required to come in their school uniform.</i>	P1 and P6
14 Jan (Fri)	Curriculum Briefing & Form Teacher Interaction for P6 Parents (2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m) via Zoom*	P6
17 Jan (Mon) onwards	Commencement of CCA, Remedial & Enrichment*	P3 to P6
26 Jan (Wed)	P2 to P5 E-Learning Day <i>P1 and P6 pupils report to school as usual</i>	P2 to P5
31 Jan (Mon)	Lunar New Year Celebrations <i>School dismissal is at 10.30 a.m.</i>	All levels
1 Feb (Tue) to 2 Feb (Wed)	Lunar New Year (<i>Public Holiday</i>)	All
24 Feb (Thurs)	Learning Review for English Language* Weighted Assessment 1 for English Language* Continual Assessment for English Language*	P4 P3 and P5 P6
25 Feb (Fri)	Learning Review for Mathematics* Weighted Assessment 1 for Mathematics* Continual Assessment for Mathematics*	P4 P3 and P5 P6
28 Feb (Mon)	Learning Review for Science* Weighted Assessment 1 for Science* Continual Assessment for Science*	P4 P3 and P5 P6
1 Mar (Tues)	Learning Review for Mother Tongue Language Weighted Assessment 1 for Mother Tongue Language* Continual Assessment for Mother Tongue Language*	P4 P3 and P5 P6



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Calendar of Events for 2022 Term 1		
2 Mar (Wed)	Weighted Assessment 1 for Higher Mother Tongue Language* Continual Assessment for Higher Mother Tongue Language*	P5 (selected students) P6 (selected students)
7 Mar (Mon) to 9 Mar (Wed)	P4 Digital Maker Programme* Time-table will be suspended for P4 students	P4
11 Mar (Fri)	P6 Parent-Children-Teacher Conference via Zoom (e-PCTC)* <i>Only P6 students do not report to school. P1 to P5 students report as usual.</i>	P6
12 Mar (Sat) to 20 Mar (Sun)	Term 1 School Holidays	All Levels
14 Mar (Mon)	P4 to P6 Leadership Camp (To be Confirmed)*	P4 to P6 Pupil Leaders
21 Mar (Mon)	School re-opens for Term 2	All Levels

*More details will be provided at a later date.