



## OPERA ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Updates: 4/2023**

Dear Parents / Guardians,

### 1. Eve of Hari Raya Puasa: Early Dismissal Option on 21 April, Friday

This month we are celebrating Hari Raya Puasa, or the festival of Eid, on 22 April, Saturday.

Muslim students celebrating Hari Raya Puasa will be given the option to be dismissed early on 21 April, Friday, the eve of Hari Raya Puasa. Should you wish to opt for early dismissal, please make your own transport arrangements to pick your child/ward at 10.30am either from the bus stop gate or at the Foyer (for pick-up by car). Please note that the school gate will be opened from 10.30am onwards for cars to drive in. We appreciate your adherence to this timing and not to arrive too early in order not to cause a possible traffic jam.

Please note that dismissal will be staggered by levels to facilitate a smooth process. Kindly fill in your child's/ward's details and the dismissal arrangement in the FormSG link: <https://go.gov.sg/2023raya-earlydismissal> or QR code provided.



For students who are taking the school bus and wish to opt for early dismissal on this day, **kindly inform your school bus driver of your arrangements.**

Wishing all students and parents celebrating Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri in advance!

### 2. International Friendship Day

The theme for this year's International Friendship Day is **"Singapore in Asia"**. Through learning about ASEAN in our CCE-FTGP lessons, students will understand the region's diversity and vibrancy and the importance of building and sustaining positive friendships with others. They will also learn more about the cultures and traditions of countries that Singapore shares close ties with through understanding the arts and craft, traditional dance and music that are iconic to each country.

We would also like express our gratitude to the parent volunteers of **Opera Parents Club** for volunteering to help out at the recess activity booths!

### 3. Opera's Got Talent 2023

The online submission for **"Opera's Got Talent 2023"** will be opened to all P1 to P3 students from 25 April, Tuesday to 19 May, Friday. to showcase their musical and artistic talents. This is a good platform for budding musicians and artists in our school to share the joy of the arts

with everyone! If you can draw, sing, dance or play an instrument, this is the chance for you to shine and bring a small measure of happiness to others. Participation is voluntary and entirely optional.

We will showcase the artworks and videos on the school website and also feature the videos during recess. More details will be provided at a later date.

#### **4. Birthday celebrations**

We understand that some parents would like their child to celebrate his/her birthday in school. Kindly be reminded that birthday cakes and food items are not permitted for your child's/ward's birthday celebrations in school. This is to safeguard the safety of all children especially those with food allergies and dietary restrictions. There is also no need for gifting of goodie bags in school as birthday celebrations can still be meaningfully done through the giving of well wishes or singing of birthday song to the birthday child. We seek your kind understanding and cooperation in this matter.

#### **5. Changes to Homegoing Arrangements**

It has been more than a term and students are more settled in their daily homegoing arrangements. We seek parents'/guardian's understanding to confirm any changes to daily homegoing arrangements with your child/ward before they go to school. Teachers and school staff may not be able to communicate any ad-hoc changes to the homegoing arrangements on time to your child/ward as they may be engaged in teaching and other duties during curriculum hours.

We would also like to remind parents/guardians to inform the school bus drivers ahead of time if your child/ward is not taking the bus on a particular day. This ensures that school personnel and bus drivers need not spend time looking for your child/ward leading to the delay of the bus dismissal schedule. We seek your understanding on this.

#### **6. Nomination for Teacher Awards**

As shared on 3 February 2023 in the 2/2023 updates, the Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher award is still open for you to nominate deserving Tamil Teachers. Next, there is also a new award - Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards 2023 for you to nominate deserving Chinese Teachers.

<b>Award name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Submission method and deadline</b>
Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Award	This award recognises Tamil teachers in Singapore schools who have made significant contributions to the teaching and learning of Tamil.	Online nomination at <a href="https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2023-form-tl">https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2023-form-tl</a> and <a href="https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2023-form-ell">https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2023-form-ell</a> by 10 April, Monday.
Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards 2023	This award is looking for deserving Chinese Teachers who inspire students to have an interest in Chinese language and culture; use creative and engaging teaching methods / learning activities; have a passion for teaching; respected and well-loved by students and parents.	Online nomination at <a href="https://bit.ly/dclta2023">https://bit.ly/dclta2023</a> by 30 Apr, Sunday.

## 7. Appreciation and Accolades

We are appreciative of our staff and students who have put in their time and effort to participate in various events. We would also like to thank our parents/guardians who have supported our students in their endeavours. Please refer to our school website <https://operaestatepri.moe.edu.sg/opera-celebrates/> for the full list of school achievements.

## 8. School Facebook page

We have launched our official Facebook page in Term 3 to share school activities and events. Please search for **Opera Estate Primary School** on Facebook (under the “Pages” tab) and follow us as we share our uniquely Opera experiences. Alternatively, you can access the page through the link <https://www.facebook.com/oepsofficial/>

## 9. Join the Opera Parents Club (OPC)

The Opera Parents Club (OPC) is looking for volunteers to be part of the Opera Family! Being a Parent Volunteer (PV) allows you to be a part of your child’s educational journey.

As a PV, you will be able to select and participate in the activities that suit you and your availability. You may choose to volunteer on an ad-hoc basis or join a rostered programme on a regular basis. We would love to hear from you, especially if you have a skill or talent that you can contribute to the OPC family! So come and be a part of our OPC family in supporting the students, educators, and parents of OEPS. Scan the QR code to sign up today!



OPC  
Registration

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tan Wai Ling". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "T" and "W".

Mrs Tan Wai Ling  
Principal