



OPERA ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Updates: 8/2023

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of Term 3! I hope you and your child will have a good break during the September school holidays.

1. Staff Updates

We would like to bid farewell to Mr Jackmond Tok Chek Puey – HOD PE/CCA and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

2. September School Holidays and Travel Advisory

As Polling Day for Presidential Election 2023 will fall on 1 September, Friday, it is a public holiday. This is followed by the term break from **2 to 11 September**. The Teachers' Day holiday is moved to **11 September, Monday**. The students will return to school in Term 4 on **12 September, Tuesday**.

As communicated to all parents on 18 August 2023, please be reminded to make your travel declaration for your child via Parents Gateway if your child is travelling.

3. Teachers' Day celebrations

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on **31 August, Thursday**. All students are to report to school by **7.30a.m.** Students are to bring along a small bag with a storybook, working thermometer, water bottle, writing and colouring materials. As per the PG message sent on 8 August, do be reminded that students will be dismissed at **10.30a.m.**

On Teachers' Day, parents and students can express their appreciation to teachers through notes of appreciation instead of gifts. As shared previously, gratitude is a value that we like to inculcate in our students. We are grateful to parents who have submitted your appreciation notes via the link <https://form.gov.sg/5e94f7682b18f50011ee37e1>. You can continue to pen your appreciation notes by **11 September, Monday**.

4. PSLE Matters

- (a) Please be reminded that PSLE Listening Comprehension will be conducted on **15 September, Friday**. Students from P1 to P5 do not need to report to school on this day.

- (b) The school will be implementing staggered Home-Based Learning (HBL) times for P1 to P4 students from 28 September to 3 October 2023 during the PSLE written examination period. More details have been sent to P1 to P4 parents on 24 August 2023.
- (c) There will be a 3-day study break for P6 students from 25 to 27 September. The details are also sent to P6 parents on 24 August 2023.
- (d) For P6 parents, you can support your child in preparing for PSLE by being a P.S.L.E. parent – **P**roactive, **S**upportive, **L**oving and **E**mpowering! It is important to develop in our children a strong and positive mindset.

Do access this link on more information on how you can be a P.S.L.E. parent:
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/microsites/psle-fsbb/assets/infographics/new-psle-scoring-system/are-you-a-PSLE-parent.pdf>

On this note, we wish our P6 students **all the best** for their PSLE exams!

5. Children's Day

We will be celebrating Children's Day on **5 October, Thursday**. All students are to report to school by **7.30a.m.** They will pack a small bag with a book, working thermometer, stationery, and a water bottle for the day. Please do note that students will be dismissed at **10.30a.m.**

6. Construction outside the Canteen Gate

Construction works by NParks are on-going outside the school canteen gate. Parents and students are advised to exercise caution when accessing the pathway leading to the school.

7. School Bus Service

You would have read in the news that the school transport industry continues to face challenges such as shortage of drivers or buses and this has an impact in how the bus transport providers can support schools.

This year, Yeap Transport is our contracted school bus service provider. Due to these challenges, they will cease their service at the end of the academic year 2023. The school will issue a new bid for a school bus provider starting from 2024 onwards.

With every new service provider, there will bound to be teething issues. We seek your understanding and patience amidst the various challenges they are facing. We will update parents on the details of the new school bus provider once the evaluation of the bid is complete.

8. Canteen Stalls

The school has been sourcing for canteen stall holders. If you have any contacts who might be interested to open a stall, kindly contact our Operations Manager Mr Mathew Mak at 62410417.

9. Cyberwellness – Support at home

It is important to inculcate good online habits and to help manage your child's use of devices at home. To help your child stay safe and have positive experiences online, parents can:

- a) Activate parental controls on your home devices
- b) Model good digital habits for your child
- c) Set ground rules for internet / social media use
- d) Navigate the internet together with your child to let them understand the usage

Good online habits are essential to cultivate a positive and caring cyber environment for everyone. We hope you can guide and supervise your child in terms of his/her access to online content, especially where some of these contents can be inappropriate for him/her.

Refer to this link to access more information on how you can guide your child in instilling good cyber online habits.: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg/our-programmes/cyber-wellness>

Additionally, do encourage your child to read more widely as books are good substitutes for mobile devices.

10. Calendar of Activities (Term 4)

The key activities for Term 4 can be found in the attached Annex A.

Please feel free to contact us at 6241 0417 or email us at oepe@moe.edu.sg, should you need further clarification.

Have a wonderful and restful term break! We look forward to seeing your child back in school on **12 September, Tuesday**.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Tan Wai Ling
Principal

Calendar of Events Term 4 2023		
Date (Day)	Events/Programme	Level
11 Sep (Mon)	Teachers' Day (School Holiday)	All Levels
12 Sep (Tue)	Start of Term 4	All Levels
15 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination	P6
	<i>P1 to P5 students do not report to school.</i>	P1 to P5
25 to 27 Sep (Mon to Wed)	Pre-PSLE Study Break <i>P6 students do not report to school.</i>	P6
28 Sep (Thu)	PSLE (English Language) <i>Primary 4 HBL</i>	P6
29 Sep (Fri)	PSLE (Mathematics) <i>Primary 1 HBL</i>	P6
2 Oct (Mon)	PSLE (Mother Tongue) <i>Primary 2 HBL</i>	P6
3 Oct (Tue)	PSLE (Science) <i>Primary 3 HBL</i>	P6
4 Oct (Wed)	PSLE (Higher Mother Tongue)	P6
5 Oct (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration <i>School dismissal at 10.30a.m.</i>	All levels
6 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day (School Holiday)	All levels
9 to 11 Oct (Mon to Wed)	End-of-Year Oral Examination (English Language and Mother Tongue)*	P3 to P5
12 Oct (Thu)	End-of-Year English Language Paper 1 and Listening Comprehension*	P3 to P5
13 Oct (Fri)	End-of-Year Mother Tongue Paper 1 and Listening Comprehension*	P3 to P5
16 to 18 Oct (Mon to Wed)	PSLE Marking Day <i>There will be no school for all students</i>	All Levels
25 Oct (Wed)	End-of-Year Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1 and 2*	Selected Students (P5)
26 Oct (Thu)	End-of-Year English Language Paper 2*	P3 to P5
27 Oct (Fri)	End-of-Year Mathematics*	
30 Oct (Mon)	End-of-Year Science*	
31 Oct (Tue)	End-of-Year Mother Tongue Paper 2*	

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8 Nov (Wed)	Year-end Admin Day <i>There will be no school for all students.</i>	All Levels
13 Nov (Mon)	Deepavali (Public Holiday)	All Levels
14 Nov (Tue)	Deepavali celebration P6 Graduation Ceremony and Prize Presentation* (Last Day of School for P6 only)	P1 to P6 P6
15 Nov (Wed)	Promotion Day (Last Day of School) School dismissal remains as at 12.30 p.m.	P1 to P5
16 Nov (Thu)	P1-P5 Prize Presentation* Only for award winners.	Selected P1 to P5 Students
17 Nov (Fri)	P1 Orientation 2024	Only for 2024 P1 Cohort
18 Nov to 31 Dec	November/December School Holidays	All levels
1 Jan (Mon)	New Year's Day (Public Holiday)	All Levels
2 Jan (Tue)	School re-opens for Term 1 2024	All Levels

*More details will be provided at a later date.