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Parents' Connect

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May & June Issue

1. Principal's Address

Greetings dear parents! It has been an exciting two months as we started Term 2 with a series of activities and programmes, including the ICT Enrichment Programmes and customised level programmes to equip our students with study skills and life skills. On 14 Apr, our secondary one students received their Personal Learning Device (PLD) which will enable them to learn to curate information, collaborate with others and create multimodal products in the process. We hope to inculcate in our students self-directedness in learning with a keen awareness of cyberwellness.

The resumption of National School Games (NSG) in the physical sports CCAs was a welcome news to our students who have put in additional efforts, training and preparing for their respective games. Our students have done the school proud as they live up to the school's values, displaying character and resilience in the sports and events that they participated in. Thank you for your continued support in our students' development in the domains of academics and sports.

2. Marking and Blended Learning Days

The Sec 4 and 5 Mid-Year Exam Marking Day is on Wednesday, 18 May. There will be Blended Learning for Sec 1 to Sec 3 students on that day. Lessons for all students will resume on Thursday 19 May. The next Blended Learning Day for Sec 1 to 5 students falls on 29 June.

On Blended Learning Days, students would stay at home to complete their learning either in synchronous or asynchronous mode, developing self-directedness and independent thinking in the process.

3. Special Programmes (Term 2 Week 10)

3.1 Mother Tongue Language Intensive Programme for Sec 4 Exp, 5NA and 4NA Out-of-Stream Students (24 to 26 May)

The GCE 'O' Level MTL and MTL 'B' Exam will be conducted on **Monday, 30 May and Tuesday 31 May** respectively with the appropriate SMMs in place. The MTL Department will be conducting the MTL Intensive Programme from 24 to 26 May, during curriculum time.

3.2 Sec 4N Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Fair (24 May, Tuesday)

In alignment to the recommendation from SkillsFuture in helping students make well-informed education and career choices, an online ECG Fair has been specially customised for our Sec 4 Normal Course students on 24 May, with the following objectives:

- To strengthen students' Social Emotional (SE) competencies such as self-awareness, self-management and responsible decision making, in achieving their goals/aspirations in life.
- To strengthen informed decision making for students' education and career choices.

3.3 Meet-the-Parents Session (27 May, PM)

We would like to thank the Sec 2-5 parents who had attended the virtual Parents Engagement Session on 9 April 2022. Please note that the information shared during the webinar sessions can be found on the school website under 'For Parents'.

We would also like to invite parents to meet your child's Form Teachers on **Friday, 27 May 2022** between 1.30pm to 5.00pm in school, for a discussion on your child's holistic development and progress in Semester 1. You will be alerted via Parents Gateway once the online registration is opened. More details on the MTP will be provided nearer the period of registration.

4. Students Achievements

Congratulations to the following CCAs / students for their achievement in Semester 1.

Name of CCA / individual Student	Achievements
<u>Merit Award:</u> Lim Yun Hua Denise (3-I) Chong Shei Xuan (4-C) <u>Silver Award:</u> Jolyn Pang Shi Qi (3-I) Chong Yiwei (3-EX) Ng Jun Kai (4-I) <u>Bronze Award:</u> Zhao Shilai (3-EX) Chris Ivan Leo (3-C)	43rd International C.B. Paul Science Quiz 2022
Ng Jun Kai (4-I)	Bilingual Youth Model United Nations 2022 (BYMUN) - Verbal Commendation
Rhys Ang Xun Rui (4-I)	Jurong Division Anti-scam Decal Design Competition 2021 (Top 5 winners)
NCDCC	Unit Overall Proficiency Award 2021 - Gold
NPCC	Unit Overall Proficiency Award 2021 - Gold
NPCC - Lee Xin Jie Chloe (4-Ex)	SPF - NPCC Badge
NPCC - Tan Wee Chong (4-C)	SPF - NPCC Badge
Beckham Lim Qin Wei (4-Ex) Chua Rui Heng (4-Ex)	Selected poems for 'Poetry for Ukraine'
Chen Yeu Jiunn (4-I) Hoe Jun wei (4-I) Liu Linxi (4-I)	SUTD Sustainable Design Hack 2022 (Top 6 Finalists)
<u>Gold Award</u> Lim Kai En (3-I) <u>Silver Award</u> Zhou Zitao (3-I) Chen Yeu Jiunn (4-I)	Singapore Math Kangaroo Competition (SMKC)

Name of CCA / individual Student	Achievements
Liu Linxi (4-I) <u>Bronze Award</u> Loo Yu Heng (3-I) Soh Wan Ting Juvn (3-C) Ang Jhia Yee (4-I) Haikal Bin Mohamed Azman (4-I) Kevin Han An Chou (4-EX) Lee Si Lin (4-EX) Tham Raen (4-EX) Wong Jun Hong (4-EX) Teung Ler Ya (4-C)	

5. June Holidays Travel Advisory and Travel Declarations

To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she **intends to travel** for the June holidays. **NIL return is not required.**

To make your travel declaration, go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS] via the Parents' Gateway (PG). Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by **27 May 2022 (Friday)**. Only one parent is required to declare. Please refer to <https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg> for more information and updates when planning your travel. **If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s).**

6. June Holiday Programmes and Holiday Assignments

There will be an array of activities organised for the students during the June holidays. Please see below for an overview of the June holidays programme. The school will provide parents and students with more updates in due time.

June Holi-days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	30 May	31 May	1 June	2 June	3 June
1st week	Sec 1&3 Camp O-Level MTL	Sec 1&3 Camp O-Level MTLB Sec 4NA NFS Practical Exam Remedial (Sec 2,4&5)	Sec 1&3 Camp Sec 4E4N NFS Practical Exam Remedial (Sec 2,4&5)	CCA Training (for selected CCA)	CCA Training (for selected CCA)
2nd week	6 June	7 June	8 June	9 June	10 June
	Advanced Elective Modules (Selected Sec 3E students)				

4th week	20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June	24 June
	Sports Leaders Workshop (Sec 1-3) Cyber Wellness Ambassadors + Peer Support Leaders Workshop (Sec 1-3) NE Ambassadors Training (Sec 2 & 3) Inspiring Leaders Workshop	Sports Leaders Workshop (Sec 1-3) Peer Support Leaders Training (Sec 1) Inspiring Leaders Workshop			

A list of holiday assignments will also be sent to the students via their iCON email. We seek parents' support to encourage your child to plan his/her time well so that he/she can have a well-deserved break and meaningful holiday.

6.1 Inspiring Leaders Programme

The Inspiring Leaders Programme for CCA Leaders, Student Council Executive Committee, and the Secondary Three Student Councillors will be held face to face on 20 and 21 June, Monday and Tuesday respectively. The aim of this session is to equip our Inspiring Leaders with leadership skills needed for their leadership roles in their respective CCA and in Student Council, and for them to contribute actively to the school and the community. This would be the first of three follow-up sessions to provide developmental feedback for the Inspiring Leaders.

6.2 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp (Non-Residential) for Secondary 1 and 3 Students - June Holidays Week 1

The objectives of this 3-day Non-Residential Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp is to help our Sec 1 & 3 students develop character, leadership and teamwork through outdoor education and challenging common experiences, to build strong camaraderie and social bonds with their peers and teachers. They will experience learning opportunities that are aligned to the desired outcomes of the school's Learning for Life Programme (LLP) values - 'GRIT21' (**G**rowth Mindset, **R**esilience, **I**ExCEL (School Values), **T**hrive, **21**st Century Competencies). There will be no high elements involved in the camp activities. Some details of the camp are as follows:

Camp	Dates	Venue	Time
Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp for Sec 1	30 May to 1 June 2022	Yuan Ching Secondary School	Reporting Time: 7.00 am on all days
Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp for Sec 3		MOE Jalan Bahtera Adventure Centre (69 Jln Bahtera, Singapore 719920)	Dismissal Time: 5.30 pm on all days

More details will be communicated via Letter to Parents and consent forms for the respective camps. We seek your kind understanding for not travelling abroad for holidays during the camp period. Thank you.

6.3 Learning for Life Programme (LLP) Talent Development - Learning Journey to AMP Lab (Sports Science) - June Holidays Week 4

As an extension of our Tier 2 LLP Talent Development Programme, where students experienced authentic application of sports science and robotics in the sporting industry at Singapore Sports Institute, selected students will have an opportunity to visit a local Sports Science laboratory (AMP Lab) where they will learn more about how sports science is applied in the private sector. Following the learning journey, the students will attend a 2-day Sports Science workshop which will educate them with Fundamentals of Sports Science and Physiology Application. The following are some topics which will be covered during the visit and workshop:

- Sport Science/Physiology Fundamentals
- Exercise testing for baseline measurement
- Exercise programme planning and design
- Exercise programme execution and coaching basics
- Exercise programme review and re-test

Date for Learning Journey to AMP Lab (Venue TBC): 17 June 2022 (AM)

Dates for Sports Science Workshop in school: 20 & 21 June 2022 (PM)

More details will be communicated via Letter to Parents and consent forms for the respective programmes in due time.

7. Revised school rules on Attire

Since 2021, students have been allowed to attend school on Wednesday and Friday in their polo shirt with uniform skirt or shorts/pants. From Term 3 onwards, students will be allowed to wear their PE t-shirt with uniform skirt or shorts/pants on days they have PE lessons. They will also be allowed to remain in their PE-shirt, while changing into their uniform skirt or shorts/pants, after their PE lessons. This is to address students' concerns about having to rush to change in and out of their PE attire. However, we strongly advise students to change out of their PE-shirt if they had sweated profusely during PE, for hygiene reasons.

Let us stay safe and healthy, as we continue to work closely in partnership to bring out the best in our students!

Together We Thrive!

NG SOOK KIT (MS)
PRINCIPAL
6 May 2022

(This is a computer-generated letter which does not require a signature.)