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# Parents' Connect

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## 1. Principal's Address

Greetings to you! The past two months have been an enriching time for my colleagues and students, as we experienced some key highlights of Term 1, including the Sec 1 Virtual Meet the Parents cum CCA Showcase, Sec 1 Orientation and ZoomFire, the Ethnic Celebrations and our outreach to the community through values-in-action projects.

The school would like to continue to partner you in supporting your child's development of values and skills that will help him/her in developing good habits to be a confident, engaged and self-directed learner who takes responsibility for his/her own learning. We also want to continue to strengthen mutual understanding, respect and trust between the school and parents for the benefit of your child. Please continue to partner us closely in supporting your child's growth journey in his/her academic, CCA and character development.

## 2. Sec 2 - 5 Virtual Meet The Parents (MTP) Sessions

The annual MTP sessions will be taking place on 17 April (tentative date) for our Sec 2 - 5 students in the format of webinar this year.

We strongly encourage you to set aside time to attend the MTP session online. There will be a live Q&A segment where the panel will address some of the commonly asked questions. You will also get to know more about the following:

Sec 3 - 5 students	Preparing for the final lap and discovering the post-secondary pathways available
Sec 2 students	Choosing a Sec 3 Subject Combination that best suits your child's passion and interest

A letter will be sent to you via Parents Gateway (PG) on a later date to confirm your attendance for the session and to provide details of the programme. We look forward to a fruitful conversation with you during the MTP.

## 3. Supplementary lessons in March Holidays (15 - 16 March 2021)

We believe every child can learn. Some learn faster than others and some require more time. For students who are identified to attend the supplementary lessons on 15 - 16 Mar, they will be issued with a schedule by 12 Mar 2021. Please strongly encourage your child to attend the lessons and he/she is expected to come to school in full school uniform.

#### 4. National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)

The school has submitted the orders of the Personal Learning Devices (PLD) to the vendor. Students/Parents will be notified on the collection of their devices once the vendor informs the school of the dates of issuance and the Acceptable User Policy (AUP) Agreement has been signed by the parents and the students. As part of the device orientation programme, students are expected to complete a SLS lesson package consisting of cyber wellness, classroom routines, security and AUP before they collect their devices.

#### 5. Sec 1 ICT Enrichment Programme (for selected students) from 29 Mar to 19 Apr

Sec 1 students who have not met the minimum baseline ICT standards (prescribed by MOE) based on the competency test conducted in Jan 2021 will attend the ICT Enrichment Programme from 29 Mar to 19 Apr 2021. In addition, students will be exposed to the features of Google Docs and Google Spreadsheets in this programme. Details on the programme and consent forms will be issued to these selected students via Parents Gateway. Attendance is compulsory.

#### 6. Term 2, Week 1 (22 Mar – 26 Mar) Customised Level Programmes

We have a line-up of student development programmes customised for each level on Term 2 Week 1 (T2W1). A letter will be sent to you via Parents Gateway (PG) in the upcoming weeks to provide details of the programmes. A list of the T2W1 programmes is as follows:

Level/Stream	Programmes
Sec 1	Code for Fun, Hip Hop Dance, Growth Mindset Workshop, Aeronautics Technology, Study Skills Workshop, Thinking Habits Workshop
Sec 2	Adventure Day Camp, Financial Literacy Workshop, Study Skills Workshop, Thinking Habits Workshop
Sec 3E	Mathematics Modelling, Motivational Workshop, Study Skills Workshop, Thinking Habits Workshop
Sec 3NA/NT	Elective Modules, Thinking Habits Workshop
Sec 4E5N	Education & Career Guidance Fair, Portfolio Building and Interview Skills Workshop, Mother Tongue Intensive Programme
Sec 4NA/NT	Elective Modules, Interview Skills Workshop

#### 7. Non-Residential Outdoor Experiential and Adventure Camp 2021 for Secondary 2 Students (Term 2 Week 1)

The objectives of this 3-day Non-Residential Outdoor Experiential and Adventure camp is to help our Sec 2 students develop resilience and teamwork through rugged outdoor living and challenging common experiences, so as to build strong camaraderie and social bonds with their peers and teachers. Following the recent MOE directives, please be assured that there will be no camp activities involving high elements. Some details of the camp are as follows:

Dates: 22, 23 & 24 March 2021

Venue: To be communicated via Letter to Parents for the camp

Reporting Time: 7.00 am on all days (in school)  
Dismissal Time: 5.30 pm on all days (from school)

## 8. Homerun 2021 for Secondary 2 to 5 Students (12 Mar to 22 Mar)

Homerun 2021 is a community run that allows everyone in the school an opportunity to exercise and at the same time, contribute to the community. It is jointly organised by Yuan Ching Secondary School & Taman Jurong Zone B RC Youth Chapter. With every 10 km run or walked by the participants, donors will pledge to support one household with a grocery bag of living essentials. The beneficiaries of this project are the 480 Households in Taman Jurong Zone B Rental Flats. The event will last from 12 March 2021, 0700hr to 22 March 2021 0700hr. The key objectives of Homerun 2021 are:

- (i) To allow participants to indirectly provide support to the underprivileged by running a certain distance, and in doing so, appreciate the privileges we enjoy and show concern to the less privileged.
- (ii) To promote a healthy lifestyle by running over a period of time, which will in turn cultivate a habit of regular exercise.
- (iii) To cultivate a spirit of volunteerism and to encourage participants to contribute in their own ways in these trying times.

A consent form would be sent to you via Parents Gateway to seek your consent for your child/ward to participate in this meaningful project.

## 9. National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) for Sec 2,4 & 5 Students (5-9 Apr)

The PE Department would be conducting the NAPFA assessment for Sec 2 and Sec 4 & 5 students during PE lessons within PE curriculum time. The assessment period will be from 5 to 9 April 2021. Your support is sought to encourage and motivate your children to prepare for the assessment through regular physical exercise and conditioning over the following weeks.

## 10. CCA Matters

- ❖ Conduct Grade Assessment. CCA is a key platform to develop our students holistically and to build character. CCA attendance is one of the components in the CCA Conduct Grade assessment. We seek your cooperation to ensure that your child attends his/her CCA regularly so that he/she can explore his/her strengths and potential, learn social skills, and develop grit and resilience through the various CCA experiences, beyond the attainment of good overall conduct grades at the end of each semester.
- ❖ Standing down of CCA on 24 Apr 2021. Sec 4 & 5 students will officially be released from their CCA commitments on 24 Apr 2021 (Sat) so that they can channel their time and energy in preparation for the National Examinations. CCA for Sec 1, 2 & 3 will also pause as the students prepare for their Weighted Assessment 2 and Mid-year Examinations
- ❖ Staggering of lunchtime for CCA days on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To prevent overcrowding in the canteen, we have made the following arrangements:
  - All Upper Secondary students who are having their CCAs on Tuesdays, will be eating in their classrooms after school.
  - All Lower Secondary students who are having their CCAs on Thursdays, will be eating in their classrooms after school.
  - Students will need to bring their own food containers to purchase food in the canteen after lessons for consumption in the classroom.

- Students who forget to bring their food containers can purchase it from the school bookstore.

### **11. Commemoration of International Friendship Day on 14 April 2021 (Wed)**

This year, the theme for International Friendship Day (IFD) is **Singapore in the World**. More than ever, COVID-19 has brought both challenges and opportunities for Singapore, and reminded us of the importance of international collaboration and cooperation. The changing global landscapes and the complexities of the world highlight the importance of maintaining good relationships and the need for our youths to recognise the importance of connectedness within and beyond ASEAN. Through learning more about the rich diversity of cultures, our youths can develop the spirit of friendship and collaboration, and chart the way forward for Singapore to connect with different countries in the global community. For 2021, students will be looking at various case studies on ASEAN and the important role that Singapore can play, with the discussion to be facilitated by their Form Teachers during the IFD CCE Lesson.

### **12. 2021 Mid-Year Examinations (MYE) and Weighted Assessment 2 (WA2)**

Aligned to MOE directives, there will be no MYE for Secondary 1 and 3 students. Sec 1 and Sec 3 students will have WA2 instead. Some departments will be using alternative assessments (other than pen-and-paper tests) as their WA2. The freed up time will allow our teachers to infuse joy of learning in the respective subjects, help students deepen their understanding of the subject through inquiry-based and experiential learning, and develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies in our students.

WA2 for Secondary 1 and 3 students will be held from 26 April (Mon) 2021 to 21 May 2021 (Fri). MYE for Secondary 2, 4 and 5 students will be held from 4 May 2021 (Tue) to 18 May 2021 (Tue). Marking Day will be on 19 May 2021 (Wed), therefore, all students need not report to school on that day. The detailed Exam Time-Table for the respective level/course will be issued to the students closer to the start of the Examinations. Please note that attendance for WA2/MYE is compulsory. Non-attendance must be supported by a valid medical certificate.

### **13. Parents Gateway**

Parents Gateway (PG) is an initiative by MOE to enable parents to interact with schools more conveniently on administrative matters. Parents will be able to use this mobile application to stay updated on the school's programmes and activities and to give consent to the child's involvement in school activities.

Parents are reminded to switch on the notification function so that you will be able to receive the information disseminated by the school in a timely manner and to respond within the stipulated time.

Together We Thrive!

NG SOOK KIT (MS)  
PRINCIPAL  
1 MAR 2021

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