Dear Parents/Guardians

From the Principal’s Desk: Update for Term 2

Greetings from Presbyterian High School!

**THINK Framework to guide Students’ Interactions**

We have been sharing with our students on how they can apply the following framework using **THINK** as an acronym to guide them in their interactions with others. This **THINK** Framework is also an useful guide for students when they are online.

- **T** – Is it true?
- **H** – Is it helpful?
- **I** – Is it inspiring?
- **N** – Is it necessary?
- **K** – Is it kind?

We seek your help to reinforce this at home as well.

**Resuming activities Safely**

As the COVID-19 situation unfolds, MOE constantly reviews activities for students to ensure that Safe Management Measures (SMM) are updated and relevant for school’s activities to resume safely. PHS will be participating in the Volleyball, Table-Tennis and Badminton competitions after MOE’s recent announcements on the National School Games. Our Performing Arts groups will be participating in the Singapore Youth Festival.

MOE has stipulated strict guidelines for Outward Bound School (OBS) programme for the Sec 3 students to resume, for example it has been revised to a two day programme. Our students are scheduled to participate in Term 3. We will provide parents and guardians with more details nearer the date. We are thankful as the resumption of these activities will give our students much cheer and will be beneficial for their well-being.
**Highlights of school events in Term 2**

The following are some highlights of school events and activities:

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<td>Sec 3/4/5 e-MTP</td>
<td>16 April 2021</td>
<td>We will be sending you details about the e-MTP via Parent Gateway. During the e-MTP, we will share our school’s directions and general programmes towards providing a holistic education for the upper secondary students as they journey towards completing their secondary education.</td>
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<td>Sec 2 Camp</td>
<td>15-17 April 2021 (day camp)</td>
<td>The Sec 2 cohort will be participating in the Sec 2 Camp at Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre. Using the outdoors as the ‘classroom’ for learning and development, students will be given numerous opportunities to work together and overcome various outdoor challenges. They will learn to develop ruggedness, resilience and build cohesion among themselves.</td>
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<td>ECG Career Conference for Sec 3</td>
<td>27 May 2021</td>
<td>As part of the school’s P.H.D programme, Sec 3 students will attend an interactive career design game that aims to help them better understand the job market in today’s VUCA world as this game mimics the actual world of schools and jobs. The game also provides an up-to-date industry knowledge from top practitioners from different professional fields. At the end of the game, there is a reflection and debriefing segment for the students to reflect on how their interest and skills may be gainfully employed for meaningful careers, the sacrifices they are prepared to make for that and what sorts of jobs are the best fit for them.</td>
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<td>GCE O-Level MTL paper</td>
<td>31 May</td>
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**Safe Management Measures (SMMs)**

You may have known from the news that educators have been invited to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This will help to minimise the transmission risk in schools and community. We will continue to observe SMMs even as our staff receive the vaccination as we continue to keep our school a safe place for teaching and learning.
Students who have collected their Trace Together tokens must bring it daily with them to school. Eligible students who have responded to our Parents Gateway (PG) message would have received their tokens by end March 2021.

**POSB Smart Buddy**
Presbyterian has collaborated with POSB to implement cashless payment terminals (also known as POSB Smart Buddy) in school canteen and bookshop. School has since installed these terminals to enable student to make payment using smart buddy, school smartcard and Ezlink card. Parents are encouraged to sign up for the POSB Smart Buddy to monitor and manage their child’s daily finances. For more details, please refer to website [https://www.posb.com.sg](https://www.posb.com.sg) or the brochure.

**Parents Gateway (PG)**
Parents Gateway (PG) is a digital platform (by MOE and GovTech) to bring greater convenience to parents to perform simple administrative functions. This platform (PG App) will enable closer interactions and communications with the school to support parents in playing a larger role in their child’s education journey.

With the fluid and changing COVID-19 situation, we have been using the portal to make urgent announcements and upload all official letters. PG is an important platform. We encourage parents to constantly read the notifications published by school. For parents who have not come on board PG, we would like to encourage you to do so without hesitation. To be ready for this, parents would need to first ensure that they have the Parents Gateway App and Singpass ready. To find out more, you may go to the URL [https://pg.moe.edu.sg](https://pg.moe.edu.sg) or you can scan the QR code below:

![P Gateway QR Code]

Parents without Singpass may register through this site: [https://www.singpass.gov.sg/singpass/register/instructions](https://www.singpass.gov.sg/singpass/register/instructions) or scan the QR code below:

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If you have any queries, you may approach the HOD ICT, Mr Edmund Choo or email to him at edmund@preshigh.edu.sg for clarification.

**Drive in and Parking in School**
Since August 2018, all school staff including all regular users of school car parks as canteen stall operators and bookshop vendor are required to pay for season parking in schools. Visitors seeking ad hoc parking will be subject to the availability of the visitors’ parking lots during the school operating hours. Due to the North-South Corridor construction works, we have designated two visitors’ parking lots which are located near Gate A and school canteen.

For Parents who drive in and drop off or pick up your child/ward, the designated drop-off point is in front the school canteen.

Please refer the locations of the designated drop-off point and the visitors’ parking lots.

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**Construction of North-South Corridor (Tunnel)**
**Between Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3 and Ang Mo Kio Avenue 9**
As you have been informed earlier that school has open a new exit Gate C facing Ang Mo Kio Ave 9 during the morning peak hours from 6.40 am to 7.40 am when Gate B is closed. This is to facilitate the piling work, the construction of diaphragm
wall and the setting up a new Gate B2 from 22 Mar 2021 till 30 Sep 2021. There is NO change to entry and exit of vehicles at Gate A.

We are in the process of putting up signages to enhance road safety within the school compound. We will continue to review and work closely with the contractor in adopting appropriate measures as construction work progresses.

At this juncture, the traffic flow is as per normal. The contractor will constantly update the school stakeholders on any change to the traffic flow. Please be assured that there would be no construction work during examination period. We seek the understanding and support of all stakeholders on the NSC Project.

My staff and I would like to express our appreciation to you for entrusting your child/ward to us; and collaborate with us to bring about a meaningful and purposeful secondary school experience. There are challenges along the way but your feedback and support will help us to continue to review and refine our programme towards bringing out the best in each learner.

God Bless!

Yours sincerely,

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