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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Returning to School for Term 3 – Culture of Care and Culture of Peer Support

We thank you for the strong partnership in supporting our school efforts. We set aside time when our students returned at the start of Term 3 to check in with them and understand how they are and let them warm up to face to face interactions with their teachers and classmates after this extended period when they were away from school. This is part of our school's culture of care and nurturing mental wellbeing as we journey together through the Covid-19 pandemic. We also shared with students through their CCE lessons about Peer Support and encouraged them to show care towards one another. With this many hands and whole school approach, we want to build a warm, supportive and caring environment for our staff and students. In addition, we will provide additional training to a group of students from every class and appoint them as Peer Support Leaders to work with the Form Teachers to identify students in need of additional support.

These efforts to build good mental well-being will be integrated into the Term at regular intervals. In the 3rd week of school, we will hold the appointment ceremony for our Peer Support Leaders and all students will enjoy a light-hearted fellowship and relax with their Form Teachers and classmates in the canteen with treats provided by the school. Finally in the last week of Term 3, we will celebrate Teachers' Day together in conjunction with our annual Thanksgiving and Honours Day to celebrate our school's 56th birthday.

The following are important updates that require your attention:

6 July, Tuesday (GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension)

Please note that 6 July 2021 is scheduled for GCE O-Level MTL and MTL B Syllabus Listening Comprehension Examination. To allow the preparation of the venues and conduct of the examination, there will be early dismissal for all Sec 1 to 3 students as follows:

Date	Level	Dismissal Time
6 July	Secondary 1	12.55p.m
	Secondary 2	12.30 p.m.
	Secondary 3	1.20 p.m.
	Secondary 4 / 5NA	1.30 p.m.

There will be no 2nd recess break for students and they are advised to leave the school compound upon dismissal.

The subject teacher for lessons missed will provide online or hardcopy resources for students' self-directed learning at home.

For the Sec 4 and 5 candidates taking the MTL Listening Comprehension Examination, they will take their second break at 1.30pm at the school canteen and report for the examination at 2.15pm. Those not taking the examination will be dismissed at 1.30pm.

Key School Events and Examinations in Term 3

Sec 4N Preliminary Examination

The Preliminary Examination will be conducted from 22 Jul to 30 Jul 2021 for Sec 4N

Key GCE N/O Levels National Examinations for Sec 4/5

Date	O Level	N Level
6 July	MTL and MTL B syllabus Listening Comprehension	
7 July to 16 July	MTL and MTL B syllabus Oral Examination	
12 July to 16 July		EL Oral Examination
22 July to 2 August	EL Oral Examination	

29 July to 2 August		MTL Oral Examination
13 August to 17 August	HMTL Oral Examination	
13 September		EL Syllabus A Listening Comprehension
14 September		EL Syllabus T Listening Comprehension

GCE N & O LEVEL ORAL EXAMINATION 2021

Starting from 7 July our graduating students will be taking their National Examination (oral) in the afternoons, for the following:

- GCE O Level MTL Listening Comprehension
- GCE N Level EL Oral
- GCE O Level MTL Oral

To support our graduating cohort, we seek to provide them with a quiet and conducive environment by minimising lessons and activities after school. To this intent, there will be early dismissal for Sec 1 to 3 levels up till 14 July.

To enable continuity in learning, our teachers will provide worksheets or assign work through SLS for students to complete at home.

This will go a long way to support our graduating students and at the same time, provide platform for our other students to learn to be confident and competent self-directed learners. Teachers will follow up with their learning during their regular lessons.

Dismissal Time for Sec 1-3 classes

SECONDARY 1

Date	Dismissal Time
8 July 2021 (Thursday)	1.55 p.m.
12 July 2021 (Monday)	1.30 p.m.
13 July 2021 (Tuesday)	12.40 p.m.
14 July 2021 (Wednesday)	1.30 p.m.

Secondary 2

Date	Dismissal Time
8 July 2021 (Thursday)	1.30 p.m.
12 July 2021 (Monday)	1.55 p.m.
13 July 2021 (Tuesday)	1.30 p.m.
14 July 2021 (Wednesday)	1.55 p.m.

Secondary 3

Date	Dismissal Time
8 July 2021 (Thursday)	1.40 p.m.
12 July 2021 (Monday)	1.40 p.m.
13 July 2021 (Tuesday)	1.05 p.m. (Secondary 3D, 3E & 3G) 1.40 p.m. (Secondary 3A, 3B, 3C & 3F)
14 July 2021 (Wednesday)	1.40 p.m.

6 August 2021, Friday (National Day Commemoration)

School will be celebrating National Day on 6 August 2021. Lessons will be conducted for the first 3 periods to 9.15am, followed by the National Day Celebrations.

As part of the celebrations, we encourage students to come in national colours of red and/ or white. School will end at 10.15am. Staggered dismissals for the levels will be carried out. There will not be recess breaks on 6 August 2021 and we encourage the students to take their breakfast before reporting to school.

National Day falls on Monday, 9 August 2021, the next day 10 August 2021 will be a school holiday. School will resume on Wednesday, 11 August 2021.

Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

With reference to our PG notification dated 25 June 2021 regarding the enhancements to Schools' Letter of Absence (LOA) and Approved Absence (AA) Policies, we will continue to enforce SMMs with the direction from MOE. We would like to seek your support to remind and encourage your child/ward to practise social responsibility and to stay away from school if:

- you or any household members (aged 6 and above) are unwell with flu-like symptoms or are waiting for swab test results, and
- you are on Quarantine Order (QO), Stay Home Notice (SHN), Leave of Absence (LOA) or Approved Absence (AA).

Let us play our part in keeping everyone safe and healthy.

Construction of North-South Corridor (Tunnel)

Between Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3 and Ang Mo Kio Avenue 9

To ensure the existing fire hydrant pipe and gas pipe not obstruct the construction of tunnel, the contractor has to divert the water and gas pipes along the current PHS driveway. The diversion work has commenced during the June School Holiday and it will complete in Aug 2021. The traffic flow will not be affected during the construction period. Rest assured that there would be no construction works during examination period.

We will constantly keep you updated of the information from MOE.

Stay safe and healthy!

Yours faithfully



Mr Victor Owyong
Principal