



WHITE SANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

1. School Merger

We wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to your continuous support in our partnership for the all-round development of the pupils.

As announced by the Ministry of Education, White Sands Primary School will retain her name when the school merges with Coral Primary School wef 02 Jan 2019. Please be assured that we will do our utmost to ensure minimal disruption as we prepare for the merged school. We will also keep you informed of any updates in the course of the year.

2. C4RE Teachers

In our endeavour to ensure pupils are given the due care and attention, our school has embarked on a whole-school approach whereby all teachers (including the Key Personnel) play an active role in building strong Teacher-Pupil relationship. To highlight the importance of the teachers' role in looking after the all-round development of the pupils, the terms 'Form Teacher' and 'Co-Form Teacher' will be replaced by **C4RE** (pronounced as Care) teachers.

Our character development programme revolves around the 6 school values of Care, Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Rallying together, Excellence. As character building is better caught and not merely taught, we try our best to be good role-models of these values which are encapsulated in the acronym C4RE.

While we seek your understanding in situations in which we may fall short of these ideals, we also hope that all parents will partner us in this journey to be good role-models for the pupils. The success to this partnership lies in mutual respect and it is our hope that we can rally together towards this aim.

3. Our Key Personnel

We are pleased to introduce the key personnel of our school. Please feel free to contact them if you have enquiries pertaining to the respective areas.

Name	Designation	Email Contact
Mr Amos Sim	Head of Department (English)	amos_sim_kah_heng@moe.edu.sg
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Mdm Naziathul Suhailah Ibrahim	Year Head (P1 and P2)	naziathul_suhailah_ibrahim@moe.edu.sg
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Ms Lina Tiong	Administration Manager	Lina_TIONG@schools.gov.sg
Mr Roy Tay	Operations Manager	tay_eng_foo@moe.edu.sg

4. Welcome and Farewell

We would like to welcome the following staff who have recently joined our school:

- (1) Mdm Hartini Bte Hamid (Malay Language Teacher)
- (2) Ms Khadijah Bte Aron (Malay Language Teacher)
- (3) Mdm Guo Yiyang (Operations Support Officer)
- (4) Mrs Siva (Tamil Language) – Flexi Adjunct Teacher

and bid farewell to the following:

- (1) Mr Terence Ong (posted to MOE)
- (2) Mr Frank Ng Aik Kah (posted to Tampines Secondary School)
- (3) Mdm Rizalia Bte Abdul Rahim (posted to Fern Green Primary School)
- (4) Mdm Lim Mui Keng (posted to Fern Green Primary School)
- (5) Mdm Rohani Bte Ahmad (completed re-employment contract)

5. Smart Notification Acknowledgement Console (SNAC) Registration

The school uses the Smart Notification Acknowledgement Console (SNAC) smartphone app for conveying important messages and notifications to parents. Future In-Link Bulletin will also be sent via SNAC as it also supports the school's efforts in being environmentally friendly. Thus, we would like to seek your support to install and register for the SNAC app if you have not done so. Kindly refer to <http://whitesandspri.moe.edu.sg/for-parents/snac> for instructions on how to register. Please approach your child's C4RE teacher if you need further assistance.

6. White Sands on Social Media

Our school maintains a presence on Facebook. This is a platform for us to share on the vibrancy of learning in our school, relevant resources and interesting news. Parents can access it at <https://www.facebook.com/whitesandsprimaryschoolofficial>. Please be informed that photos of students for their involvement during various events and learning experiences will be posted on this page. Parents are to contact Mr Liew Guan Jie at liew_guan_jie@moe.edu.sg if they have any feedback on the matter.

7. Group Personal Accident Insurance for Pupils

The Ministry has purchased a Group Personal Accident (GPA) insurance plan from NTUC Income Insurance Co-operative Ltd for all pupils. Your child will be receiving a leaflet with details of the benefits of the GPA insurance, claims handling procedure and contact persons from NTUC Income.

8. Designated Collection Time for Cash Payments

Parents who wish to make cash payments at our school's General Office may do so at the following time:

Day	Time
Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays)	9.00 am to 3.00 pm

A receipt will be given for the cash payments made.

9. Major Events and Holidays for Term 1

Date	Event	Remarks
Friday, 26 th January 2018	School Parent Engagement and Communication Session (Primary 5 and 6) <i>Note - Primary 6D will have their session on 2nd February 2018</i>	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Details will be provided later.
Friday, 2 nd February 2018	School Parent Engagement and Communication Session (Primary 3 and 4)	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Details will be provided later.
Friday, 9 th February 2018	School Parent Engagement and Communication Session (Primary 2)	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Details will be provided later.
Thursday, 15 th February 2018	Chinese New Year Celebration	School will function from 7.45 am to 10.15 am.
Friday, 16 th February 2018	Public Holiday	Chinese New Year
Monday, 19 th February 2018	Scheduled School Holiday	
Thursday, 22 nd February 2018 – Wednesday, 28 th February 2018	P2 Term test P5 Readiness Test P6 CA1	Details will be provided later.
Friday, 23 rd February 2018	School Parent Engagement and Communication Session (Primary 1)	10.45 am to 12.45 pm Details will be provided later.
Friday, 9 th March 2018	Primary 6 Parent Teacher Meeting (8.00 am to 1.30 pm)	Primary 6 pupils need not attend school. Detailed schedule will be provided later.
Saturday, 10 th March 2018 – Sunday, 18 th March 2018	Term 1 Vacation	

Regards



Ng Teng Joo
Principal

Mission – To nurture caring hearts, creative minds and confident individuals

Vision – A vibrant school where character shines and talents soar

School Values – Care, Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Rallying together, Excellence (C4RE)