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Dear parents/guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope that your child/ward has had a good break and is ready to start the new semester. For this semester, some levels of pupils will be participating in the activities such as camps and cohort learning journey to provide support in their holistic development. There will also be the National School Games (the Junior Teams) and Singapore Youth Festival performances to look forward to. Most activities such as unstructured play at recess as well as school-based celebrations and assemblies are resuming to allow the holistic learning and interactions for the pupils.

My team and I would like to thank all parents for your support and cooperation given so far. We seek your continued support in working together to remind our children on the importance of personal responsibility so that they can learn and play in a safe manner.

In alignment with the national posture to move towards normalcy, as per communicated via PG on 23 June, we would like to remind parents that with effect from Tue, 5 July all pupils will be dismissed at 1.30pm.

1. Staff Movement

a) We would like to welcome the following staff to the WSPS family:

- Mr Ian Kwok Jien Chi (PE teacher – FAJT)

b) We would also like to bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for the contributions in WSPS:

- Mrs Low Chiew Chuet (HOD/Math)
- Mrs Julie Ling (Teacher)
- Ms Geraldyn Lim (Teacher)
- Mdm Hartini (Teacher)
- Mr Faizal Firoz (ICT Manager)

2. Racial Harmony Day 2022

This year's Racial Harmony Day (RHD) theme, Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic, focuses on the appreciation of the diverse races and religions that make up our multicultural society and contribute to our shared sense of cohesion and harmony.

Through the school's activities, pupils will understand the importance of values like respect and empathy in their daily interactions with others. As part of home-school collaboration, we hope that parents and/or caregivers can reinforce the message of what it means to strengthen connection amongst communities, and to take action to preserve racial harmony in Singapore at home.

Pupils are encouraged to come to school in their ethnic costumes on Thu, 21 July as part of the RHD celebrations. For pupils without ethnic costumes, they are to come to school in school uniform. This would be an opportunity for our pupils to show their appreciation for one another's cultures and

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forge new bonds between people of different backgrounds with the understanding that their race and region is being respected.

3. Learning Journey to Harmony in Diversity Gallery

The Primary 4 pupils will be going on their learning journey (during curriculum hours) to the Harmony in Diversity Gallery as part of their Student Development Experiences in Term 3.

As part of the Racial Harmony Day celebrations, this learning journey would highlight to pupils the importance of seeking common ground to build mutual respect and appreciation for the belief of others.

4. National Education (NE) Show (Primary 5)

As part of the cohort's learning journey, the Primary 5 pupils will be attending the NE Show held at The Float@ Marina Bay on Sat, 16 July 2022 from 2.30pm to 9.30pm. More details will be provided via Parents' Gateway on 1 July 2022. Parents are to give their consent by 8 July 2022.

5. Growth Mindset Nuggets #6: Celebrating Different Successes

In May's issue, we invited parents to share their success stories on how they have used positive language at home. Below is a sharing done by a parent. We thank all parents for your contributions.

Sharing by a parent, Mdm Noorashikin Noordin whose child is in Primary 1B

I am a firm believer of using positive language as it explains the why and how to do certain things to my children. It is an effective communication strategy that avoids using the words "no", "don't" and "stop". So when I want to stop my son from running, I will say, "Walking feet, please." I notice that my son responds positively when I use positive language to him as it gives him specific instructions that reduces stress and fear. More importantly, it boosts his confidence when he shows understanding when he takes instructions better.

Every child is unique. What success looks like for one child may not look the same for another. It is important to celebrate these successes, nonetheless.

Success can be found when you start to recognize small wins. When you celebrate your child's small wins you are motivating them to keep going and accomplish even bigger things. This promotes a growth mindset.

Here are some articles on how to celebrate success with your child/ward for your reading pleasure.

What is Success https://go.gov.sg/what-is-success	5 Ways to Celebrate Success https://go.gov.sg/celebrating-success	Could success mean being a good dog groomer https://go.gov.sg/success-looks-different
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We would love to hear your stories of what success looks like for your child and how you celebrate it. Share your experience with us by 15 July 2022 via <https://tinyurl.com/4nrjm86k> or scan the QR code here so that we could learn collectively. We look forward to hearing from you.



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Major Events and Holidays for Term 3

Date	Event	Remarks
3 Jul (Sun)	Youth Day	--
4 Jul (Mon)	Youth Day School Holiday	Pupils need not report to school
6 Jul (Wed) – 8 Jul (Fri)	P5 camp @ MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre	PG has been sent on 23 May.
10 Jul (Sun)	Hari Raya Haji	--
11 Jul (Mon)	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	Pupils need not report to school
16 Jul (Sat)	P5 NE Show	More details would be sent via PG by 1 Jul
20 Jul (Wed)	Racial Harmony Day	--
20 Jul (Wed) – 21 Jul (Thu)	P6 Oral (Prelims)	Will be conducted after curriculum hours. More details would be sent via PG nearer the date.
25 Jul (Mon) – 5 Aug (Fri)	Weighted Assessment 2	For P3 & P5
8 Aug (Mon)	National Day celebration	School hours for all pupils would be from 7.30am to 10.30am.
9 Aug (Tue) – 10 Aug (Wed)	National Day Public Holiday and School Holiday	Pupils need not report to school.
15 Aug (Mon) – 16 Aug (Tue)	PSLE Oral	P1-5 pupils need not report to school.
17 Aug (Wed)	P3 GEP Screening	More details would be provided via PG nearer the date
17 Aug (Wed)	P6 Listening Comprehension (Prelims)	--
18 Aug (Thu)	P6 English (Prelims)	
19 Aug (Fri)	P6 Math (Prelims)	
22 Aug (Mon)	P6 Mother Tongue (Prelims)	
23 Aug (Tue)	P6 Science (Prelims)	
24 Aug (Wed)	P6 HMT(Prelims)	
1 Sep (Thu)	Teachers' Day celebration	More details would be sent out via PG nearer the date.
2 Sept (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday	Pupils need not report to school.
3 Sept (Sat) – 11 Sept (Sun)	Term 3 vacation	P6 supplementary classes will be held on 8 and 9 Sept. (More details would be sent out via PG nearer the date.)

Your partner-in-education,



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