



***HPPS Monthly Newsletter***

***Jun/Jul 2023***

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

**Principal's note**

Welcome back to Semester 2! We hope you and your family had a wonderful time together during the school holidays. We are excited to kick off the new term with our SHINE (Strive and Serve, Have healthy habits, Increase positive emotions, Nurture meaningful relationships, Engage in life-long learning) Day. On the first day of Term 3, we will be suspending the regular class timetable to engage our students in a variety of fun and meaningful activities. This day aims to help our students start the term on a positive note by renewing their relationships with one another and their teachers, while promoting a healthy and positive lifestyle.

During the June holidays, our school started a repainting and minor renovation project as part of MOE's efforts to maintain a conducive learning environment. We are pleased to inform you that most of the classrooms have already been repainted. The renovation works may take a few more months to be fully completed. Rest assured, we will do our best to minimize any disruption to our students' well-being and learning during this period.

In July, we will be celebrating our youth! The spirit of youth is characterized by joy, energy, excitement, curiosity, discovery, and friendship. Throughout the month, there will be numerous performances and art exhibitions put up by students from various schools, including ours, at various venues across Singapore. We encourage you to attend some of these events with your children and immerse yourselves in the vibrant youth culture.

*Honesty in Performance  
Pride in Service*

## **1 2023 P1 Registration Exercise - Phase 1 Registration**

Phase 1 registration is for a Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR) child born between 2 January 2017 and 1 January 2018 (both dates inclusive) and has a sibling currently studying in our school.

For the upcoming 2023 P1 Registration Exercise (2023 P1 Ex), parents who are registering their younger child under Phase 1 are to register during the Phase 1 registration period from 4 July 2023 (Tuesday), 9am to 5 July 2023 (Wednesday), 4.30pm through the P1 Registration Portal.

You may refer to MOE P1 website (<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration>) for information on the 2023 P1 Ex.

There will be no reminder sent; hence it is important that parents register their child within the stipulated period.

## **2 Character Value for Term 3 – Care**

The character value for Term 3 is “Care”. Through the assembly and the Form Teacher Guidance Periods (FTGP), the school hopes to introduce to students the various aspects of Care - in words and deeds.

Below is a brief outline of the outcomes for the character value for Care:

P1/2 - Accepting the positive characteristics in themselves and others and showing good manners at all times

P3/4 - Caring about other people's feelings, knowing when to apologise and being able to respond positively to the needs of their peers by demonstrating care and concern

P5/6 - Learning the meaning of compassion and empathy, being supportive and responsive to the needs of others with kindness and compassion and having a moral responsibility to care for the environment

We hope that parents will lend their support and partner the school in our efforts to bring out the best in our students by reinforcing the above outcomes at home.

## **3 Youth Day 2023**

Youth Day falls on Sunday, 2 July. The following Monday, 3 July will be a scheduled school holiday. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 4 July.

We encourage our students to embrace the spirit of youthfulness and take this opportunity to reflect on their aspirations and contributions to society. We wish all our students a joyous and meaningful Youth Day.

## **4 HPPS-Olifant School Exchange Programme (3 May 2023)**

The HPPS-Olifant School Exchange Programme was held on 3 May 2023. It provided an enriching learning experience for the students. The students had a chance to find out more about each other's cultures and gain new experiences from the activities and interactions. From an exhilarating school tour (through an amazing race format) to a hands-on bracelet-making session, students broadened their horizons and developed a greater appreciation for diversity. This vibrant exchange programme provided an enriching educational experience for the students, fostering cross-cultural friendships and instilling a sense of unity. Through their active participation in a variety of activities, students gained a deeper appreciation for inclusivity and harmony as well as equipping them to contribute positively to a more interconnected world.



Getting to know the school -  
"Where do we fit these puzzle pieces?"



Team building activity -  
"How do we move all of us into half the tarp?"



Cultural Activity -  
"Aren't our bracelets nice?"



Getting to know each other -  
"Are you curious about our chat content during recess?" □



Staff and Students involved in HPPS-Olifant School Exchange Programme  
"Who do you think is the most photogenic?"

## 5 Secondary School Open House @ HPPS on 23 June 2023 for the P6 students

The Secondary School Open House held on 23 June was a significant and impactful event for our P6 students. It brought together nine secondary schools, namely Clementi Town Secondary School, Commonwealth Secondary School, Crescent Girls' School, Hwa Chong Institution, Kent Ridge Secondary School, Nanyang Girls' High School, New Town Secondary School, Queensway Secondary School, and River Valley High School.

During the open house, our P6 students had the opportunity to explore and learn about the various academic programmes, facilities, and co-curricular activities offered by these secondary schools. This firsthand experience allowed them to gain insights into the different learning environments and educational opportunities available to them. By interacting with the secondary school leaders, teachers, and students, our P6 students could ask questions, seek advice, and better understand what each school had to offer.

The event was designed to provide a comprehensive and holistic view of secondary education, enabling our students to make informed decisions about their educational paths. By showcasing the academic programmes, facilities, and co-curricular activities, the open house helped our students identify their interests, passions, and strengths and match them with the schools that best suited their needs.

Moreover, the open house was a testament to our school's commitment to nurturing and supporting our students. By organizing such an event, we demonstrated our dedication to creating a supportive and enriching learning environment. We aimed to empower our students to make well-informed choices and set the stage for their future success in secondary education.

Overall, the Secondary School Open House on 23 June was an insightful and engaging event that provided our P6 students with valuable information about the secondary schools in our area. It left a lasting impression on them and helped guide their decisions as they embarked on their secondary education journey.



P6 girls closely listening to the teacher from Nanyang Girls' High school.



P6s playing the games organised by Commonwealth Secondary school.



P6s involved in group discussions with the students from River Valley High School.



An ex-HPPS student who is now a student of Hwa Chong Institution presenting to our P6 boys.

## 6 Plastic Free Week 2023

Plastic Free Week is a Henry Park movement that helps our staff and students be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. We will be having an assembly programme conducted by SembEnviro Plastic Recycling League. The objectives are to bring about an increased awareness of recycling plastic and on how to recycle the right way.

Since March, the school has been encouraging our staff and students to do our part by contributing to the collection of plastic bottles for Plastic Recycling League. It is heartening to see students taking responsibility in separating the different types of plastics into the recycling bags accordingly. We would like to encourage students to continue bringing plastics to school and to do their part in recycling. We need to double the recycling and collection of plastics effort as a community.



## 7 Primary 6 Preliminary and PSLE Oral Examination

### a. Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examination

| Date  | Subject                                   |
|---|---|
| 24 July 2023 – 25 July 2023<br>Monday - Tuesday   | English Language                          |
|   | Mother Tongue<br>Foundation Mother Tongue |
| On 24 July (Mon) and 25 July (Tue), P6 Preliminary Oral Examination will be conducted during curriculum time, 7.30am to 1.30pm. Each student will be assessed on one subject per day. We will inform your child which days he/she is scheduled for at a later date. |   |
| <b><i>*Primary 1 to 5 students do not need to report to school on both days.</i></b>  |   |

b. Primary 6 PSLE Oral Examination

| Date  | Subject                                   |
|---|---|
| 15 August 2023 – 16 August 2023<br>Tuesday - Wednesday  | English Language                          |
|   | Mother Tongue<br>Foundation Mother Tongue |
| More information will be given later.<br><br><b><i>*Primary 1 to 5 students do not need to report to school on both days.</i></b> |   |

**8 Calendar of Events**

A copy of the Term 3 Calendar of Events will be provided to your child. Please refer to [Appendix 1](#).

**9 Parenting Article**

***7 Things Every Parent Can Do to Keep Kids Cyber-Safe: A tech dads special***

The Internet may have transformed how children learn and connect with others, but it also exposes children to risks like cyberbullying, harmful content, and digital addiction. What can parents do to keep their kids safe online? Schoolbag speaks to four fathers who work in the technology industry for some tips.

You may read more from this [article](#).

Vision  
Lead with Character, Serve with Talents

Mission  
Nurturing concerned citizens with integrity and a spirit of excellence through holistic education

School Values  
Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence



## HPPS 2023 Term 3 School Calendar (Mon 26 Jun to Fri 1 Sep)

(For mainstream students only)

| Date/Day                        | Event                                     | Remarks  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Thur, 29 Jun                    | Hari Raya Haji                            | Public Holiday   |
| Sun, 2 Jul                      | NE Show                                   | For P5 pupils only   |
| Mon, 3 Jul                      | Youth Day                                 | School Holiday   |
| Thur, 20 Jul                    | Racial Harmony Day                        |  |
| Mon, 24 Jul - Tue, 25 Jul       | P6 Prelim EL/MT Oral                      | P6 pupils only   |
| Tue, 8 Aug                      | *National Day Celebration                 | School dismissal at 10 am  |
| Wed, 9 Aug                      | National Day                              | Public Holiday   |
| Thur, 10 Aug                    | Day after National Day                    | School Holiday   |
| Tue 15 Aug – Wed, 16 Aug        | PSLE Oral                                 | P1 - P5 pupils do not come to school on these two days<br>*Home-based Learning for P1 - P5 |
| Thur, 17 Aug                    | *P3 GEP Screening Exercise                | P3 pupils only   |
| Thur, 17 Aug                    | P6 Prelim EL & MT Listening Comprehension |  |
| Fri, 18 Aug                     | P6 Prelim EL Paper 1 & 2                  |  |
| Mon, 21 Aug                     | P6 Prelim Math                            |  |
| Tue, 22 Aug                     | P6 Prelim MTL Paper 1 & 2                 |  |
| Wed, 23 Aug                     | P6 Prelim Science                         |  |
| Thur, 24 Aug                    | P6 Prelim HMTL Paper 1 & 2                |  |
| Thu, 31 Aug                     | *Teachers' Day Celebration                | School dismissal at 10.30 am   |
| Fri, 1 Sep                      | Teachers' Day                             | School Holiday   |
|                                 |   |  |
| <b>Sat, 2 Sep - Sun, 11 Sep</b> | <b>Term 3 School Vacation</b>             |  |

| Term 4 Week 1 (Mon, 12 Sep – Fri, 16 Sep) |                              |  |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| Tue, 12 Sep                               | P4 EOY EL/MT Oral            |  |
| Fri, 15 Sep                               | PSLE Listening Comprehension | P1 - P5 pupils do not come to school on this day<br>*Home-based Learning for P1 - P5 |

\*More details about the event will be given at a later date

Note: All events will be during curriculum time unless stated otherwise

Information is accurate as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023