



***HPPS Monthly Newsletter***

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1 August 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

**Principal's note**

Over the past few weeks, our School Hall has resounded with the enthusiastic sounds of our students practicing for the SG GetActive! Singapore Workout 2023. This invigorating activity incorporates the MTV from this year's National Day song: "Shine Your Light!". Even from my office directly beneath the Hall, I can hear the uplifting music and feel the energetic thumping of feet during each practice session.

As National Day approaches, it is uplifting to witness our PE teachers and students actively promoting health, fitness, and unity through the Singapore Workout. This initiative aims to instil an appreciation for an active lifestyle and cultivate a strong sense of community, regardless of age, race, religion, or ability.

In addition to activities like singing national songs, displaying the flag, and watching the NDP, the Singapore Workout encourages us to contemplate how we can collectively celebrate our nation's birthday in a more profound and meaningful manner.

Let us continue to inspire and guide our children as they embark on this journey of self-discovery and embrace our shared identity as Singaporeans. National Day holds immense significance for our nation, providing an invaluable opportunity to reflect on what it truly means to be Singaporean as we strive to achieve happiness, prosperity, and progress for our beloved nation.

*Honesty in Performance  
Pride in Service*

Charles Chan  
Principal

## 1 SHINE Day – Term 3

HPPS welcomed students back to school on 26 June 2023, Monday, with a variety of fun and engaging activities to celebrate SHINE day. This provides a platform for students to bond with their teachers and friends while developing new skills and a positive mindset. This event was made possible with the support from HPPA. Let's continue to SHINE (**S**trive and **S**erve, **H**ave healthy habits, **I**ncrease positive emotions, **N**urture meaningful relationships, **E**ngage in life-long learning) this semester!





## 2 P5 NE Show

On 2 July 2023, Sunday, our Primary 5 students had an unforgettable adventure at the highly anticipated National Education (NE) Show at Padang. The event immersed them in the vibrant atmosphere of the National Day Parade (NDP). They marvelled at the Red Lions parachutists gracefully descending from the sky, followed by breath-taking aerial displays by the RSAF's jets.

The NE Show also featured captivating performances by local artists, showcasing their talent and passion. Singers, dancers, and musicians came together to celebrate the spirit of Singapore, leaving a lasting impression on our Primary 5 students.

The grand finale was a mesmerising fireworks display, filling the night sky with a symphony of colours. The students stood in awe, symbolising the unity and resilience of our nation. The NE show provided a unique cohort experience, instilling patriotism and appreciation for our country.



Ready to soak in the atmosphere



Good view of the Padang



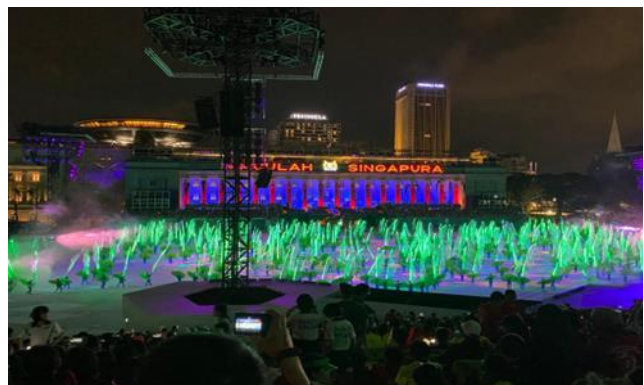
Teachers also joined in the fun



Waving the flags while singing the ND songs



Capturing the moments on their phones



Colourful performance on the stage



### 3 Racial Harmony Day

Racial Harmony Day was commemorated on 20 July 2023, Thursday. In the morning, the students watched a skit, titled “Ahh! Alien” in the Hall. The skit explored the issue of accepting differences. This year we also had booth activities for the students to learn more about the traditional practices, traditional games and crafts of the different races in Singapore. Through the activities, our students understand that Singapore is special because we learn from each other and celebrate our differences.



Students trying out the Chinese calligraphy



To know about the Indian art, 'Kolam'



Parent Volunteers also came dressed in traditional costumes.



Henna drawing artist at the booth



Playing the traditional game of 'five stones'



Learning how to play the chapteh

#### **4 National Day 2023 Celebration – “Onward As One”**

This year’s National Day theme, “Onward As One”, calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people. “Onward” reflects a nation that is forward looking and resilient to any challenges that lie ahead. “As One” underscores the collective ownership of Singapore’s future and the importance of inclusivity and unity.

We will celebrate National Day on 8 August 2023, Tuesday. We have designed several activities for the students on that day to engage them in better understanding the significance of National Day. The school will operate on half-day that day. Details of the celebrations are as follows:

Date: 8 August 2023, Tuesday

Time: 7.25 am to 10.30 am (no recess that day)

Students will be dismissed at staggered timings, starting from 10.15 am.

Attire: Red / white top with school shorts/skirt OR school uniform

Please inform your child and Form Teachers if there is a change in your usual dismissal point for that day. If your child is not taking the school bus on that day, please inform the bus driver to avoid holding up the bus as the driver tries to locate your child.

Please note that 10 August 2023, Thursday, is a school holiday. The students will return to school on 11 August 2023, Friday.

#### **5 Teachers’ Day Celebration 2023**

Our school will be celebrating Teachers’ Day on 31 August, Thursday. Please find the information of the event as shown below:

Date & Day : 31 August 2023, Thursday

Time : 7.25 am - 10.30 am (no recess that day)

Students will be dismissed at staggered timings, starting from 10.15 am.

Please inform your child and Form Teachers if there is a change in your usual dismissal point for that day. If your child is not taking the school bus on that day, please inform the bus driver to avoid holding up the bus as the driver tries to locate your child.

Please note that your child will only be in contact with their Form Teachers on Teachers’ Day and will not be allowed to go to other classes to meet any of their other teachers. They can pass their notes and gifts to the other teachers during the week leading up to the celebration.

Please note that 1 September 2023, Friday will be a school holiday and there will be no school on that day.

#### **6 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) for Primary 1 – Primary 5 Parents**

We will be implementing some changes to our PTM structure to enhance its effectiveness. In order to optimise the time and attention given to each student, we have decided to invite only selected parents to address the specific needs of their child.

As a result of this adjustment, P1 to P5 students do not need to report to school on that day. However, we would like to inform parents of P6 students that their attendance at school is still required on the designated PTM day.

Please refer to the following information for the PTM details:

Date	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023, Friday	Teachers involved
Time	0730 am – 1330 pm	P1 – P5 Form Teachers
Mode of Meeting	Face-to-face	

We believe that this modified approach to the PTM will allow us to have more focused and meaningful discussions with the parents of each student. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your child's form/subject teacher.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making this PTM a valuable experience for everyone involved. We look forward to strengthening the bond between parents, teachers, and students to ensure the best possible educational support for each child.

### **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) Timeslot Booking via Parents Gateway (PG)**

We would like to inform all parents that the booking of timeslots for the upcoming PTM will be conducted through the Parents Gateway (PG) app. Through PG, you can conveniently book your preferred timeslot. For detailed instructions on how to book and amend a scheduled timeslot, please refer to Annex A, which contains comprehensive guides.

Kindly note that the timeslots will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis once the booking system opens. To ensure you secure your preferred timeslot, we encourage you to make your bookings promptly. The online booking system will be accessible during the following dates and times:

	Booking System Opens	Booking System Closes
Date	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023, Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023, Friday
Time	9:00 am	5:00 pm

## **7 Parenting Article**

### ***Hands up for Racial Harmony Day! How you can celebrate the occasion with your child***

Racial Harmony Day is celebrated in school, but how can parents do their part?

By encouraging healthy conversations with our children about the different cultures and religions in Singapore. A little goes a long way into nurturing kindness and building empathy in Singapore's multicultural and multi-ethnic society.

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

