

19 March 2024



FERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Global Learners of Tomorrow

Dear Parents/Guardians

I trust that the March holidays provided a much-needed opportunity for relaxation, rejuvenation, and quality time spent with your child. My staff and I look forward to the upcoming term filled with learning, exploration and creating memorable experiences for our children.

As we begin a new term, I would like to keep you updated on some important information for Term 2.

1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 School Achievements

School Of The Arts (SOTA) Primary 6 Art Competition

The SOTA Art Competition is an annual competition to encourage and provide a platform for young artists to express their creativity and hone their talents in Visual Arts. The competition theme this year is "What does Peace mean to you?". One of our students from Primary 6 Respect, Qian Jing Cheng's artwork was selected as one of the top 50 finalists. His artwork titled 'Torn' explores the contrast between times of war and peace. Congratulations Jing Cheng!



National School Games

With the change in the competition format for team sports this year, schools are first grouped into various pools based on their results from last year's competition. Based on the performance in the pool round, schools then advance and compete in the league round. Schools in the top league will compete for the divisional championship titles.

The results from the pool round for our various sports CCAs are stated below:

CCA	Competition	Results
Badminton	National Senior Division Senior Boys Pool	5 th
	National Senior Division Senior Girls Pool	2 nd
Basketball	National Senior Division Senior Boys Pool	3 rd
	National Senior Division Senior Girls Pool	2 nd
Floorball	National Senior Division Senior Boys Pool	2 nd

We are very proud of the dedication and sportsmanship displayed by our teams throughout the tournament. We wish them all the best in the next round of the competition.

1.2 Staff Movement

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to our Vice-Principal (Academic) Mr Yap Lih Min for his leadership and dedication to the school. We wish him all the best as he embarks on his Leadership in Education Programme and subsequently in his next school leadership posting.

Ms Ivy Ho (Year Head/Lower Primary) will be on long term leave due to personal reasons.

We like to welcome our new Physical Education teacher, Ms Nur Fariesha Bte Mohd Rafi, as well as our new school counsellor, Ms Vishantini Raj Raju Manikam, to the school. We are confident that the insights and experience of these teachers will help to enhance our school programme.

2 SCHOOL CALENDAR, EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES

2.1 School Events and Public/School Holidays

Term 2 commences on **Monday, 18 March 2024** and ends on **Friday, 24 May 2024**. Please take note of the school events and public/school holidays during Term 2 as shown below. Students are **not required to report to school** on these days.

Date	Day	School Event
24 May	Friday	Parent – Teacher Meeting

Date	Day	Public/School Holiday
29 March	Friday	Good Friday
10 April	Wednesday	Hari Raya Puasa
1 May	Wednesday	Labour Day
22 May	Wednesday	Vesak Day

25 May – 23 June	Saturday – Sunday	Term 2 School Holidays
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2.2 School Programmes

Please take note of the programmes and activities that have been planned for the students in Term 2.

Levels involved	Date	Day	Programme	Remarks
Primary 1 - 6	18 March	Monday	Start It Right (SIR) Programme	
	5 April	Friday	International Friendship Day	
	15 April	Monday	Hari Raya Celebrations	
	13 – 23 May	-	Mother Tongue Fortnight	
Primary 2	21 March	Thursday	PAL Learning Journey (LJ) to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden	The LJ will take place during school hours for P2 Care, P2 Graciousness and P2 Integrity. The other classes will go for the LJ next semester.
	4, 5 April	-	PAL Learning Journey (LJ) to Singapore Theatre Company	Classes are scheduled to go for their LJ on different days. The LJ will take place during school hours.
Primary 3	22 March, 1, 5, 11, 17 April	-	Science Learning Journey (LJ) to Science Centre	Classes are scheduled to go for their LJ on different days. The LJ will take place after school . More details will be provided at a later date.
Primary 4	22, 26 March, 16 April	-	Science Learning Journey (LJ) to Botanical Gardens	Classes are scheduled to go for their LJ on different days. The LJ will take place after school .

				More details will be provided at a later date.
	3, 7, 10, 14 May	-	Cohort Learning Journey (LJ) to Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery	Classes are scheduled to go for their LJ on different days. The LJ will take place after school . More details will be provided at a later date.
Primary 5	15 May	-	Cohort Learning Journey (LJ) to Indian Heritage Centre	Selected classes are scheduled to go for their LJ this term. The other classes will go for the LJ next semester. The LJ will take place after school . More details will be provided at a later date.
	20, 21 May	-	Design Thinking programme	
Primary 6	Dates to be confirmed		Science Learning Journey (LJ) to Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Classes are scheduled to go for their LJ on different days. The LJ will take place after school . More details will be provided at a later date.
	27 – 29 May		READY Programme	Only selected students need to attend.

2.3 Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight

The MTL Fortnight aims to promote the use and learning of MTL beyond the classroom and school. To create an immersive environment for the learning of MTL, the MTL department has planned a range of activities for students such as cultural performances, storytelling, and public speaking. Through these activities, we hope to ignite student's passion and interest in learning MTL.

2.4 Cohort Learning Journey (LJ)

Cohort LJs have been developed to provide students with opportunities to explore their Singaporean identity through the arts, culture and heritage. These complement the Art,

Character and Citizenship Education and Social Studies curricula. Cohort LJs have been planned for the Primary 4 and 5 students this term.

The Primary 4 students will visit Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery to learn about the heritage and history of Kreta Ayer which is considered a cultural heartland of Chinatown.

The Primary 5 students will visit the Indian Heritage Centre to have the opportunity to discuss about the culture, traditions and practices of the Indian community.

2.5 READY Programme during the June Holidays

As part of the school's continuing efforts to support our graduating students in their studies, we will be conducting extra lessons for selected Primary 6 students from **Monday, 27 May 2024 to Wednesday, 29 May 2024**. More details will be provided nearer the date.

3 STUDENT MATTERS

3.1 School Attire

We will like to enlist the assistance of parents to ensure that your child wear the school uniform when they come to school. Students are only allowed to put on the PE attire on days when they have PE lessons.

4 PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

4.1 Fernvale Times

We are proud to share with parents the inaugural edition of the Fernvale Times – a termly e-publication which highlights the key programmes for the term. Through the students' reflections, we hope to provide parents with a better understanding of how the school's programmes develop our students to be joyful learners, confident leaders and active citizens.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Class Photo-Taking Session

The class photo-taking session for all classes will be held on **Tuesday, 14 May 2024 and Wednesday, 15 May 2024** during school hours. The schedule for the sessions can be found below:

Date	Class
Tuesday, 14 May 2024	Primary 4 to 6
Wednesday, 15 May 2024	Primary 1 to 3

All students are required to wear their school uniform on that day. If your child has PE on that, he/she can bring along his/her PE attire and change into that before the lesson.

There will be 2 photographs taken for each class - one formal and one informal shot. The estimated cost of the photographs are as follows:

- 5R formal class photo with lamination - \$2.70 each

- 8R formal or informal with lamination - \$5.70 each

The order form will be given to your child after the photo-taking session. Please note that the purchase of photographs is not compulsory. Students under MOE Financial Assistance Scheme will receive a complimentary formal class photograph.

Please do not hesitate to contact the General Office at 63153051 or email us at fernvale_ps@moe.edu.sg should you have any further queries.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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