

9 September 2024



**FERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*Global Learners of Tomorrow*

Dear Parents/Guardians

We trust that you were able to enjoy valuable time with your child during the brief one-week break, and that he/she is well-rested as we commence the new term. Term 4 is an intense period, with students gearing up for their end-of-year examinations. Although examinations can be demanding, we aim to collaborate with parents to ensure that this process contributes positively to the academic and personal development of your child.

As we begin Term 4, we would like to provide an update on matters pertaining to staff and students as well as to keep you informed of upcoming school events and programmes that will take place this term.

## **1 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1.1 School Achievements**

#### **National School Games (Junior Division)**

Our student athletes competed in the National School Games (Junior Division) in Term 3. Throughout the competition, they demonstrated remarkable grit and determination as they competed against other schools. The results for our various sports CCAs are stated below:

<b>CCA</b>	<b>Competition</b>	<b>Results</b>
Badminton	Boys Doubles (Tier 4)	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Girls Doubles (Tier 4)	1 <sup>st</sup>
Basketball	Junior Boys (Tier 2 Group A)	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Junior Girls (Tier 2 Group B)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Floorball	Junior Boys (Tier 1 Group A)	3 <sup>rd</sup>

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our athletes for their outstanding achievements.

#### **Frank Cooper Sands and Akela Award**

We are happy to announce that our Scouts CCA has achieved the Frank Cooper Sands Award for unit excellence. We are also pleased to share that three of our students – Lai Zhen Xi (6 Graciousness), Neo Yong Yi (6 Respect) and Mohamed Syakir Takeshi (6 Joy), have received the Akela Award – the highest award in the Cub Scout section. Well done boys!

**Elementz Science Project Competition**

The competition is an annual Science fair organized by Anderson Secondary School for schools in the North Zone. This year, there were three teams of students who participated in the competition. We are happy to share the results of the competition:

Team	Name	Class	Project Title	Result
1	Banag Maxine Syna Ortiz	5 Care	Magnetic magic on plant growth	Silver
	Prisha Kudli Kaushik			
	Chew Yi Xuan Kayley	5 Graciousness		
	Kayla Tan Kai Xin			
2	Aaron Seow Jun Wei	5 Care	Does the type of water affect plant growth?	Commendation
	Alvis Tan Zheng Xiang	5 Graciousness		
	Lewin Tai Yu Sen			
3	Aqeel Rahman Bin Mohamed Yahssir	5 Care	Who says cold drinks are not good?	Commendation
	Alia Blanche Garces Torres	5 Graciousness		
	Manasa Ravi			
	Mishika Sahasri			
	Chong Li Xiang Keith			

**1.2 Staff Achievements**

We extend our heartiest congratulation to the following teachers for being the recipients of the National Day Awards:

Mr Goh Tong Wee was awarded The Commendation Medal for his commendable performance and conduct.

Mr Lee Yong Soon Gavin, Mr Ansar Mohamed Sali, Mr Rakesh Kishin Aswani, Mdm V Sulaja and Miss Puah Puay Koon Eileen were awarded The Long Service Medal for their devotion to duty.

**2 SCHOOL CALENDAR, EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES****2.1 School Events and Public/School Holidays**

Term 4 commences on **Monday, 9 September 2024** and ends on **Friday, 15 November 2024**. Please take note of the school events and public/school holidays during Term 4 as shown below. Students are **not required to report to school** on these days.

Date	Day	School Event
13 September	Friday	PSLE Listening Comprehension
14 – 16 October	Monday – Wednesday	PSLE Marking Days
8 November	Friday	Results Processing Day

Date	Day	Public/School Holiday
4 October	Friday	Children's Day
31 October	Thursday	Deepavali
16 November – 31 December	Saturday – Tuesday	Term 4 School Holidays

The dates for the PSLE written examinations are as follows:

Date	Day	Subject
26 September	Thursday	English Language / Foundation English Language
27 September	Friday	Mathematics / Foundation Mathematics
30 September	Monday	Mother Tongue Language / Foundation Mother Tongue Language
1 October	Tuesday	Science / Foundation Science
2 October	Wednesday	Higher Mother Tongue Language

## 2.2 PSLE Study Break

To support the well-being of the students in the lead-up to PSLE, there will be a three-day study break for all Primary 6 students from **Monday, 23 September to Wednesday, 25 September**.

## 2.3 E-Learning Days

During the PSLE written examination period, e-learning will be conducted for Primary 1 to 5 students on selected days. Please take note of the e-learning schedule for the respective levels.

Dates	Levels having e-learning at home	Levels having lessons in school
26 and 27 September (Thursday and Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Primary 1 classes</li> <li>All Primary 4 classes</li> <li>All Primary 5 classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Primary 2 classes</li> <li>All Primary 3 classes</li> </ul>
30 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Primary 2 classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Primary 1 classes</li> </ul>

and 1 October (Monday and Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Primary 3 classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Primary 4 classes</li> <li>All Primary 5 classes</li> </ul>
2 October (Wednesday)	All students to attend lessons as usual in school.	

## 2.4 Early Dismissal during End-of-Year Written Examinations

To provide students with sufficient rest and time for their revision during their end-of-year written examinations, all students will be dismissed at **12.30 pm** on **23 to 25 October and on 28 October**.

We believe that this additional time will help the students to recharge and have a more positive experience throughout the examinations period.

## 2.5 School Programmes

Please take note of the programmes and activities planned for the students in Term 4.

Levels involved	Date	Day	Programme	Remarks
Primary 1 - 6	3 October	Thursday	Children's Day Celebrations	All students will be dismissed at 10.30 am
	30 October	Wednesday	Deepavali Celebrations	Hindu students will be dismissed at 10.30 am
	15 November	Friday	Celebration of Joyful Learning	
Primary 1 – 3	6 November	Wednesday	Environment Education Programme	
Primary 4	10 September	Tuesday	Cohort Learning Journey (LJ) to Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery	The LJ will take place after school. More details will be provided later.
	5 – 7 November	Tuesday - Thursday	Applied Learning Programme	
Primary 5	11 September	Wednesday	Cohort Learning Journey (LJ) to Indian Heritage Centre	The LJ will take place after school. More details will be provided later.

	6 – 7 November	Wednesday - Thursday	Applied Learning Programme	
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## 2.6 Environment Education Programme

The Environmental Education Programme for Primary 1 to 3 students aims to increase their awareness of biodiversity conservation and equip them with the knowledge and practical skills to promote sustainable use of natural resources. Through group activities, students will develop ideas and solutions for responsible environmental stewardship by adopting eco-friendly habits in their daily lives.

## 2.7 Applied Learning Programme

The Applied Learning Programme for the Primary 4 and 5 students aims to cultivate 21st-century competencies in our students. Through sustainability-focused group activities, students will nurture empathy, critical and creative thinking, and resilience, empowering them to generate ideas and innovative solutions (e.g. drawings or models) for promoting water and energy conservation.

## 2.8 Fernvale LEAP Programme

The Fernvale LEAP (Learning, Empowerment, Achievement, Progress) Programme, is a specially designed post-PSLE programme to facilitate a smooth transition for our Primary 6 students into secondary school. Through the programme, students will develop their skills, build confidence and foster a sense of community. By focusing on learning, empowerment, achievement, and progress, our goal is to equip our students with the knowledge, skill and competencies needed so that they are well-prepared for the opportunities and challenges ahead. The programme will include coding workshops, sports, career talks, interdisciplinary project and opportunities to contribute to the community. More details will be shared closer to the date of the programme.

## 3 PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

### 3.1 Our Short Stories eBook

The English Department organised a short story writing competition in Term 2 to foster literacy and encourage students to express their imagination and creativity. Our students participated with great enthusiasm, and the response was truly overwhelming. We have compiled their literary works into an ebook, which parents can access via this link (<https://go.gov.sg/sswc-2024>)

We look forward to our continuous partnership with you. Should you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact your child/ward's Form Teachers or email us at [fernvale\\_ps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:fernvale_ps@moe.edu.sg).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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