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Dear Parents / Guardians,

The school year has started well, and we are pleased that our students have settled into the school routines, especially our Primary 1 students. We have also brought back different programmes and activities, in line with the easing of COVID-19 measures. We seek your continued support so that school remains to be a safe environment for our students and staff.

As we take a short break during the March school holidays and prepare for Term 2, please refer to the following information:

1. Calendar of Events for Term 2

Some important events in Term 2 are listed in the table below for your reference.

| Event | Date | Remarks |
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| Class Photo-Taking | 20 and 21 March (Mon/Tue) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During school hours• Students are to be in full school uniform |
| Swimsafer (P4 and P5) | 24 March to 26 May 8 Fridays in Term 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refer to consent form issued on 26 Jan |
| International Friendship Day Celebrations | 4 April (Tue) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During school hours• More details will be given later |
| Good Friday | 7 April (Fri) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public holiday |
| Hari Raya Puasa (Off-in-lieu) | 24 April (Mon) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School holiday |
| Labour Day | 1 May (Mon) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public holiday |
| P5 Camp (Residential camp) | 3 May (Wed) to 5 May (Fri) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More details will be given later |
| P6 EL Oral Communications Practice | 15 May (Mon) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After school hours |
| P6 MTL Oral Communications Practice | 16 May (Tue) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After school hours |
| Step Out Step Up Learning Week | 22, 23 and 24 May (Mon, Tue, Wed) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During school hours• More details will be given later |
| P1 to P6 Parent-Teacher Meetings (virtual) | 25 May (Thu) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No lessons for all students• More details will be given later |

2. Travel Declaration for March School Holidays

We require parents/guardians to submit the travel declarations for your children/wards if you intend to take them overseas during the March school holidays.

To submit the travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS].

- For travel during March school holidays, please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by **Friday, 10 March 2023**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.

When planning for your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for the latest information and updates. If there is a change of travel plan(s) after you have made the declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school of changes to your travel plan(s).

3. Safety Reminders for the March School Holidays

Children are generally more prone to be victims of crime. Students should always take care of their personal belongings, stay alert, and avoid uncomfortable situations with strangers. They are advised to avoid walking through dimly lit and secluded places or taking the lift with a stranger.

Cyber Wellness

Students have been advised to be very careful of who they befriend online. They should be cautious when corresponding with and meeting online friends, even if a friendship has already been established. Scammers have been known to impersonate victim's friends on social networking sites by creating fake accounts using their friends' profile pictures and details. These fake accounts closely resemble the actual accounts of their friends and are used to obtain personal information from unsuspecting victims.

Scams

Students should be wary especially towards people who ask for money, personal information, or compromising photos/videos. They should be aware that personal information, such as phone numbers, can be used to make online purchases without their consent. They should approach a trusted adult family member or teacher to obtain advice, seek assistance, and report any suspicious activities.

Road Safety

Students should practise the correct road safety behaviours such as using the pedestrian crossing and avoid jaywalking or not using their handphones while crossing. They are reminded to practise the kerb drill before crossing – "Look right, look left, look right again, ensure all vehicles have stopped, raise their hand high up and cross the road briskly" If they are cycling, please ensure that your child/ward knows the cycling rules and is a competent cyclist.

We seek parents/guardians' assistance to go through the above safety reminders with your children/wards so that they can take good care of themselves during this term break.

4. Student Details Form

We would like to remind all parents/guardians to complete the Student Details Form (SDF), sent by MOE HQ via Parent Gateway (PG) on 3 January and 6 January respectively, for the purpose of providing educational services to your child/ward in MOE schools. All parents/legal guardians are requested to login to the SDF portal, via the URL below or QR Code, using your Singpass account to submit both yours and your child/ward's information. Authorised Caregivers can only submit your own information. The SDF portal can be accessed via desktop computers or mobile devices such as laptops and mobile phones via the following link: <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf>



5. Removal of Mid-Year Examination (MYE)

From 2023, all primary schools will remove Mid-Year Examination for P4 and P6 students. The main intent of removing MYE is to create more time and space for students to cultivate greater curiosity and enhance development of key competencies required for the future. Teachers will continue to leverage on different modes of assessment to monitor students' learning progress and provide timely feedback to improve their learning.

In view of the removal of MYE, the school has in place the school-based assessment plans. For more information of the school-based assessment plans, please refer to letter reference: MPS/SM/2023/015 dated 8 February 2023 for P1 to P5 students and letter reference: MPS/SM/2023/016 dated 7 February 2023 for P6 students.

In Meridian Primary, our teachers will optimise the freed-up time and space by continuing to use varied and engaging pedagogies in teaching and learning, to promote student-initiated learning and to enhance development of 21CC such as inventive thinking, adaptability, and cross-cultural skills. It also signals our effort to reduce the excessive focus on testing and academic results and to place greater emphasis on learning, nurturing confident and resilient learners.

I wish you and your child/ward a wonderful break during the March school holidays.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liza', written over a horizontal line.

Ms Liza Rahmat
Principal