



NEWSFLASH

PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

22 MARCH 2021

We hope you have managed to spend time with your child/ward during the March vacation. We would like to update you on some highlights of Term 1 as well as notable activities that would be taking place in Term 2.



35th Anniversary Celebrations

PRSS celebrated its 35th Anniversary with a week-long celebrations in March, culminating on 12 Mar 2021 with learning festivals for students and staff. With safe management measures in place, the series of celebratory events held during the week include the Student Award Ceremony and Alumni Homecoming events (Workout with PRSS Sports Stars, Lunch Time Concert, Career Awareness talks for Sec 4/5s).

The celebrations ended on a high note on 12 March with the launch of our newly upgraded library and the light up of our 35th anniversary art installation, followed by two separate learning festivals – one for students held in the morning and another for staff in the afternoon. For the student segment, it is heartening to witness a total of 189 new learning activities being put forth and taught by our students to their classmates. Similarly, through bite-sized sharing by staff, the school mounted 31 learning sessions for educators via zoom.

We would like to thank all stakeholders who have contributed to the success of the 35th Anniversary Celebrations and we look forward to your continued support as we continue to ride the next wave in preparing our youths for the future.



2020 GCE O Level Examination Results

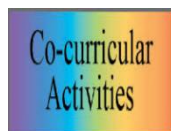
Congratulations to our 2020 cohort on their commendable performance at the GCE O Level Examinations, with more than 90% of our 4E5N students eligible for post-secondary education at Junior Colleges and Polytechnics.



National Digital Learning Program (NDLP)

The Personal Learning Devices (PLD) have been successfully rolled out to all Sec 2 and 3 students in Term 1. Sec 1 students who have opted to purchase the device under the MOE Bulk Tender will receive their PLD by early May due to delays in shipment orders.

The school will conduct a parent engagement session in early April to share more about the role of the DMA in supporting student learning. Details regarding the session will be disseminated later this month via Parents Gateway. In the meantime, parents are strongly encouraged to find out more digital parenting tips via the Parent Handbook (I) on 1-to-1 Learning: (<https://go.gov.sg/prss1to1learninghandbook>)



Resumption of National School Games (NSG) and Singapore Youth Festival 2021 Art Presentation (SYF)

Selected sports for the National Sports Games (NSG) will resume from 29 Mar to 16 Apr. Our school will be involved in 3 sports- badminton, table tennis and volleyball.

Our school will also be participating in the Singapore Arts Festival (SYF) 2021 Arts Presentation for the following Aesthetics Groups with the dates and time of the presentation indicated below:

- Malay Dance (29 Mar, 3.30pm)
- Drama (8 Apr, 9.05am and 15 Apr, 9.05am)
- Chinese Orchestra (26 Apr, 8.45am)
- Concert Band (1 Apr, 11.25am, 7 Apr 10.55am and 15 Apr, 2.25pm)

There will not be any physical presentation for school choirs this year. Appropriate safe management measures will be put in place for both NSG and SYF.

MOE will be closely monitoring the pandemic situation and ensure the events are conducted safely. Should the

situation evolve, plans could be reviewed in tandem with the national posture.



Home Based Learning (HBL)

HBL provides students with opportunities to learn at their own pace and to be empowered to take charge of their learning. Student Initiated Learning (SIL), as part of HBL, provides dedicated time and space to allow students to pursue their own interests and learn outside of the curriculum. HBL will commence in Term 2 Week 3 for all levels.

HBL Session	Date (Day)	Level
1	7 Apr (Wed)	Sec 1 – Sec 5
2	21 Apr (Wed)	Sec 1 – Sec 5
3	5 May (Wed)	Sec 1 & Sec3
4	19 May (Wed)	Sec 1 – Sec 5
5	2 Jun (Wed)	Sec 1 – Sec 5

For each of the scheduled HBL Days, the students will also participate in at least 1 hour of SIL activity. More details of SIL will be shared with your child/ward in due course.



Update on TraceTogether (TT) Tokens

As part of the nationwide effort to distribute TraceTogether (TT) for the purposes of contact tracing, the school, with parental consent, will be distributing the TT to students who have not collected their tokens during the national distribution exercise by the end of March.



Road Safety Road Safety

To heighten safety for our students, parents should not park along the stretch of the public road just outside the school gate to wait for their children/wards. Parents can use the nearest carpark opposite the school. Students are also reminded to adhere to road safety rules and to use the zebra crossings in front of the school.



June Study Camp

The school will continue to provide academic support for students. Depending on the pandemic situation, the study camp is tentatively scheduled for graduating students from 2-8 June 2021. More details will be shared with your child/ward at a later date.



BCA Green Mark Gold Award

The school has been awarded BCA Green Mark Gold Award for our efforts in contributing to energy & water efficiency and green sustainability. We will continue to weave our green efforts into our existing curriculum to drive sustainable education in PRSS.

Important Dates in Term 2

Date	Event
30 Apr - 11 May	Mid-Year Examination (Sec 2, 4 and 5)
3 May	Labour Day School Holiday
14 - 18 May	Check examination scripts (Sec 2, 4 and 5)
24, 25 and 27 May	Mother Tongue Languages Intensive Revision Programme
24, 25 and 27 May	Post-Examination Activities
24, 25 and 27 May	4NA / 4NT Coursework (Art, Design & Technology, Food & Nutrition, Elements of Business Studies)
27 - 28 May	Parent-Teacher Conference
29 May - 27 Jun	June school holidays
31 May	GCE O Level Mother Tongue Languages Written Examinations
1 Jun	GCE O Level Mother Tongue Languages B Written Examinations
2 - 8 Jun	June Study Camp
2 - 11 Jun	4NA / 4NT Coursework (Art, Design & Technology, Food & Nutrition, Elements of Business Skills)
2 - 11 Jun	4E5N Coursework (Art, Design & Technology, Food & Nutrition)