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PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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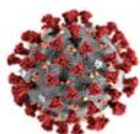
Dear Parents / Guardians,

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 key events in Term 2.



2021 GCE O Level Exam Results

Congratulations to our 2021 cohort on their commendable performance at the GCE O Level Examinations, with more than 94% of our 4E5N students eligible for post-secondary education at Junior Colleges and Polytechnics. Special commendation to Syrov Danil for topping the cohort with 8 A1s and is a proud recipient of the Outstanding Pasirian of the Year Award for All-round Excellence in recognition of his contribution to Drama Club and service to the school. We would like to recognise the pivotal role played by teachers and parents in supporting our students in realising their potentials.



Covid-19 & SMMs

In alignment with the national healthcare protocols, students returning to school after recovery from Covid-19 (PCR+, Ag+ from healthcare or self-administered ART) are not required to present medical certificates, doctors' letters or recovery memos. However, the school may ask returning students for photo evidence of their ART results for those who self-exit after 72 hours and before their time-based discharge.

Students with HRN (Health Risk Notice) are not required to take the ART in school and can perform the self-test at home after school dismissal. If the student receives the HRN SMS within 90 days of his/her C+/Ag+ result, he/she can disregard the HRN.

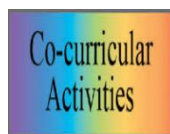
With effect from Term 2, SMMs for schools will be guided by the same broad parameters (group size, mask-wearing, workplace requirements, safe distancing and capacity limits) as the streamlined COVID-19 SMMs implemented nationally.

Mask-wearing is required indoors and outdoors and with mask-on, there will not be restrictions on intermingling within/across schools and with public.

Daily temperature-taking will be reduced to once a term. The temperature-taking exercise for Term 2 will take place on Thursday, 24 Mar.

Daily Reporting and Dismissal Times will be further streamlined to two timings for lower and upper secondary as follows:

In-school	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
Upper Sec	Mon: 08:20 Tue - Fri: 07:30	14:35 (Mon) 14:15 (Tue, Thu) 15:05 (Wed) 12:45 (Fri)
Lower Sec	Mon: 08:30 Tue - Fri: 07:40	14:30 (Mon) 14:10 (Tue, Thu) 15:00 (Wed) 12:40 (Fri)



Resumption of National School Games (NSG)

NSG is an important milestone in the holistic development of student athletes. NSG is slated to start in Term 2 for all sports. Appropriate SMM will be put in place for NSG. To allow preparation for competition, all sports teams can resume team sport training sessions in full format from 15 Mar 2022 for up to 30 fully vaccinated participants (including players, coaches, umpires etc). All unvaccinated students, including medically ineligible students, are not allowed to participate. 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.



MOE Outdoor Adventure Learning (OAL)

Under the National Outdoor Adventure Education Master Plan, students will experience 2 outdoor camps in their secondary education. These camps provide opportunities for students to apply their learning in an authentic context through a variety of outdoor living experiences and adventurous activities.

The **Secondary 1** Outdoor Adventure Camp will be a 3-Day non-residential camp held at the MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre from 4 to 6 May 2022. The **Secondary 3** MOE Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) Camp will be conducted over 2 days (17 & 18 Aug) in Term 3 at the various OBS campuses viz. Ubin Camp 1 and 2, East Coast, Changi and Punggol. It is also non-residential.

Mid-Year Exams!

Scaled-down Mid-Year Exams 2022

In line with MOE's announcement on removal of mid-year exam for all Sec 1-5 by 2023, our school will progressively remove all mid-year exams. For 2022, we will remove the Sec 2 and Sec 4N mid-year exam in May to create more time for 4N students to complete their coursework and the Sec 2s will join the Sec 1 and 3 students with no mid-year exam. This will allow more time for holistic development of our students and reduce stress and anxiety for many students. The mid-year exams for the Sec 4E5N will continue as planned this year since their coursework submission and the GCE O level exams are scheduled later compared to Sec 4N.



Personal Learning Device (PLD)

Secondary 1 and newly transferred-in students who have opted to purchase the PLD through the school will be scheduled to collect their devices on 30 March, Wednesday afternoon. Details of the PLD rollout exercise will be shared via a separate Parents Gateway announcement in Term 2 Week 1.



Blended Learning (BL)

Home-based Blended Learning days will continue to be implemented in Term 2 and the BL days in Term 2 for all cohorts are on 30 Mar, 13 Apr, 27 Apr and 25 May.



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 2022. More details will be shared with your child/ward at a later date.



English Language & Literature Festival

The English Language department will be organising a EL/Lit Festival in Term 2 Week 3 where students can participate in author's talks, master classes and exciting library activities to cultivate a joy of learning English Language and Literature. There will also be a Poetry under the Stars event for our Upper Sec English Literature students to do stargazing and engage in poetry appreciation in the evening on Friday, 8 Apr. The event will be held at the school's Parade Square from 6.30pm – 8.00pm.



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S.T.E.A.M. Festival 2022

The inaugural S.T.E.A.M. festival for all Sec 1 to 5 students will take place on Wednesday, 6 Apr. The aim of the festival is to raise students' awareness on an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Students will have hands-on opportunities for authentic learning with the application of critical thinking and problem-solving skills beyond their curriculum. Additional activities such as "Build-A-Device with a Scientist" and STEAM career talk will also be organised for interested students on 31 Mar and 1 Apr to expose them to the possible STEAM-related career options as part of education and career guidance (ECG).



Green School Initiatives

In line with Singapore Green Plan, solar panels will be installed in the school this year. Installation works will start on 14 Mar for a period of four months. Under the programme, the harnessed solar energy is sufficient to meet the energy consumption of the school.

As part of our effort to drive sustainability education at PRSS, the school will be commemorating events such as World Water Day (22 Mar), Earth Hour (26 Mar) and Earth Day (22 Apr). On World Water Day, students will learn about the importance of water security and the

pressing need to protect our water resources. The theme for Earth Day is “Restore our Earth” and students will learn that they can help to protect ecosystems under threat, focusing on natural processes, green technologies and innovative thinking. In addition, students will participate in Recycling and Upcycling activities which will enable Pasirians to demonstrate the PRIZE value of being environmentally responsible. Let's lend our support and do our part for planet Earth. The school will support the Earth Hour movement by switching off all lights in school for an hour.



Road Safety

The school had improved its infrastructure to provide more parking space for students who cycle to school. Students who wish to park their bicycles in the school must register with the General Office. Cyclists are reminded to adhere to the latest LTA guidelines. For safe cycling, students are expected to have brakes affixed to their bicycles and to wear helmets when cycling on roads.

Staff Matters

We welcome the following staff to the PRSS family:

Name	Designation
Mr Kelvin John Francis (wef 21 Mar)	ICT Executive
Mdm Normah Bte Ali (wef 1 Apr)	Clerical Support Officer

Best wishes to the following staff who have left PRSS:

Name	Designation
Mr Andrew Lim Ah Leng	HOD Craft & Technology
Ms Goh Bee Kah Beatrice	Teacher, EL Department
Mdm Anita Jain	ICT Associate

Important Dates in Term 2

Date	Event
30 Mar	Blended Learning Day
30 Mar	Sec 1 PLD Rollout (afternoon)
1 Apr	Sec 1 Parents Engagement Session: Briefing on PDLP and Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Camp
4-8 Apr	English Language & Literature Festival
6 Apr	S.T.E.A.M Festival 2022
13 Apr	Blended Learning Day
14 Apr	CCA Stand Down for S4E5N
15 Apr	Public Holiday: Good Friday
27 Apr	Blended Learning Day
29 Apr, 5 - 12 May	Mid-Year Examination (Sec 4E5N)
30 Apr	Launch of e-Open House
2 May	School Holiday: Labour Day
3 May	Public Holiday: Hari Raya Puasa
4 – 6 May	Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Camp
13 May	Sec 3 OBS Briefing
16 May	School Holiday: Vesak Day
25 May	Blended Learning Day
25- 27 May	Parent-Teacher Conference
26 May	Sec 1 – Sec 5 Parents Engagement Session: Academic Progress and Support, Managing June Holidays
23, 24 & 26 May	Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Revision Programme
23, 24 & 26 May	Post-Examination Activities
28 May - 26 Jun	June school holidays
30 May	GCE O Level MTL Written Examinations
31 May	GCE O Level MTLB Written Examinations
2 - 8 Jun	June Study Camp
2 - 10 Jun	4NA / 4NT Coursework Lessons (Art, Design & Technology, Nutrition and Food Science, Elements of Business Skills)
8 - 17 Jun	4E5N Coursework Lessons (Art, Design & Technology, Nutrition and Food Science)