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PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Highlights from Term 3

In Term 3, the school celebrated Racial Harmony Day, National Day and Teachers' Day. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Parent Support Group (PSG) for supporting the Racial Harmony Day celebrations with traditional snacks for students. Special appreciation to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the School Advisory Committee (SAC), Mr Mohammed Ridwan and Mr Saligram, for gracing the school's National Day Celebrations on 8 August. Representatives from the SAC and PSG also joined students and staff in celebrating Teachers' Day on 1 September. Term 3 also saw the handing over of the Student Leadership baton from the graduating cohort to the S3 cohort. We would like to thank the seniors for their contribution and wish them success in their GCE Exams and post-secondary education.



CCA Achievements

Our CCAs have done well and flew the PRSS flag high in their respective endeavours. All Uniform Groups have achieved the top accolades in their respective proficiency/recognition awards, viz. NPCC Unit Overall Proficiency Award (Gold); NCDCC Unit Overall Proficiency Award (Gold); NCC Boys Unit Recognition Award (Gold); NCC Girls Unit Recognition Award (Gold).

In the sports arena, our 'C' division teams emerged from the pandemic stronger. As a result of their relentless hard work, the sports teams prevailed in many matches that they played in the National School Games. The Basketball 'C' Boys qualified for the Quarterfinals of the East Zone (EZ) Tournament while the Football and Volleyball 'C' Boys did our school proud by clinching the 3rd position in the EZ Tournaments.



Authentic Classrooms

Learning

Beyond

Students are given opportunities to participate in a range of enrichment activities and competitions to appreciate the real-world applications of what they learn in the classrooms. During the September holidays, S2 students embarked on a Cohort Learning Journey to the National Museum of Singapore to understand the experiences of the different communities throughout Singapore's history, on how they forge connections with places, experiences, and one another.

Our students have also done very well in nation-wide and international academic competitions. Some highlights include:

Competition	List of Winners & Achievements
9 th ASEAN Plus Three Junior Science Odyssey (APTJSO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lim Sing Yee (3E6) – Gold Medal (Interdisciplinary Group Project)• Lim Sing Yee (3E6), Osbert Tham (3E6) and Marcus Lim (3E6) – Silver Medal (Sustainability Challenge) & Silver Medal (Science Process Skills Challenge)
43 rd International C.B Paul Science Quiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tay Ding Yao (2E4) - Silver• Wang Xi, Solomon (2E4) -Silver• Ethan Gan Jie Long (2E3) -Bronze• Tan Le Tong Eunice (4E6) - Silver• Seat Jie Yang (4E6) - Bronze• Goh Kai Jun Benedict (4E6) -Merit• Mong Ai Wei Keira (4E6) - Merit• Kong Wen Xuan (4E6) – Merit
'Live On Festival 2022' Essay Writing Competition by National Organ Transplant Unit, MOH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mong Ai Wei Keira (4E6) – Higher Distinction Award (Senior Category)

Unity Scientific Innovation Challenge 2022 by Singapore Poly & Energy Research Institute @ NTU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lee Xian Rong Elena (3E3) and Yeo Hong Kai, Ferrell (3E6) – Consolation Award
Young Reporter News Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hew Zhi Ying (2E4), Gao Ya Ruo (2E5) and Yao Yu Xin (2E5) - Outstanding News Video (Re-Tell Category)
Animation and Game Making Competition 2022 by MOE CPDD CPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mohammed Firdaus Bin Mohammed Nizam (3T7) - Bronze Award (Games Category)



Holistic Development Activities

In Term 4, the school will continue to organize activities that cater to diverse interests and strengths of S1 – 3 students. A series of enrichment activities including sports, digital literacy, music & the performing arts as well as showcase of students' IPW and ALP will be conducted to inspire students to embrace a holistic education.



Support for Graduating Classes

The Post-Prelim Programme (PPP) is conducted for the graduating students (i.e. the 4N and 4E/5N cohorts) to support them in their final preparation for the national examinations. Attendance is compulsory. Following the PPP, graduating classes will also go on a short study break so that they could consolidate their learning before sitting for the national exams. Students are welcome to arrange academic consultations with their teachers during the break. Details of the PPP and Study Break are in Table 1.



Graduation Ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies for 4NA/NT and 4E/5N cohorts will be held on 14 Oct and 14 Nov 2022 respectively from 11am to 12.45pm in the school hall. Family members can view the recorded proceedings after the event.



Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM)

Home Teachers (HTs) will be conducting PTMs from 26 – 28 Oct with S1 – 3 parents and guardians to discuss their child's / ward's progress. Details on the sign-up will be provided in early October.



Secondary 2 Streaming

The Sec 2 Streaming online option exercise will be conducted from 1 - 3 Nov. Students are to indicate their preferred Sec 3 subject combinations via the 'All Ears' portal during this period. All students will be briefed on the usage of this portal during the post examination programme in October. Parents/guardians of Sec 2 students are strongly encouraged to complete the exercise with their child /ward. The results of the streaming exercise will be released on 10 Nov.



School Canteen Food Pricing and additional financial aid for FAS

To ensure that our school canteen vendors can sustain their operations amidst the rising cost pressures, MOE has provided a recommended price range instead of a desired benchmark price. The recommended price range is \$2.50 to \$3.20 for a medium portion mixed rice set meal. School will ensure price increases are reasonable and implemented gradually over time. To further help families cope with rising cost pressures, MOE will be increasing the transport and meal subsidies for students under the MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) from January 2023.



Staff News

Our heartiest congratulations to our VPA, Mdm Lee Beng Choo and HOD Maths, Mr Victor So on being conferred the **National Day Commendation Medal**. Also, congratulations to the following teachers for receiving the National Day Long Service Awards: Mdm Hairunisa Bte Hosnin (STSS), Mdm Ng Mei Ling, Mr Kelvin Leong and Mr Albert Neo.

We thank the following officers for their contribution and service to the school and its students. We wish them all the best to their new postings/endeavours:

Name	Designation
Mr Vinodhen Sakkan	Teacher
Ms Tan Sze Wei	Administration Manager
Mdm Norizan Hassan	Operations Support Officer

Table 1: Important Dates in Term 4

Date	Event
12 Sep – 13 Sep	GCE N Level Listening Comprehension
14 Sep – 22 Sep	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 1)
21 Sep	Blended Learning (All levels except Sec 4NA/NT)
16 Sep	Last Day of CCA for Sec 1 – 3
19 - 20 Sep & 22 - 29 Sep	4NA Post-Prelims Programme
20 Sep – 7 Oct	4E/5N Post-Prelims Programme
23 Sep – 29 Sep	4NT Post-Prelims Programme
30 Sep	Sec 4N Study Break
3 Oct – 13 Oct	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 2)
3, 6, 11 and 13 Oct	GCE O Level Science Practical Examinations
10 Oct – 13 Oct	Sec 4E/5N Study Break
3 Oct – 12 Oct	Secondary 1 – 3 End-of-Year Examinations
14 Oct	S4N Graduation Ceremony
13 Oct – 14 Oct	Marking Days for S1 - 3 EOY Exams <i>S1 - 3 Students need not attend school.</i>
17 Oct – 14 Nov	GCE O Level Written Examinations
17 Oct	CCA resumes for Sec 1 – 3
25 Oct – 28 Oct	Post-Examination Activities
26 Oct – 28 Oct	Parent-Teacher Meetings
1 Nov – 3 Nov	Sec 2 Streaming Exercise
1 Nov – 4 Nov	Sec 3 Bridging Programme
14 Nov	S4E5N Graduation Ceremony
19 Nov	Open House