



# NEWSFLASH

PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

9 SEPTEMBER 2024

## Highlights in Term 3



The school celebrated Racial Harmony Day, National Day and Teachers' Day in Term 3. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Parent Support Group (PSG) for contributing to the Racial Harmony Day celebrations with traditional snacks for students. We would also like to thank Mr Richard Lim, Mr Adrian Phuah and Ms Ng Mei Li from the School Advisory Committee (SAC) for gracing the school's National Day and Teachers' Day Celebrations on 8 and 29 August respectively.



## CCA Achievements

Our CCAs have done well and flew the PRSS flag high in their respective endeavours. All Uniformed Groups have achieved the top accolades in their respective proficiency and recognition awards. 23 Sec 2 NPCC cadets also attended the NPCC Adventure Training Camp at Pulau Ubin on 2 and 3 September.

In the sporting arena, our 'C' division teams continue to make good progress through their hard work and dedication. The teams prevailed in many matches that they played in the National School Games. The Basketball 'C' Girls and Badminton 'C' Boys clinched the respective League 3 Championship titles. Our Football 'C' Boys did our school proud by achieving a place in the NSG Football League 1 while our Floorball C-Division Boys participated in their maiden NSG Floorball Championships League 3.



## Authentic Learning Beyond the Classrooms

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. The S2 students embarked on a cohort Learning Journey to the National Museum of Singapore on 22

and 25 July to understand the experiences of the different communities throughout Singapore's history and how they forge connections with places, experiences, and one another.

The school also collaborated with Youth Model ASEAN Experience (YMAX) to host the YMAX-PRSS Conference from 18th to 21st June 2024. A total of 421 Participants from 20 schools, including overseas participants, took part in the 4-day conference to deliberate and debate on possible actions that could be taken to resolve issues related to ASEAN. 15 of our Secondary 3 students were part of the organising team which contributed to the success of the event.

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

Competition	List of Winners & Achievements
Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad (SJBO)	<p><b>Gold (Individual Award)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjum Sri Medha (4E5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Silver (Individual Award)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildan Saafi Bin Mohamed Suhaimi (4E5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Bronze (Individual Award)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emma Lee Ler Chi (4E5)</li> <li>Lim En Xuan (4E5)</li> <li>Nakshatra Rajakrishnan (4E5)</li> <li>Toh Hui Sze Nicole (4E5)</li> <li>Wong Zhi Ting (4E5)</li> </ul> <p><b>Honourable Mention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mohammad Irfan Bin Mohammad Farhan (4E5)</li> </ul>
Singapore Math Senior Olympiad	<p><b>Senior and Junior Section Bronze (Individual Award)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tay Ding Yao (4E5)</li> <li>Mohammad Irfan Bin Mohammad Farhan (4E5)</li> </ul>

	<p><b><u>Honourable Mention</u></b>  Wong Zhen Xiang, Ethan (4E6)  Quek Cai Yi Adele (2E6)  Blythe Wang Yixuan (2E6)  Janice Chan Jing En (2E5)  Loy Ji En (2E3)  Kwek Zheng Cong (2E3)</p>
National Accounting Challenge 2024	<p><b><u>1st Runner Up</u></b>  Charles Foo, Zoe (3E4)  Angelina Heng (3E4)  Koh Xiu Ting (3E4)</p>
YMCA Plain English Speaking Competition 2024	<p><b><u>Top 8 Finalist</u></b>  Karikomi Natsuki Afiq (3E5)</p>
MOH Live On Festival Competition 2024	<p><b><u>Winner for Design Category</u></b>  Norshasmeen Binte Muhammad Imran (3A2)</p>



### MOE Outdoor Adventure Learning (OAL)

The Secondary Three 5D/4N MOE-OBS Challenge was conducted from 22 to 26 July 2024, where our Sec 3 students had the opportunity to work with students from diverse groups to complete a two-day expedition to overcome various outdoor challenges. Our Sec 1 students also participated in the Secondary One Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp which was held at the MOE Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre from 13 to 16 August 2024. Highlights of the camp include the high elements and artificial caving.



### Fostering Mental Wellness

In conjunction with World Mental Health Day, our school will be organising a pop-up café on 15 October 2024 to raise awareness about mental health issues. Additionally, all Secondary 1 to 3 students will participate in Wellness Days on one of the following dates from 22 to 24 October in our bid to encourage our students to prioritize their health and wellbeing.



### Holistic Development Activities

In Term 4, the school will continue to organise activities that cater to diverse interests and strengths of our students. A series of enrichment activities including sports and digital literacy will be organised to inspire students to learn beyond their curriculum for the end-of-term activities from 21 to 24 October.



### Support for Graduating Classes

The Post-Prelim Programme (PPP) will be conducted for the 4N and 4E/5N graduating students from 17 to 26 September to support them in their final preparation for the national examinations. Attendance is compulsory. Following the PPP, graduating classes will go on a short study break to consolidate their learning before sitting for the national exams. Students are welcome to arrange academic consultations with their teachers during the break. Timetable for the PPP will be uploaded onto the school website by 16 September.



### The Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation ceremony for Sec 4 and 5 cohorts will be held on 15 Nov 2024. Details of the events will be provided closer to date.



### Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM)

Home Teachers (HTs) will be conducting PTMs from 23 to 25 Oct with identified S1 to 3 parents and guardians to discuss their child's / ward's progress. Parents and guardians whose child / ward are not identified are welcomed to email home teachers for any queries / feedback.



### Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise

The Sec 3 Subject Combination exercise will be conducted online from 29 Oct to 1 Nov. Students are required to indicate their preferred Sec 3 subject combinations via the 'All Ears' portal during this period. 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 8 November.



## Road Safety at the Raised Zebra Crossing

School has observed a surge in vehicular traffic along Tampines St 21 (minor) in front of the school during the morning peak hours of 0710am to 0725am. To enhance safety for our students, LTA has painted new chevron markings leading to the Raised Zebra-Crossing (RZC) near PRSS. The chevron markings are intended to regulate the approaching speed of motorists before the RZC and improve the visibility between pedestrians and drivers

The school will reinforce efforts to educate our students to exhibit good behaviour, exercise caution when crossing and avoiding jaywalking or using their handphones while crossing the road.

To help improve traffic flow near the school, parents are urged to follow safety while parking and driving, and to reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.



## Green School Initiatives

In line with the Singapore Green Plan 2030, the school has embarked on replacing existing non-LED lights in our school facilities such as classrooms, canteens and staff rooms, with more energy efficient LED lights since March this year. The project was completed in June 2024. To further reduce energy consumption, the classrooms are equipped with daylight harvesting sensors while built-in motion sensors are installed in the rest of the school facilities.

To nurture eco-stewardship, a group of six Secondary 3 students participated in this year's Sustainability Advocacy Challenge. In collaboration with the Student Council and the Parent Support Group, and guided by teachers from the Environment Committee, they led each class in an upcycling project. Together, they crafted beautiful Teachers' Day gifts from recyclable materials like glass bottles, expired masks, and dried flowers. Each gift was personalized, reflecting the students' creativity. This initiative not only expressed gratitude but also promoted sustainability, showcasing our students' creative efforts.

To further drive sustainability education at PRSS, students will participate in a series of green activities in Semester 2, including the e-waste recycling programme to learn and practise proper e-waste disposal methods, the share-a-textbook scheme to recycle and reuse pre-loved and MOE approved textbooks and a free market platform for students to give away items that they no longer need but are still in good condition to others, as part of the community building and sustainable practice. The graduating batch will also be planting a tree, as part of their commitment to support the Singapore's one million trees movement.



## Blended Learning (BL)

There are no more planned Blended Learning Days (BL Days) for the year in Term 4. Sec 1 to 3 and 4EN students will return to school for face-to-face lessons on 18 September (Term 4 Week 2 Wednesday) while Sec 4N students will be sitting for their N-Level written examinations. Although there is no structured time for Student-initiated Learning (SIL) activity in Term 4, students are strongly encouraged to continue pursuing their interests and passions beyond the curriculum. Sec 1 to 3 students with interesting projects may be invited to share their projects during the Student Learning Festival in 2025.



## Staff News

Our heartiest congratulations to our Lead Teacher (History), Mdm Mariamah Mohd Yusoff on being conferred the **National Day Commendation Medal** and STEM Instructor, Mr Sanusi B Idris on being conferred the **National Day Efficiency Medal**.

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to PRSS:

Name	Designation
Ms Khew Sing Eian	CL Teacher
Mdm Suhaila Binti Sinin	Corporate Support Officer

We thank the following officer for her contributions and service to the school and students. We wish her all the best in her new endeavours:

Name	W.e.f 12 Aug 2024
Ms Jasmine Ng (Untrained School Counsellor)	Diploma in School Counselling, NIE

**Table 1: Important Dates in Term 4**

Date	Event
9 Sep – 18 Sep	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 1)
10 Sep	GCE N Level NA EL & BMTL Listening Comprehension Examination
12 Sep	GCE N Level NT EL & MTL Listening Comprehension Examination
13 Sep	Last Day of CCA for Sec 1 – 3
17 Sep – 26 Sep	4NA Post-Prelims Programme (PPP)
18 Sep - 26 Sep	4E/5N Post-Prelims Programme (PPP)
20 Sep – 26 Sep	4NT Post-Prelims Programme (PPP)
25 Sep	GCE O Level MTLB Listening Comprehension
27 Sep - 15 Oct	Sec 4E/5N Study Break
27 Sep – 9 Oct	Secondary 1 – 3 End-of-Year Examinations
30 Sep – 8 Oct	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 2)
2, 7, 10, 15 Oct	GCE O Level Science Practical Examinations

10 Oct – 11 Oct	Marking Days for S1 - 3 EOY Exams <i>S1 - 3 students need not attend school</i>
14 Oct	CCA resumes for Sec 1 – 3
15 Oct	Pop-up Cafe in conjunction with World Mental Health Day
16 Oct	GCE O Level EL Listening Comprehension
18 Oct	Promotion Day <i>S1 - 3 students need not attend school</i>
17 Oct – 11 Nov	GCE O Level Written Examinations
21 Oct – 25 Oct	End of Term Activities
23 Oct – 25 Oct	Parent-Teacher Meetings
25 Oct	Last day of school
28 - 30 Oct	Sec 3 Bridging Programme
29 Oct – 1 Nov	Sec 3 Subject Combination Exercise
11 - 12 Nov	Student Leadership Camp for Sec 1 - 3 Student Councillors
15 Nov	Sec 4 and 5 Graduation Ceremony
23 Nov	Open House