



# NEWSFLASH

PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

3 JANUARY 2023

Greetings for the New Year and welcome back to school! We are pleased to share with you the school's broad directions and key initiatives for 2023.



## School Directions for 2023

Pasir Ris Secondary School (PRSS) is committed to our mission - Inspiring Lives, Nurturing Talents, Realising Dreams, to nurture our students to be Confident Learners, Caring and Resilient Citizens who have the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values to navigate the complexities of the VUCA world.

The school's key strategic directions are encapsulated in our 3 strategic thrusts viz

- ST1- Quality Learning through Skilful Design & Delivery;
- ST2- Character Development & Active Citizenry through a Holistic Education;
- ST3- Enhancing School Capacity & Capability through synergistic partnerships

As the world emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic, PRSS is committed to enrich our students' learning through a holistic education. Learning journeys, level camps, OBS, field trips and overseas twinning programme will be mounted with safety measures in place. One key emphasis this year will be to strengthen student agency and enhance support for student well-being to prepare our students well for the future.

We look forward to partnering parents and will be resuming face-to-face breakfast sessions with parents to address any questions or concerns you have with regard to school programmes and policies. For parents whose child is in Sec 1, we encourage you to join our Parent Support Group (PSG). The PSG provides parents the opportunity to be actively involved in their children's education through involvement and participation in school's activities and events. Please access this link to join the PSG,

<https://forms.gle/9pvfe3SYNuJ6Bfus9>

Let us strive forward, hand-in-hand, to prepare our youths for tomorrow!



## Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise

The attendance and temperature taking exercise will be conducted on **Wednesday, 11 January 2023** for all staff and students. All students are required to bring a functioning thermometer on 11 January. The exercise allows schools to maintain their preparedness to re-activate the attendance and temperature taking regime should the need arises. It will also help to educate students on taking personal responsibility for their own health and practising social responsibility.



## School Level Camps

Our annual level camps allow all Pasirians to start the year right with clarity of purpose. Activities are planned to provide meaningful experiential learning for all students to set expectations and goals for the year. The focus for each level camp is reflected below.

Level	Camp Name	Focus	Dates
Sec 1	Camp Oneiric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orientation</li> <li>• Transition support</li> <li>• Start right</li> </ul>	9 –11 Jan
Sec 2	Camp Spark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zeal and joy in learning</li> <li>• Peer Relations</li> <li>• School Pride and Sense of Belonging</li> </ul>	
Sec 3	Camp Metamorphosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embracing Change</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Building</li> </ul>
Sec 4E5N	Camp Conquest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth mindset</li> <li>• Preparation for post-sec</li> <li>• Building resilience</li> </ul>
Sec4N4NT	Camp Quest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life skills</li> <li>• Resilience</li> </ul>



### Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP)

For Sec 1 students, the school will facilitate the purchase of the school-prescribed personal learning device (PLD) via the MOE bulk tender. Details regarding the purchase process have been disseminated via Parents Gateway on 23 December 2022. Parents with no access to Parents Gateway may obtain a hardcopy of the PLD Procurement Letter from the General Office via their child. The deadline to indicate intent to purchase the PLD through the school is **6 January 2023**. Please refer to the [school website](#) for more information on the programme.

All students are reminded to bring a personal padlock to make use of the school-provisioned PLD lockers to safekeep their PLDs when these are not in use during school hours. All PLDs must be brought home at the end of each school day to facilitate students' learning and charging of devices at home.

Students who need technical assistance with their PLDs, Student iCON and SLS account login, access to school WiFi network for learning or to troubleshoot installation of educational apps on their mobile devices can visit the ICT Office located at Blk C, Level 2 (opposite side of Main Staff Room) after school hours during the following timings:

- Mon to Thu: 1410h to 1600h;
- Fri: 1230h to 1500h



### Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)

CCAs play a vital role in our students' holistic development, especially in the area of character building. Regular attendance in CCA reflects a student's sense of pride and responsibility to learn and participate in school activities. Hence, **CCA attendance is factored into assignment of conduct grade to students**. CCA attendance below 75% will affect the student's Conduct Grade adversely. To help students

make a more informed decision on their choice of CCA, a CCA Bazaar will be held on **Friday, 13 January 2023 from 2.00pm to 6.00pm** to showcase what the various CCAs are about. Secondary 1 students will also be given the opportunity to join any CCA sessions/trainings during the CCA Experience Week (**16 – 19 January, 3.00pm to 6.00pm**) to find out more and discover their suitability for the CCA. Secondary 1 students will have to submit their CCA choices by **Tuesday, 24 January 2023** before the CCA allocation results are announced by **Friday, 27 January 2023**.



### Blended Learning (BL)

Home-based Blended Learning days will continue to be implemented in 2023. BL days in Term 1 for all cohorts are on 8 Feb, 22 Feb and 8 Mar. Sec 1 students who require a device for learning may loan from the ICT Office in the interim before the PLD is ready for rollout. Students will stay at home to participate in the learning activities designed by the teachers, supported by their PLDs (i.e. Chromebook). For Student-Initiated Learning, students are encouraged to pursue topics that they are curious or passionate about. This would empower students to take charge of their own learning and encourage them to be life-long and independent learners.



### Road Safety

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The school gates will close by **7.30am** daily to limit the movement of cars within the school compound for the safety of our students. For students who arrive after the gate closure, parents are advised to drop them off at the HDB car park opposite the school main gate and students should enter school via main entry gate B. Do not drop off your child along Tampines St 21 just outside the school gate as this could cause traffic congestion and pose a danger to other road users and pedestrians. Remind your child to use the zebra crossings outside the school at all times when crossing the road. For parents who are driving, please exercise extra caution near zebra crossing and watch out for students crossing the road.

Parents will be allowed to drive into the school compound on rainy days to let your child alight at the sheltered foyer area. For parents who are picking up your children after school, please be advised to wait for your child at the HDB carpark opposite the school.

# SCHOOL Attendance

The school uses the SC mobile to record and monitor student attendance. Should your child fail to register his/her attendance before each day's stipulated reporting time, an SMS message will be sent to your mobile phone to inform you of his/her absence in school by 9.30 am.



## Recess and Snack breaks

There are three recess slots of 40 minutes each for students between 8.40am to 11.20am daily. Parents may refer to the timetable on the school website for more details. The school will continue with the 15-min snack break for students between 12.00pm and 12.40pm to ensure that they can have a quick energy boost if required. They will remain in class during the snack break. Only plain water and dry, healthy snacks are allowed. For lower secondary classes, snack breaks will only apply on Mondays, as they will either have early dismissal or given lunch period for the rest of the school days.



## MOE-Financial Assistance Scheme (MOE-FAS)

Singapore Citizen students in financial need may apply for assistance from MOE on school fees and other expenses. The revised income criterion for 2023 is as follows: *Gross Household income - \$3000 or below OR Per Capita Income - \$750 or below*. Eligible students who wish to apply for financial assistance can download the application form from the school website or collect from the General Office.



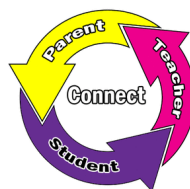
## Cashless Payment in School

As the nation moves towards digitalization, our school has partnered POSB to introduce cashless payments via NETS Contactless cards, EZ-Link cards

and School Smart Cards at the School Canteen and Bookshop. Parents may also choose to sign up for the POSB Smart Buddy Programme, which allows you to manage your child's allowance and daily expenses. Cash payments will still be accepted in the canteen and bookshop.

## SCHOOL BILL

The school will be issuing the school bill in Feb. The bill will show the full cost of the enrichment programmes, subsidies borne by the school and co-payment required from the students. In the event where cash payment is needed for the enrichment programmes, you can choose to pay at the SAM kiosk or the school's general office. Parental consent will be sought for the enrichment programmes before the school bill is issued.



## Home-School Partnership

The school believes in partnering parents to provide a quality school experience for our students. Apart from the parents-teachers conferences held at the end of each semester, the school also organises briefings for parents as well as meetings with Home Teachers and School Leaders. You are invited to join us for a Breakfast Session with School Leaders and Key Personnel on the following dates:

### 1) Breakfast Session with School Leaders and Key Personnel:

Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4/5
17 Feb	03 Mar	03 Feb	23 Feb

### 2) Sec 4 & 5 Parent Engagement Session via Zoom - Friday 13 Jan 2023

More information regarding the above sessions will be provided nearer the date via PG.



## GCE N Level Examination Results

Congratulations to our 4NA / 4NT students on their commendable performance at the 2022 GCE N Level examinations! All our 4NT students qualify for ITE. They attained 100% passing rate for 3 subjects. 89.7% of our 4NA students qualify for 5NA. They attained 100% passing rate for 6 subjects.



## Staff Movement

We welcome the following staff to PRSS.

Name	Designation
Mr Amir Hamzah Bin Mohamed	HOD/PE&CCA
Mdm Yeong Wei Syn	Teacher / Maths
Mr Koh Kai Hwee	Teacher/ D&T
Mdm Jin Beihua	Teacher/ CL
Mr Winston Chiang Ming Yao	Teacher/ Biology
Mr Tan Chai Chook	Teacher/ Geog & Biology
Ms Buganeswari D/O Somo Pillay	Teacher / History & EL
Mr Ho Kheng Chan	Administration Manager
Mr Haris Goo Eng Nang Bin Abdullah	ICT Manager
Mr Mohamad Rizal Bin Kasemin	Operations Support Officer
Ms Nurain Binte Ibrahim	Administrative Executive

We thank the following staff whose service has been invaluable to PRSS and we wish them all the best in their new posting.

Name	Posting wef 1 Jan 2023
Mr Kevin Teo Tze Yong	Physical, Sports & Outdoor Education Branch, MOEHQ
Mr Gohel Amarsinh	Tampines - Meridian JC HOD/CCE
Ms Grace Lim Man Qin	National Youth Council
Ms Chew Ting Zhen	MT Languages Branch, MOEHQ
Mr Ng Kai Wen Matthew	Technologies for Learning, MOEHQ
Ms Yap Su Fen	Media Relations Branch, MOEHQ
Mr Jonathan Chan Aik Beng	Ngee Ann Sec Sch - Teacher
Ms Serene Toh Lihui	Paya Lebar Methodist Grils' Sch (Pri) - Teacher
Ms Kalaivani D/O R Mooventhar	Orchid Park Sec Sch - Teacher

Name	Reason for Leaving
Mr Kelvin Leong Whye Meng	Left Service
Mdm Normah Bte Ali	Left Service
Mdm Rosnah Bte Khalid	Retirement
Ms Yuan Pin	No-pay Leave
Ms Huang Yin-Chiao	No-pay Leave

## Important Dates in Term 1 2023

Date	Event
3 Jan	Sec 1 Orientation
9 - 11 Jan	Sec 1 to 5 Level Camps
13 Jan	CCA Bazaar
13 Jan	Sec 4 & 5 Parents Engagement Session
20 Jan	Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations
20 - 24 Jan	Sec 1 Online CCA Option Submission
23 - 24 Jan	Chinese New Year Public holiday
3 Feb	Sec 3 Breakfast Session with School Leaders & Key Personnel
13 - 17 Feb	Safety Week
15 Feb	Total Defence Day
17 Feb	Sec 1 Breakfast Session with School Leaders & Key Personnel
22 - 23 Feb	HPV Vaccination for Sec 1 & 2 female students
23 Feb	Sec 4 & 5 Breakfast Session with School Leaders & Key Personnel
24 Feb - 3 Mar	Annual Health Check
3 Mar	Sec 2 Breakfast Session with School Leaders & Key Personnel
3 Mar	Sec 3 NRIC Registration
9 Mar	Sec 1 Parents' Engagement Session
10 Mar	Cross Country / Last day of Term 1