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Coral Waves

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A. The Weeks Ahead

Date	Event / Programme / Activity
8 Feb (Thu)	Total Defence Day Prefects Investiture
15 Feb (Thu)	Chinese New Year celebration (All students will be in school from 7.30am to 10.00am)
15 Feb (Thu)	Total Defence Day
16 Feb (Fri) to 19 Feb (Mon)	Chinese New Year holiday Students are to return to school on 20 Feb (Tue)
26 Feb (Mon)	P6 CA1 (English)
27 Feb (Tue)	P6 CA1 (Math)
28 Feb (Wed)	P6 CA1 (Mother Tongue)
28 Feb (Wed)	P5 Learning Journey (Little India)
1 Mar (Thu)	P6 CA1 (Science)
2 Mar (Fri)	P6 CA1 (Higher Mother Tongue)
3 Mar (Sat)	Parents' Engagement Session (P2-P6)

B. Total Defence Day (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE & YH/P5&6)

1. Total Defence Day (TDD), which falls on 15 February, marks the British surrender of Singapore to the Japanese during World War 2. This annual commemorative event serves to remind our students that Singapore is defensible and is worth defending, and we ourselves must defend Singapore.
2. The theme for Total Defence Day (TDD) is "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". Singapore has remained safe and peaceful over the past 52 years because of the efforts of all Singaporeans. Total Defence remains relevant because the threats faced today require all

Singaporeans to step up and play their part. Our youths are encouraged to put Total Defence into action in their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people.

- We will commemorate TDD on **Thursday, 8 February 2018** with an assembly programme. Students will also be exposed to TD messages during their CCE lessons and can take part in the civil defence activities during their recesses.

C. Chinese New Year Celebration (Mdm Wang Jingbo, CL Coordinator)

- The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **Thursday, 15 February 2018**. On that day, there will be an assembly programme and fun-filled activities planned for the students. Coralites are encouraged to wear their Chinese traditional costumes on that day. Alternatively, they could wear their red top and school shorts/pinafore on the day of the celebration.
- The reporting and dismissal times on Thursday, 15 February 2018 will be as follows:

Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
By 7.30am	10.00am

- The school will also be organising the annual Reunion Breakfast on that day to promote greater bonding between the students and their teachers. Aligned to our school value of care, we hope that our students can bring some healthy food to share with one another (**Halal certified food only**) for the occasion.
- 16 February 2018 (Friday) to 19 February 2018 (Monday) are public and school holidays. All students will report back to school on Tuesday, 20 February 2018.

Day/ Date	Public and School Holidays	Remarks
Friday, 16 February & Monday, 19 February	Chinese New Year	All students will report back to school on Tuesday, 20 February

D. P2-P6 Parents' Engagement Session (Mr Mohd Razlee, SH/Science; Mr Ismail, SH/ML&TL)

- The school will be organising a **Parents' Engagement Session** for **P2 to P6 Parents** on **Saturday, 3 March 2018**. The school strongly believes in building a positive and effective partnership with parents/guardians to bring out the best in every child/ward. The school will share with parents information on the school curriculum, key programme activities and practices. This will enable both the school and home to better support and further enrich our students in their learning journeys. Details of the **Parents' Engagement Session** will be sent out nearer to the date of the event.

E. P3-P6 National Education / Social Studies (NE/SS) Learning Journeys (LJ)

(Mr Gary Peh, Year Head; Mrs Loh Kim Choo, Teacher I/C)

- As part of promoting cultural awareness and national identity and rootedness, the school has planned interactive heritage trails for P3-6 students. Through these trails, we hope to enhance the learning experiences of our students using mobile devices and contextualize the trail in relation to the Social Studies Syllabus.

2. The schedule for the different levels and classes are shown below.

P3 NE/SS LJ to Chinatown

Date	Class	Time
Wednesday 28/3/2018	3C	12.30pm to 5.00pm
	3O	
	3R	

P4 NE/SS LJ to Kampong Glam

Date	Class	Time
Wednesday 21/3/2018	4C	12.30pm to 5.00pm
	4O	
	4R	

P5 NE/SS LJ to Little India

Date	Class	Time
Wednesday 28/2/2018	5C	12.30pm to 5.00pm
	5O	
	5R	

P6 NE/SS LJ to Singapore River

Date	Class	Time
Monday 19/3/2018	6C	12.30pm to 5.00pm
	6O	
	6R	

3. The school hours on that day will remain unchanged. (Students will be given a lunch break in the canteen prior to the learning journey: P3 & P5 from 11.10am to 11.40am; P4 & P6 from 11.40am to 12.10pm). The after-school programme for that level will be suspended on the day of the LJ. Please refer to the table below for the items to be brought on that day and the attire to be worn.

Items to bring:	A cap Umbrella/rain coat/poncho Wet wipes Stationery (pencils/pens and eraser) Water bottle and healthy snacks (sandwiches and fruits) Sunblock lotion (optional)
Attire:	PE Attire (girls in pinafore and PE T-shirt, boys in PE T-shirt and PE shorts)

4. Please return **Annex A** to the Form Teachers through your child/ward by **Friday, 2 February 2018**.

F. P5 & P6 MOE Sexuality Education in Schools - *The Growing Years Programme*
(Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE & YH/P5&6)

1. Sexuality Education (SEd) in schools is about enabling students to understand the physiological, social and emotional changes they experience as they mature, develop healthy and rewarding relationships including those with members of the opposite sex, and make wise, informed and responsible decisions on sexuality matters. SEd is premised on the

importance of the family as the basic unit of society. This means encouraging healthy, heterosexual marriages and stable nuclear family units with extended family support. The teaching and learning of SEd is based on respect for the values and beliefs of the different ethnic and religious communities in Singapore on sexuality issues.

2. The goals of Sexuality Education are:

- (i) To help students make wise, responsible and informed decisions through the provision of accurate, current and age-appropriate knowledge on human sexuality and the consequences of sexual activity;
- (ii) To help students know themselves and build healthy and rewarding relationships through the acquisition of social and emotional skills of self-awareness, management of their thoughts, feelings and behaviours, development of empathy for others, possession of effective communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills; and
- (iii) To help students develop a moral compass, respect for themselves and for others as sexual beings, premised on the family as the basic unit of society, through the inculcation of positive mainstream values and attitudes about sexuality.

3. The key messages of Sexuality Education are:

- (i) Love and respect yourself as you love and respect others;
- (ii) Build positive relationships based on love and respect (which are the foundation for strong families);
- (iii) Make responsible decisions for yourself, your family and society; and
- (iv) Abstinence before marriage is the best protection against STIs/HIV and unintended pregnancies. Casual sex can harm and hurt you and your loved ones.

4. Please visit the school's Sexuality Education webpage (Home > Useful Links > For Parents > Sexuality Education) for more information on Coral Primary School's Sexuality Education Programme for 2018.

5. Please submit the Acknowledgement / Opt-out form (**Annex B**) via your child/ward to the Form Teachers by **Friday, 2 February 2018**.

G. Lessons @ Science Centre (Mr Mohd Razlee, SH/Science)

1. The lessons at Science Centre aims to provide our students with an authentic learning environment and to actively engage students in the learning of Science beyond classroom.

2. The P5 classes are scheduled to attend the session on the following days as indicated below.

Class	Day/Date	Reporting Time	Returning Time
5 Caring	Tuesday, 6 Feb	1.40pm	5.00pm
5 Obedience	Wednesday, 7 Feb	1.40pm	5.00pm
5 Responsibility	Wednesday, 7 Feb	1.40pm	5.00pm

*Please return the acknowledgement form to your child's/ward's Form Teachers by **Friday, 2 February 2018**.*

H. Purchase of PSLE Books (Mrs Tham-Wong Lin Yen, P6 AYH Cov)

1. This is to inform you that the P6 students will be required to purchase PSLE books for the subjects they are taking. They are a compilation of past years' PSLE questions. For ease of

collation, the ordering and purchase would be done by the school. The subject teachers will be using them as a means of practice and revision with the students.

2. Please fill up **Annex C** to indicate the PSLE books your child/ward is getting.

I. 1st Consolidated Billing for Level-based Enrichment Programmes for Year 2018
(Mr Gary Peh, Year Head; Mr Benjamin Yap, Admin Manager)

1. With the aim of providing a holistic education for our students, the school has arranged a series of level-based enrichment programmes for them. As these programmes will enrich the students' learning experiences, we would like all our students to participate in them. The details of the enrichment programmes are shown in **Annex D**.
2. In order to reduce the frequency for parents/guardians to acknowledge the students' Edusave deduction for these enrichment programmes, we have consolidated the amount that is to be deducted from their Edusave accounts for semester 1 in 2018.
3. Please note that should you subsequently withdraw your child/ward from the programme with approval from the Principal, the amount deducted will be reimbursed to your child's/ward's Edusave account. If your child's/ward's Edusave account balance is insufficient, you will need to pay for the programmes in cash or by cheque.
4. Please return **Annex A** to your child's/ward's Form Teachers by **Friday, 2 February 2018**.
5. Thank you for your continued support in the school's efforts to meaningfully engage and enrich your child's/ward's learning journey.

J. Parents in Education (Mdm Erica Cheah, Year Head / Lower Primary)

1. As parents, you can be supportive by being involved in your children's growing up. Although a parent's role in their children's learning evolves as they grow, one thing remains constant: parents are children's learning models. Parents' attitudes about education can inspire theirs and show them how to take charge of their own educational journey. Thus, it is important to speak with them, spend time with them and understand who they are as they grow.
2. Here are some practical involvement tips and suggestions that you may consider:
 - 1. Parenting your child:** Recognise that your child has different needs at different milestones of his/her development
 - 2. Communicating with your child's school:** Communicate with teachers to help you stay connected with your child's progress, behaviours and achievements.
 - 3. Joining as a parent volunteer:** Contribute your service and/or expertise to school initiatives, programmes and events
 - 4. Learning at home:** Encourage a positive learning attitude at home by fostering a love for life-long learning in your child

More information can be also found in

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/how-can-i-be-ainvolved-parent>

K. Photo-taking for Students (Mr Benjamin Yap, Admin Manager)

1. There will be a class photo-taking session for **all students** on **Tuesday, 13 February 2018**. Your child/ward will need to be in **school uniform** for the photo-taking on that day.
2. The school will arrange with the vendor for your child/ward to purchase the class photograph when the sample copy is ready for viewing. Do note that your child/ward will have to pay for the copy he/she orders. The costs for the photographs are shown below:

Item	Cost
Laminated 5R photograph	\$3
Laminated 8R photograph	\$6

3. Please note that your child/ward need not order the class photo if he/she does not wish to purchase the photo. Please do not give your child/ward the money immediately. The school will inform your child/ward when to make the payment.

Your partners-in-education

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