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Coral Waves

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A. The Weeks Ahead

Date	Event / Programme / Activity
2 July (Mon)	Youth Day – School Holiday (All students to report to school on 3 July Tuesday)
3 July (Tue)	3C Learning Journey to Science Centre
5 July (Thu)	Hari Raya Puasa Celebration (assembly)
10 July (Tue)	3O Learning Journey to Science Centre
11 July (Wed)	3R Learning Journey to Science Centre
17 July (Tue)	P3-4 Science Practical Test
18 July (Wed)	P5 Science Practical Test
19 July (Thu)	Racial Harmony Day concert (assembly)
21 July (Sat)	National Education Show for P5 students
25 July (Wed)	P6 Prelims Listening Compre (English & Mother Tongue)
26 July (Thu) & 27 July (Fri)	P6 Prelims Oral (English & Mother Tongue)

B. Racial Harmony Day (Mdm Aliza, Teacher I/C; Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE cum Year Head)

1. For this year, the theme for RHD is '**Diversity Our Strength**'. The students will explore and discover how the strengths of our differences may be tapped in the pursuit of a common goal of making Singapore our home. In Coral Primary, we commemorate RHD on **Thursday, 19 July 2018**.

2. RHD commemoration aims to:
 - provide students with opportunities to make friends with people of other races and religions
 - enable students to recognise and appreciate Singapore's unique and diverse cultures and heritage
 - allow students to understand that in Singapore, people are treated equally regardless of their race and religion
3. There will be various assembly programmes, recess activities and class lessons leading up to RHD for students to appreciate the different cultures.
4. Students are encouraged to come dressed in **ethnic costumes** (Chinese, Malay, Indian and Eurasian only) during the commemoration on Thursday, 19 July. If students do not have ethnic costumes, they can come to school in their school uniform.

C. Hari Raya Puasa Celebration (Mr Ismail Kasim, SH/ML & TL)

1. Hari Raya Puasa Celebration assembly programme will be conducted on Thursday, 5 July this year.
2. Hari Raya Puasa celebration programme seeks to:
 - create students' understanding on the significance of Hari Raya Puasa celebration
 - allow students to cultivate strong bonds of friendship between themselves and their friends and appreciate what it means to be a Singaporean beyond our different ethnicities, cultures and heritages
3. There will be various recess activities and CCE lessons leading up to Hari Raya Puasa Celebration assembly programme.

D. P3 to P5 Science Practical Test (Mr Razlee, SH/Science)

1. There will be a Science Practical Test for students from P3 to P5. The dates for the tests for each level are as follows:

Date	Level	Time
Tuesday, 17 July	P3	During curriculum time
Tuesday, 17 July	P4	
Wednesday, 18 July	P5	

2. This is an **unweighted formative assessment** for the P3 to P5 students.
3. The aim of this practical test is to assess students on the basic process skills and integrated processes learnt. The various Science process skills assessed are:
 - Observing
 - Comparing
 - Classifying
 - Measuring and using apparatus
 - Communicating
 - Generating
 - Evaluating

E. P4 & P5 Art Talent Development Group Learning Journey to the Singapore Art Museum @ 8Q on 6 July 2018 (Mdm Azimah, Teacher I/C)

1. Selected P4 and P5 students will embark on an educational journey through time as they explore the exhibition, Imaginarium: Into the Space of Time, which features artworks from contemporary artists around the world. It takes a closer look at the concept of time and the tales and theories that shape our memories and futures. They will also participate in a Contemporary Art Fun workshop which is inspired by the exhibition. The workshop will provide them with opportunities to explore creative approaches to art-making and be exposed to various materials. Students will be given a chance to examine immersive and interactive contemporary artworks through facilitated discussions during a guided tour, and make crafts inspired by what they have observed.
2. Students will report to school as usual and lessons will be conducted as per normal. Students will have their lunch in school before they leave for the learning journey to Singapore Art Museum. They will be back in school by 5.00pm. Students are advised to be in their school uniform and bring the following on 6 July 2018.
 - Stationery
 - Water bottle
 - Small bag
 - Healthy snack
3. Although this is an indoor activity, we would strongly advise your child/ward to stay at home if he/she is unwell. All absences must be supported by an MC. If your child requires the necessary medication, such as inhaler and spacer, please ensure that he/she has it ready at all times.
4. Selected students will be informed personally. Please fill up the **Acknowledgement Form** and submit it to the teacher in-charge by Tuesday, 3 July 2018.

F. P2 SHINE Programme (Mdm Erica Cheah, Year Head / Lower Primary)

1. As part of Project SHINE, the P2 students will be embarking on a project “Cooking with HEART” in Term 3.
2. To help students develop self-management and social skills, a 9-week lesson package has been prepared for them. The P2 students will be baking banana muffin and healthy pizza. This experience will expose them to working in teams through simple food preparation.
3. Below are the ingredients that will be used. We appreciate it if you could look through the ingredients and notify his or her Form Teacher if your child/ward is allergic to any of them.

Banana muffin: Bananas, sugar, eggs, vegetable oil, all-purpose flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.
Healthy pizza: Wholemeal wrap, canned mushrooms, canned pineapples, mozzarella cheese and tomato-based pasta sauce.
4. **Kindly indicate if your child/ward has any other type of food allergy as well in the reply slip.**

G. P3 Lessons @ Science Centre (Mr Mohd Razlee, SH/Science)

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

2. The P3 classes are scheduled to attend the session on the following days as indicated below.

Class	Day/Date	Reporting Time	Returning Time
3 Caring	Tuesday, 3 July	1.40pm	5.10pm
3 Obedience	Tuesday, 10 July	1.40pm	5.10pm
3 Responsibility	Wednesday, 11 July	1.40pm	5.10pm

*Please return the acknowledgement form to your child's/ward's Science Teacher by **Tuesday, 3 July 2018.***

H. P3 SwimSafer Programme (Mr Shafi, HOD/PE & CCA)

1. The school will be conducting the SwimSafer programme for its P3 students. Through this programme, students will develop water confidence and understand the principles of water safety. Survival activity skills will also be taught during the programme.
2. The SwimSafer programme is part of the school's formal Physical Education syllabus. It comprises 8 weekly sessions which will be conducted during curriculum time on Wednesdays in Terms 3 and 4. The details are as follows:

Start Date: 18 July 2018

Day: Wednesday

Time: 7.30am – 10.10am

Venue: Our Tampines Hub Swimming Complex

In addition to a practical test, students will also sit for an online assessment to reinforce their learning from the practical sessions.

3. The SwimSafer programme is partially subsidised by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Sport Singapore (SportSG) and is conducted by qualified swimming instructors.
4. The school will arrange for two-way transport to ferry students from school to the swimming complex.

I. P4 English Enrichment – Newsmaker (Ms Jean Tham, HOD/EL)

1. All P4 students will be attending 2 workshops on Newsmaker, an innovative learning toolkit that inspires creative thinking and exposes students to real-world video production techniques.
2. During these sessions, the pupils will integrate English literacy skills with ICT. They will be writing their own scripts and learn to speak confidently as broadcasters in their own videos. For more information on the Newsmaker toolkit, please refer to www.newsmaker.tv.
3. The details of the training sessions are as follows:

Class 4R: 20 July 2018, 23 July 2018

Class 4C, 4O: 24 July 2018, 25 July 2018

Time: 2.10pm – 4.10pm (Pupils to assemble in the hall at 2.05pm)

Please contact Ms Jean Tham at tham_bao_jing@moe.edu.sg if you need further clarifications.

J. National Education (NE) Show for P5 Students (Mdm Ng Hui Wen, Teacher I/C; Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE cum Year Head)

1. Since 1997, the National Education (NE) Show has been organised to instill a sense of pride and belonging in students and to bring across the significance of our National Day. Every year, the NDP full dress rehearsal provides an opportunity for organisers to inculcate NE values in our students. This year, our P5 Coralites will be attending the NE Show at the Marina Bay Floating Platform on **Saturday, 21 July 2018**.
2. The theme for NDP 2018 is "**We Are Singapore**". It celebrates our people, our nation and our home with a pledge of unity and togetherness. "We" in this year's theme emphasises the collective, where regardless of our origins and wherever we are, Singapore is our way of life and will always be our home. "We Are Singapore" defines the Singapore Spirit, invoking the strength and resilience which built Singapore and empowers Singaporeans to overcome future challenges and adversities together. It reminds us that we will collectively shape and be responsible for Singapore's future.
3. Various measures have been put in place to facilitate the arrival and departure of the schools during the show. To ensure the safety and security of all our students, parents/guardians will only be allowed to fetch their children/wards from our school.
4. **All P5 students are required to attend the NE show.** Only International Students and students with medical problems may be exempted. As part of the precautionary measures, students who are unwell on that day should not attend the show. More details on the event are as follows:

Date:	Saturday, 21 July
Reporting Time in School :	3.00pm in the School Hall
Estimated Dismissal Time from School:	9.30pm to 9.50pm
Attire:	2017 P4 Camp Red T-shirt in school shorts/pinafore or any red T-shirt in school shorts/pinafore
Mode of Transport:	Bus

5. We estimate the dismissal time from school to be **between 9.30pm and 9.50pm**. Parents/Guardians fetching their children/wards home may wait for them at the school canteen.
6. Please return the reply slip to the Form Teacher through your child/ward by **Tuesday, 3 July 2018**. Please indicate with a tick in the reply slip if your child/ward needs a vegetarian meal.

K. P5 Values-In-Action Programme – Food From The Heart (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE cum Year Head)

1. We appreciate the support and contributions made by our students and their parents for the recent Food From the Heart VIA programme. We would also like to thank our P5 students for leading in the publicity and collection of the food items. Together as a Coral Primary family, we will continue to serve the community and add value to other people's lives.

L. P2 Formative Assessment (Mrs Low Chiew Chuet, HOD/Maths & Exam Head)

1. The schedule and coverage for Term 3 weighted assessments for P2 students are attached in the Annexes for your reference.

M. CA2 and P6 Preliminary Examinations (Mrs Low Chiew Chuet, HOD/Maths & Exam Head)

1. **There will be no CA2 for P2 and P3 students.**
2. For parents of P4, P5 and P6 students, we seek your partnership with the school in ensuring that your child/ward is physically and mentally prepared for the assessment. We seek the co-operation of our parents/guardians to ensure that their children/wards revise consistently as part of their preparation for the examinations.
3. If your child/ward is unwell, we seek your cooperation to exercise social responsibility by seeking medical attention for your child/ward and ensuring that your child/ward is well before returning to school. For the well-being of your child/ward, we do not encourage the practice of sending a child/ward who is unwell to sit for an exam and then bring him/her home immediately after the paper.
4. If your child/ward has missed the examination, he/she will be assessed/promoted based on his/her overall performance for the year.
5. The schedule and coverage for the **CA2 for the P4 and P5 students** as well as the **Preliminary Examinations for the P6 students** are attached in the Annexes for your reference.
6. The P6 Preliminary Oral Examination will be held on **26 and 27 July 2018** after school from 2.10pm to 5pm.

N. PSLE Schedule (Mrs Low Chiew Chuet, HOD/Maths & Exam Head)

1. The detailed information of the 2018 PSLE Examination Time Table was published in the April issue of the Coral Waves.
2. Below is a summary of the PSLE Time-table for P6 parents'/guardians' reference.

Type of PSLE Paper	Dates
Oral Examination (English / Mother Tongue)	Thu & Fri, 16 & 17 Aug
Oral Examination (Non-Tamil Indian Language, NTIL)	Fri, 17 Aug
Listening Comprehension (English / Mother Tongue / NTIL)	Fri, 14 Sept
English Language / Foundation English Language (Paper 1 & Paper 2)	Thu, 27 Sept
Mathematics / Foundation Mathematics	Fri, 28 Sept
Mother Tongue / Foundation Mother Tongue / NTIL (Paper 1 & Paper 2)	Mon, 01 Oct
Science / Foundation Science	Tue, 02 Oct
Higher Mother Tongue (Paper 1 & Paper 2)	Wed, 03 Oct

3. The P6 students have also been issued the 'PSLE – Instructions to Candidates' booklet from the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) on **21 May 2018**.

PSLE Oral and Listening Comprehension

4. The PSLE Oral Examinations for P6 students will be held on **Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 August 2018**. There will be **no school for P2 to P5 students on these 2 days**.

5. PSLE Listening Comprehension will be held on **Friday, 14 September 2018**. There will be **no school for P2 to P5 students on this day**.
6. There will be a PSLE briefing for the students nearer to the exam dates. They will also receive a separate notification with information on the reporting times.
7. A summary of the information above is shown below.

Type of PSLE Paper	Dates	Remarks
Oral Examination	16 & 17 August	P2 to P5 students do not report to school.
Listening Comprehension	14 September	

O. Edusave Character Award (ECHA) (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE cum Year Head)

1. Since 2012, MOE introduced the ECHA for schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. The award also supports schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character and who are active contributors and concerned citizens.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Students must satisfy the following eligibility criteria before they can be given the ECHA.

- Students must be Singaporeans studying in government / government-aided primary schools;
- Students must consistently demonstrate good character and values; in particular the following types of qualities:

1. School values and character traits which include integrity and care for others; and
2. Qualities associated with resilience. For example, students who have persevered despite facing difficult circumstances (such as financial problems, family issues and health issues) and managed to overcome the odds and still do commendably well in academic and non-academic domains.

3. At Coral Primary, we have established a process to nominate, shortlist and interview students for the award. The validation and endorsement of the ECHA awardees will be conducted by a panel chaired by the Principal.

P. Updating of Handphone Numbers and Residential Address (Mr Benjamin Yap, Admin Manager)

1. We seek the understanding of all our parents/guardians to update the school with your latest contact numbers (especially handphone numbers) and residential address (if relevant) to ensure that we will be able to get in touch with you in times of emergency or to provide you with updates and reminders of school programmes. You can do so through your child's/ward's Form Teacher.

Q. Parents in Education: Praising Our Children (Mdm Erica Cheah, Year Head / Lower Primary)

1. We often praise children in school and at home. When used appropriately, such encouraging words can have positive effects on our children. This will condition them to repeat the praised behaviour.

2. Using the right encouraging words can:
 - a) Improve children's self-esteem
 - b) Increase intrinsic motivation to achieve
 - c) Enhance perseverance

3. The key is in *how* and *when* children are praised. Here are 6 tips on using encouraging words for your child effectively.
 - a) Praise sincerely and honestly
 - b) Avoid easy-task praise or over-praise
 - c) Avoid comparison praise
 - d) Avoid controlling or conditional praise
 - e) Be specific and descriptive
 - f) Praise their effort and the process, not the ability

More information can be also found in

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/praise-your-child-do-it-right-do-it-well>

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/how-do-you-praise>

Your partners-in-education

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