



Coral Waves

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A. The Weeks Ahead

Date	Event / Programme / Activity
8 Aug (Wed)	National Day Celebrations (7.20am – 10.00am)
9 Aug (Thu)	National Day Public Holiday (All students to report to school on 13 Aug, Monday)
10 Aug (Fri)	National Day School Holiday
16 Aug – 17 Aug (Thu & Fri)	PSLE Oral (P2 to P5 students do not report to school on 16 Aug and 17 Aug)
20 Aug (Mon)	CA2 & P6 Prelims (EL)
24 Aug (Fri)	CA2 & P6 Prelims (HMT)
27 Aug (Mon)	CA2 & P6 Prelims (Maths)
28 Aug (Tue)	CA2 & P6 Prelims (MT)
29 Aug (Wed)	CA2 & P6 Prelims (Science)
22 Aug (Wed)	Hari Raya Haji
24 Aug (Fri)	P3 Gifted Education Programme Screening Exercise
31 Aug (Fri)	Teachers' Day Holiday
1 Sept (Sat) – 9 Sept (Sun)	September Holidays
5 Sept (Wed) – 7 Sept (Fri)	P6 Supplementary Classes

B. Safety of Our Students in School (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE cum Year Head)

1. For the safety of our students, parents/guardians are reminded **not to drive into the school compound during arrival and dismissal hours or make a U-turn at the main gate.** We seek your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

C. National Day Celebration Through Olympic Games (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE cum Year Head; Mdm Ng Hui Wen & Mr Bryan Foo, Teachers I/C)

1. Schools will commemorate National Day (ND) on **Wednesday, 8 August 2018**. This year's ND Celebration marks our nation's 53rd birthday. The theme this year is "We are Singapore". It celebrates our people, our nation and our home. A pledge of unity and togetherness among our diverse cultures. "We" in this year's theme emphasizes 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.
2. As part of this celebration, each student is given a hand sanitiser and an accompanying handle with the NDP 2018 logo and Singa mascot. This is a special memento from the National Day Parade 2018 organising committee. We hope that the hand sanitiser will encourage students to practise good personal hygiene, as we collectively believe that being clean is a form of kindness and consideration for others. In line with the Public Hygiene Council's tagline, 'Be Kind, Keep Clean', this memento could be a reminder on being kind by keeping clean.
3. In Coral Primary, we will commemorate ND through the Olympic Games. The multi-sport event provides the platform to promote understanding and harmony between students of different races and nationalities. It is a vehicle for students to display ethics in sports and can help bridge cultural and ethnic divides, promote tolerance and non-discrimination, reinforce social integration, and advocate healthy lifestyles. It also serves to encourage participation in and support the development of sport in Singapore.
4. All students need not bring their school bags on that day but are required to bring along a small bag to carry their storybooks and water bottles.
5. The reporting and dismissal times on **Wednesday, 8 August 2018** will be as follows:

Reporting Time	7.20am	Students are required to be in their respective House T-shirts and PE shorts or PE attire.
Dismissal Time	10.00am	

6. The bus service providers have been informed of the school hours on that day. Parents/Guardians fetching their children/wards home are to make the necessary arrangements.

D. Children's Day Celebration and HeArts Shine Fiesta @ White Sands Primary School (Mr Shafi, HOD/PE & CCA)

1. This year's Children's Day event will be a collaboration between Coral Primary School and White Sands Primary School. The event, dubbed the HeArts Shine Fiesta, will be hosted by White Sands Primary School on **Thursday, 4 October 2018**.

2. Our students will be joining their White Sands Primary School counterparts in the celebrations. There will be games booths, hands on activities and performances galore. The event will provide an opportunity for our students to mingle with their friends and peers from White Sands Primary School in a carnival atmosphere.
3. Students will report to school at the usual time of 7.30am and will depart for White Sands Primary School at 9.30am. They will return to Coral Primary School in time for dismissal at 1.40pm. Transport to and from White Sands Primary School will be provided.
4. **Parents/Guardians are also invited to be part of the HeArts Shine Fiesta. This is part of the school's effort in providing opportunity for parents/guardians to familiarise themselves with White Sands Primary School ahead of the school merger in 2019.**
5. Please indicate your interest and return the acknowledgement form to your child's/ward's Form Teacher by **Monday, 6 August 2018** so that the necessary logistical arrangements can be made.

E. P4 & P5 CA2 and P6 Preliminary Examinations (Mrs Low Chiew Chuet, HOD/Maths & Exam Head)

1. The schedule and coverage for **CA2 for the P4 and P5 students** as well as the **Preliminary Examinations for the P6 students** were attached in the July issue of Coral Waves.
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 would be assessed/promoted based on his/her overall performance for the year.

F. PSLE Oral Examination (Mr Ismail Kasim, SOE)

1. The PSLE Oral Examination 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**. The P6 students will receive a separate notification (**P6 Annex**) with more details.

A summary of the information is shown below.

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

G. P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Exercise (Mr Wong Yexiang, P3/P4 Assistant Year Head)

1. The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education conducts the GEP screening exercise to shortlist Primary 3 students for the GEP. This year's screening exercise will be held in school on **Friday, 24 August 2018**.
2. All Primary 3 students are invited to participate in the GEP screening exercise which consists of 2 papers, English Language and Mathematics with the following details:

SUBJECT	TIME / DURATION	REMARKS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	8.30am – 9.45am (1 hour 15 min)	PRIMARY 1 – 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE SYLLABUS
MATHEMATICS	10.30am – 12 noon (1 hour 30 min)	PRIMARY 1 – 3 MATHEMATICS SYLLABUS excluding “Area and Perimeter”, “Geometry” and “Time”.

3. Candidates who have been shortlisted will be invited to the Selection stage on **Tuesday and Wednesday, 16 and 17 October 2018**.
4. You will find more information in the explanatory note provided by MOE attached with this issue of Coral Waves. If you require the explanatory note in Chinese, Malay or Tamil, please send your request (along with the name and class of your child/ward) to wong_yexiang@moe.edu.sg by **Thursday, 2 August 2018**.
5. Please complete the reply slip attached to the explanatory note and return the reply slip via your child's/ward's Form Teacher by **Monday, 6 August 2018**.

H. P5 September Vacation Bridging Programme (Mr Gary Peh, Upper Primary Year Head)

1. The school will be conducting Bridging Programme during the school holidays for identified P5 students. The classes will be conducted from **Wednesday, 5 September 2018 to Friday, 7 September 2018**. A separate letter will be issued after the CA2.

I. P6 September Vacation Stretch-Enrich-Support (SES) Programme

(Mrs Tham-Wong Lin Yen, AYH covering)

1. The school will be conducting SES lessons during the school holidays as part of our continual efforts to gear the P6 students up for their PSLE. The classes will be conducted from **Wednesday, 5 September 2018 to Friday, 7 September 2018**.
2. Students are required to be in their school uniform when they assemble in the school hall at **7.35am**. We seek your cooperation in ensuring that your children/wards are punctual for their lessons. Please refer to the schedule below.

Dates	Time	Remarks
Wednesday, 5 September	7.35am to 12.40pm	Food and beverage stalls will be opened during recess. Students are also encouraged to bring healthy snacks if they wish to.
Thursday, 6 September		
Friday, 7 September		

3. The schedule for **those exempted from Mother Tongue** is as follows:

Dates	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
Wednesday, 5 September	7.35am	12.40pm
Thursday, 6 September	9.05am	12.40pm
Friday, 7 September	11.05am	12.40pm

J. Submission of Travel Plans during September School Holidays (Mr Benjamin Yap, Admin Manager)

1. As part of the school's proactive measures to safeguard the well-being of our students, the school would like to seek the parents'/guardians' co-operation in keeping the school informed of their children's/wards' travel plans at the end of every school term.
2. As such, parents/guardians are required to submit their child's/ward's travel plan for September school holidays through the **McOnline.sg portal by Thursday, 30 August 2018**. Should there be any change to the travel plan after submission, parents/guardians can **update the change online**.

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

1. As parents, we all want our children to receive the best education.
2. There is no one right method or technique in helping your child to learn at home, but there is a right stance – the helping stance. This is the stance taken to **help your child enjoy the process of learning**. By being present for your child, you reassure your child that you will always be there to support and guide him/her.
3. To create a positive home-learning environment and experience for your child, you can try the following ways:
 - a) Create opportunities to explore and learn together
 - b) Give support when they are struggling
 - c) Develop their literacy
 - d) Create a conducive environment for learning
 - e) Devise fun ways to learn with them
 - f) Give them time to do what they enjoy doing

More information can be also found in

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/create-a-positive-home-learning-environment-for-your-child>
<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/help-your-child-to-be-a-self-directed-learner>
<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/education/better-for-parents-to-support-children-based-on-learning-needs>

L. Teachers' Day (Ms Chong, Principal)

1. Teachers' Day falls on **Friday, 31 August 2018**. The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on Thursday, 30 August 2018.
2. On this special day, on behalf of the school, I would like to thank our educators for their contributions and hard work towards the holistic education of our students.
3. Happy Teachers' Day!

Your partners-in-education

Ms Chong Siew Fong
Principal

Mrs Evelyn Tay
Vice-Principal