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Coral Waves

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A. The Weeks Ahead

Date	Event / Programme / Activity
1 May (Tue)	Labour Day – Public Holiday
2 May (Wed)	SA1 P5 EL Oral & P6MT Oral
3 May (Thu)	SA1 P5 MT Oral & P6EL Oral
7 May (Mon)	SA1 EL Paper 1 & Listening Compre (P3-P6)
8 May (Tue)	SA1 MT Paper 1 & Listening Compre (P3-P6)
10 May (Thu)	SA1 EL Paper 2 (P3-6)
11 May (Fri)	SA1 Math (P3-6) P2 NE Learning Journey
14 May (Mon)	SA1 MT Paper 2 (P3-6)
15 May (Tue)	SA1 Science (P3-6)
16 May (Wed)	SA1 Higher Mother Tongue
22 May (Tue), 24 & 25 May (Thu & Fri)	Annual Health Visit by School Health Service
23 May (Wed)	Parent-Teacher Meet/Home-Based Learning Pupils need not report to school
26 May (Sat) to 24 June (Sun)	June Holidays
29 May (Tue)	Vesak Day – Public Holiday
30 May (Wed) to 1 June (Fri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P6 Camp Carpe Diem• P5 Camp Ignite
15 Jun (Fri)	Hari Raya Puasa

B. P2 to P6 Parent-Teacher Meet (Mr Mohd Razlee, SH/Science)

1. As part of the school's effort in partnering parents to better support our students, we will be organising the P2 to P6 Parent-Teacher Meet on **Wednesday, 23 May 2018** from **8.00am to 3.00pm**. This is a platform for Form Teachers to meet you and provide feedback on your children's/wards' progress and development in the school.
2. For parents of students from **P2**, the session will be held in the **P2 classrooms**. For parents of students from **P3 to P6**, the session will be held in the **school hall**. Mother Tongue teachers will also be stationed in the **hall**. The programme for the day is as follows:

Session	Time
Session 1	8.00am – 10.10am
Session 2	10.30am – 1.00pm
Session 3	1.30pm – 3.00pm

3. Please book a time slot via the McOnline portal (Please refer to guide in **Annex A**). The online registration will be opened on **Saturday, 5 May 2018 at 8.00am and will close on Wednesday, 9 May 2018 at 11.59pm**.

C. Home Based Learning Day (Mr Ang Chun Yong, SH/CL & ICT (cov))

1. The Home Based Learning day for this year will be held on **Wednesday, 23 May 2018**. All students from P2 to P6 will not be attending school on that day. They will log in to the McOnline portal to complete the assignments posted by their teachers. The purpose of having a Home Based Learning Day is to familiarise our students with the necessary procedures to engage them in their learning from home when the need arises.
2. The school will be monitoring the Home Based Learning exercise and will be providing support if your child/ward faces difficulties in accessing the McOnline portal. Our technical support staff will be on-duty to assist you and your child/ward in this area. We would appreciate it if your child/ward can access the tasks assigned **at 8am on that day**. As an extension of our support, our staff will also be calling if your child/ward has not logged in to the McOnline portal **by 10am**.
3. Students are advised to use Google Chrome 58 & above, Internet Explorer 10 & 11, Firefox 53 & above or Safari 10.1 & above to log in to the portal. As the E-Learning portal does not work on mobile devices such as iPads or mobile phones, please log in using a desktop or a laptop.
4. Please note that students' passwords will be reset at 7.30am on 23 May 2018. The password will be issued by the Form Teachers on 22 May 2018. Please refer to your child's Student Journal.
5. Please refer to the table below for the telephone numbers to call to seek assistance relating to the home based learning tasks on that day.

Personnel	Help Desk Number	Time Frame
School Staff	65851228 65854492	23 May 2018 8am to 3pm
McOnline	67775198	7am to 7pm

6. Please complete the acknowledgement form and submit it to your child's/ward's Form Teacher by **Thursday, 10 May 2018**. We have also provided a guide on how to access the McOnline portal (Please refer to **Annex B**).

D. Singapore Student Learning Space (Mr Ang Chun Yong, SH/CL & ICT (cov))

1. The Ministry of Education has announced the rollout of the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS), an online learning platform that support learning through the use of technology. Please refer to **Annex C** for the details.

E. Chinese Language Fortnight (Ms Ong YY, Mrs Amy Lim & Mdm Tan MC, Teachers I/C)

1. As part of the school's continual efforts to engage students in learning Chinese Language as well as to expose them to Chinese culture, the Chinese department is organising a series of activities for all students taking Chinese Language from **Monday, 25 June to Friday, 6 July 2018**. As these programmes are fully funded by the Ministry, we strongly encourage your child's/ward's participation in the various activities as we believe that he/she would benefit from the programmes planned.

Chinese Language Fortnight 2018		
Level (Students taking Chinese Language)	Activity	Time
P2	Song Singing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To increase students' interest in learning Chinese through songs and actions	27 June & 28 June [curriculum hours]
P3 & P4	Tongue Twister & Public Speaking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To increase students' interest in learning Chinese.• To build up students' oracy skills.• To nurture confident speakers	25 June & 26 June [curriculum hours]
P3 & P4	Chinese Cultural Camp Clay modelling (泥塑) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide an immersive environment for students to use Chinese• To learn and appreciate Chinese culture and traditions	27 June [2.10pm – 5.10pm]
P5	Tea Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To appreciate Chinese traditions and cultures• To learn tea appreciation	6 July [curriculum hours]

P3, P4, P5 & P6	Cultural Performance Exposure Scheme - <i>Journey to the West 《西游记 – 龙宫借宝》</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To expose pupils to Chinese language related cultural performances To increase students' interest in learning Chinese 	5 July [1.30pm – 4.30pm]
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F. P2 NE Learning Journey (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE; Mrs Loh Kim Choo, Teacher I/C)

- As part of the school's efforts to engage students meaningfully in their learning beyond the classroom environment, the teachers have designed experiential lesson packages which incorporate English, Mathematics, Science, Arts, career guidance and financial literacy activities for our P2 students. The experiential learning approach is to further engage and excite our students in their learning.
- The schedule for the P2 National Education Learning Journey is as follows:

Date	Level	Venue	Time	Remarks
Friday, 11 May 2018	P2	Jurong Bird Park	8.00am to 1.30pm	School hours remain unchanged. Learning Journey will be conducted during curriculum hours.

- Please refer to the table below for the items to be brought on that day and the attire to be worn.

Items to bring:	Stationery (pencils/pens and eraser) Water bottle Umbrella / Rain coat / Poncho Wet wipes Light healthy snack (sandwich and fruit) Insect repellent (optional) Sunblock lotion (optional) A cap A story book A small bag to contain the above items
Attire:	PE Attire (girls in pinafore and PE T-shirt, boys in PE T-shirt and PE shorts)

- We seek the co-operation of our parents/guardians to return the acknowledgement form to your child's/ward's Form Teacher by **Thursday, 10 May 2018**.

G. P3 SwimSafer Programme (Mr Shafiruddin, HOD/PE & CCA)

- 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.

- The SwimSafer Programme comprises 8 weekly practical 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 be required to sit for an online assessment to reinforce their learning from the practical sessions.
- The SwimSafer Programme is partially subsidised by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Sport Singapore (SportSG) and is conducted by qualified swimming instructors.
- The school will arrange for two-way transport to ferry students from school to the swimming complex.

H. **P4 Road Safety Programme – Traffic Games 2018** (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE)

- As part of our school's efforts to raise students' awareness on Road Safety, the P4 students will be participating in the Traffic Games. The Traffic Games will serve to educate students on the importance of road safety through a fun and interactive learning environment within a simulated road safety park and will also promote road courtesy amongst the different road users like pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- The details are as follows:

Date	Tuesday, 15 May 2018
Time	2.00pm to 5.15pm
Venue	Road Safety Community Park (East Coast Parkway)
Things to bring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Small bag Pen Water bottle Light healthy snack Cap Sunblock Mosquito repellent Poncho/umbrella

- As such, **supplementary lesson and SDR programme will be suspended** on that day.
- Please return the acknowledgement form to your child's/ward's Form Teacher by **Thursday, 10 May 2018**. We strongly encourage your child/ward to attend the traffic games.

I. **P5 VIA: Food From The Heart** (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE & Year Head)

- As part of the school's efforts to develop our students to become caring and responsible citizens, we have organised **P5 VIA: Food from The Heart** for P5 students.

- P5 VIA is a collaboration between the school and Food From The Heart organisation to reach out to the less-fortunate and brighten their lives by alleviating hunger through a food distribution programme. (More details are available at: <https://foodheart.org/>)
- P5 students will spearhead the food donation drive in Term 2 weeks 9 and 10 (Collection dates: Tuesday, 22 May 2018; Thursday, 24 May 2018; and Friday, 25 May 2018)** within the school premises and curriculum hours after the Semestral Assessment 1. They will be encouraging **all Coralites** to bring non-perishable food items to school. These items include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bottles of cooking oil packets of rice packets of sugar/salt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cans of sardines cans of condensed milk cans of button mushrooms cans of baked beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> tins/packets of Milo tins of biscuits
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- Do take note that the food items must be **at least 3 months before their expiry dates**. We seek your understanding and support for our P5 students in this programme. We would like to thank all parents/guardians and students in advance for your generous donations.

J. P5 Programme Ignite (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE & Year Head; Mrs Tham-Wong Lin Yen, AYH covering)

- With reference to the Coral Waves (April issue), details for Primary 5 Programme Ignite are reflected in the table as shown below.

Primary 5 Programme Ignite		
Venue	Activities	Dates & Time
Coral Primary School Meeting Point: School Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stretch Enrich Support Programme Motivational Workshop Education & Career Guidance @ Coral Snack break Teacher-Student Bonding Activities 	30, 31 May & 1 June 7.40am to 11.40am For students taking NTIL or exempted from MT, reporting time on 1 June (Day 3) is 9.10am

- Please return the acknowledgement form to the Form Teacher through your child/ward by **Thursday, 10 May 2018**.

K. 2nd Consolidated Billing for Level-based Enrichment Programmes for Year 2018 (Primary 6) (Mr Gary Peh, Year Head; Mr Benjamin Yap, Admin Manager)

- 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**.
- In order to reduce the frequency for parents/guardians to acknowledge the students' Edusave deduction for these enrichment programmes in Semester 2, we have consolidated the amount that is to be deducted from their Edusave accounts.

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. Thank you for your continued support in the school's efforts to meaningfully engage and enrich your child's/ward's learning journey.

L. P6 Camp Carpe Diem (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE & Year Head; Mrs Tham-Wong Lin Yen, AYH covering)

1. With reference to the Coral Waves (April issue), the camp details for the P6 students are reflected in the table as shown below.

Primary 6 Camp Carpe Diem (Day Camp)		
Venue	Activities	Dates & Time
Coral Primary School Meeting Point: School Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stretch Enrich Support Programme ▪ Motivational Workshop ▪ Career Day @ Coral ▪ Snack break ▪ Social Etiquette Workshop (Session 1) ▪ Teacher-Student Bonding Activities ▪ Lunch (will be provided by the school) 	30, 31 May & 1 June 7.40am to 3.45pm For students taking NTIL or exempted from MT, reporting time on 30 & 31 May (Day 1 & 2) is 9.10am

2. Session 2 of the Social Etiquette Workshop will be conducted after PSLE.
3. As lunch is catered for the three days, please indicate on the acknowledgement form the dietary requirement of your child/ward and return it to your child/ward's Form Teacher by **Thursday, 10 May 2018**.

M. P6 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 classroom.
2. The P6 classes are scheduled to attend the lessons as indicated below.

Class	Day/Date	Reporting Time	Returning Time
6 Caring	Friday, 18 May	1.40pm	5.10pm
6 Obedience	Wednesday, 16 May	1.40pm	5.10pm
6 Responsibility	Wednesday, 16 May	1.40pm	5.10pm

N. Mementos in Celebration of Coral Primary School's Achievements (Mdm Erica Cheah, Year Head/Lower Primary)

1. The second gift that all school members will receive is the Cory and Cora paper clip. This huge paper clip has a functional use like a bookmark for students and staff to place between the pages of a book so that they can locate that particular page easily in future. Similarly, we hope that Coralities will always remember the wonderful events and milestones of Coral Primary School. Besides its functional use, the paper clip can also be seen as a symbol of solidarity and unity (binding together). We hope that our Coralites will always stay united and not forget teachers who have taught them, wonderful friends whom they have spent time with and all who have helped them succeed one way or another.

O. Going Green @ Coral (Mdm Garmit Kaur, Teacher I/C)

Youth For The Environment (YED) pencil case for P4 students

1. Aligned with Earth Day, which falls on 22 April, Youth for the Environment Day (YED) is an annual platform to engage the youth to champion environment ownership and renew their commitment to care for the environment. The tagline for YED 2018 is 'Imagine. Create. Change', which aims to encourage youths to think about their contributions towards a sustainable environment and commit to carry out collective actions to promote Climate Action in their daily lives.
2. As an island city state, climate change poses an existential challenge for us. We encourage everyone to do their part to reduce carbon footprints by practising daily climate action habits, such as recycling right and switching off electrical appliances after use. To support YED 2018, as students are encouraged to protect the environment, pencil cases are distributed to **all Primary 4 students**.
3. Students and parents are also encouraged to take the Climate Action SG pledge and fight climate change at www.cgs.sg or www.mewr.gov.sg/climateaction.

Upcycling

4. We have heard about recycling but do you know what is 'Upcycling'? It is to reuse (discarded objects or material) in such a way as to create a product of higher quality or value than the original. It can also be the opportunity to upcycle trash, or turn it into new products which is the process of converting waste materials or useless products into new materials or products of better quality or a higher environmental value."
5. Examples of upcycling can be:
An outdated brass and glass chandelier shade, which was headed for the garbage, was turned into a pretty candle holder and other ideas for projects.



Source: www.addicted2decorating.com/what-is-upcycling.html

6. Let's be more creative and upcycle for the environment and make good use of materials to cut cost and decorate our homes, school and public places.

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

1. Our outlook on life has a big impact on whether we experience success or failure, joy or misery. Positive mindset is an approach to life that sees challenges and mistakes as learning opportunities. A positive mindset will help our children cope in this fast-paced world. It will give them the confidence and resources to grasp opportunities.
2. These are some ways which parents can help their children develop a positive mindset:
 - a) **Highlight positive aspects of people and events**
 - b) **Be a good role model**
 - c) **Learn together with your children**
 - d) **Reflect and learn from mistakes**
 - e) **Embrace gratitude**

More information can be also found in

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/facing-new-and-unfamiliar-situations>

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/raising-confident-children>

Q. Submission of Travel Plans during June 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'/guardian's cooperation 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 children's/wards' travel plans for June School Holidays through the **McOnline portal** by **Friday, 25 May 2018**. Should there be any changes to the travel plans after submission, parents/guardians can **update the changes online**.

R. Temperature-taking Exercise (Mr Benjamin Yap, Admin Manager)

1. As part of our continuing efforts to provide a healthy and safe environment in our school, we will be conducting a temperature-taking exercise on **Thursday, 28 June 2018**. In preparation for the routine exercise, there will be a pre-exercise check on Oral Digital Thermometers (ODTs) on **Wednesday, 27 June 2018**.
2. We would like to seek your assistance in ensuring that your child/ward brings his/her personal ODT on the two days mentioned. This is a good opportunity for us to reinforce the values of personal and social responsibility.
3. Please note that your child/ward may purchase an ODT at \$4.50 from the school bookshop.

S. Eat With Your Family Day 2018 (Mrs Evelyn Tay, VP)

1. "Eat with Your Family Day" is a nation-wide event initiated in 2003. This event is led by the *Centre For Fathering*, to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time on that day to be with their families. Through the simple ritual of having a family meal, we hope the event will serve as a reminder to families to encourage them to eat together regularly.

2. This year, "Eat with Your Family Day" is set to take place on **Friday, 25 May 2018** [last day of Term 2]. We aim to end all CCAs, enrichment and activities by 5.00pm to allow our staff to have dinner with their families. Do spend the day to have dinner and bonding time with your family too.
3. Your support in promoting strong families in Singapore, and to make Singapore the best place for families, would be greatly appreciated.

T. June Term Break (Mrs Evelyn Tay, VP)

1. The last day of Term 2 will be **Friday, 25 May 2018**. The June school holidays will be from **Saturday, 26 May 2018 to Sunday, 24 June 2018**. All students are to report back to school on **Monday, 25 June 2018**. We strongly encourage our parents/guardians to schedule vacations to coincide with school vacations. During term time, the school will grant leave only on compassionate grounds such as bereavement in the family.
2. We seek your understanding in the matter as we do not want our students to miss curriculum time unnecessarily.
3. Parents/Guardians whose children/wards are having school activities organised by their teachers during the June holidays will be duly informed.

We would like to wish our Buddhist students, parents and staff Happy Vesak Day and our Muslim students, parents and staff Selamat Hari Raya Puasa.

On behalf of Coral Primary School, the School Leaders would like to wish all staff, Coralites and their families a restful June holidays!

The next issue of Coral Waves will be in July.

Your partners-in-education

Ms Chong Siew Fong
Principal

Mrs Evelyn Tay
Vice-Principal