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A. The Weeks Ahead

Date	Event / Programme / Activity
5 Nov (Mon)	Issue of report books to students (P4) To return report books on Thursday, 8 November 2018
6 Nov (Tue)	Deepavali (School Holiday) (Students do not need to come to school)
7 Nov (Wed)	Results Processing Day There will be no school. Students are to report back to school on Thursday, 8 November 2018
13 Nov (Tue) and 14 Nov (Wed)	Parent-Teacher Meet P2-P5 Issue of report books to students
16 Nov (Fri)	Year End Prize giving presentation (9am – 11am) (For Prize winners and performers only)
17 Nov 2018 (Sat) to 1 Jan 2019 (Tue)	Term 4 School Holidays Students to report to school on Wednesday, 2 January 2019
2 Jan (Wed)	Start of school term 2019

B. First Days of School 2019 (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE & Year Head)

1. The academic year 2019 will begin on **Wednesday, 2 January** in White Sands Primary School. The school hours are as follows:

Day	Level	Time
Monday - Tuesday	Primary 1 to Primary 5	7.45am to 1.45pm
	Primary 6*	7.45am to 2.15pm
Wednesday - Thursday	Primary 1 to Primary 6	7.45am to 1.45pm
	CCA (for Primary 3 to Primary 6 only)**	2.15pm to 3.45pm
Friday	Primary 1 to Primary 6	7.45am to 12.45pm

*A lunch break will be provided from 12.45pm to 1.15pm for Primary 6 students

**Students will take part in CCA on either Wednesday or Thursday

Daily Assembly

Day	Level	Time to Assemble
Monday - Friday	Primary 1 to Primary 6	7.30am

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Day	Level	Time
Monday - Friday	Primary 1 to Primary 2	9.45am to 10.15am
	Primary 3 to Primary 4	10.15am to 10.45am
	Primary 5 to Primary 6	9.15am to 9.45am

2. More information will be provided at a later date.

C. Students' Progression to the Next Grade Level 2019 (Mrs Evelyn Tay, Vice-Principal)

1. Please be informed of the following criteria for placing students into the various classes when they progress to the next level in White Sands Primary School (WSPS). Where possible, there will be re-grouping of students to facilitate interaction of students from both CPS and WSPS, except for the Primary 6 2019 level.

No.	Level	Criteria
1.	Primary 1 to Primary 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will progress as a class (en-bloc). [Only for WSPS]
2.	Primary 2 to Primary 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The classes will consist of students from both schools.
3.	Primary 3 to Primary 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The classes will consist of students from both schools.
4.	Primary 4 to Primary 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The classes will consist of students from both schools.
5.	Primary 5 to Primary 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will progress to P6 en-bloc with school assigned Subject-Based Banding taken into consideration. Current 5C students will progress as a class; Current 5O and 5R students will be combined and progress as a class.Where possible, opportunities will be provided for students of both schools to interact for CCA and other non-academic subjects.

D. Year-end Prize-Giving Ceremony 2018 (Mdm Azimah & Mrs Loh Kim Choo, Teachers I/C)

1. The Year-End Prize-Giving Ceremony will be held on **Friday, 16 November 2018 from 9am to 11am**. Only the Prize Winners and Concert Performers need to report to school on that day. **The last day of school for the other students will be on Thursday, 15 November 2018.**
2. The respective teachers-in-charge will inform the Prize Winners and Concert Performers of the reporting time in due course. Invites will be issued to the parents/guardians of prize winners for the joint celebration of the students' achievements and success.
3. The school buses will not be in operation. Please make alternative transport arrangement for your child/ward if you are unable to accompany him/her to school that day.

E. End of Year Parent-Teacher Meet for P2-P5 Students (Mr Mohd Razlee, SH/Science)

1. The End-of-Year PTM for P2 to P5 students will be held on **Tuesday and Wednesday, 13 and 14 November 2018** from 2.10pm to 5pm. Your child's/ward's report book/portfolio will be issued to you during the PTM. The report books should be signed and returned to the school on **Thursday, 15 November 2018**. The booklist for 2019 will also be issued by 15 November 2018 to your child.
2. The PTM session will be held in the **school hall for all P2 to P5 levels**. After meeting with the Form Teacher, you may proceed to meet the Mother Tongue teachers who will also be stationed in the **hall**.
3. Please book a time slot via the McOnline portal (Please refer to guide in **Annex 1**). The online registration will be opened on **Saturday, 3 November 2018 at 8am and will close on Wednesday, 7 November 2018 at 11.59pm**.

F. P2 CCA Discovery Day (Mr Bryan Foo, Teacher I/C)

1. Participation in a CCA forms an important part of students' holistic development in primary school. To assist the parents of our P2 students to make an informed decision on the choice of CCA for their children in 2019, we are inviting you to the annual CCA Discovery Day on **7 & 8 November 2018 from 2.15pm to 3.45pm** at White Sands Primary School to learn more about the CCAs offered in the school.
2. Parents/guardians who have indicated their interest to the P2 Form Teachers are requested to make their own travel arrangements and to arrive at White Sands Primary School by 2.15pm.

G. P2 Infocomm Club Selection Process (Mr Bryan Foo, Teacher I/C)

1. The Infocomm Club at White Sands Primary School teaches computer programming to students using the Scratch programming language. Scratch is a visual programming language that is easy for students to pick up and provides a stepping stone to a more advanced world of computer programming. With Scratch, students can create a variety of programming works such as interactive stories, animations and games.

2. The Infocomm Club will be conducting a selection process **for P2 students who are interested to join the Infocomm Club** as CCA in 2019. The selection process will be conducted during school hours on **Wednesday, 31 October 2018 from 7.45am to 8.15am** during PAL session.

3. The selected students will be invited to join the Infocomm Club as their CCA next year.

H. P6 Graduation Party (Mrs Tham-Wong Lin Yen, P6 AYH)

1. The P6 Graduation Party will be held on **Thursday, 15 November 2018 from 12.30pm to 3.30pm**. The **P6 students need not attend school in the morning**.

2. The dress code for the event is smart casual. Students are strongly advised to dress appropriately for the event.

3. For students who are attending the Graduation Party, there will be a nominal registration fee of \$5.00 which includes light refreshments and a door gift.

4. Please indicate your child's/ward's attendance for the **P6 Graduation Party 2018** in the Reply Slip attached.

I. Key Events and Dates – Release of PSLE Results and Posting Exercise (Mr Ismail Kassim, SH/ML)

1. Please refer to **Annex 2** for details.

J. Open House Dates for Secondary Schools 2018 (Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE & Year Head)

1. Secondary Schools in Singapore offer different unique programmes and education pathways to maximise the potential of every child. When identifying a school of one's choice, it is important to consider the strengths of each school and select an environment which can motivate your child to be an engaged learner.

2. We encourage you to attend the Open House with your child to find out more about what the various schools can offer. Details can be found via this link - <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/open-house-dates-of-secondary-schools-2018>.

K. Go Green @ Coral (Mdm Garmit Kaur, Teacher I/C)

Recycling of Textbooks

1. In line with our recycling efforts, we will be collecting pre-loved textbooks in collaboration with the FairPrice Share-A-Textbook initiative. The objectives for this project are:

- a) Promote a greener Singapore through recycling of pre-loved textbooks
- b) Encourage the value of thrift and
- c) Relieve the financial burden of families by providing free pre-loved textbooks.

2. Recycled textbooks will be collected from **Thursday, 1 November 2018 to Thursday, 15 November 2018**. Please place the books in the boxes labelled for recycling in front of the General Office. The textbooks should be in the **current syllabus** and in usable condition (i.e. no torn / missing pages and no scribbling).

3. Your participation in this project will be greatly appreciated.

L. Submission of Travel Plans During the November-December School Holidays
(Mr Benjamin Yap, Admin Manager)

1. As part of the school's pro-active measures to safeguard the well-being of our students, we would like to seek your cooperation in keeping the school informed of your child's/ward's travel plans for the November-December school holidays.
2. Please submit the travel plans through our learning portal www.mconline.sg by **Friday, 16 November 2018**. Should there be any changes to the travel plans after the initial submission, you can log on to the portal to update the travel plans.
3. We thank you for your kind understanding and support.

M. Cyber Wellness Awareness for Parents (Mrs Eunice Woon, Teacher I/C)

1. As the school holiday approaches, your children may spend more time online. We would like to take this opportunity to share Cyber Wellness tips with you.
2. An information sheet (**Annex 3**) from the MOE Cyber Wellness Team contains useful tips and strategies on 'Helping Your Children Protect their Personal Data Online'. As parents, you can help children protect their personal data by: (i) Modelling responsible and respectful use of social media; (ii) Setting family guidelines to safeguard personal data; (iii) Reminding children to adjust privacy and location-finding settings; and (iv) Teaching children to reduce their digital footprints.
3. We believe that Cyber Wellness is an area that schools and parents must work together. We can develop our children's capabilities to protect themselves and empower them to take responsibility for their well-being online. The students will then become responsible digital learners.

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

1. During times of change, a little extra attention will go a long way in helping children deal with stress. As parents, extra attention and patience from you helps your child to understand that although some aspects of life are changing, your love and care remains constant. This will help ease your child's anxiety and allow him/her to cope with the changes he/she is experiencing.
2. Here are some tips to help your child cope with stress during times of changes.
 - **Give advanced warning.** Have a discussion such as, "The new school compound is big and I think it will be fun to get to know new friends. Let me know what you think?"
 - **Keep the old as much as possible.** During a change, try to keep the old as much as possible.
 - **Answer all their questions.** Depending on your child's age, he/she may have a lot of questions. Do your best to answer them all, even if some are repeated many times.
 - **Expect that some regression may happen.** At times of change, children may regress to earlier behaviours. This is normal – strive for patience.
 - **Be accepting of grieving.** Your child may go through a process that looks a lot like grieving as he/she navigates new waters with a new teacher or school. Listen, don't be too quick to distract, and at the end, remind him/her of all the positives.

More tips can be found in the following articles:

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/a-great-start-to-primary-school>

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/it's-not-just-about-grades>

As this will be the last issue of Coral Waves for the year 2018, we would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and parents/guardians well and to have a pleasant and well-deserved break.

Your partner-in-education

Ms Chong Siew Fong
Principal