



September 2018

Coral Waves

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A. The Weeks Ahead

Date	Event / Programme / Activity
1 Sept (Sat) – 9 Sept (Sun)	September Holidays
5 Sept (Wed) – 6 Sept (Thu)	P5 Bridging Programme
5 Sept (Wed) – 7 Sept (Fri)	P6 Stretch-Enrich-Support Programme
14 Sept (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension (EL/MT/NTIL) There will be no school for P2-P5 students
24 Sept (Mon)	Learning Journey to Science Centre (4C & 4O)
26 Sept (Wed)	Learning Journey to Science Centre (4R)
27 Sept (Thu)	PSLE English Language /Foundation English Language (Paper 1 & 2)
28 Sept (Fri)	PSLE Mathematics/Foundation Mathematics
1 Oct (Mon)	PSLE Mother Tongue/Foundation Mother Tongue/NTIL (Paper 1 & 2)
2 Oct (Tue)	PSLE Science /Foundation Science
3 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Higher Mother Tongue (Paper 1 & 2)

B. Our Coralites, Our Pride (Ms Chong Siew Fong, Principal & Mrs Evelyn Tay, Vice Principal)

1. At Coral Primary, we seek to provide a holistic education to all our students in the various domains. As such, we are very pleased to share with you the achievements attained by our Coralites. Please refer to **Annex A** for the list of awardees. Congratulations to all!

C. 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 P4 classes are scheduled to attend the session on the following days as indicated below.

Class	Day/Date	Reporting Time	Returning Time
4 Caring	24 Sept 2018, Mon	1.40pm	5.00pm
4 Obedience	24 Sept 2018, Mon	1.40pm	5.00pm
4 Responsibility	26 Sept 2018, Wed	1.40pm	5.00pm

Please return the acknowledgement form to your child's/ward's Form Teacher by **Tuesday, 28 August 2018**.

D. PSLE Listening Comprehension (LC) Examinations 2018 (Mr Ismail Bin Kassim, SH/ML)

- The PSLE LC Examination for English / Foundation English and Mother Tongue / Foundation Mother Tongue/NTIL will be conducted on **Friday, 14 September 2018**.
- There will be **no school for P2 to P5 students on this day**.
- P6 students must report to school **by 8am**. **P6 students who are exempted from Mother Tongue must report to school by 10am**. All students will be dismissed after the examinations at about 12.30pm.
- Details for the PSLE LC Examinations are as follows:

Reporting Time for Students Taking Mother Tongue/ Foundation Mother Tongue/NTIL Examinations	Reporting Time for Students <u>Exempted</u> From Mother Tongue/ Foundation Mother Tongue Examinations	Estimated Dismissal Time	Remarks
8am in the Hall	10am in the Hall	12.30pm	30 minutes recess in between the PSLE MT/NTIL and EL LC Examination

E. PSLE Written Examinations 2018 (Mr Ismail Bin Kassim, SH/ML)

- Please refer to the schedule below for the PSLE written examinations. All students must report to school **by 7.20am on these days (as usual)**. The P6 students will be dismissed from school after their PSLE examinations.

Exam Date	Subjects	Estimated Dismissal Time
27 Sept 2018, Thu	English Language Paper 1 English Language Paper 2	12.40pm
	Foundation English Paper 1 Foundation English Paper 2	12.10pm
28 Sept 2018, Fri	Mathematics Paper 1 Mathematics Paper 2	12.15pm
	Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 Foundation Mathematics Paper 2	11.50am

1 Oct 2018, Mon	Mother Tongue Language/NTIL Paper 1 Mother Tongue Language/NTIL Paper 2	12.15pm
	Foundation Mother Tongue Paper 1	9.15am
2 Oct 2018, Tue	Science	10.20am
	Foundation Science	9.50am
3 Oct 2018, Wed	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1	11.55am
	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 2	

- Please ensure that your child/ward is punctual and properly attired in his/her school uniform on the days of the examination. We have also advised your child/ward **not** to bring his/her mobile phones to school during the PSLE examination.
- All examination rules and procedures must be adhered to strictly. **(For details on the examination rules and regulations, please refer to the “Instructions for Candidates” booklets for PSLE 2018.)**

F. Post PSLE Programmes for P6 Students (Mrs Tham-Wong Lin Yen, AYH covering)

- In recognition of the effort that the students are putting in for the preparation of PSLE, the school has planned post-PSLE activities for them. All programmes, except for P6 Graduation Party, are conducted during school hours. Details of the programmes are as follows:

Programmes	Date
Tchoukball Inter-House Competition	PE lessons
P6 Growing Years	8 October (Monday)
Learning Journey to Esplanade	19 October (Friday)
Managing Stress and Transition by Health Promotion Board	22 October (Monday)
Values In Education: Gardens by the Bay	25 October (Thursday)
Social and Dining Etiquette (Session 2)	26 October (Friday)
Learning Journey to Southern Ridges	29 October (Monday)
Learning Journey to Lifelong Learning Institute	5 November (Monday)
P6 Graduation Party	15 November (Thursday)

- Please refer to the table below for the items to be brought and the attire to be worn for learning journeys to Gardens by the Bay and Southern Ridges.

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)
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	Sunblock lotion (optional) A cap A story book A small bag to contain the above item
Attire	PE Attire (girls in pinafore and PE T-shirt, boys in PE T-shirt and PE shorts)

3. We seek the co-operation of our parents/guardians to return the reply slip to your child's/ward's Form Teacher by **Tuesday, 28 August 2018**.

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

1. Teaching our children to say “thank you” is important, but truly instilling a sense of gratitude in them is another matter entirely. Gratitude goes beyond good manners — it’s a mindset and a lifestyle. Fundamentally, gratitude is about being aware of who or what makes a positive impact in our lives, and acknowledging it. When children learn to think in this way, they will make less mindless and self-centered demands. They will also begin to appreciate what they have rather than focus on what they wish they have.
2. So how can we help our children learn to show gratitude? The expression of gratitude starts at home, and here are 8 tips to help you start growing an attitude of gratitude in your children:
 - a) Have a moment of thanks each day when everyone shares something they’re thankful for.
 - b) Tell our children why we are grateful to have them! This shows them that gratitude extends well beyond material things.
 - c) Resist the urge to shower our children with too many material things.
 - d) Teach our children to be resilient and to focus on the positive aspects of life that they may have overlooked.
 - e) Insist on politeness and respect.
 - f) Set a good example ourselves by saying “thank you” sincerely and often.
 - g) Encourage them to give back to society in small ways.
 - h) Look for teachable moments. When they can connect the concept of gratitude to a real-life situation, the lesson we teach them will impact them.

More tips can be found in the following article:

<https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/gratitude>

H. September Term Break (Mr Benjamin Yap, Admin Manager)

1. The September school holidays will be from **Saturday, 1 September 2018 to Sunday, 9 September 2018**. All students are to report back to school on **Monday, 10 September 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 September holidays have been duly informed.
4. As per our practice, parents/guardians are required to submit their children's/wards' travel plans for September School Holidays through the **McOnline portal** by **Thursday, 30 August**

2018. Should there be any changes to the travel plans after submission, parents/guardians can **update the changes online.**

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

1. Coralites are encouraged to do their part to help the environment and take steps to create a better tomorrow. Each Coralite and family members can make personal pledges for daily habits that can make a difference.
2. Here are some ways recommended by NEA:
 - a) Eat vegetarian food for one day a week – it has a lower carbon footprint than a meat-based diet.
 - b) Join an environmental interest group - in person or online - and get involved in their efforts to promote a more sustainable way of life.
 - c) Opt for electronic statements instead of paper bills
 - d) Quantify and measure the impact of your eco action after you have pledged it - how much energy did you save?
 - e) Reduce food waste. Order only as much food as you can finish.
 - f) Use fewer plastic bags. Do your grocery shopping with eco-bags
 - g) Volunteer with an environmental organisation of your choice - you'll meet like minded environmental enthusiasts, and also gain the satisfaction of making a hands-on contribution to the cause.
 - h) Explore your own creativity to reuse and recycle household items you no longer need.

Source: <http://www.ecoaction.sg/ecoaction/individual/>

Your partners-in-education

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