



Coral Waves

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A. The Weeks Ahead

Date	Event / Programme / Activity
4 July (Mon)	Youth Day – School Holiday (All students to report to school on Tuesday, 5 July)
6 July (Wed)	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday (All students to report to school on Thursday, 7 July)
9 July (Sat)	National Education Show for P5 students
14 July (Thur)	Hari Raya Celebrations
18 July (Mon) – 20 July (Wed)	Science Practical Test
21 July (Thurs)	Racial Harmony Day
27 July (Wed) – 28 July (Thur)	P6 Prelims Oral (Eng and Mother Tongue)

B. P3 Swimsafer Programme (Mr Shafi, HOD/PE & CCA)

1. The school will be conducting the SwimSafer programme for its P3 students. The objective of this programme is to develop in students important life skills such as water confidence and water safety. Through the programme, students will develop water confidence and understand the principles of water safety. Survival and activity skills will also be taught during the programme.
2. The SwimSafer Programme comprises 8 weekly sessions which will be conducted during curriculum time on Wednesdays in Term 3 and 4. The details are as follows:

Start Date: **20 July 2016 (Wed)**

Time: **7.40 am – 9.40 am**

Venue: **Tampines Swimming Complex**

3. The SwimSafer programme is fully 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.
4. Please refer to the attached notification letter and return the acknowledgement to your child's form teacher.

C. P4 & P6 Level Camps (*Mr Shafi, HOD/PE & CCA*)

1. The P4 & P6 level camps held in the first week of the June holidays were a great success. The active participation of the students and the strong bonds between the students and their teachers were the main contributors to this success.
2. I would also like to thank the Camp Commandants, the Assistant Camp Commandants, our teachers and other school personnel for their active involvement and commitment for these camps.

D. P3 - P5 Science Practical Test (*Mr Razlee, SH/Science (Covering)*)

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
Monday, 18 July	P3	During curriculum time
Tuesday, 19 July	P4	
Wednesday, 20 July	P5	

2. This is a 10-mark test and will constitute 10% of CA 2 Science paper (for P4 and P5 students).
3. This 10-mark test will also constitute **10% of the overall Science Examination Marks** for all P3 students.
4. The aim of this practical test is to assess students on the basic process skills and integrated processes learnt.
5. The various Science process skills assessed are:
 - Observing
 - Comparing
 - Classifying
 - Measuring and using apparatus
 - Communicating
 - Generating
 - Evaluating

E. Chinese Language Fortnight (27 June - 8 July) (Mr Ang Chun Yong, SH/CL)

- 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 and workshops for all students taking Chinese Language from **27 June to 8 July 2016**. 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 2016 Theme: Chinese Festivals and Cultures		
Level (Students taking Chinese Language)	Activity	Time
P1 & P2	Chinese Speech and Drama <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase students' interest in learning Chinese. To enable students to understand basic stage acting, including body language, facial expressions, voice projection and vocal expression. 	27 June & 28 June [curriculum hours]
P3 & P4	Chinese Speech and Drama <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase students' interest in learning Chinese. To enable students to understand basic stage acting, including body language, facial expressions, voice projection and vocal expression. 	27 June, 28 June & 1 July [curriculum hours]
P5	Learning Journey to Tea Chapter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To appreciate Chinese traditions and cultures. To learn tea Appreciation. 	28 June [1.20 pm – 4.30 pm]
P6	Learning Chinese idioms through comic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase students' interest in learning Chinese. To allow students to learn Chinese idioms through a fun manner. 	27 June & 28 June [curriculum hours]

F. National Education (NE) Show for P5 students on Saturday, 9 July (Ms Sayidah, NE Coordinator; Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE cum Year Head)

- 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 Sports Hub on **Saturday, 9 July**.
- The **theme** for NDP 2016, **“Building Our Singapore of Tomorrow”**. *“Building”* implies that nation-building is a continuous endeavour and that the journey towards our future can be realised with hard work. *“Our Singapore”* invokes in Singaporeans a sense of belonging and rootedness to the country and our future. *“Tomorrow”* is forward looking and connotes the start of the next chapter post SG50. Taken together, the theme is a call to action for Singaporeans to build our future together.

3. The programme for the NE Show commences with the Pre-Parade Segment at about 5.15pm and ends with the Grand Finale at approximately 8.10pm.
4. Various measures have been put in place to facilitate the arrival and departure of the schools during the show. Hence, to ensure the safety and security of all our students, parents/guardians will only be allowed to fetch their children/wards from our school.
5. **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, 9 July
Reporting Time in School :	3.15pm in the School Hall
Estimated Dismissal Time from School:	9.45pm to 10.15pm
Attire:	2015 P4 Camp Red T-shirt in school shorts/ pinafore
Mode of Transport:	Bus

6. We estimate the dismissal time from school to be **between 9.45pm and 10.15pm.** Parents/Guardians fetching their children/wards home may wait for them at the school canteen.
7. Please return the reply slip to the Form Teacher through your child/ward by **Tuesday, 5 July.** Please indicate with a tick in the reply slip if your child/ward needs a vegetarian meal.

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

1. As part of the school's efforts to engage our students to be caring and responsible citizens, we have partnered with Food From The Heart.
2. We appreciate the support and contributions made by our students and their parents. 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 positively add value to other people's lives.

H. Racial Harmony Day (*Ms Ong Yiu Yah, teacher i/c; Mr Gary Peh, HOD/CCE cum Year Head*)

1. Schools in Singapore commemorate Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on 21 July every year. This year the theme for RHD is '**Our Cultural Heritage**'. The students will explore and discover what it means to be Singaporean beyond our different ethnic cultures and heritages. In Coral Primary, we will commemorate RHD on **Thursday, 21 July**
2. RHD commemoration aims to:
 - provide students with opportunities to make friends with people of other races and religions
 - allow students to understand that in Singapore, people are treated equally regardless of their race and religion, and
 - encourage students to appreciate the different cultures that make up Singapore
3. There will be various assembly programme, recess activities and class lessons leading up to RHD for students to appreciate the different cultures.

I. CA2 and P6 Preliminary Examinations (*Mrs Low Chiew Chuet, HOD/Math & Exam Head*)

- There will be no CA 2 for P1, P2 and P3 students.**
- 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.
- 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.
- If your child/ward has missed the examination, he/she would be assessed/promoted based on his/her overall performance for the year.
- The schedule and coverage for the **CA 2 for the P4 and P5 students** as well as the **Preliminary Examinations for the P6 students** are attached in the Annexes for your reference.
- The P6 Preliminary Oral Examination will be held on **27 and 28 July** after school from 2.10pm to 5pm.

J. PSLE Schedule (*Mr Ismail Bin Kassim, SH/ML*)

- Below is the PSLE Time-table for the P6 parents'/guardians' reference.

Type of PSLE Paper	Dates
Oral Examination (English / Mother Tongue)	Thurs & Fri, 18 & 19 Aug
Oral Examination (Non-Tamil Indian Language, NTIL)	Fri, 19 Aug
Listening Comprehension (English / Mother Tongue/ NTIL)	Fri, 16 Sept
English Language / Foundation English Language (Paper 1 & Paper 2)	Thurs, 29 Sept
Mathematics / Foundation Mathematics	Fri, 30 Sept
Mother Tongue / Foundation Mother Tongue/NTIL (Paper 1 & Paper 2)	Mon, 3 Oct
Science / Foundation Science	Tues, 4 Oct
Higher Mother Tongue (Paper 1 & Paper 2)	Wed, 5 Oct

- The P6 students have also been issued the 'PSLE – Instructions to Candidates' booklet from the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) on **20 May 2016**.

K. PSLE Oral and Listening Comprehensions (Mr Ismail Bin Kassim, SH/ML)

1. The PSLE Oral Examinations for P6 students will be held on **Thursday and Friday, 18 and 19 August**. There will be **no school for P1 to P5 students on these 2 days**.
2. PSLE Listening Comprehension will be held on **Friday, 16 September**. There will be **no school for P1 to P5 students on that day**.
3. 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.
4. A summary of the information above is shown below.

Type of PSLE Paper	Dates	Remarks
Oral Examination	18 & 19 August	P1 to P5 students do not report to school.
Listening Comprehension	16 September	

L. 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 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 structured 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.

M. 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 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 emergencies or to provide you with updates and reminders of school programmes.

N. Friend of Singa 2016 (*Ms Amy Ong, Student Leadership Coordinator*)

1. During the month of July, our Friend of Singa Ambassadors will be embarking on a project to promote graciousness among the students. We aim to create a pervasive culture of care and respect in the school through greeting one another and encouraging everyone to perform acts of kindness. This is in line with our school's vision "Leaders with Heart, Learners for Life". Our activities will include morning assembly talks, recess activities and a Poster Design & Coloring Competition.

O. Going Green @Coral (*Mdm Garmit, Environment Coordinator*)

In Singapore, we love food. But sometimes, we order, cook or buy more than we need. This leads to food wastage. In 2014, Singapore generated 788.6 million kg of food waste. Start with less food on the table and order more later, if you need to. If you intend to eat less, ask for a smaller portion. Share dishes. Offer a portion to your dining partner(s) before you start eating. It takes 15-20 minutes after eating to start feeling full. Here are some tips on reducing wastage.

For Food ...

- Store perishable food in the refrigerator
- Cook just sufficient food for meals
- Minimise the use of disposable wares, e.g. disposable forks, spoons, cups
- Pack meals in reusable containers

When shopping...

- Plan a shopping list to avoid impulsive purchases
- Bring a reusable shopping bag to reduce usage of plastic or paper bags
- Purchase items
 - with less packaging
 - in bulk quantities
 - that will last longer
 - that are refillable
 - that will not go out of fashion quickly

Source: <https://www.cgs.sg/docs/default-source/fwr/FWRguide>

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