



TVPS/PG/2023/050

26 June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings! We are most glad to welcome your child/ward back to school in Term 3! We trust that you and your child/ward have managed to recharge yourselves during the school holidays. This term, we will continue to engage your child/ward with various enriching school programmes; hence we seek your continuous support and cooperation.

2. To catch your child/ward in action in Semester 1, do visit our school website: [Townsville Primary School \(moe.edu.sg\)](https://moe.edu.sg) and follow us at our Facebook: [Townsville Primary School \(TVPS\) | Singapore | Facebook](#) and Instagram [Townsville Primary School \(@townsvilleprimaryschool\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#).

**A. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES IN TERM 2**

3. We would like to congratulate our students for their outstanding performance at the following events.

Event / Award / Position	Recipients
JM Fraser Award for Excellence - High Distinction	• Boys' Brigade Junior (81J Singapore Company)
Puan Noor Aishah Award - Gold Award	• Brownies
Girls' Brigade Awards - Silver	• Girls' Brigade
Gan Eng Seng School Football Challenge - 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	• Football Team
Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Pri Sch 2023 - Silver	• Li Yin Zhe (5 Empathy 7) -Silver
Raffles Institution Pri Maths World Contest 2023 - Distinction	• Wu Zhan Cheng (3 Aspiration 5) • Li Yin Xi (3 Aspiration 5) • Li Yin Zhe (5 Empathy 7)
Raffles Institution Pri Maths World Contest 2023 - Merit	• Yap Khai Yang (5 Empathy 1)
Raffles Science Olympiad 2023 - Merit	• Dhyani Manan (5 Empathy 2)
Chinese Story Telling Competition (Teck Ghee CC) - 3 <sup>rd</sup> position	• Tan Yu Xiang (4 Respect 4)
Chinese Story Telling Competition (Teck Ghee CC) - Consolation	• Leow Si Man (4 Respect 6) • Wang Haoyang (4 Respect 1)
National School Games - Taekwando - Senior Boys Poom 2 - Bronze & - Senior Boys Kyorugi Poom Belt - Gold - Senior Boys Green 6 -Gold - Senior Girls Blue 3 - Silver - Senior Boys Kyorugi Red Belt - Bronze - Senior Boys Yellow 8 - Bronze - Junior Boys White 9 - Bronze - Junior Boys Yellow 8 team - Silver - Junior Boys Yellow 8 team - Silver - Junior Boys Yellow 8 team - Silver	• Ashton Lau Jun Xi (6 Excellence 5)  • Thunn Htet Aung (5 Empathy 5) • Lim Xuan Chen, Chancey (6 Excellence 6) • Wang Kang Jun (6 Excellence 3) • Sharvesh Ilaven S/O Vinod (6 Excellence 7) • Santiago Drue Ediele Ibanez (4 Respect 4) • Elton Wong (4 Respect 4) • Well Ng Jing Kiat (4 Respect 4) • Thompson Choong Zhuo Hang (4 Respect 5)
National School Games - Track and Field - Senior Division 1 Boys 80m - 8 <sup>th</sup> position	• Asher Lim (6 Excellence 4)
National Youth Weiqi Championship - Bronze	• Lyu Jinchi (3 Aspiration 3)



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**B. MORNING START-IT-RIGHT (SIR) PROGRAMME**

4. We envision every Townsvillite as Leaders of Character, Learners for Life. In our school, we will nurture them to be leaders and learners of good standing and character through values education. We will develop in them the right habits for personal and social effectiveness through several learning platforms.

5. One key platform is our Morning SIR Programme, which comprises a series of *SIR*, *KIR (Keep-It-Right)*, *EIR (End-It-Right)* and *Class Interaction Time*. For your child/ward to benefit from this programme, we strongly encourage all students to report to school by 7.25 a.m.

- Every morning, all students start the day right by reading. We advocate reading as a healthy habit for students to lead them to a productive, enriched life.
- On Mondays and Wednesdays, we conduct values inculcation lessons to equip students with different skills and strategies to have a positive mindset to focus on learning and work towards the goals for the week.
- On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we conduct *Classroom Interaction Time*, to provide the time for teachers to engage and build relationships with the students and promote positive teacher-student and student-student relationships.
- On Fridays, we end the week by celebrating various achievements as a whole school. We participate in Jump Jam where we exercise together. We showcase different artistic talents at Music Busking, recognise good behaviour through the Character Award, and honour birthday babies at the Monthly Birthday Celebration.

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**C. CHANGE OF RECESS TIMING FOR PRI 3 & PRI 4**

6. In light of the Pri 4 Swimsafer Programme, there will be a swap of timing for the Pri 3 and Pri 4 Recess. Pri 4 students will have their recess at 9.45 a.m. while Pri 3 students will have theirs at 10.15 a.m.

7. The snack time at 12 noon remains unchanged.

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**D. CONDUCT OF TEMPERATURE-TAKING EXERCISE**

8. As part of the measures to maintain the school's preparedness to activate the temperature-taking regime when necessary, the school is conducting the temperature-taking exercise on Wednesday, 5 July 2023.

9. Please ensure that your child/ward brings his/her personal oral digital thermometer on this day.

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**E. PRELIMINARY/ PSLE ORAL EXAM FOR PRI 6  
HOME-BASED LEARNING FOR PRI 1 TO 5**

10. Pri 6 students will be taking their Preliminary Oral Exams on Monday, 24 July 2023 and Tuesday, 25 July 2023, followed by the PSLE Oral Exams on Tuesday, 15 August 2023 and Wednesday, 16 August 2023. They will be briefed on the reporting time and details of the exams. A separate notification will be sent to you via Parents Gateway (PG) in due course.

11. On these exam days, Pri 1 to Pri 5 students will be participating in Home-Based Learning. They do not report to school as they will access their lessons remotely from home. Nearer the exam dates, our teachers will provide instructions to the students.



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**F. GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME (GEP) IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE 2023 - PRI 3 STUDENTS ONLY**

12. The GEP Screening Exercise will take place in school on Thursday, 17 August 2023. After this, only shortlisted students will be invited to participate in the GEP Selection Exercise which will be held on Tuesday, 17 October 2023 and Wednesday, 18 October 2023. Further details will be provided closer to the dates.

13. For additional information about the GEP 2023, please visit the Ministry of Education website: [Identification of students for the Gifted Education Programme | MOE](#).

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**G. PRELIMINARY WRITTEN EXAM FOR PRI 6**

14. Pri 6 students will be taking their Preliminary Written Exams from 18 to 25 August 2023. Similar to the PSLE arrangements, they will report to school at 7.25 a.m. and will be dismissed from school after completing each exam paper.

15. In due course, you will receive a separate notification on the exams schedule and further details via PG.

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**H. NATIONAL DAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION – EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS**

16. The school will be celebrating National Day on Tuesday, 8 August 2023. As part of our efforts to instill national pride, students are encouraged to come to school dressed in red and white. They are only required to bring their storybook, stationery and water bottle on that day.

17. All students will report by 7.25 a.m. and will be dismissed at 10 a.m. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.

18. As Wednesday, 9 August 2023 and Thursday, 10 August 2023 are public and school holidays respectively, students will report back to school on Friday, 11 August 2023.

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**I. TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION – EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS**

19. We thank you for working in close partnership with our teachers for the holistic education of our children. Recognising that the quality of education is directly linked to the excellence of our teachers, we remain committed to their professional development and well-being.

20. This year's Teachers' Day celebration on 31 August 2023 holds a special significance. The Aesthetics Department and Student Leadership Council will be organising a concert as a thoughtful gesture of appreciation for our dedicated teachers. In addition, the school will be organising something special for them outside of the school premises.

21. On Teachers' Day, all students will be dismissed at 10 a.m. The General Office will close promptly at 11.15 a.m. We kindly request your cooperation in picking up your child/ward on time.

22. On a separate note, we would like to seek your understanding and support in prioritising the well-being of our teachers for them to function effectively. Please ensure the proper use of the Class Dojo for communication between you and the Form Teachers:

- For messages sent after 5 p.m. or on weekends, our teachers will reply on the next working day when they are available in school.
- For urgent matters during school hours, please call the General Office at 6457 4345 during office hours.



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23. We look forward to your continuous support towards the holistic development of our children. Should you require further clarification on any matters arising, please contact your child's/ward's Form Teachers.

24. We would like to wish our Muslim parents and students, 'Selamat Hari Raya Haji', in advance.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Eddie Foo  
Principal



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**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM 3 2023**

<b>(i) Activities During Curriculum</b>	<b>Date</b>
• Start Right, Smile Bright Programme	(Mon) 26 Jun
• Project Work (Pri 3 & 4)	(Mon-Wed) 26 - 28 Jun
• Pathlight Recess Integration (Pri 4)	(Mon-Fri) 26 - 30 Jun
• Temperature Taking Exercise	(Wed) 5 Jul
• Swimsafer Programme (Pri 4)	(Tue, Wed) 11 Jul - 26 Sep
• Monthly Birthday Celebrations	(Fri, Wed) 30 Jun, 28 Jul, 23 Aug
• Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day (Free Dress Day)	(Mon) 17 Jul
• Maths Around Us (Pri 5)	(Wed-Fri) 26 - 28 Jul
• Preliminary Oral Exams (Pri 6)	(Mon-Tue) 24 - 25 Jul
• PSLE Oral Exams	(Tue-Wed) 15 - 16 Aug
<b>- Pri 1 to 5 students do not report to school</b>	
• Financial Literacy Week	(Mon-Fri) 31 Jul - 4 Aug
• National Day School Celebration	(Tue) 8 Aug
<b>- All students are to report from 7.25 a.m. to 10 a.m.</b>	
• GEP Screening Exercise (Pri 3)	(Thu) 17 Aug
• Preliminary Written Exams (Pri 6)	18 - 25 Aug
• Teachers' Day School Celebration	(Thu) 31 Aug
<b>- All students are to report from 7.25 a.m. to 10 a.m.</b>	

<b>(i) After-School Activities</b>	<b>Date</b>
• National Sports Games (Junior Division)	From 4 Jul
• CCAs	(Mon & Thu) 26 Jun - 4 Aug
• Strive (Remediation) for Pri 3 to 6	(Tue & Wed) 4 Jul - 2 Aug
• Shine (E2K) for Pri 4 & 5	(Tue & Wed) 4 Jul - 2 Aug
• Pri 4 Museum-based Learning Journey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Respect 1 &amp; 2 (2 to 3 p.m.)</li> <li>○ Respect 3 to 6 (3 to 4 p.m.)</li> </ul>	(Wed) 5 Jul
• Pri 6 Learning Journey to Asian Civilisations Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Excellence 1 to 3</li> <li>○ Excellence 4 to 6</li> <li>○ Excellence 7 &amp; 8</li> <li>(2.30 to 4.30 p.m.)</li> </ul>	(Mon) 10 Jul (Tue) 11 Jul (Thu) 13 Jul
• Pri 5 Learning Journey to Indian Heritage Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Empathy 1 to 3</li> <li>○ Empathy 4 to 6</li> <li>(2.30 to 4.30 p.m.)</li> </ul>	(Tue) 18 Jul (Wed) 26 Jul
• TVPStar Audition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pri 1 to 3</li> <li>○ Pri 4 to 6</li> <li>(2 to 6 p.m.)</li> </ul>	(Thu) 20 Jul (Fri) 21 Jul
• Pri 4 Traffic Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Respect 1 to 3</li> <li>○ Respect 4 to 6</li> <li>(2 to 4.30 p.m.)</li> </ul>	(Mon) 31 Jul (Mon) 7 Aug

*(Please note that further details on the above events will be given in due course)*



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School Holidays and Public Holidays	Day	Date
• Hari Raya Haji	(Thu)	29 Jun
• Youth Day (school holiday)	(Mon)	3 Jul
• National Day	(Wed)	9 Aug
• National Day (school holiday)	(Thu)	10 Aug
• Teachers' Day (school holiday)	(Fri)	1 Sep
• Term 3 School Holidays		2 – 10 Sep