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From the Principal's Desk...

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CCA Achievements

Infocomm Club

On 29th June 2017, Infocomm CCA members took part in the 3rd National Coding Competition, which was jointly organised by Springfield Secondary School and Regent Secondary School. The event held at Regent Secondary School and saw participation of 222 students from 32 primary schools, making up a total of 57 teams.

The Coding Competition aims to provide Primary School students with the opportunity to develop their interest in game design using the SCRATCH computer programme. This year's theme was on Cloud computing. There were 2 stages in the competition. In Stage 1 (Pre-Coding), students were required to send in their documentation and screen shot their game's interface, in order to show how their game worked. In Stage 2, they were then required to write the codes on the spot.

We are pleased to share that our BPPS team received a Bronze award for their efforts.

Name of student	Class
Lincoln Goh Xian Hong Jasper Ong Jia Dong Tushar Gupta	6F
Dominic Chong Yong Jun	6H

Hockey

Our P4 and P5 hockey girls took part in the Singapore Primary School Sports Council (SPSSC) National Junior Division Hockey Championships played between 3 July and 14 August 2017 at Seng Kang Stadium. Despite missing the chance to win the top two positions, our girls came back stronger to clinch 3rd position in the Finals. It was no easy match though, but with loads of grit, spirit and resilience, our girls proved that they are worthy of the honours. Congratulations hockey girls!

Name of student	Class
Thara Nur Shakira Binte Mohamed Khairuddin	4F
Nur Laila Quraisyah Binte Roshaizat Sheryn Ashiqah Binte Mohamad Hizuan Nur Haziqah Binte Mohd Aidil Hannah Insyirah Binte Jubri	5C
Rani Qurratul'aisyah Binte Muhammad Izwan	5D
Lana Adalia Binte Saiful Bahari	5E
S Annushree Nair	5F



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Chen Zhuo En Lim Le'er Joy	5G
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Art Club

A group of Art Club members took part in the recent Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Art Exhibition, 2017. We are pleased to share their achievements.

Category B

Title of Artwork: Connecting Artists and Space Award: Certificate of Recognition

Name of student	Class
Daniel Ming Shen Hua	3F
Marcus Teo	4F
Mohammad Akbar Dwimulia bin Azlan	4F
Oscar Tan Si Jin	4F
Muhammad Furqan Bin Mohammad Faizal	4F

Category C

Title of Artwork: Aperture Award: Certificate of Participation

Name of student	Class
Syairrah Binte Mohamad Rozali	6E
Athirah Alfaiz Binte Loqman	6G
Sorfina Alani Binti Ashraf	6H

The artwork for **Category B** was selected for an on-site exhibition at *SCAPE from 5 July to 16 July 2017.

In another separate competition, eight members participated in the Golden Link International Art Competition 2017 held on 5 August 2017 at the National Gallery Singapore (NGS). This competition is a collaboration between NGS and SINA Cultural Services, aiming to promote both art and cultural exchange on an international level. Among the participants, Leow Wen Ning was awarded 2nd prize in the competition.

Name of student	Class
Leow Wen Ning	3B
Chang Leya	3A
Klara Lim Xin Hui	3C
Wong Hui Xin	3C
Phang Xi Hui	3F
Wong Jia Min Prisley	5C
Lai Yong Yan	5F
Chang Le-Enn	5G

Congratulations and well done to all our budding talents!



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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) –English Language

On 11 July 2017, 97 of our students from Primary 2 to Primary 6 took part in the ICAS English Competition. We would like to congratulate the following students for their commendable performance.

Award	Name of students	Class	Name of students	Class			
HIGH DISTINCTION	Nikki Tan	2C	-	-			
	Kezel Ong	3A	-	-			
DISTINCTION	Jannette Lee	2B	Arynah Alfaiz Loqman Charlyn Fong Jovie Tan Jeremiah Ho	3A			
	Anna Eliza Tang	2C					
	Yan Yu Fang	2E					
	Jotham Foo	2H					
	Vaddadi R.	3B	Faith Ng	5F			
	Tricia Boo Channer Lim Naomi Lim Samantha Low Zhang Sheng Lang	4A	Yuan Hao Zhe Wai Yi Xuan Soh Yan Xi	5G			
Arun Arka			6F				
CREDIT	Lim Wan Qing	2B	Austral Leow Claire Koh Samuel Goh Fiona Koh Remus Lim Adam Bin Nadzri John Ng Randal Siow Sik Ting En	3A			
			Alden Tang Alicia Chen Andrea Wu		2D	Ng U Wen	3C
			Ng Wen Jun		2E	Tertia Heng Kelly Boon Chua Kah Yu Xavier Lim Kaitlyn Ma	4A



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	Mohd Zayaan	2F	Trixie Tan	5E
	Dave Gan Gioia Tan	2G	Nicole Tan Skyler Wong Gabriel Yeo	5F
	Joelle Liew	2H	Joey Gui Desmund Loo Manasvini Mendu Huang Yijia	5G
	Mikhail Rayyan Khoo Tan Yu Yang	3B	Athirah Alfaiz Loqman Moo Sheng Yan Jordan Lee	6G
MERIT	Hadi Haziq Jenith Chia	3A	Ang Ee Erne	5F
	Tan En Jie Rei-Anne Hoe Raphael Yeo	3B	Chen Zhuo En Elroy Chui Ng Zong Heng Cheng Yukai	5G
	Chuah Ee Jay Leow Wei Sheen	4B	Javier Toh Fidel Neo	6G

BPPS Youth Olympic Carnival 2017

BYOC is an excellent sporting platform to develop students' physical fitness by maintaining and increasing components such as speed, flexibility, muscular strength, muscular endurance, teamwork and camaraderie.

The last day of Term 3 was also the day the primary 3 and 4 students had their annual BYOC. This year the students participated in two main events, the Inter-class Cone ball competition and the Inter-House Relay Race.





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V45 Parents

Values For 5 (V45) was an initiative by the Student Development Team. With the intention of constantly discussing values, students are scheduled to present on values which are tied to weekly themes. The students share stories, personal views and even historical events which bring about the essence of the identified values. Teachers also discuss values in the classroom at the appropriate times based on the weekly themes. Values education is most effective when school and home speak the same language. As such, we would like to extend V45 to parents too. There will be weekly activities given out on Fridays for parents to carry out with their children. Other family members are also welcome to work with the students to complete the V45 activities. Through these activities, we hope that we will be able to instill these important values in our children.

Children's Day Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Children's Day this year on Thursday 5th October 2017 (Thursday). Our teachers and Parents Support Group (PSG) have come together to plan this event.

The day will be packed with many fun-filled activities. We will begin the day with our interactive BPPS Youth Olympic Carnivals (BYOC) for our Primary 1 and 2 students. The PSG will also set up a Children's Day carnival for all students to enjoy. The classroom activities will include a section called 'A Day of Charity'. Besides sharing with the students about the significance of Children's Day, teachers will also share with students about Community Chest and encourage them to make voluntary donations.

Please be informed that Friday, 6th October 2017 is a school holiday. Students are not required to report to school.

PSLE Marking Exercise

P1 to P5 students are not required to report to school on the following dates. However, a group of students has been selected to attend remedial lessons on these days. You will receive a notification if your child needs to attend the lessons.

PSLE	Dates
Marking Exercise	19 Oct 2017 (Thu) to 24 Oct 2017 (Tue)



Sharing
Helicopter Parenting

Taken from Schoolbag.sg, Ministry of Education.

All of us have different styles of raising our children. Is your style “helicopter parenting”?

Learn how constantly hovering over your child may hurt his development. You’ll also learn how to support your child’s education journey WITHOUT “helicoptering”.

ARE YOU A HELICOPTER PARENT?

You might be if you...

- Do his woodwork project for him so he can get an A for it.
- Debate with his teacher for one more mark so he goes one grade up.
- Fly to school with your child's homework when he forgets to bring it.

You want to help, but do you know that this...

- May hinder your child from becoming independent, savvy and street-smart?
- May make your child think he isn't good enough, and raise his anxiety level?



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Why not help your children fly on their own instead?

Let them...

Do their own homework
Help them think through and arrive at the solutions, without feeding them the answers.

Stand up for themselves
Forgot their homework? Let them face the consequences (and the teacher) to build character.

Develop their own goals
Avoid telling them how many marks you expect. Instead, guide them to stage achievable goals!

Know it's ok to fail
Every mistake is a learning opportunity. Share how you've learnt to do so from your own stumbles.

“Our job as a parent is to put ourselves out of a job...”
Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of “How to Raise an Adult”

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BIG THINK | Here's a helpful infographic on the Many Roles of Helicopter Parenting

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Thank you

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It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings - Ann Landers



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