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From the Principal's Desk...

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

I hope you had a good time bonding with your child during the June Holidays. In this issue, I would like to share with you on the importance of teaching kindness to our children. Kindness is an important character trait and it is the cornerstone in building a gracious society. According to Daniel Goleman, "IQ is crucial for how well a child will be able to do in school. But emotional intelligence determines how a child will do in life". I urge you to make use of life's plenty teachable and talkable moments to teach our children to be kind, caring and responsible.

I look forward to yet another new and exciting term working with you and your child.

Welcoming new staff members to BPPS

We would like to warmly welcome teachers to our BPPS family. They are:

1. Mr Pang Peng Tiong
2. Mr Seetaram Panday S/O Ramanand Panday
3. Miss Siti Hawa Binte Mohamad Haniff
4. Miss Loo Xin Yi, Janice (Luo Xinyi)
5. Mdm Si Qiuxue

Thanking outgoing Staff Members

We would like to thank the following staff for their dedicated service and wish them well in their future endeavours:

1. Mdm Noor Alinah Bte Ismail, School Staff Developer
2. Mdm Rashidah Bte Sotek, teacher
3. Ms Siti Fadhilah Atkha Bte Mohamed Sani, AED (LBS)



Achievements

Student Initiated Activity (S.I.A)

We are pleased to announce that our pupils have participated in the following activities and have achieved stellar performance. We will continue to support our students in their pursuit towards sporting and service to the society.

Name	Class	Achievements
Addison Lim Yi Ming	4G	Sports Singapore Squash Rackets Association- ACSI School Tournament 4 th position –P3/4 Category
Taufaylah Norhisyam	2F	Community Service Performed dance item at Fengshan Jade RC Block Party Event on 23 rd April.

Assessment Dates for Term 3

Week	Date	Details	Remarks
T3Wk4	18/7(Mon)	P6 Preliminary Examination Mother Tongue Languages / Foundation Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1	
T3Wk4	21/7(Thu)	P6 Preliminary Examination English Language / Foundation English Language Paper 1	
T3Wk4	22/7(Fri)	P6 Preliminary Examination Higher Mother Tongue Languages Paper 1	
T3Wk5	25/7(Mon)	P6 Preliminary Examination Higher Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2	
T3Wk5	26/7(Tue)	P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension Examination English Language / Foundation English Language / Mother Tongue Languages / Foundation Mother Tongue Languages	
T3Wk5	27/7(Wed)	P6 Preliminary Oral Examination English Language / Foundation English Language / Mother Tongue Languages / Foundation Mother Tongue Languages	to be conducted after school



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T3Wk5	29/7(Fri)	P6 Preliminary Examination English Language / Foundation English Language Paper 2	
T3Wk6	1/8(Mon)	P6 Preliminary Examination Mathematics /Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 and Paper2	
T3Wk6	2/8(Tue)	P6 Preliminary Examination Mother Tongue Languages / Foundation Mother Tongue Languages Paper 2	
T3Wk6	3/8(Wed)	P6 Preliminary Examination Science /Foundation Science	
T3Wk9	22/8(Mon)	P3-5 Continual Assessment 2 English Language	
T3Wk9	23/8(Tue)	P3-5 Continual Assessment 2 Mathematics	
T3Wk9	24/8(Wed)	P3-5 Continual Assessment 2 Mother Tongue Languages	
T3Wk9	25/8 (Thu)	P3-5 Continual Assessment 2 Science	
T3Wk9	26/8(Fri)	GEP Screening (P3)	

Cultural Immersion Trip to Malacca

To provide opportunities for our students to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the culture and history of Malacca, we organised a 3 Day 2 night cultural immersion trip to Malacca from 31 May to 1 June 2016 for a group of Primary 4 and 5 students. The students enjoyed themselves thoroughly. More importantly, the experiences that they gained such as teamwork, resilience and independence certainly enriched their learning beyond the classroom.

Racial Harmony Day

We will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on Thursday, 21 July 2016. This year, the theme for Racial Harmony Day (RHD) is "Our Cultural Heritage". Taking pride in one another's cultural heritage strengthens our collective identity. This contributes to building a resilient community which is vigilant and in times of crisis, responds decisively, recovers quickly and emerges stronger as one people. To ensure that our students have a meaningful and engaging RHD, a series of exciting activities have been lined up for students to deepen their understanding of racial harmony in Singapore.



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NE Show 2016

Our Primary 5 students will be attending the National Education Show (NE Show) at the National Stadium on Saturday, 9 July 2016. The objectives of the NE Show are to evoke a sense of patriotism amongst students and to impart the significance of National Day.

Enhancing Efforts in the “Keep Singapore Clean Movement in Schools”

In line with the “Keep Singapore Clean Movement in Schools”, we have embarked on a school wide cleanliness campaign in Term 2.

Every student is involved in keeping their classroom and the school environment clean. The teachers and students also shared on the importance of keeping the school environment clean during assembly. We also had our first spring cleaning on the last day of Term 2. Through the campaign, we hope to instil responsibility and encourage students to take ownership of the cleanliness of the school and the environment. You could help too by getting your child to keep his room clean and help in household chores.

Students’ Grooming and Attire

We seek your cooperation to ensure that your child adheres to the decorum of wearing the school uniform on all days except on the days they have PE lessons unless permission has been granted. Students are reminded to wear plain white socks and shoes.

Temperature Taking Exercise

The second temperature taking exercise will be conducted on Thursday, 30 June 2016. Please ensure that your child brings his/her oral digital thermometer on that day and that the thermometers are in good working condition.

The oral digital thermometer and batteries are available for sale at the bookshop.

Road Safety

The school has been regularly working with LTA to ensure road safety for students and public. To remind drivers to be cognisant of the pedestrian crossing outside the school gate, LTA has recently installed a stop sign at the main gate and tilted the traffic lights towards the direction of the gate. Parents and teachers are again reminded that it is illegal to make a right turn from the school gate. A number of parents have been summoned by the traffic police.



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School Holiday in lieu of Youth Day

Please be informed that Monday, 4 July 2016 is a school holiday in lieu of Youth Day which falls on Sunday, 3 July. Pupils do not need to report to school.

Hari Raya Puasa

Please note that Hari Raya Puasa which is a public holiday, falls on Wednesday, 6 July 2016. We wish our Muslim friends a joyous time of celebration with family and friends.

Returning of school library books

We were notified by National Library Board (NLB) that some of our library books have been returned to the Bukit Panjang Public Library. Please note that there is no courier arrangement made between the school and the public libraries. We seek your cooperation to remind your child to return the library items to the correct library.

Sharing

Teaching Kindness (Part 1)

Children need emotional intelligence as much as the other kind. What parents can do. By Sarah Hutter

Your child might be a wiz at long division, but does he get along well with his peers, show empathy towards others, and know how to stay calm when he's upset? Educators agree that to build a smart kid, you have to nurture his spirit as well as his intellect, and that the highest achievers not only perform well academically, but also know how to be social, caring and responsible human beings.

Such qualities reflect a child's emotional intelligence," a concept made famous by psychologist and journalist Daniel Goleman in his 1995 best-seller *Emotional Intelligence* (Bantam Books). "IQ is crucial for how well a child will be able to do in school," says Goleman. "But emotional intelligence determines how a child will do in life".

These important skills can be taught at any age-but the earlier you start, the easier it will be. Here, questions to help you determine how your children are doing, and advice on how to teach them what they need to know.



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How aware is my child of her feelings?

When she gets picked last for the soccer team, has trouble with a homework assignment, or fights with a sibling, can she put her feelings into words? Small children often need help in learning to distinguish between emotions such as anxiety, excitement, frustration and worry; if they don't learn, they may have trouble managing such feelings and controlling their actions as they get older.

To boost a child's emotional vocabulary, says Lawrence E. Shapiro, Ph.D., author of *How to raise a child with a high EQ*, parents can have him make a "feeling dictionary." Ask him to write down or draw pictures of as many feelings. This exercise helps children learn how to anticipate and cope with different emotions. "It's not just a matter of vocabulary, it's how kids experience the world," says Maurice J. Elias, Ph.D., psychology professor at Rutgers University and author of a new book on emotionally intelligent parenting.

Is my child sensitive to the feelings of others?

Watch how he responds when he sees other people in need-like a child who is ostracized by a group of other children. Explain why such cruelties are unacceptable and talk to him about how he might help. You can also teach children to care for others by doing-involving them in your own volunteer work or community service and encouraging them to practice helpful behaviours like opening doors for others or assisting an elderly neighbour.

Thank you.

Bucktha Seelan
Principal

No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted-Aesop