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From the Principal's Desk...

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Dear Parents/Guardian

Thank you very much for your support for the first term. I believe the Parent-Teacher meeting held recently provided a good opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress with the teachers.

CCA Achievement- Red Cross unit

We are pleased to announce that our Red Cross Unit received the Gold award for Excellence Unit Award (EUA), an accolade awarded by the Singapore Red Cross Headquarters. This award is a result of the various activities participated in and performed by our Red Cross teachers-in-charge and members for the year 2016. The success would not have been possible if not for the active participation from our committed Primary 3 to 6 (2016) Red Cross members. Congratulations to them for their well-deserved efforts!

The names of the Red Cross members are as follow:

Name	Class	Name	Class
Kang Gek Kheng	4D	Tan Lishi, Celeste	4A
Ko Hui Ning	4E	Yuolyi Ang Zi Guo	4C
Krizette Jaena Francisco Ramos	4E	Cleve Cham Chiah Yi	4A
Por Huai Xuan Felicia	4E	Jayden Toh Zhi Cheng	4A
C S Veera Kumaran s/o Sunthara Velu	4F	Yew Jia Ying	4A
Koh Leng Suan	4C	Liew Zee Peng	4A
Lio Shi Wen Chelsea	4D	Low Hui Yu Samantha	4A
Sherry Lim Kai Han	4E	Jasmine Ng Yu Ru	5B
Tan Si Xuan Joraine	4B	Nur Atiqah Natasya Binte Ithnin	5C
Lim Zu'er Zoey	4A	Sanyam Kumar	5D
Soh Zhao Zheng	4B	Sofiyah Umairah Binte Zuraini	5A
Irfath Irshana D/O Rias	5C	Paw Qin Hang	6E
Kunduru Ishita Reddy	5E	Vasudevan Ashwinraj	6E
Per Giona	5E	Gan Sim Ru Dayna	6F
Sim Wan Ting, Geraldine	5C	Heidi Koh Wee	6F
Kyra Amelia Binte Mustaffa	5D	Soh Zhao Yi	6F
Samayra	5C	Tay Hui Fang	6F
Samuel Ong Sin Yi	5D	Zhang Bo Chao	6F
Gan Bang Hong Joshua	5G	Cheong Kai Lin	6G



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Lai Jia Hang Raine	5F	Tan Jun An	6G
Tracy Ng Poh Hui	5B	Wang Huixuan	6G
Abhay Rajesh Tralshawala	5G	Yshwantkumar Anandakumar	6G
Ryan Toh Zhi Hang	5G	Hailey Zaw Thuwaddy	6H
Sai Sahasra Ravoori	5D	Wee Yung Hao, Ryan	6H
Nur Fatin Qistina Binte Shaid	6B	Woo Qian Wei	6H
Phoebe Teo Kai Xin	6D	Dalila Amalina Binte Daniel	6B(2016)
Tan Wee Teck Edwin	6B	Julia Raihanah Binte Zuraini	6B(2016)
Yong Li Xuan	6D	Sofiah Binte Ishak	6B(2016)
		Azraa Binte Shah Mohiuddin	6D(2016)

Badminton

We are pleased to announce that our Junior boys achieved 4th position in the West Zone Primary Schools Badminton Championship 2017. It was a commendable performance and we applaud the team for displaying such excellent sportsmanship while keeping their composure during their intense matches.

Looking forward, they automatically qualify for the National School Games Badminton Championships 2017. The competition will commence at the end of March at Hougang Sports Hall. We wish our Junior boys all the best!

The names of the Junior Boys squad are as follows:

Junior Boys	
Joel Yong Xuan Wei	4B
Leow Wei Sheen	4B
Chai Tzi Yu	4C
Tan Zheng Zhi Aristo	4D
Ng Yong Xin	4F
Jayant Yeo Zhi Xiang	5D
Teo Ming Xuan Benedict	5D
Wong Yu Qing, Skyler	5F
Tan Le Hang, Dylan	5G
Wong Jing Kai	5G



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Hockey

On 17th February 2017, our school Hockey girls' team participated in the Singapore Hockey Federation West Zone Outdoor 3 v 3 Carnival. A fast paced 3-a-side game that demands players' focus and activity throughout the tournament. The matches were filled with end-to-end action and excitement.

Our girls fighting spirit was admirable. One of our teams came in second and another one fourth. Two other teams received commendation awards for their perseverance and dedication. Congratulations to the girls and keep the fighting spirit burning!

The names of the Hockey team members are as follows:

2nd position

4th position

Name	Class	Name	Class
Qurratu Ain Binte Mohamad Faizal	3C	Nur Insyirah Rasyiqah Binte Mohammed Rizal	4F
Lana Adalia Binte Saiful Bahari	5E	Rani Qurratul'aisyah Binte Muhammad Izwan	5D
Sheryn Ashiqa Binte Mohamad Hizuan	5C	Chen Zhuo En	5G
Nur Fatin Qistina Binte Shaid	6B	Gan Sim Ru Dayna	6F
Zafini Umaira Binte Zulkhairi	6D	Meredith Boo	6F

Commendation Award

Name	Class	Name	Class
Koh Leng Suan	4C	Arundhadhi	4C
S Annushree Nair	5F	Nur Laila Quraisyah Binte Roshazat	5C
Lim Le'er Joy	5G	Camelia Iman Carina Binte Mohammad Rizal	5D
Nur Arinah Binte Mohammad Asshur	6B	Erra Nur Fathiah Binte Marsud	6D
Chloe Chua Suen	6E	Alya Qistina Binte Mohammed Ajet	6D



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Basketball

We are pleased to announce that our Basketball players participated in the SPSSC West Zone Primary Schools Basketball Championship 2017 and achieved the following:

Category	Position
Junior Girls	3 rd
Senior Girls	3rd

Our Junior Girls and Senior Girls teams having secured their places in the National Championship will continue to strive in the coming competition.

Students who participated in the competition are as follows:

Junior Girls		Senior Girls	
Name	Class	Name	Class
Tan Wei Lin	4C	Low Jia Xin	6A
Cherelle Lee	4C	Demi Ong	6B
Phoebe Loo	4D	Janisha D/O Prakash	6B
Pristine Wong	4D	Toh Shu Han	6B
Amanda Halim	5B	Maeva Loo	6C
Tan Zhi Xuan	5B	Phoebe Teo	6D
Tan Xuan Rong	5B	Katherine Huang	6E
Shernice Teo	5B	Ng Sin Yee	6E
Karyn Yong	5D	Hanshika	6E
Tan Yong Wen	5E	Liang Minying	6F
Celeste Niam	5G	Koh Xin Yi	6G
Hannah Phua	5G	Ella Chew	6H

My Inspiring CCA Buddy Contest

We are pleased to share that our students, Kabir Vijay Parab and Jabez Jeevan Marcus from Primary 3C, participated in the recent SYF 2017 *#MyInspiringCCABuddy* Contest and have each won a prize, comprising a 8GB flashdrive and a buddy mug.

Aligned to the theme for Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2017, **Youth HeARTS!**, and Friendship week leading to 14 February 2017, SYF launched a social media campaign in February entitled *#MyInspiringCCABuddy*. Our students, Kabir Vijay Parab and Jabez Jeevan Marcus, from Primary 3C joined the online contest and their entry was shortlisted as one of the top 3 most inspiring stories. Their post can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/SgYouthFest/> which has been featured on SYF social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).



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Early Dismissal on 31 March 2017 (Friday)

Please be informed that the school will be dismissed at 12.30pm on 31 March 2017 as the staff will be attending the MOE ExCEL Fest. The MOE ExCEL Fest is a platform to celebrate and share exciting and innovative practices in schools. It is a government-wide initiative to develop the capacity of public officers through continuous learning and improvement.

Change in Recess Times

Please note the revised recess times from Term 2 onwards:

Levels	Revised Recess Times
P1 & P2	9.30 – 10.00 a.m.
P3 & P4	10.00 – 10.30 a.m.
P5 & P6	10.30 – 11.00 a.m.

Semestral Assessment 1 Schedule

Please refer to the attached documents for the details.

Parent Support Group (PSG)

BPPS Parent Support Group (PSG) is an important partner of the school and plays a critical role in supporting the school to realise its mission in building a vibrant learning environment.

Parents who volunteer their time with the PSG have the opportunities to develop better understanding of the school and participate in their children's school experiences. PSG members also benefit a lot from the mutual support from fellow members.

We would like to encourage more parents to join BPPS PSG. With more manpower, BPPS PSG can contribute to a variety of activities to support our children's development. To find out more about BPPS PSG and the upcoming school events that the PSG is supporting, you may visit the following links:

- a) School's website: <http://bukitpanjangpri.moe.edu.sg/partners-corner/parents-as-partners>
- b) PSG's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bpps.psg>

(For existing PSG members only, new PSG members are required to register with the school.

The registration form can be downloaded from the school's website.)

Alternatively, you may send your queries to bpps.psg@gmail.com.



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Sharing

Failure doesn't make one a failure
Taken from Schoolbag.sg, Ministry of Education.

Failing an exam is an ordeal which often makes students feel helpless and unmotivated, and can possibly dent their self-confidence.

For Ms Neo Jie Qi, passing a Math test or exam in secondary school seemed like an unattainable dream.

“No matter how hard I tried, I always failed Mathematics badly! Once, I scored 12 out of 100 marks. I practiced harder, but I still failed. I started to loathe the subject and procrastinated when it came to doing my Math homework. I was also stressed by the expectations of parents, teachers and peers,” said Jie Qi.

Succumb or Surmount?

In the face of tough times, some bounce back stronger, while some buckle under the pressure. The difference between the two is **resilience**. It is an outlook that determines our response and helps us cope with change.

Jie Qi chose not to give up. She decided to track back and start all over again with the basics.

“I revisited the Lower Secondary Math topics and asked my classmates and teachers for help. I realised, the more I asked, the better I understood. I picked up the concepts relatively fast too. Hard work will always pay off. I finally did well for Math in Secondary Three! The achievement boosted my confidence and instead of fear, I started to love the subject,” said Jie Qi.

Resilience can be learned and developed along the way, as we calibrate our thoughts, actions and behaviour. Embrace challenges. Do not just focus on the easy tasks or questions. Overcoming challenges will strengthen you.

“In Secondary 3, I realized that mistakes were learning opportunities. As I attempted more challenging questions, I was motivated to do better and overcame the fear. I grew to love Math. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I could become a Math teacher!” said Jie Qi.

Process or Results?

Jie Qi shared about a growth mind-set and explained that people who adopt it believe that their abilities can be developed through dedication, hard work and effort. Brains and talents are just the starting point. Having a growth mind-set builds resilience and creates a love for learning that is necessary for success.



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“To inculcate a growth mind-set in child, we need to see beyond results. Recognise the effort they put in and praise them. Praise them even if they fail because they tried. Focus on the learning process. This will help our children see failure positively and not give up,” said Jie Qi.

With a fixed mind-set, people tend to focus on the final result, so when we fail, we give up easily.

“Although the results did not show immediately, I realised that I was making small improvements when I understood one concept at a time. To me, that was already rewarding,” said Jie Qi.

“Developing a love for learning is crucial. To do well, the child has to love the subject first. Encourage our children to be inquisitive and provide them with a creative learning space,” said Jie Qi.

Making the learning process fun helps to inculcate curiosity in children.

“Parents can try cooking with children and letting them practise Math concepts by measuring out the ingredients. When shopping for groceries at the supermarket, explore concepts of money and use the Goods and Services Tax (GST) as an example too,” suggested Jie Qi.

Stimulating your child’s interest in a subject or activity is critical in helping them learn. Faulting them for their mistakes may kill their interest. When they face setbacks, pick them up and help them make a comeback. Certain life lessons can only be learned the hard way and parents play a vital role in the journey of their growth and development.

Thank you.

Bucktha Seelan
Principal

Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again ~ Nelson Mandela