



# CHAMPS

East Coast Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

The theme for the new academic year is '*The Voyage*'.

We are very excited to share that we have planned a series of interesting and meaningful activities for our students as we embark on a voyage to *Treasure the Past, Cherish the Present and Enrich the Future*.

We will keep everyone posted on the details of the activities as the year progresses. We look forward to building great memories together as an ECPS family.

## Welcome to the ECPS Family

We would like to welcome the following staff members:

- Mr Joshua Tew Kwong Kian                      EL Teacher
- Mdm Noorwanis Binte Amir Noordin      Allied Educator

## Student Safety & School Security

School must be safe for students at all times. Hence, it is important for the school to have a good overview of the movement into and out of the school. As such, we seek your cooperation to drop your child off at the school gate and let him/her to walk into the school compound on his/her own.

Should you need to see our office staff, please register at the security guard post near the main gate. Please proceed directly to the General Office thereafter so that the office staff can attend to your needs. We seek parents' cooperation in helping us keep the school a safe place for learning.

## Health Matters

We would like to emphasize the importance of personal and social responsibility. Any student who feels unwell or show flu-like symptoms should not come to school and should see a doctor. All students are to maintain a high standard of personal hygiene, including washing one's hands with diligence. We should also remain vigilant and continue to familiarize ourselves with emergency operations.

## Temperature-Taking Exercise

The temperature-taking exercise will be conducted on Friday, 5 January 2018. To imbue a sense of responsibility and ownership in our students, their thermometers will be returned for their safe-keeping after the exercise. Please ensure that your child/ward washes his/her thermometer, and safe-keep it for the next exercise which will be conducted in Term 3.

### Updates on School Programmes:

- Project LEAP  
Project LEAP (Learning and Enrichment Programme to Arouse Pupils' Passion in Learning) for Primary 3 to 6 students will be carried out from Mondays to Wednesdays (2.15 pm to 3.15 pm) starting 22 January 2018. More information will be shared at a later date.
- CCA Matters  
CCAs for Primary 3 to 6 students are conducted every Wednesday from 7.30am to 9.00am.

The following are some dates to take note of:

Level	Activity	Date
Primary 3	CCA walkabout & selection	17 Jan, Wednesday
	Deadline for Submission of CCA Selection Slips	19 Jan, Friday
	Results of CCA Allocation @ CCA Alley	23 Jan, Tuesday
	Start of CCA	24 Jan, Wednesday
Primary 4, 5 & 6	Start of CCA	17 Jan, Wednesday

- NE Event – Total Defence Day  
The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on Monday, 12 February. Our students are encouraged to put Total Defence into action in their daily lives because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people and Singapore's security cannot be taken for granted, particularly in today's fast-changing world. Activities will be conducted to remind our students about the importance of Total Defence.
- E-Learning @ECPS  
E-Learning @ECPS will be carried out in Term 1 and Term 3. Students will have to complete their homework online. In addition, students will also be assigned e-learning homework during term break in March and September. Please encourage your child to complete their online homework. If students do not have PCs or Internet access at home, they may complete their e-learning in the school library.

### Parents as Partners-in-Education

The school believes that parents play a vital role in the holistic development of the students. Hence, parents should engage the Form Teachers when they have queries pertaining to the child's education. Parents could do so via a phone call or through the student handbook. To monitor learning, parents should check the student handbook for details on homework set by the teachers.

We would also like to share the S.P.A.C.E. conversational strategy that helps to build a resilient mindset in our students:

<b>S</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>E</b>
<u>Support:</u>  Listen to, and provide positive feedback and support to your child.	<u>Problem Solve:</u>  Help your child to reflect on problems, issues and setbacks together and guide them to develop solutions.	<u>Affirm:</u>  Be specific in your praise to your child through acknowledgement of their strengths and efforts.	<u>Cheer:</u>  Spur your child on for renewed efforts and celebrate big and small successes. Share inspirational stories of resilience.	<u>Empower:</u>  Provide your child with opportunities to take risks and experience challenges. Let him/her take responsibility for his/her plans and actions.

Should you be interested to find out more on how you can support in your child's education, there are 4 workshops for parents in Term 1. A letter will be issued through your child at a later date.

Date	Day	Workshop Coverage
27/01/2018	Sat	P2 & P3 Math
03/02/2018	Sat	P4 to P6 Math
02/02/2018	Fri (10.00am to 1.00pm)	'Connect and Engage Your Children'
02/03/2018	Fri (10.00am to 1.00pm)	'Know Them, Guide Them'

### **Triple P Programme (for Primary 3 & 4 parents)**

During your child's growing up years, you may need some strategies to manage his/her behaviour, particularly when he/she reaches adolescence. To support parents in building a healthy relationship with their child, our school is offering the 'Positive Parenting Programme' (Triple P).

Parents of Primary 3 and 4 students are invited to participate in this programme. Parents are required to complete a questionnaire and return it in the sealed envelope given to you. With this information, the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) will recommend a programme that best meets your parenting needs. Please be assured that all information collected will be kept confidential.

For more information, you may also visit the following link for information on the Triple P Programme and evaluation study:

<https://app.msf.gov.sg/press-room/factsheet-on-positive-parenting-programme-triple-ppilot>

### **Gifted Education Programme Screening and Selection Exercise**

We would like you to inform all parents of the 2018 Primary 3 cohort about the *tentative dates* for the GEP Screening and Selection Exercises.

- a) GEP Screening Exercise - 24 August 2018 (Friday)
  - b) GEP Selection Exercise – 16 and 17 October 2018 (Tuesday, Wednesday)
- More details will be provided nearer the exercise dates.

**Other Reminders:**

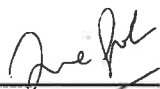
- Silent Reading in the Hall  
Students must bring along a storybook, a set of newspapers or an education magazine for silent reading daily.
- After-school dismissal  
Students are encouraged to go straight home after school dismissal hours. Alternatively, they may do their self-study in the school library until closing time at 1615 h.
- Personal Grooming and Hygiene  
We believe that students demonstrate a readiness to learn by taking responsibility towards personal grooming and personal hygiene. Termly attire checks are conducted to monitor students' personal grooming and hygiene. Students are reminded to look neat and tidy at all times. Please refer to the school rules on Attire and Appearance in the school handbook.
- Student Name Tags  
For ease of identification and safety of our students, all students are reminded to wear the name tags at all times.
- Recess Time 2018

First Recess @0930 h	Second Recess @1000 h
Primary 2, 3 and 5	Primary 4 and 6

- Snack Break  
Students will be given a 10-minute snack break from 12.00pm to 12.10pm each school day. Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks or fruits to be consumed in class during snack break. They are responsible for cleaning up their work area after that.
- Parents' Contact Details  
The school sends important information to parents/guardians via SMS. Please do keep us informed should there be a change in your mobile phone number.

Thank you and we look forward to a great year ahead.

Yours Sincerely



Ms Jessie Lim  
Principal

Attached with this issue of *CHAMPS* is a copy of the school calendar of events for Term 1 and the Assessment Plans for each level.