



CHAMPS

East Coast Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome Back and Thank You

We would like to welcome our CHAMPS back to school, and we look forward to another term of rich learning together.

We would like to thank all parents and guardians who attended the Parent-Child-Teacher Conference on 9 March. We trust that it had been a meaningful session for you.

Updates on School Programmes

i) Interaction Day @ Damai Primary School (DPS)

ECPS and DPS are jointly organising an Interaction Day for our Primary 2 to 4 students in April. Through this opportunity for interaction, we hope to foster new friendships between students from both schools ahead of the school merger next year. Our students will also be able to familiarise themselves with the facilities at the DPS site. The dates for Interaction Day are as follows, and the consent form will be issued nearer these dates:

Level	Date	Time
Primary 3	2 April, Monday	10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Primary 4	3 April, Tuesday	
Primary 2	5 April, Thursday	

ii) International Friendship Day

International Friendship Day (IFD) falls on Friday, 6 April. The theme for this year's IFD is '*Celebrating the ASEAN Community*'. Through a variety of activities held in the school from 2 to 6 April, we hope to inspire our young to play an active role in strengthening our ASEAN identity through mutual inter-dependence and embracing cultural diversity in the increasingly interconnected world that we live in.

iii) Sports Carnival – Primary 2 to 6

The Annual Sports Carnival will be held on Friday, 6 April, and will include our Primary 2 students for the very first time. The games played during the carnival will allow students to apply the skills learnt during PE lesson, with modifications to inject more fun and some friendly competition.

The curriculum hours for the Sports Carnival remain unchanged – students will report to school by 7.20 am, and school dismissal will be at 1.40 pm. Students will take part in the Sports Carnival before having their recess, and continue with lessons after that.

iv) Social Studies Field-based Learning

Field-based learning journeys are organised to enable students to contextualize their learning experience in authentic settings. The consent form for the learning journey will be issued nearer the date of the outing.

The table below shows the field-based learning experiences according to the level:

Level	Theme	Inquiry Focus	Location
Primary 2	Coming together as a Nation	What unites us as people of Singapore?	National Orchid Garden
Primary 3	Understanding Singapore	How do we appreciate the country we live in?	Dairy Farm Nature Park
Primary 4	Valuing Our Past	How is life in Singapore today shaped by what happened in the past?	National Museum of Singapore
Primary 5	Appreciating the World	How have the legacies of the world impacted our lives today?	Asian Civilisations Museum
Primary 6	Discovering Southeast Asia	How is Southeast Asia important to Singapore?	Singapore Botanic Gardens

v) Primary 5 Combined Cohort Camp

The Primary 5 Cohort Camp is an integral part of our school programme. This year, our 3-day 2-night residential camp will be a combined event for all Primary 5 students from East Coast Primary School and Damai Primary School. Details of the camp have been given to the students earlier.

The camp will provide our students with opportunities to live out the school values of both schools, and hone their leadership and social-emotional skills in an outdoor learning environment. They will be exposed to basic outdoor skills like pitching of tents and simple outdoor cooking while activities like the high-ropes course, abseiling and the zipline will be a first time experience for most of our students.

vi) NAPFA Test

The NAPFA Physical fitness test will be conducted on the following dates:

Date	Level	NAPFA Test Item	Time
4 April, Wed	P6	5 Static Stations	7.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.
18 April, Wed	P4		
11 April, Wed	P6	1.6km run	
25 April, Wed	P4		

Students who are exempted from PE by the School Health Services and those with medical certificates for serious/long term illness need not take the NAPFA test.

vii) United Champs Award

The United Champs Award, which was introduced in 2017, aims to recognise and reward students who uphold the school's CHAMPS values. The winning class from each level had the privilege of going for a special learning journey in Term 4 last year. This year, the award will be given out at the end of each semester. Students can look forward to an additional opportunity of winning the United Champs Award as they continue to do right and display the CHAMPS values.

viii) Other exciting activities in the pipeline

There are other exciting activities which have been planned for the second half of 2018, and we would like to highlight the following, for your prior information:

❖ Learning Carnival

A Learning Carnival will be held on Friday, 6 July with the aim of enriching our students' learning experience through a day of fun-filled hands-on activities. Parents will also have the opportunity to join us on that day. An invitation will be sent nearer the date.

❖ ECPS Fun Fair

Our P6 students will plan and organise a fun-fair for the school as part of their post-PSLE programme. A fun fair, spearheaded by our graduating cohort for their juniors, will certainly be an unforgettable way for everyone to celebrate their last Children's Day together as an ECPS family.

Updated Project LEAP dates

We have updated our Term 2 Project LEAP dates, and more details can be found in the Calendar of Events attached to this letter.

For ease of reference, kindly note that Project LEAP **will not be** conducted on the following dates:

Term 2 Week 5: 16 April Mon (P4 EL/MT Oral)

Term 2 Week 6: 23 & 24 April, Mon & Tues (P5 SA1 EL/MT Oral)

Students will need to attend Project LEAP on 17 and 18 April (Tues and Wed).

June Holidays – Supplementary lessons

Supplementary lessons will be conducted for Primary 5 and 6 students during the final week of the June holidays, from 19 to 22 June. More details will be given nearer the date.

Examination Matters

Primary 3 to 6 students will be sitting for their Semestral Assessment 1 this term. Kindly refer to the attached examination schedule and Format and Scope of Exams for more details.

We would like to highlight the following:

- No extra time will be given to students who are late for an exam.
- Students who are absent on an examination day must submit a medical certificate or other relevant supporting documents. For students who are absent without a valid reason, no marks will be awarded for the exam.

Cyber wellness - Parenting Tips

We would like to share some tips on developing your child to be a positive peer influence online:

What is Positive Peer Influence?

Positive peer influence is a key principle in MOE's Cyber Wellness.

We encourage our students to:

- ✓ Be a positive role model online (e.g. share healthy and positive content, harness technology to do good); and
- ✓ Advocate positive online behaviours (e.g. stand up for their peers online, report cases of cyber bullying to a trusted adult/authority, post encouraging remarks on social media).

Why is being a Positive Peer Influence Online Important?

Being a positive peer influence online will help your child to:

- ✓ Exercise empathy and kindness online
- ✓ Develop resilience and moral courage to stand up to negative peer pressure and unhealthy online influences
- ✓ Learn responsibility for words and actions
- ✓ Leave positive digital footprints and establish a good online reputation

How can Parents Help?

Encourage your child to:

- ✓ Be **S.U.R.E.** before sharing. Check the **S**ource, **U**nderstand the facts, **R**esearch and **E**valuate
- ✓ **T.H.I.N.K.** before posting. Ask: "Is it **T**ruel? **H**elpful? **I**nspiring? **N**ecessary? **K**ind?"
- ✓ Be an upstander for friends who are cyber bullied
- ✓ Use technology for good

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



Ms Jessie Lim
Principal

Attached with this issue of *CHAMPS* are -

- School Calendar of Events and Holidays for Term 2
- Bite-sized Assessments and Tests schedule for Term 2
- Semestral Assessment 1 Schedule (P3 to P6 only)
- Format and Scope of Semestral Assessment 1 (P3 to P6 only)