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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Welcome Back to School (Term 4)

A very warm welcome back to Term 4! I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful, refreshing September break filled with precious moments together. As we step into the final term of the school year, our school is once again brimming with energy, laughter, and the bright curiosity of our Marsilians. Term 4 is always a special time—a season to consolidate learning, celebrate how far our children have grown, and finish the school year on a strong, inspired note.

(A) Reflecting on Term 3: A Journey of Heart, Mind, and Character

Looking back at Term 3, my heart is full as I reflect on the remarkable spirit, creativity, and resilience our students displayed. Through a rich array of experiences, our Marsilians did not just learn—they connected, discovered, and grew into confident, compassionate individuals. Here are some of the highlights:

- **Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Fortnight – Celebrating our Heritage**

Learning came alive as every Marsilian embarked on a quest card adventure. The two weeks in July was full of exploration and discovery through exciting challenges, hands-on activities and meaningful cultural experiences. Our Marsilians explored the richness of their Mother Tongue Languages and gained a deeper appreciation for the traditions, stories and values that connect us to our heritage. Every completed quest was more than just earning a stamp, it was a chance to celebrate our cultures, embrace our identities and discover something new together.

- **Racial Harmony Day – Our People, Our Tapestry**

Guided by this year's theme, "Our People, Our Tapestry", our Marsilians commemorated Racial Harmony Day on 20 July through an engaging assembly programme, meaningful classroom activities and interactive recess experiences. Every thread in our tapestry tells a story. Together, they weave the vibrant multicultural fabric of our nation. As our Marsilians explored the traditions, customs and values of Singapore's diverse communities, they gained a deeper appreciation of the respect, understanding and inclusivity that strengthen our society. Beyond learning about different cultures, they discovered that harmony is woven through daily acts of kindness, empathy and mutual respect.

- **STEAM Week – Mission: Sky to Space!**

For STEAM Week 2026, our Marsilians embarked on Mission: Sky to Space — exploring, creating and discovering through Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics! Our young engineers took on the STEAM Challenge: designing and testing their very own water wheels to explore how flowing water can be harnessed for clean energy. The journey is not about getting it right the first time — it is about asking, testing, improving and discovering what is possible. Every attempt brought new learning.

- **National Day Celebrations – Majulah Singapore, Go Beyond!**

Our school came alive with love and pride for Singapore as we celebrated our nation's 61st birthday! Our celebration featured a meaningful observance ceremony, impressive march-in by our Scouts and Brownies, and our Head Prefect leading the ceremony with confidence and pride. In commemoration of #Pledge60, Mr Mohan, who was present as a student when the National Pledge was first recited publicly in 1966, led us in reciting the Pledge and shared

treasured memories from his childhood. The celebration culminated in an awesome concert featuring quizzes, stories and a sing-along session!

At the level-specific front, our Primary 5 Marsilians had an unforgettable experience at the **National Education (NE) Show** on 11 July. The NE Show at the National Stadium deepened their understanding of what it truly means to be Singaporean, embracing our shared values, appreciating our rich history, and striving toward our collective dreams for the future.

From 15 -18 July, a group of our P5 Marsilians embarked on a 4D3N unforgettable journey of discovery in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia! Through our **Primary 5 Overseas Cultural Immersion Programme**, our Marsilians stepped beyond our borders to develop their Emerging 21st Century Competencies (E21CC) through authentic cultural experiences, school immersion and hands-on learning at various places of interest in Kuching. Beyond the sights and activities, this overseas learning journey nurtured global awareness, cross-cultural understanding, resilience and independence. It also deepened our students' appreciation of Singapore's place within the region and the connections we share with our ASEAN neighbours.

On 2 September, our lower primary Marsilians showcased their talents in the annual **Lower Primary Showcase**. They performed Choral Reading, Readers' Theatre, ethnic dance, and hip-hop routines, demonstrating confidence and creativity. The highlight of the event was the family-friendly **obstacle races**, where parents and students had a blast together. We thank our P1 and P2 parents for your unwavering support in making this event a success.

For more of these wonderful moments, please visit our official Instagram and Facebook pages for photos, videos and updates!

(B) Student Achievement for Term 3

In MPS, we strongly encourage our students to '**Aspire**', '**Believe**' in themselves and have the '**Courage**' to do their best in all the domains that they undertake.

Subject/CCA	Competition/Programme	Achievement
English Language	Trinity College Speech and Drama Examination – Grade 1 (P3)	7 Distinction 10 Merit
	Trinity College Speech and Drama Examination – Grade 2 (P4)	8 Distinction 10 Merit
Science	Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) – organized by NUS High	1 Silver 4 Bronze 7 Merit
	24 th Elementz Science Project Competition	Silver – P4 team Silver – P5 team
Scouts	Lionhearter Challenge 2026	1 st runner up
	Chief Scouts Award	6 recipients
Badminton	National School Games (NSG) Junior Division Girls Tier 1 - Singles	1 st placing
	National School Games (NSG) Junior Division Girls Tier 3 - Doubles	1 st placing
Track and Field	National School Games (NSG) Junior and Senior Division *in various track & field events	Junior Div: 1 Silver 4 Bronze Senior Div: 2 Gold, 1 Silver 4 Bronze
Rugby	National School Games (NSG) Junior Division	4 th placing in Tier 1 – Group 1

(C) Term 4 Timetable & Dates of Public Holidays/ School Holidays in Term 4

In Term 4, there are public holidays, scheduled school holidays and school events where **students do not need to report to school or there is provision of early dismissal**. Please refer to the table below for the details and to plan for your child's care needs during these dates.

Date (Day)	Occasion/ Event	Levels Affected	Remarks
15 Sep (Tue)	2026 PSLE Listening Comprehension (LC) Exam	P1 to P5 Levels	Home Based Learning (HBL) for P1 to P5 students
24 to 25 Sep (Thu and Fri)	2026 PSLE Written Exam	P3 and P5 Levels	Home Based Learning (HBL) for P3 and P5 students Students from all other levels are to report to school
28 Sep (Mon)	2026 PSLE Written Exam	P3 and P4 Levels	Home Based Learning (HBL) for P3 and P4 students Students from all other levels are to report to school
29 Sep (Tue)	2026 PSLE Written Exam	P4 Level	Home Based Learning (HBL) for P4 students Students from all other levels are to report to school
30 Sep (Wed)	2025 PSLE Written Exam	P6 Level	PSLE Written Exam for P6 students taking Higher Mother Tongue Language Students from all other levels are to report to school
1 Oct (Thu)	Children's Day Celebrations and Arts Fiesta	All Levels	Early dismissal at 1030am for all students
2 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day School Holiday	All Levels	School Holiday
12 to 14 Oct (Mon to Wed)	2026 PSLE Marking Exercise	All Levels	Non-school days for all students Home Based Learning (HBL) for P1 to P5 students
9 Nov (Mon)	Deepavali Public Holiday	All Levels	Public Holiday
10 Nov (Tue)	School Administration Day	All Levels	Non-school day – No lessons for all students
18 Nov (Wed)	P6 Graduation Ceremony - morning	P6 Level	Students from all other levels are to report to school, lessons as per usual
19 Nov (Thu)	Awards and Appreciation Day (AAD) – morning	P1 to P5 Levels	Non-school day – No lessons for P1 to P5 students P6 students, prize winners, student performers and ushers to report to school for AAD
20 Nov (Fri)	2026 P1 Cohort Orientation Day	All Levels	Non-school day – No lessons for all students

On the eve of Children's Day (1 October 2026, Thursday), MPS will be having its Children's Day celebration and Arts Fiesta. Students will be dismissed at 1030am. Kindly make the necessary transport and care arrangement for your child due to early dismissal. Year Heads will be sending to parents the full Term 4's Calendar of Events by the end of this week.

(D) Safety and Infrastructure Updates

In preparation of a possible haze situation, the school has contingency plans to ensure minimal disruptions to curriculum while ensuring safety of our students and staff. The school will be monitoring the PMI index over the next few weeks and lessons will be calibrated; where required, outdoor physical activities may be suspended or changed to indoor venues. Air conditioned venues will also be made available to students and staff with certified respiratory conditions to ensure their well-being. Students will also be educated on how to self-manage after school to ensure they take care of themselves after school hours.

As we guide our Marsilians through this final stretch, let us continue to champion their efforts, celebrate their growth, and encourage them to shine their brightest. None of these meaningful learning experiences would be possible without your constant partnership, trust, and encouragement. Thank you for walking this wonderful journey with us.

Let's make Term 4 an extraordinary one!

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Heather Thio
Principal