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Dear Parents/Guardian

2026 P5 NOVEMBER CIRCULARS

Extending our warmest wishes to everyone celebrating Deepavali! May this Festival of Lights bring you and your loved ones happiness, good health and prosperity. Wishing you a joyful and blessed Deepavali!

In this set of circulars, you will find the information on the following programmes. Please refer to the table below for a list of circulars enclosed. We seek your cooperation to follow up accordingly and adhere to the submission deadlines.

If you require any clarifications, you may contact the General Office at 6468 4377 or email the teacher-in-charge as indicated accordingly.

S/N	Item	Remarks
1	President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and Outstanding Young Educators' Award (OYEA)	14 Oct 2026 to 8 Jan 2027
2	Safety Advisory - Bringing of Sharp Objects to school	
3	Home Team Festival 2026	20 – 22 Nov 2026
4	P6 Graduation and Honours Day 2026	
5	Survey Request Letter to Parent for 2027 PSLE Accommodations	Deadline: 13 November 2026

Thank you.

Your Partner in Education
Mrs Elaine Quek
Principal

1. President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and Outstanding Young Educators' Award (OYEA)
Every year, the **President's Award for Teachers** (PAT) and **Outstanding Young Educators' Award** (OYEA) (formerly known as the Outstanding Youth in Education Award) are presented to teachers in Singapore to recognise their professional excellence. Both OYEA and PAT are national awards.

a) PAT pays tribute to experienced teachers for their role in moulding the future of our nation. These teachers are role models for the teaching profession as they embody a deep passion for teaching, and they inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.
b) OYEA recognises young teachers who have demonstrated admirable passion for teaching, and commitment to inspiring and nurturing their students. These teachers embody youthful idealism, energy and enthusiasm, and inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds. Teachers who are 35 years old and below in 2027 are eligible for the award.

Please visit the Academy of Singapore Teachers website for more information on PAT and OYEA.

As parents/guardians, we encourage you to speak with your child/ward about the teacher(s) who have positively influenced their school experience, and to nominate them for the awards. Through your nomination, you can recognise and affirm the dedication, care and contributions of teachers who have made a meaningful difference.

We would like to invite you and your child/ward to submit your nomination(s) for one or more deserving teacher(s) by clicking on the links below. The nomination period for the PAT and OYEA 2027 is from **14 October 2026 (Wednesday)** to **8 January 2027 (Friday)**.

PAT 2027	**OYEA 2027**
https://go.gov.sg/pat2027	https://go.gov.sg/oyea2027

For queries and/or feedback about the awards, please contact MOE_PATOYEA@moe.gov.sg.

Thank you for your support in recognising the contributions and impact of our teachers!

2. Safety Advisory - Bringing of Sharp Objects to school
We are writing to seek your continued partnership in maintaining a safe and conducive learning environment for all our students.

Recently, we have noticed a trending toy among children—a "pimple-popping" squishy toy. While it appears to be a harmless stress-reliever, some variations of this toy come equipped with a sharp, syringe-like tool used to refill the toy, which may pose a safety risk if brought to school or handled inappropriately.

We recently managed an incident in school involving this specific tool. The situation was attended to promptly, but it serves as a timely reminder for us to remain vigilant about items that may pose unintended safety risks to our students.
The Consumer Product Safety Office (CPSO) has also recently raised concerns about the serious risks these specific toys pose to children. You may read more about this in the following Straits Times article here:
https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/pimple-popping-toy-with-syringe-could-pose-serious-risks-to-kids-spore-consumer-safety-watchdog

How You Can Help: We seek your support to:

1. **Check your child's/ward's belongings:** Please ensure she does not bring or other non-school related items with sharp components or potential safety hazards to school.

2. **Have a conversation:** Speak with your child/ward about the importance of safety and why toys are best left at home.

For your reference, we have included an image of the refill tool below to help you identify it.



Thank you for your vigilance and unwavering support in keeping our school community safe.

3. Home Team Festival 2026

Our school's friendly neighbourhood police centre would like to invite all of us to the Home Team Festival 2026!

Date: 20 – 22 Nov 2026 (Fri – Sun)

Venue: Suntec Convention Centre, Level 4, Halls 401 – 406

Come meet our #HomeTeamHeroes and look forward to exciting highlights such as Ops Demonstrations & K-9 shows, vehicle & equipment displays, smoke-logged confined maze, Home Team kiddy rides and shooting range.

Participate in the event to find out how we can play a part in keeping Singapore safe and secure!

4. P6 Graduation Day and Honours Day 2026

P6 Graduation Day will be held on Thursday, 19 November 2026. As the event is only for P6 students, P1 to P5 students **do not** need to come to school on that day.

We will be celebrating our Honours Day on Friday, 20 November 2026 from 9.00 am to 11.30 am. We are also officiating the launch of our Learning Forest and this will be live streamed before the start of Honours Day at 8.45 am. Only Primary One to Five prize recipients and concert performers need to attend the event. Students involved will be briefed on the details for the event.

Primary Six prize recipients will receive their awards during P6 Graduation Day on 19 November 2026 from 8.30 am to 10.30 am.

All other students **do not** need to be in school for Honours Day. Due to space constraints, we will only be able to invite a maximum of two family members of prize recipients from Primary One to Five to attend the event. The invitation will be sent out in Week 9 of this term.

We congratulate all prize winners in advance as we affirm their efforts.

Thank you.

5. Application for 2027 PSLE Special Arrangements

In the PSLE, candidates with physical or learning disabilities that may affect their performance in the examination may request for special arrangement/consideration during the examination.

Candidates with learning disabilities (e.g. Dyslexia, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder etc.) who wish to apply for special arrangements (e.g. extra time) for 2027 PSLE are required to submit their applications together with the following supporting documents:

(a) A psychological report that:
- States clearly the specific learning disability, as diagnosed by qualified professionals*;
- Is current i.e. the evaluation of learning needs arising from the disability should be completed within three years prior to the date of the PSLE;
- Provides relevant information pertaining to the candidate's medical, developmental and educational history;
- Describes the comprehensive testing and techniques used to arrive at the diagnosis, including evaluation dates and test results with subtest scores from measures such as cognitive ability, academic achievement and information processing;
- Describes the functional limitations supported by the test results;
- Describes the specific special arrangements requested and provides the rationale for the candidate's need for special arrangements.

*(*Note: Professionals include educational psychologists, child/clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, speech, and language therapists.)*

(b) A photocopy of the candidate's school exam results (from Primary 1 to 5).

Candidates with **physical disabilities** (e.g. hearing impairment, visual impairment, speech impairment, physical impairment – cerebral palsy, Tourette syndrome) who wish to apply for special arrangement for the 2027 PSLE are required to submit their applications together with a medical report from qualified professionals (which include registered medical practitioners, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists).

The medical report must state the following:
- When the disability was diagnosed;
- How the disability may affect the candidate's performance during the exam;
- The type of special arrangement(s) required by the candidate during exam.

A medical certificate from the doctor is NOT acceptable.

For candidates who require special arrangements, the teacher-in-charge will complete the Special Arrangement application form together with the principal's recommendations. Together with the stated documents, it will be submitted to the Singapore Examination and Assessment Board (SEAB) for consideration and approval.
If approval is granted for special arrangements or special considerations, annotation symbols accompanied by explanatory statements will appear on the candidate's PSLE certificate.

Annotations may apply in cases involving:
- Extra time allowance
- Use of word-processor facilities and other computer aids
- Modification of examination papers in terms of size of exam paper
- Exemption from satisfying the full range of assessment objectives in a subject (e.g. exemption from oral, listening comprehension etc.)
- Use of readers
- Use of scribes
- Use of prompters

If you are considering applying for special arrangements/consideration for your child/ward, do **submit** her reports/ medical letter to the General Office, attention to Ms Lee Yi Lin. The last date for submission is 13 November 2026.
For further clarification, please contact our SEN Officer, Ms Lee Yi Lin at -
lee_yi_lin@schools.gov.sg