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Dear Parents/Guardian

2026 P4 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	Parent's Option on Pupil's Subject Combination at Primary 5, 2027	Receive Option Form via PG on 12 Nov 2026 Deadline to indicate & submit option via PG is on 16 Nov 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. Parent's Option on Pupil's Subject Combination at Primary 5, 2027

You will receive the Parent's Option Form via Parents Gateway on 12 November 2026 and you will be able to view your child's/ward's End-Year Exam results based on the scripts she would be bringing home on 4 November 2026.

Please submit your option in Parents Gateway by **Monday, 16 November 2026**. If you have any queries regarding the subject combination options, please consult your child/ward's form teacher. No change to option will be allowed after 16 November 2026.

Pupils who achieve at least 75% for P4 Mother Tongue (MT) and pass English Language, Mathematics and Science will be recommended to take Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) in P5. Pupils who do not take HMT in P5 are not allowed to take HMT in P6.

At the end of P5, only pupils who have met the following criteria can continue to take HMT in P6:

Subject	Results
Mother Tongue Language	At least Achievement Level 4 (75 marks and above)
Higher Mother Tongue Language	Pass
English Language	Pass
Mathematics	Pass
Science	Pass

Information on Higher Mother Tongue (HMT) for Primary 5 (2027)

a) Textbooks and Workbooks

HCL/HML:

- Pupils taking Higher Chinese Language (HCL) and Higher Malay Language (HML) will be using the HCL/HML textbook and workbook only.

HTL:

- Pupils taking Higher Tamil Language (HTL) will be using both the TL and HTL textbooks.

b) School Examinations

- Pupils taking HMT will take the standard MT Weighted Assessment (WA).
- Pupils taking HMT will sit for both standard MT and HMT papers at the End-of-Year Examination.

MT Examination		HMT Examination	
Components	Marks	Components	Marks
• Oral	50	• Composition	40
• Listening Comprehension	20	• Language Paper	60
• Composition	40		**Total: 100**
• Language Paper	90	*HMT results will be reflected in the report book as Grades (Distinction, Merit or Pass).*	
	Total: 200		

c) Additional Lessons for HMT

- HMT lessons will be conducted within curriculum time in 2027. There is no afternoon lesson needed for HMT lessons.

d) Admission to SAP schools

- For more information on how HCL will affect admission to SAP schools, please refer to MOE microsite: https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/s1-posting/how-to-choose/explore-schools?toggle-id=special-assistance-plan-sap-schools