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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warmest greetings to all of you.

As we move through the final term of the school year, we encourage our students to remain focused, positive and committed to doing their best and finish the academic year well.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you the upcoming events and activities in October 2026.

1. Achievement, Affirmation and Appreciation

We would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding achievements:

Name of Student	Award / Recognition
Jaedyn Chew Jie Ting Liu Jiawei Zhao Qi Max	Singapore Chinese Moo-O Awards – Gold Award
Xia Zizhen	International Chinese Language Competition – Bronze Award
Zheng Yuqi	International Chinese Language Competition – Bronze Award
Xia Zizhen	15 th National Schools On-The-Spot Chinese Calligraphy Competition – Merit Award
Xin Ruoxuan	15 th National Schools On-The-Spot Chinese Calligraphy Competition – Consolation Award
Lim Xiang Hao	Singapore Primary Science Olympiad – Silver Award
Wang Zhaoxun	Singapore Primary Science Olympiad – Silver Award
Cai Yuchen Joy Lee Ann Gostelow Sun Sophie Du Yuning	12th National Primary School “Picture Book Creation” Competition 2026 – Bronze Award
Tu Yuhan	Celebrating Singapore Together - Redesign a Local Book Cover.

We would like to specially mention **Tu Yuhan from Primary 5 Integrity** was selected as one of the 19 winners in the nationwide *Celebrate Singapore Together: Redesign a Local Book Cover* competition, from 608 entries across Singapore.

Participants were challenged to design a new cover for a local Singaporean book. Yuhan chose to redesign Ms Vivian Teo's *My BFF is an Alien*, drawing inspiration from a scene where Abriana and Octavia hold hands and fly through the sky in Abriana's dream. Her winning artwork is featured in Annex A.

Yuhan's thoughtful interpretation of the story and creative artwork brought the scene beautifully to life. We are very proud of Yuhan for this outstanding achievement and for representing our school so well in this national competition.

2. Citizenship and Character Education

For October, the 'Value of the Month' is **Integrity**. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 1 Be Proactive: I do not blame others for my wrong actions.

Habit 1 Be Proactive: I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Integrity is about upholding what is good, just and true. We explicitly teach our students that integrity involves showing acts of honesty and being willing to admit to mistakes they have made. It is also about doing the right thing even when no one is looking. Please refer to Annex B-1 for resources on integrity.

3. End-of-Year Examinations for P3 to P5 students

The end-of-year examination for P3 to P5 students will begin on Tuesday, 6 October 2026. Please be informed that there will be **no make-up sessions** for the end-of-year examination if your child/ward is absent. In the event that your child/ward is unwell on the day of the exam, kindly bring him/her to see a doctor and obtain a medical certificate. The medical certificate should be submitted to the teacher when your child/ward returns to school. Please note that medical certificates issued by Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) practitioners will not be accepted.

The well-being of your child/ward is our utmost priority, and rest assured that they will not be penalized for missing the end-of-year examination. While the exam is part of the overall assessment, please note that the school evaluates your child's/ward's progress through various means, including daily work, performance tasks, and termly weighted assessments throughout the year.

Your child/ward will also have the opportunity to attempt the exam paper as practice once they are back in school and feeling better.

4. PSLE Marking Exercise – From Mon, 12 October to Wed, 14 October 2026

Students need not report to school on these **three** days, except for selected activities that teachers have scheduled students to return for. The Student Care Centre will operate from 7.30 am to 7.00 pm on these three days.

School will resume on Thursday, 15 October 2026. We seek your understanding and cooperation to ensure that your child reports to school, as lessons will continue as per normal for P1s to P5s. There will be post PSLE programmes to prepare our P6s for transition to secondary school. Any absence must be supported with valid reasons.

5. Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS)

Following the National Environment Agency's launch of Singapore's nationwide Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS) on 1 Apr 2026, all MOE schools will be implementing this initiative. The scheme encourages mindful consumption, proper recycling habits, and reduced littering whilst creating a clean stream of recyclables.

The BCRS applies a 10-cent deposit on beverages in plastic and metal containers (150ml-3L). This deposit is refunded when containers are returned to designated "Return Right" Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs). Only containers bearing the scheme's deposit mark are eligible for refunds.

With effect from 1 Oct 2026, all regulated beverages sold in school canteens must carry the deposit mark as required by law. Similar to hawker centres, the drinks stallholders will charge the 10-cent deposit directly to students. This minimises operational burden and financial risk for stallholders, especially elderly ones who will find it challenging to return the containers.

Students are encouraged to develop responsible recycling habits by returning empty containers to RVMs located outside school premises. Refunds will be processed digitally through EZ-Link cards or DBS PayLah!. Whilst rinsing is not required for refunds, we encourage students to empty and rinse containers before returning them as a good recycling practice and to address hygiene concerns.

We also hope that students maintain healthy lifestyles, which includes drinking plain water for proper hydration.

6. Term 4 School Activities - Thu, 1 October 2026 to Thu, 31 December 2026

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Remarks
Thu, 1 October 2026	Children's Day Celebration	All	Students will be dismissed at 12pm.
Fri, 2 October 2026	School Holiday – Children's Day	All	SCC will be closed
Tue, 6 October 2026 to Thu, 29 October 2026	End-of-Year Examination (Please refer to EYE Timetable for details)	P3 to P5	<i>Ref to Annexes attached to Memo 8 (dated 3 August 2026)</i>
Tue, 10 November 2026	Admin Day for results processing – All students need not report to school	All	

Tue, 10 November 2026 to Fri, 13 November 2026	Overseas Learning Journey to Hanoi	Only selected P5 & P6 Students Leaders	
Wed, 18 November 2026	P6 Graduation Ceremony	P6	
	Affirmation Ceremony (AM)	P1 & P2	Award recipients, invited guests and all P1 and P2 students.
Thu, 19 November 2026	Affirmation Ceremony (AM)	P3 – P6	Award recipients, invited guests and all P6 and P5 students. P1 to P4 students need not report to school.
Fri, 20 November 2026	Staff Learning Fiesta	Nil	P1 to P6 students need not report to school.
	Primary 1 Admin Brief (PM - Online)	Parents of P1/2027 Students (via Webinar)	3pm to 4.30pm
Sat, 21 November 2026 to Thu, 31 December 2026	Term 4 School Holidays	All	

As we approach the end of Term 4, let us celebrate your child's/ward's growth and success throughout the year. Your unwavering support and encouragement have played an important role in their journey, and we are confident that they will finish this term on a strong and positive note.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal)
Mrs Cheryl Lim (VP)
Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)