

PASIR RIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

March Letter to Parents

As Term 1 draws to a close, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all parents for your support in your child/ward's learning journey. It has been a meaningful term filled with rich learning experiences, and we appreciate your continuous involvement in nurturing our students' growth both academically and in their character development.

The school vacation for this term is from Saturday, 15 March to Sunday, 23 March 2025. Please refer to Annex A for Term 2's Calendar of Events. More details on the activities will be provided nearer the dates of the activities.

Some key updates on school matters:

Education and Career Guidance Day for Primary 6

Our P6 students will participate in the annual PRPS Education and Career Guidance programme on Friday, March 14, from 7.30 am to 12.40 pm. This programme aims to broaden students' awareness of various professions and educational pathways, helping them explore potential career options.

Invited speakers from different industries will share insights into their professions, the knowledge and skills required, the attitudes and values that guide them as they carry out their day-to-day responsibilities. They will also address students' queries about their professions.

Through this exposure, we hope to inspire our P6 students to explore their interests and talents, stay focused on their goals, and make informed decisions about their future. This initiative supports their development as passionate learners and critical thinkers, preparing them for lifelong learning and meaningful careers.

International Friendship Day Commemoration

Each year, we commemorate International Friendship Day (IFD) in the month of April to remind us about the importance of connectedness and cooperation between Singapore and our neighbouring countries.

This year, we will be commemorating IFD in Term 2 Weeks 1 to 3. The theme for this year, "Singapore: Forging Friendships in a Complex World", encourages our students to recognise the active role they can play in fostering ties among peers and promoting the spirit of friendship and collaboration. To help our students understand the importance of IFD and celebrate our region's diversity and vibrancy, students can look forward to an array of activities planned during Assembly, Form Teacher Guidance Periods, CCE MTL lessons and recess.

Cyberwellness Message

Our Cyberwellness programmes continue to focus on three key themes: "Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Smart Online." At the start of the year, the Cyber Security Agency conducted an assembly talk on the theme "Be Safe," emphasizing the importance of cybersecurity. The session provided students with practical tips to stay safe online. Our students were reminded that most social media platforms require users to be at least 13 years old and were advised to avoid creating personal social media accounts before reaching that age.

A recent article, "Singapore in Talks with Australia Over Social Media Ban for Young Users," highlights the growing concern over online safety for children. We seek our parents/guardians support in ensuring that your child/ward adheres to the age restrictions set by social media platforms.

For more guidance, you may refer to the Parents' Guide on Social Media Usage via the link: https://www.digitalforlife.gov.sg/-/media/resources/pdfs/parents-guides/social-media-parent-guide

• Eat With Your Family Day

Friday, 14 March 2025, has been designated as Eat With Your Family Day to remind us of the importance of spending quality time with our family regularly. To allow all staff to return home in time to enjoy a meal with their children and families, the school's General Office will <u>close at 4.30 pm</u>.

We wish you a restful term break as you spend quality time with your children/wards. We look forward to seeing your children/wards back in school on Monday, 24 March 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Liza Rahmat Principal