

PASIR RIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

June Letter to Parents

As we approach the June school holidays, we wish all students and parents/guardians a good term break.

Student Well-Being Matters

• Joint Advisory by SPF, CNB, NCPC and NCADA for 2024 June Holidays

The joint advisory for students by Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) for the June school holidays can be found in the attachment (Annex A). It shares measures that students need to take to avoid falling victim to common crimes such as online scams, vaping and underaged smoking. School will be sharing pertinent information from the advisory with all students. We encourage parents/guardians to go through the advisory and reinforce the message to your children/wards.

• Termly Cyberwellness Message

During this term's Kindness Fortnight, we affirmed 'Every Pasirian, As A Peer Supporter', recognising the important role each of us play in supporting our peers. It is heartwarming to see our Pasirians embrace the pro-social skill 'Stop-Think-Do' to engage in Peer Bonding, Peer Helping and Peer Influencing. To align our Cyberwellness message with our Kindness Fortnight, we encourage our Pasirians to be upstanders in the Cyberworld through Peer Influencing.

In a recent survey conducted by Ministry of Communications and Information, one in five youths aged 13 to 18, who plays online or video games, has experienced in-game bullying, but close to half did not take any action. Only a minority (about 8%) of those who were bullied online spoke to their parents about the experience. The statistics were perturbing as despite the prevalence of bullying in online games, the study found that parents/guardians generally had low awareness of their child's/ward's gaming activities. Thus, it is extremely important for parents/guardians to keep track and be in the know of their children's/wards' online activities and engagement from young. We hope you continue to closely monitor and keep track of your child's/ward's online activities, especially during the upcoming school holidays.

You can refer to the tipsheet of how to help your child/ward deal with cyberbullying and be an upstander via this link: <u>https://www.digitalforlife.gov.sg/home/learn/resources/all-resources/how-to-help-your-child-deal-with-cyberbullying</u>

National Family Festival (NFF)

The Families for Life Council is organising the National Family Festival, an annual celebration to promote the importance of families, from 25 May 2024 to 23 June 2024. This year, the organisers have prepared a binoculars craft activity for all Primary School students as part of NFF celebration, which we have distributed to our students on Thursday, 23 May.

We strongly encourage our parents/guardians to,

- join their children/wards in completing the activity at home;
- discuss the family values of love, care and concern, commitment and respect as you engage the young ones in the craft making;
- attend the opening of NFF at Gardens by the Bay, in conjunction with Children's Festival and other events planned during this June holidays.

You can access the NFF programmes planned via this link <u>https://familiesforlife.sg/pages/national-family-festival-2024</u>

Office Hours During School Holiday

During the June school holidays, school general office operating hours will be from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays).

We wish you a restful term break and look forward to seeing your child/ward back in school on Monday, 24 June 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Liza Rahmat Principal