

From the Principal's Desk

21 September 2015

Dear Parents / Guardian

Term 3 saw a flurry of activities – Library Week, Lego building, Racial Harmony Day, Youth Celebrate, National Day and Teachers' Day celebrations. There were lots of opportunities for the students to come together to play and learn, to celebrate and to honour. And we are most grateful for the involvement and support of the alumni and the parent volunteer group, without whom we will not be able to provide the diverse range of experiences for the students.

School Achievements Term 3 2015

We want to congratulate all winners and participants in the various competitions held in term 3. They have always kept the school flag flying high because they displayed excellence, perseverance and good sportsmanship. Credit also goes to the teachers and the supportive parents.

1	South Zone International Chess Competition	<p><u>Merit Award (under 10)</u> Yap Ruike P3A Chua Wan Lim Penelope P3B Iness Kuma P4G Shernice Wee Xinying P4R</p> <p><u>Distinction Award (under 10)</u> Faith Lim P3A Goh Dai Ting P4C Mak Wy-En P4E</p> <p><u>Achievement Award (under 10)</u> Caitlin Mok Rui Ying P4Q</p> <p><u>Merit Award (Open)</u> Joyce Ng Shi Han P5Q Duan Ning Xin P6R Lee Yuan Xi P6R Cleo Ng Lin En P6G</p> <p><u>Distinction Award (Open) & Character Award</u> Ooi Zi Ern Shannon P5Q</p>
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2	National Primary Schools Table Tennis Competition 2015	Team – 4 th <u>Senior Division (Indv)</u> 3 rd - Natalie Lim Shiyong P6F <u>Junior Division (Indv)</u> 2 nd - Chloe Tan Yong Han P4E 3 rd - Amanda Tan Ngya Leng P5E
3	National Primary Schools Softball Competition 2015	Junior Division 1 st Runners - up
4	National Primary Schools Wushu Competition 2015	Yeong Shi Jia P6E (Indv Senior) 5 th in Sword 6 th in Changquan 7 th in Spear
5	Sony Creative Science Award 2015	<u>Commendation Award</u> Ng Le Xuan Eudora P4F
6	National Mathematical Olympiad by NUS High	<u>Team - National 1st</u> Goh Xin Ru Karin P5Q Hu Xinghui P5R Tan Yun Hui P5P Tham Yun Xin P5R <u>1st Indv</u> Hu Xinghui P5R <u>2nd Indv</u> Tan Yun Hui P5P
7	Singapore Mathematical Society Prize 2015	<u>1st Indv</u> Hu Xinghui P5R <u>2nd Indv</u> Tan Yun Hui P5P
8	21 st National Primary Schools Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition	<u>3rd (Category E)</u> Allyscia Clare Pereira P5E <u>Consolation (Category C)</u> Wong Chin Wen Rachel P4P Lin Yingzi P4P <u>Consolation (Category D)</u> Richelle Jiayi Prakashan P6P <u>Consolation (Category F)</u> Park Saeun P4D
9	Staedtler Art Competition “Colourful Dreams”	2 nd – Yap Rui Lin P1E 3 rd - Yap Rui Ke P3A

10	National Science Olympiad of Singapore 2015 by NUS High	<p>Gold Award Tan Yun Hui P5P</p> <p>Silver Award Hu Xinghui P5R</p> <p>Bronze Award Chloe Ong Jingwen P5R Koay Tze Erhn P5P Melody Goh Xueni P5PI</p>
11	Raffles Science Olympiad 2015 by Raffles Institution	<p>Gold Award Mikiko Abigail Joni P5P</p>

Haze Management Measures

The school has in place processes to ensure the well-being of all students and staff as the PSI fluctuates between the high end of moderate to low end of the unhealthy range. The details of the school measures were sent out last week to all parents / guardian.

Fund-Raising for non-standard items

I want to thank all parents / guardian and students who contributed to the fund-raising in honor of the teachers during Teachers' Day last term. A total of \$28,766.10 was raised. This sum will go towards the payment for the \$97,000 intercom system in the Hillcrest campus.

School Hours, Curriculum & Other Matters for Academic Year 2016

To reiterate, the school hours for 2016 are follows :

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7.30 am – 1.30pm	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Lessons
1.30 – 2.10pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	NIL
2.10 – 3pm	Remedial lessons / HML & HTL	Remedial lessons	Remedial lessons	Remedial lessons	NIL
3 – 5pm	CCA	CCA	CCA	CCA	NIL

Higher Mother Tongue

Higher Chinese will be offered from P4 onwards while P3 students offering Chinese will be using the Higher Chinese textbooks as in P1 & P2. Different levels of support will be given to different student segments at P3 level next year to allow them to reach their potential in the mother tongue.

All Higher Chinese lessons (P4 –P6) will be conducted within curriculum hours while Higher Malay & Higher Tamil (P5 & P6) will have another 50 min of lessons after school because of curriculum requirements.

P6 Remedial Lessons

To support the P6 students, remedial / supplementary lessons will be conducted for all P6 classes from January – September.

PE & CCA

There will also be more PE periods next year to strengthen the students' psychomotor and sports skills and provide them more opportunities to play and work together.

We will be trimming the number of CCAs due to venue constraints. CCAs will not be offered to P1 students with effect from 2016 as we let them settle in to primary school life in their first year. Priority for CCA places will be given to students from P4 onwards.

Traffic & School Bus Operator

The school has worked with LTA, Traffic Police and Watten RC on traffic flow at Dunearn & Hillcrest Roads when we move back next year.

Hillcrest Road will operate as one-way during the following times from Mondays to Fridays : 1pm – 2.30pm & 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

There is a signalised traffic light at the mouth of NJC Rise and Dunearn Road to ease traffic flow out from the school. It will be operationalised on Mondays to Fridays from 6.30 am – 8.30am and 1pm - 7pm.

SSTA is the school bus operator for 2016. As the school will be single session next year, pick up and return times for students will be different. The various bus operators will liaise with the parents / guardian in due time.

As mentioned in the March newsletter, in order to provide bus services at 5pm, the school bus operators had indicated that they would need to re-group the buses that would be available to pick up the students after CCAs according to routes plied so as to minimize losses. Time taken for students to reach home after CCAs will be longer (estimated between 1 – 1½h).

I seek parents' / guardian's understanding that in choosing a school that is further from home, there will be some inconveniences and we need to train our students to cope with these. If there are carpool arrangements that parents / guardian could work out, it would be good. For the older students, perhaps they could use the public transport.

Movement back to Hillcrest

Hillcrest campus is almost ready and we are preparing to move back home. We will operate from Hillcrest Road with effect from 4 December 2015.

As we move into the exam term especially for the P6 students, I would like to encourage all parents/ guardian to affirm the girls' efforts put in to their work instead of the final grades. This striving for excellence and giving of their best in all that they do will allow our young ladies to thrive in the future.

Yours sincerely

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