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2 January 2019

**2019 TERM ONE
SCHOOL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students who have joined us this year. We hope 2019 will be an enriching and fulfilling year for you and your family.

To facilitate your planning, here is an update of our activities for Term One 2019.

JANUARY 2019

1) TEMPERATURE-TAKING EXERCISE

The school will be conducting the temperature-taking exercise on **Monday, 7 January 2019**. The temperature-taking exercise serves to educate our students on the need to take personal responsibility of their own health and practice social responsibility. Primary 1 students will be given an oral digital thermometer (ODT) on the day itself.

For P2 and P3 students, the Form Teachers will return their ODTs to them on Thursday, 3 January 2019 to check on its serviceability.

For P4 students, we would like to seek parents' assistance in ensuring that your child brings his/her ODT to school on Thursday, 3 January 2019 for checking as well as Monday, 7 January 2019 for the exercise.

For students who have lost or misplaced their ODTs, or have unserviceable ODTs, please purchase a replacement available in most of the pharmacies and supermarkets. Alternatively, the ODTs can also be purchased at the school bookshop at \$4.50 each.

2) STUDENT HANDBOOK 2019

Parents and Guardians, please read the school rules and discipline policy in the Student Handbook 2019 and sign on the acknowledgement box on page 21 by **Monday, 7 January 2019**.

3) PARENTS CONNECT @ PCPS - A DAY AT THE COVE 2019 – Primary 1

You are invited to attend 'A Day at the Cove' to experience a meaningful time at the school and in the classroom with your child/ward on Friday, 1 February 2019. This day serves as a good opportunity to take a sneak peek into your child's learning at PCPS as well as learn about the carefully crafted curriculum by the teachers.

More details on the event will be provided at a later date. Lessons will resume after recess.

Level	Date	Time (Approximate)	Highlight
Primary 1	1 February 2019	0730 to 0900	Classroom Visit, Curriculum Briefing & Assessment

FEBRUARY 2019

4) CURRICULUM BRIEFING – PRIMARY 2, PRIMARY 3, PRIMARY 4

As part of our school-family partnership efforts, we will be conducting curriculum briefings to provide key curricular information about the various subjects and how you can better support your child's learning.

To create awareness among parents of the different types of heuristic skills and strategies taught in Punggol Cove Primary School, the Mathematics Department will also be conducting parent's workshops on the same day of the curriculum briefing for the various levels.

More details on the event will be sent in a separate letter nearer the date.

The schedule for the briefings is as follows:

LEVEL	DATE & TIME (Approximate)
PRIMARY 3	18 January 2019
PRIMARY 4	25 January 2019
PRIMARY 2	15 February 2019

5) CHINESE NEW YEAR (CNY) CELEBRATION

School will function from 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. on **Monday, 4 February 2019**. Students will be **dismissed at 10.00 a.m.** on that day. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 & 6 February 2019 are public holidays, students need not attend school. The Student Care Centre will also be closed.

6) TOTAL DEFENCE DAY

Total Defence Day is a day we remind our students that Singapore is defensible and is worth defending, and we ourselves must defend Singapore. Singapore has remained safe and peaceful over the past 53 years because we have work together to keep Singapore strong. The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Monday, 18 February 2019. More information on this event will be given nearer to the date.

7) SCHOOL SMART CARD PHOTO-TAKING (PRIMARY 1)

Transit Link Pte Ltd will be making the School Smart Cards of Primary One (1) students in batches and students are expected to receive the card by April 2019.

For your information, children under 7 years old can travel for free on the public transport network with a Child Concession Card (CCD). The CCD will expire on 30th April of the year that the child turns 7 years old.

For P1 students who do not have the CCD and require one in the interim, you may wish to apply for a CCD at any Transit Link Ticket Office. You can get more info on the CCD in Transit Link's Website at <https://www.transitlink.com.sg/PSdetail.aspx?ty=art&id=50>.

For your information, our Primary 1 students will have their photographs taken on Friday, 25 January 2019. The photograph will be used for their School Smart Card.

MARCH 2019

8) STUDENT CARE CENTRE TRAINING DAY

Student Care Centre will be closed on Friday, 15 March 2019.

9) 2019 MARCH SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Term One March holiday will begin from 16 to 24 March 2019.

10) PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

We would also like to inform you that throughout the course of the year, photograph(s) or video image(s) of you and your child may be captured at all school events. We may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other official school communication channels. For clarifications, please feel free to contact the school.

11) HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT

Please be informed of the assessment plan for 2019 below.

P1: No assessments for the whole year.

P2: No assessments for the whole year.

P3: Assessments will be carried out in Term 2, Term 3 and Term 4.

P4: Assessments will be carried out in Term 2 and Term 4.

Details on the assessments will be given out at the beginning of each term.

12) P3 GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE 2019 (GEP)

The tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2019 is given below:

Stage	Date	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening Exercise	23 August 2019 (Friday)	P3 students enrolled in government and government-aided schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English LanguageMathematics
GEP Selection Exercise	15 & 16 October 2019 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Primary 3 students shortlisted at the GEP Screening Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English LanguageMathematicsGeneral Ability

13) PARENTS GATEWAY MOBILE APP

We are pleased to inform you that Punggol Cove Primary School has been selected by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to be an Early Adopter of Parents Gateway!

Parents Gateway is a mobile app specially designed for parents. Developed by MOE and GovTech, the app allows parents to engage closely with schools, receive information and perform a range of administrative functions including giving consent for school trips.

We would like to invite you to download the free Parents Gateway mobile app on your mobile phone (available on iOS and Android platforms only) and perform a simple one-time onboarding process.

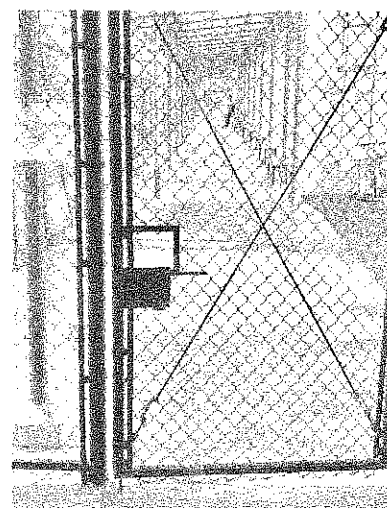
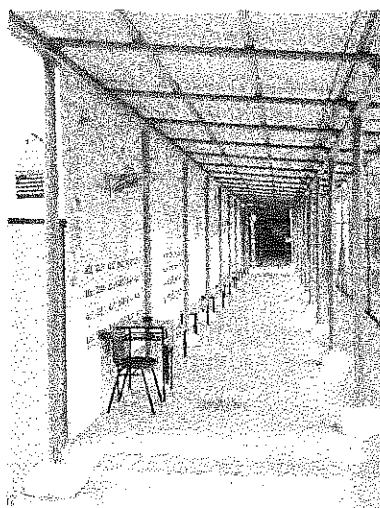
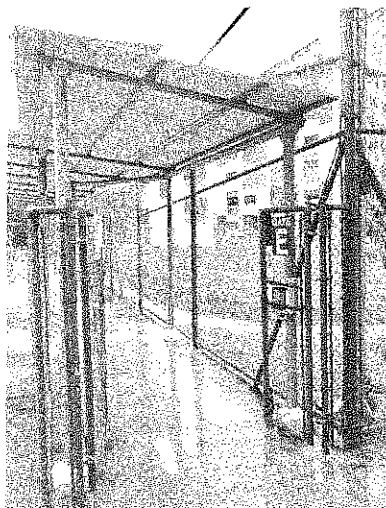
14) 2019 SCHOOL MATTERS

The school hours are from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. All students will need to report to the school at **7.30 a.m. sharp**. We seek the cooperation of all parents to help us to instil in our students the value of punctuality.

The recess timing for 2019 are as follows: -

Level	Time	Snack Break
Primary 1	9.30 am – 10.00 am	12.00 pm
Primary 2	10.00 am – 10.30 am	12.00 pm
Primary 3 & 4	10.30 am – 11.00 am	12.30 pm

ii) Parents' Waiting Area at Gate E – Walkway along Gate E leading to the gate of The Cove.



e) Please remind your child/ward to practice the 'kerb drill' before crossing any roads.

We hope this termly update is useful for you. Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at Tel: 63857339 or email at punggolcove_ps@moe.edu.sg.

We look forward to a fruitful and enriching year with your child in 2019.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,


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