

4 July 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians



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## **COMMUNICATION 4 / 2017**

1. We hope that our students have found time to rejuvenate, recharge and reconnect with family and friends during the June break. As we welcome in anticipation the new term, we would like to highlight that we are encouraged by the achievements and tremendous improvements made by our students in Semester 1. We urge all our students to press on in building their discipline in thinking, discipline in living and discipline in action.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and guardians for your unstinting support. We would like to emphasise that your supervision, engagement and support for your child are immensely important for his/her positive growth.

### **Pioneer Primary Experience for Kindergarten 2 Students and Parents**

2. On the 16th and 23rd May, our school organised the Pioneer Primary Experience (PPE) Programme for kindergarten 2 students and parents in the community. This programme aimed to introduce them to primary school life. The PPE was well-received with 21 kindergartens signing up. Overall, a total of 550 students and 300 parents attended the programme.

### **Pioneer Primary Experience in the Community**

3. Pioneer Primary School's mission is to develop each student to be a life-long learner, a leader with character, a success in his own right so as to serve the community. Therefore, Values in Action (VIA) is an important component of Character and Citizenship Education which helps in achieving the mission. VIA learning experiences support students' development as socially responsible individuals who contribute meaningfully to the community, through the learning and application of values, knowledge and skills.

Our school planned a list of level and CCA VIA activities for our students. As our niche is dance, our Primary 2 and 5 students showcased what they had learnt during their dance lessons to the kindergartens in the neighbourhood. Freshly graduated from pre-schools, our Primary 1 students shared their life and experiences in the school through storytelling with the K2 students.

Working with NEA and PUB, our Primary 3, 4 and 6 students shared what they had learnt in school with the members of the public. With the support from PUB, our Primary 3 students went out to Gek Poh Shopping Centre to share the message on the importance of saving water. Our Primary 4 students shared with the residents in the neighbourhood on how to keep the environment clean with the support from NEA. At the Boon Lay Market, our Primary 6 students promoted tray return and this undertaking further sharpened their presentation and communication skills. Our CCAs (Rope skipping, Wushu, Chinese Dance, Malay Dance, Indian Dance, Chinese Orchestra and Choir) performed at Pioneer Mall and Jurong Point to bring vibrance to the community. Conducting storytelling and craft work at Frontier National Library was a good experience for our Toastmasters and Art Expression Club students to teach younger children the joy of reading and craftwork. Through all these authentic experiences, our students grew to be more confident and giving individuals.

## Partnership with Parents

4. The school would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our parent volunteers who took time to support us in various programmes and activities in Semester 1. The positive impact is great when parents and teachers work together in nurturing and supporting our students' education.

There will be more volunteer opportunities in Semester 2 and if you are keen to give us your support, do email to [psgliason.pioneer@gmail.com](mailto:psgliason.pioneer@gmail.com) with your name, contact number and your child's name and class. A Parent Support Group representative will contact you upon receiving your email.

For latest events, happenings and photos, please go to our school official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pioneerpriofficial/> . Do remember to 'like' our page!



## Calendar of Activities for Semester 2 Term 3

5. The Calendar of Activities for Term 3 is at **Annex A** for your information. Please do mark out those activities related to you and your child, and give them the highest priority. We will keep your child updated if there are changes.

## Character Development of Students

6. Since 2016, we have embarked on The Sparkling Clean Classroom and The Diamond Shine Canteen programmes. We hope that you can reinforce these habits by encouraging your child through everyday responsibilities.

The following are some tasks which your child can contribute at home: ensure his/her bedroom is clean and tidy, sweep the floor, wash the dishes and fold the clothes. Let's work together to inculcate social responsibility and good life habits in our children.

## Programmes for Primary 6 Students

7. Besides the usual Primary 6 supplementary classes on Monday and Friday, selected students are also in different support programmes, i.e. ACE League, Math & Science enrichment and remedial classes, conducted by both our teachers and external vendors. These structured programmes aim to help our students achieve their academic goals at PSLE. (ACE stands for Accountability, Community, Empowerment.)

We would like to maintain regular communication with you and urge that you read our letters, access our school website or contact our teachers should you have clarifications concerning your child's development. We hope your close partnership with the school would help our students on their journey of self-improvement and growth.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Yours sincerely,



Cheng Huey Teng (Mrs)  
Principal

**PPS 2017 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 3**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Events</b>
3 Jul (Mon)	<b>School Holiday in lieu of Youth Day on 2 Jul (Sun)</b>
3 - 14 Jul	Mother Tongue Languages Fortnight
6 Jul (Thu)	Hari Raya Celebrations Concert
8 Jul (Sat)	NE Show for P5 students (2.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.)
12 Jul (Wed)	CL Language & Cultural Camp (Comic Camp)
14 Jul (Fri)	P1 and P2 Parent-Child Activity on 21CC Project Work (5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.)
14 Jul (Fri)	Annual Briefing for P1 & P2 Parents (6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.)
17 - 21 Jul	P6 Preliminary Examination 1
20 Jul (Thu)	Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day during curriculum time
24 - 28 Jul	Science Green Week
1 - 2 Aug	P6 Preliminary Examination 2 - Oral
3 – 4 Aug	P6 Preliminary Examination 2 - Paper 1
21- 25 Aug	P6 Preliminary Examination 2 - Paper 2
4 Aug (Fri)	P5 Science Workshop for Parents (5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.)
4 Aug (Fri)	Annual Briefing for P5 Parents (6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.)
8 Aug (Tue)	National Day Celebrations (School Hours: 7.30 a.m. - 10.15 a.m.)
9 Aug (Wed)	<b>Public Holiday – National Day</b>
10 Aug (Thu)	<b>School Holiday – Day After National Day</b> (Note: Office will be closed for W3 Cluster EAS Day. Star Campus Student Care will remain open from 7.30 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.)
17 - 18 Aug	PSLE Oral Examination for P6 students. <b>(Note: No school lessons for P1 to P5 students)</b>
21 - 24 Aug	Aesthetics Week
23 Aug (Wed)	GEP Screening Exercise
31 Aug (Thu)	<b>School Holiday – Teachers’ Day</b>
1 Sep (Fri)	<b>Public Holiday – Hari Raya Haji</b>
2 – 10 Sep	<b>School Holidays</b>
7 - 8 Sep	P6 Supplementary Lessons

School Term 3: Tue, 27 Jun 2017 – Wed, 30 Aug 2017

School Vacation: Sat, 2 Sep 2017 – Sun, 10 Sep 2017

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Please return the acknowledgement slip below to your child’s form teacher by **Fri 7 July 2017**.

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Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s Signature & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Handphone)