



DAMAI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and guardians,

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRINCIPAL DESIGNATE

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Jenny Leong, current Principal of Red Swastika School, will be appointed Principal Designate of the new merged Damai Primary in 2019. Mrs Jenny Leong will work closely with the leadership teams and staff from both schools to ensure a smooth transition for the students. We hope that our parents and students will continue to provide her with the trust and cooperation you have always given us.

SINGAPORE STUDENT LEARNING SPACE (SLS)

As part of its commitment to nurturing future-ready learners, the Ministry of Education had announced that all students in Singapore schools will be supported in their learning by the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS), an online learning platform that contains curriculum-aligned resources and learning tools.

With the SLS, students will be able to learn better through the use of technology. Students will be able to learn anytime, anywhere, and at their own pace, whether independently or with their peers. Teachers will also be able to use the SLS to complement their classroom teaching, further enriching students' learning experience.

SLS is being rolled out to all schools in phases. The students in our school will be given their accounts before the end of April. Our teachers will guide your child in activating the SLS account and using the learning platform. We look forward to your support as we help our students strengthen their learning through the SLS.

"40 KM/H WHEN LIGHTS FLASH" SIGN

We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in enhancing the safety of students travelling to and from school. This is especially important as young children may not be fully aware of the possible dangers present on roads. Their lack of experience on the road and smaller physique which makes them less visible to motorists increases their vulnerability on the road.

As part of LTA's continuous efforts in enhancing road safety for students, in addition to the existing School Zone road safety features, a new traffic sign will be implemented along the school frontage to remind and alert motorists to drive carefully and reduce their travelling speeds to 40 km/h (and below) when they enter a School Zone.

The "40 km/h When Lights Flash" sign comprises

1. "Children Ahead, School Zone" sign;
2. "40 km/h" speed limit sign; and
3. "When Lights Flash" supplementary information sign that is accompanied by a pair of flashing amber lights (refer to Fig 1).

The sign will be located at the start of the School Zone along the school frontage; and has commenced operations.



This sign will operate during school arrival/dismissal hours. When in operation, the accompanying pair of amber lights will flash alternately. Motorists travelling within the School Zone are expected to reduce their speed to 40 km/h and below. When the sign is not in operation i.e. lights not flashing, motorists may travel at the original speed limit of the road, while continuing to exercise caution and drive carefully. A lower speed environment would provide motorists with more reaction time and this helps to enhance the safety for the various road users.

The operating hours of the “40 km/h When Lights Flash” sign (excluding school holidays) are:

- 6.30 am to 7.45 am;
- 12 pm to 2.30 pm; and
- Activated by schools when required for other school events.

Motorists who caught committing the offence of careless driving, inconsiderate driving, beating the red lights, or speeding within school zones will be given an additional demerit point.

Traffic Offence	Number of Demerit Points for this offence	Number of Demerit Points if offence is committed within school zones
Careless Driving	6	7
Inconsiderate Driving (Driving Without Due Care or Reasonable Consideration for Other Road Users)	9	10
Failure to conform to traffic light signal	12	13
Speeding	4-24	5-24

Table 1. Traffic offence penalties and respective demerit points.

We believe in the importance of safety for students and that everyone has a part to play in ensuring and enhancing road safety for the young. We look forward to the cooperation and understanding from all parents and guardians.



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Conclusion

Term 2 promises to be busy and rewarding for our students. The CCA calendar is in full swing and we extend our best wishes to our rugby and floorball players as well as our international Chinese and Malay dancers as they represent the school in the various competitions and SYF performances. Our heartiest congratulations goes to our rope skippers who have just completed their competition. Special mention is made of our Junior Boys who emerged as East Zone Champions and for coming in 2nd at the national competition for their team creative event. Kudos to all our Damai rope skippers!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lay See Neufeld
Principal