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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## 1. Student Matters

### **Student Well-Being**

The school maintains high standards of hygiene which include emphasising good hygiene practices such as observing proper hand-washing techniques and respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette. For students who wear mask, we request that a spare mask be brought to school to replace damaged, dirtied, or misplaced mask.

Should your child feel unwell, please keep him/her resting at home until he/she is well. It is advisable to consult a doctor so your child/ward can receive the necessary medical attention. Should your child be absent for the day, we would appreciate it if you could inform your child's Form Teacher or call the General Office at 64456483 in the morning of the day of absence. Please submit the medical certificate to your child's Form Teacher when your child is well enough to return to school.

### **Health Declaration Updates**

For new students who have joined the school recently, please submit your health declaration form the soonest possible. For students who have new information on their health conditions, please keep their Form Teachers updated as soon as possible and submit the necessary documents.

### **Hot and Inclement Weather**

Given the current hot weather conditions, we constantly encourage our students to hydrate themselves adequately while in school. Students will also be permitted to wear PE attire to school daily until further notice.

In view of the occasional rain, we seek your assistance to check on the condition of your children's footwear and attire to ensure that they are comfortably attired for school.

### **Traffic Safety**

For the safety and consideration for other road users, we seek your kind cooperation not to park along the roadside before the school main gate or entrance of Belvia HDB residence during dismissal. Parents are advised to park at the nearby car parks while waiting for the school gates to be opened for other vehicles after the departure of the school buses at about 1.45 p.m.



## **Meals for After-school Activities**

The school canteen will continue to operate on days when students are required to attend after-school activities as they are not permitted to leave the school premises. Alternatively, parents/guardians could prepare lunch and hand it to their child/ward at Gate A or B during dismissal time. We encourage parents to provide healthier meals options for their children.

## **Preparations for Weighted-Assessments and End-Year Examinations**

As the preparations for weighted-assessments and examinations intensify, we seek your kind assistance to ensure that your child/ward is well rested, have adequate sleep, and is mentally and psychologically prepared for school.

## **Vaping and Consumption of Chewing Gum**

Please note that vaping and the consumption of chewing gum are prohibited in Singapore. Should students bring, consume, and distribute vapes and chewing gum in school, they will be subjected to disciplinary actions. We urge parents to be on the alert and check that your child is not in possession of the items mentioned.

### **2. PSLE Oral Examination**

PSLE Oral Examination will be held on **15 & 16 August 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday)**. Primary 1 to 5 students need not attend school on these two days. Primary 6 students will receive further instructions on their reporting time for the examination.

### **3. Primary 6 Preliminary Examination**

The Primary 6 Preliminary Examination will be conducted from **17 August to 23 August 2023 (Thursday to Wednesday)**. The detailed examination schedule with the list of examination topics and components to be tested has been sent to all Primary 6 parents.

### **4. PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination**

PSLE Listening Comprehension will be held on **15 September 2023, Friday**. Primary 1 to 5 students need not attend school on this day. Primary 6 students will receive further instructions on their reporting time for the examination.

### **5. Primary 3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2023**

The Gifted Education Programme Identification Exercise will be carried out on **17 August 2023, Thursday**. It will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. Details of the GEP Screening Exercise have been sent to parents of students in Primary 3.



## 6. E-Learning Day for Semester 2 (Primary 1 to 5)

Please refer to e-Learning Schedule for this semester.

Date/Day	Levels involved for E-learning Days	Remarks
15 & 16 Aug 2023 (Tue & Wed)	Primary 1 to 5	Students are <b>not required</b> to attend school due to PSLE Oral.
28 & 29 Sep 2023 (Thurs & Fri)	Primary 3 & 4	Primary 1 and 2 students <b>are required</b> to report to school as per normal.  <i>*Primary 5 students will be involved in the P5 Cohort Camp from 27-29 Sep</i>
2 Oct 2023 (Mon)	Primary 5	Primary 1 to 4 students <b>are required</b> to report to school as per normal.
16 to 18 Oct 2023 (Mon to Wed)	Primary 1 to 5	Students <b>are not required</b> to attend school due to PSLE Marking exercise.

The objectives of the E-Learning Day are to ensure continuous learning in case of school closure and encourage students to be self-directed learners. More information will be provided nearer the date of each e-Learning exercise.

## 7. National Day Celebration on 8 August and Scheduled School Holiday on 10 August

The school will be celebrating National Day on **8 August 2023, Tuesday** with a National Day observance ceremony followed by class activities. The theme for National Day 2023 is *Onward As One*. This is a call for Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together and build a shared future as one united people.

School will end at 10.30 a.m. on that day. For details, please refer to the letter National Day Celebration 2023 that was sent on 24 July 2023. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child. The school bus operator has been notified of the early school dismissal hours. Students attending student care will proceed to the Student Care Centre upon dismissal. Parents are to confirm their arrangements with the bus operator/student care operator.

Students are encouraged to wear their red t-shirt for the celebration if they have them readily available at home. It is not necessary for parents/guardians to specially purchase a red t-shirt for the occasion as your child can also wear his/her PE attire.

As **10 August 2023, Thursday** is a scheduled school holiday, students are reminded to return to school on **11 August 2023, Friday**.



## 8. Teachers' Day Celebration & School Holiday

Teachers' Day will be celebrated on **31 August 2023, Thursday**, the last day of the Term 3. School hours will end at 11.00 a.m. Do make the necessary transport arrangement for your child/ward. Please note that **1 September 2023, Friday** is a Teachers' Day school holiday.

While we truly value the gratitude that students shower upon teachers on this special day, we wish to remind all students not to buy expensive gifts for their teachers. Students' heartfelt words and genuine expressions of appreciation hold far more significance than any material token of affection. Hence, the school would like to encourage students to make their own cards and pen personal messages. Parents are also welcomed to write affirmation notes to your child's teachers and email the notes to **damai\_ps@moe.edu.sg**

## 9. Primary 6 September Holiday Lessons

All Primary 6 students are reminded that their teachers will be conducting **September Holiday Lessons** during the September Holidays to help them prepare for the coming PSLE. We hope that the students will appreciate the special effort on the part of their teachers who have given up their own vacation to help them. Students can show their appreciation by attending all the classes and demonstrating their commitment to learn. Arrangements will be made for a few canteen stalls to sell food. Students on financial assistance will continue to enjoy the subsidy on their food purchases. We seek parents' support in ensuring that your child/ward attends the classes. More details for the September Holiday Classes will be given at a later date.

**Date:** 6 to 8 September 2023 (Wednesday to Friday)

**Reporting Time:** 8.00 a.m.

**Dismissal Time:** 12.30 p.m.

## 10. Our Damaians, Our Pride

We would like to congratulate the following Damaians on their outstanding efforts and achievements in the national competitions. We hope that they will continue to build on their success and serve as inspirations for all Damaians to excel in their endeavours.

### **2023 National School Games Rugby Junior Division Competition**

Heartiest congratulations to our Junior Rugby Team for clinching the first position in Tier 2 Competition!

### **2023 National Tamil Online Storytelling Competition**

NAME	CLASS	AWARD
PRANAV SARAVANA	3C	Winner



**2023 The Singapore Olympic Foundation-Peter Lim Scholarship**

The school is pleased to announce that two of our Damaians were amongst the recipients of the SOF-Peter Lim Scholarship. The scholarship serves to encourage and support young student-athletes in their sporting aspirations. Both boys have represented the school in the National School Games Floorball competitions.

NAME	CLASS
MOHAMAD IRYAN BIN JURAIME	5B
HAYDEN ANDRYAN BIN GIEMAN HAKIM	6C

**2023 Chinese Text Recital Competition for Primary Schools**

NAME	CLASS	AWARD	CATEGORY
LIM ZI YI LEVIN	2A	Silver	Group
THAM SUI YAN (TAM RUI'EN)			
CHEN YENING	2B		
CHEN XUANKAI KIERAN	3A	Silver	Group
LIN XUANYA			
JIA JIAMU			
TONG XINZE NEAL	4A	Bronze	Individual
XIE YUQI	5A	Bronze	Individual

We are immensely proud of the outstanding achievements of the Damaians who have represented the school in these competitions. We are also thankful to our parents for all the unwavering support! Your understanding, trust and respect is greatly appreciated.

Appended to this letter is our termly cyber wellness tips for parents. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy National Day Holiday!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jenny Leong  
 Principal





Appendix A



**Cyber Wellness@Damai – Cyberbullying**

1) Cyber Wellness Focus for Term 3 - Cyberbullying

As the lives of children and youths become more intertwined with smart devices and the Internet, research suggests that there is a growing risk of them being cyberbullied. Separate studies in the United States and Singapore have found that almost half of the respondents in these countries have experienced some form of cyberbullying or online harm. The Ministry of Education has taken steps to address the situation, with the number of reported cyberbullying incidents remaining “low and stable over the past five years”.

The focus for the term is cyberbullying. The school has taken steps to educate our Damaian on how they can protect themselves from being cyberbullied as well as how they can be an upstander when they witness cyberbullying.

At the start of the term, Damaians learnt about cyberbullying through the videos played during the Start-It-Right programme. They learnt important information about cyberbullying as well as the importance of being an upstander to fight cyberbullying.

In August, the school will also be organising cyber wellness recess activities to strengthen their knowledge and understanding of cyberbullying. Students can participate in the recess activities and stand to win prizes.

2) Assessing if Our Children Need Additional Support from Us

Parents play a key role in their children’s growth. Aside from being aware of the potential online risks your children may be facing, parents can help by encouraging your children to talk about what is happening at school, in your neighbourhood, on the bus, on the internet etc. Be a good active listener and avoid passing judgement. Allow your children to have the airtime to share their experiences and enable them to feel safe in their sharing. After which you can take the necessary follow-up actions. Children will need to recognise how important it is to be an active upstander in reporting bullying.

For more resources, check out:

1	<p><u>Cyber Security Agency</u></p> <p>· <a href="https://www.csa.gov.sg/News-Events/events/upcoming-events/parenting-workshop-on-cybersecurity-and-cyber-wellness">https://www.csa.gov.sg/News-Events/events/upcoming-events/parenting-workshop-on-cybersecurity-and-cyber-wellness</a></p>
2	<p><u>Channel News Asia (CNA)</u></p> <p>· <a href="https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/cyberbullying-damaging-young-lives-rampant-big-read-3238221">https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/cyberbullying-damaging-young-lives-rampant-big-read-3238221</a></p>



3	<u>Media Literacy Council</u> <a href="https://www.betterinternet.sg/Resources/Resources-Listing/Be-Kind---Cyberbullying">https://www.betterinternet.sg/Resources/Resources-Listing/Be-Kind---Cyberbullying</a>
4	Schoolbag (The Education News Site) <a href="https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/7-things-every-parent-can-do-to-keep-kids-cyber-safe-a-tech-dads-special">https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/7-things-every-parent-can-do-to-keep-kids-cyber-safe-a-tech-dads-special</a>

Below are some questions to aid in our assessment to see if our children require emotional support from us when they are engaged in device.

<b>IS YOUR CHILD AFFECTED BY SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED ONLINE?</b>	
Question*	Have you noticed that... ..
<b>1</b>	your child gets defensive and secretive when you ask about his/her online activities?
<b>2</b>	your child is expressing feelings of sadness or anxiety and is behaving differently compared to his/her usual self?
<b>3</b>	your child's relationships with the following group of people have been affected due to device usage?
	(i) Family members
	(ii) Friends/Peers
	(iii) Teachers

