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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that all our students have had a wonderful break and return to school with renewed enthusiasm and ready to do their best for the new term.

1. Safe Management Measures Updates

Our school will continue to exercise vigilance and emphasize the importance of personal hygiene and social responsibility despite the stepping down of COVID-19 community measures. We seek your kind cooperation to keep your child rested at home if he/she is unwell, and to consult the doctor, especially if the symptom persists. Please inform your child's Form Teacher or call the General Office at 64456483 in the morning of the day of his/her absence to keep the school updated. Please submit the medical certificate to your child's Form Teacher when he/she is well enough to return to school.

While the wearing of masks in school is not required, students who prefer to continue wearing masks for a protective effect on the spread of respiratory viruses may continue to do so. Masks should not have offensive/inappropriate graphics, or wordings. The school will not be providing face masks for students; therefore, students should prepare additional face masks in a clean plastic bag or zip-lock bag with their name and class written on it to replace damaged, dirtied, or misplaced mask.

2. Post COVID-19 Vaccination

Students who are scheduled to take COVID-19 vaccination will continue to be excused from participation in strenuous activities for two weeks after their vaccination.

3. Post COVID-19 Infection

Students can resume physical activities upon recovery from mild or asymptomatic COVID-19 infection. They should **heed their doctor's advice (i.e., medical certificate)** regarding suitability to participate in specific strenuous physical activities. Parents are also encouraged to share information on your child's well-being to the Form Teachers where necessary.

4. Safety Matters – Cycling

It has been observed that there is a rise in the number of students cycling to school. To ensure the safety of our student cyclists, we would like all students who cycle to school to inform their Form Teachers. They will be given an acknowledgement letter from the school and are encouraged to park their bicycles in the parking bay near Gate A. Students who choose to park their bicycles at the void deck of the HDB flats outside school will have to be responsible for keeping their bicycles safe and secure.

For a safe riding experience, students are reminded to wear helmets when cycling. They must also ensure their bicycles are fitted with lights to make them more visible to others, and bells to alert others of their presence when necessary.



We strongly encourage parents who take your children to school on bicycles to observe the rules for cycling. Do not ride your bicycles at the void decks of HDB flats in order to ensure the safety of others who use the common space. Disembark from the bicycle when you reach the void deck and push your bicycle until you reach the cycling path. Do slow down and look out for pedestrians coming your way near the school. Let us work together in creating a safe environment for our children.

5. Updates on Individual Student Details Report (ISDR)

We would like to thank all parents/guardians who promptly updated the information pertaining to you and your child via MOE Student Details Form (SDF) Online Portal. Please note that the portal will be accessible till the last day of Term 4 for you to provide timely updates as and when necessary. We would greatly appreciate it if you could also notify the Form Teachers after making an update regarding the latest medical condition.

6. Extension of Duration of Primary 6 Supplementary Class

To give additional support to our students in their preparation for PSLE, the school will be extending the duration of the Primary 6 supplementary class by an hour. Starting from Term 2, students will attend two hours of supplementary class on Mondays and Thursdays; two subjects per day. The new schedule was sent via PG and hard copies of the schedule have been issued to students whose parents are not on board PG.

7. World Water Day cum EMS [English, Mathematics & Science] Learning Week

In celebration of World Water Day (WWD) on 22 March, the English, Mathematics and Science departments will be taking an inter-disciplinary approach to make learning purposeful and fun! Students can look forward to a week filled with many interesting activities and stand a chance to win prizes. Students are encouraged to wear a blue short-sleeved top with their school shorts/skorts on 22 March to show their support for WWD. Students can continue to wear PE attire/school uniform if they do not have any blue top.

8. Mother Tongue Fortnight

The school will be organising a Mother Tongue Fortnight from 27 March to 10 April. Through this 2-week event, we hope to help students gain confidence and interest in learning the Mother Tongue (MT) Languages, and to expose them to Cultural and Performing Arts. The activities will mainly be carried out during MT lessons, Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lessons, and recess times. Primary 3 students can also look forward to a day of fun and interactive activities during the Primary 3 Cultural Day Camp on 30 March from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., organised as part of MT Fortnight.

9. Broadcast Journalism Plus

Starting Term 1, selected Primary 4 and Primary 5 students have enrolled in the Mother Tongue Broadcast Journalism Plus Programme. This 12-week programme aims to provide students with hands-on experience in various aspects of journalism, including interviewing, reporting, editing and videography. By the end of this programme, students will be able to create news production and feature stories using digital tools. In addition to learning how to write and speak effectively in the Mother Tongue Languages, students will also learn how to listen actively and collaborate with others to work amicably as a team.



10. D'Aesthetics@Damai (Primary 3 and 4)

D'Aesthetics@Damai is a programme that provides students the exposure and experience in different art forms with the aim of involving them actively in the arts to develop them further in the aesthetics domain. We hope to engage our students in fun experiential arts programmes after curriculum time. Through these programmes, our students may discover their interests, and/or develop their talents. In addition, it will provide our students the platform to learn interpersonal and intrapersonal skills through structured play.

Students in Primary 3 will attend 'Fused Glass Art Programme' and explore the unique qualities of glass art and learn how to use them creatively to produce unique glass artworks. Students in Primary 4 will attend 'Basic Pop Vocalist Course' to acquire basic pop vocal knowledge. They will also get to interact and cooperate with their peers as they work toward a group presentation.

D'Aesthetics@Damai are scheduled on the following dates: 3, 10, 24 and 31 March.

11. School Library

Our school library provides a positive and vibrant learning environment for all students to develop their love of reading. Student will be engaged in thematic activities throughout the year. Some of the themes this year include Drop Everything and Read, Mother's Day and Racial Harmony. Students are strongly encouraged to borrow storybooks during their library visits.

Useful links

School Library Online (OPAC).

For information on books available in our library, please click the link below:

<https://schoolibrary.moe.edu.sg/damaipri/>

Discover Reads by National Library Board (NLB)

<https://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/ereads/DiscoverReads/All>

12. Bringing of Prohibited Items

School is a safe space for students to learn and grow. As such, the school takes a strong stance against the possession of or bringing of any items that may cause harm to others or disruption to the school. Students are not allowed to bring items such as weapons or weapon-like objects, chewing gum or tobacco-based products. Parents will be informed if students are caught in possession of prohibited items and the school may also make a report to the relevant authorities. Students involved will also have to face disciplinary action meted out to them.

13. Vaping

The rising trend in vaping has been worrying to say the least. As caregivers to our children, it is important to stay up to date with this development to ensure their good health and safety. A programme, 'Why Teens Vape: Are Vapes Really Healthier than Cigarettes?', on Talking Point by Channel News Asia is a good start for us to understand how and why this trend is getting popular.



You can scan the QR code below to watch the video. Let us educate our children on the potential serious adverse consequences of vaping for youth and keep them safe and healthy.



14. Our Damaians, Our Pride ***CCA Achievements***

We would like to congratulate our Floorball Senior Boys and Girls teams for their wonderful performance in the first round of the National School Games (NSG), earning them a place in the 2nd round of the NSG.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to all students of the Red Cross Youth for achieving the Excellent Unit Award.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal

