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26 June 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

1. **Welcome Back**

I would like to welcome our students back to school for a brand-new semester. I hope all Damaians will embark on this semester with enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination. I look forward to witnessing their growth and achievements.

2. **Student Matters**

Travel Declaration for 2023 Mid-Year Holidays

We would like to thank all parents who have submitted your child's//ward's 2023 Travel Declaration for the mid-year holidays.

If you made last minute travel arrangements or changed your travel plans, but have yet to submit the declaration, we request that you update and submit the travel declaration for your child/ward on Parents' Gateway (PG) via [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child's/ward's updated travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by Sunday, 9 July 2023. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If there is no change of travel plan(s) after your initial submission of declaration, **no action is required.**

Alternatively, you may also submit via the following QR Code or link:



Student Well-Being

To ensure that our school remains a safe learning environment, please ensure that your child brings a working Oral Digital Thermometer to school for temperature taking when necessary. Form teachers will carry out daily visual checks in the classrooms for your child's/ward's physical well-being. If any child is found to be unwell, parents will be contacted to take the child home to rest and to seek medical advice.

Should your child feel unwell and exhibit any flu-like symptoms, keep him/her resting at home until he/she is well. Should your child be absent for the day, we appreciate that you 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.



The school maintains a high standard of hygiene and sanitation. These include emphasizing good hygiene practices, observing proper hand-washing techniques and respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette. Should your child wear a mask to school, it would be good he/she has a spare mask to replace damaged, soiled, or misplaced masks.

School Emergency Drills

As part of the School Safety and Security awareness, the school will be carrying the Lockdown Drill Familiarisation Exercise on Friday, 30 June 2023 during curriculum hours. This exercise will allow our students and staff to better understand the appropriate measures and actions to be taken in the event of an emergency.

Hot Weather Conditions

Given that the hot weather conditions will continue over the next few months, we strongly encourage our students to hydrate themselves adequately while in school. Students will be permitted to wear PE Attire to school daily until further notice.

We also seek your assistance to check on the condition of the footwear and attire to ensure that they are comfortably attired for school to facilitate a conducive environment for learning.

3. Timetable – Semester 2

Due to staff movement, there will be a change in students' timetable for three classes this semester. The classes affected are 3B, 5A and 5B. Students of the classes affected will receive their timetable on **Monday, 26 June 2023**. The new timetable will take effect from **Wednesday, 28 June 2023**.

4. Start-it-Right Programme

To help our students get ready for the new school term, Primary 1 to Primary 4 students will undergo a Start-it-Right programme on the first day of school while Primary 5 to Primary 6 students will go through the programme for 1.5 days. This is to support our students' transition back to learning in school after the June holidays. Our teachers will spend time to check on the well-being of each student and conduct class discussions on the importance of establishing routines to ensure their well-being, manage time and identify locus of control and to manage expectations and increasing demands. There will also be class bonding activities to further strengthen the peer relationships in class. We hope that our students come to school ready to learn something new every day and build on the knowledge they have acquired.

5. Holistic Assessment Plan – Semester 2

The Holistic Assessment (HA) Plan for Semester 2 will be issued on **Friday, 7 July 2023**. Parents can refer to the HA plan for detailed information on assessment matters.



6. **Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)**

PSLE Oral Examination will be held on **Tuesday and Wednesday, 15 & 16 August 2023**. 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.

PSLE Listening Comprehension will be held on **Friday, 15 September 2023**. 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.

The **PSLE Written Examination** will be conducted **from Thursday to Wednesday, 28 September to 4 October 2023**. More information will be provided to Primary 6 students and parents nearer the dates. Here's wishing our class of 2023 all the best in the examination!

7. **Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examination and Written Examination**

Students in Primary 6 will take their Preliminary Oral Examination on **Monday and Tuesday, 24 and 25 July 2023**. The oral examination will be conducted after curriculum hours. As such, parents and guardians will need to make the necessary transport arrangements for your children/wards after the examination. Please note that school bus service does not extend beyond the usual dismissal hours.

The Preliminary Written Examination will take place from **Thursday, 17 August 2023 to Wednesday, 23 August 2023**.

8. **Primary 6 Direct School Admission Exercise (DSA) 2023**

The Direct School Admission Exercise (DSA) 2023 has closed. The secondary schools have diverse selection processes. If shortlisted, your child will have to attend interviews, auditions or trials conducted by the DSA schools. Selected students will receive DSA-Sec offers from schools by **Monday, 11 September 2023**.

9. **Primary 6 Supplementary Class and Primary 3 to 5 Remedial Class**

Please take note of the date of commencement for the following classes in Term 3:

Primary 6 Supplementary Class will commence from the first week of Term 3.

Primary 3 to 5 Remedial Class will commence from the second week of Term 3.

All Primary 6 students and selected Primary 3 to 5 students have received the consent form and schedule from their Form Teachers. Please refer to the schedule for the specific date and time.

10. **Youth Day School Holiday**

Please note that **Monday, 3 July 2023**, is a Youth Day School Holiday. Students are not required to attend school on that day.



11. KidsREAD Programme, School-based Dyslexia Remediation Programme, Read Remediation Programme

Please note the date of commencement for the following programmes in Term 3:

Levels	Programme	Date
Primary 1 and 2 selected students	KidsREAD Programme	From Term 3 Week 3, Tuesday, 11 July onwards
Primary 3 and 4 selected students	School-based Dyslexia Remediation Programme (SDR)	From Term 3 Week 1, Monday, 26 June onwards
Primary 4 selected students	Read Remediation Programme (RRP)	From Term 3 Week 1, Tuesday, 27 June onwards

Selected students have been issued the consent form and schedule.

12. Primary 5 National Education Show

Primary 5 students will be attending the National Education (NE) Show at The Padang this year. The NE Shows are organised for Primary 5 students to provide them with a cohort experience of the National Day Parade (NDP).

Date:	2 July 2023, Sunday
Reporting Time:	2.00 p.m.
Venue:	School Canteen
Dismissal Time:	9.30 p.m.

13. Racial Harmony Day

The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on **Monday, 17 July 2023**. The theme this year is "Our Multicultural Mosaic". The theme reflects how each community, while having the space to express its own identity as part of Singapore society, also intertwines with others to depict the unique cultural diversity that characterises Singapore life.

Through an assembly sharing in the school hall and hands-on activities in class, students will learn about Singapore's unique hawker culture (local desserts) that brings people of diverse culture and background together. Members of the Parents Support Group will conduct interactive activities during recess to help our students learn more about the various cultures in Singapore.

We hope that the series of activities will deepen our students understanding of the importance of respecting and appreciating every race and religion.



14. **Primary 4 Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Briefing**

The Primary 4 Subject Based Banding (SBB) briefing aims to equip parents with a better understanding of the PSLE scoring and posting system as well as the Primary 4 Subject-based banding criteria offered by the school. The briefing will be held on **Friday, 28 July 2023**. A letter regarding the briefing will be sent to parents of Primary 4 students at a later date.

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

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

16. **E-Open House 2023**

Our school has launched an E-Open House on our school website, <https://www.damaipri.moe.edu.sg/eopenhouse/>. The E-Open House provides students and parents an insight into our school's academic curriculum and niche programmes. There will be a live engagement session on Saturday, 8 July 2023 from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. for those who sign up. During the session, there will be a live talk by our School Principal, engagement sessions by our heads of departments, parent volunteers, student care personnel and ex-Damaians.



17. **School Health Visit and Roving Optical**

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) School Health Service will be conducting its annual health screening and immunisation for all students of Damai Primary School from Tuesday, 11 July to Wednesday, 19 July. During this visit, age-appropriate health screening and/or immunisation services will be provided for our children, as required.

To ensure every child receives proper vision care, Damai Primary School will be partnering the Health Promotion Board to bring the Roving Optical Shop to our school on Monday, 28 August 2023. MOE FAS students who are required to put on spectacles will be able to receive a pair of spectacles frame with fully subsidised lenses of the right prescription, which will help them to correct their myopia.



18. School Dental Clinic

We are pleased to announce that the dental clinic at Damai Primary School will be ready to provide dental treatment to our students from **Friday, 26 May 2023**.

The clinic will be in operation until the end of the year. Parents/Guardians who would like to request for appointments or make any enquiries may send a text to **9105 4971** (via WhatsApp/SMS). Alternatively, you may also contact the School's General Office at 6445 6483 for other enquiries.

19. Primary 1 Registration

The 2023 P1 Registration Exercise for Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents will start from **Tuesday, 4 July 2023**.

Phase 1 registration is for a child who is a Singapore Citizen (SC), or Permanent Resident (PR) born between 2 January 2017 and 1 January 2018 (both dates inclusive) and has a sibling currently studying in our school.

For the 2023 P1 Registration Exercise (2023 P1 Ex), parents who are registering their younger child under Phase 1 are to register during the Phase 1 registration period from 4 July 2023 (Tuesday), 9am to 5 July 2023 (Wednesday), 4.30pm through the P1 Registration Portal. You may refer to MOE P1 website for information on the 2023 P1 Ex.

20. Singapore Youth Festival Art Exhibition (On-Site)

We are pleased to announce that the Singapore Youth Festival Art Exhibition will be open for public viewing. Public admission is free.

Date: 18 to 30 July 2023

Time: 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Venue: Stamford Arts Centre

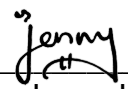
21. Our Damaians, Our Pride

We are proud to share that our students in the Malay Dance CCA have been invited to perform at the Istana during the National Day Istana Open House on Sunday, 23 July 2023. It is indeed a great honour for our students to be invited to put up a performance.

Appended to this letter for your reference is the school calendar for Semester 2.

On behalf of my staff, I would like to wish all Muslim parents and students Selamat Hari Raya Haji.

Yours faithfully,


Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal



Annex A

2023 Semester 2 Calendar

DATE	DAY	PROGRAMME/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	TIME
JUNE				
26 Jun	Mon	Welcome back to School	ALL	AM
		Start of P6 Supplementary Classes	P6	2-4pm
29 Jun	Thu	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	ALL	-
JULY				
3 Jul	Mon	Youth Day School Holiday	ALL	-
6 Jul	Thu	Start of Remedial Classes	P3-P5	2-3pm
24 – 25 Jul	Mon-Tue	P6 Prelim Oral	P6	PM
28 Jul	Fri	Primary 4 Subject Based Banding (SBB) Briefing	P4	PM
AUGUST				
3 Aug	Thu	P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension	P6	AM
8 Aug	Tue	National Day Celebration (Dismissal Timing to be informed at a later date)	ALL	AM
9 Aug	Wed	National Day Public Holiday	ALL	-
10 Aug	Thu	Day after National Day School Holiday	ALL	-
15 - 16 Aug	Tue-Wed	PSLE Oral Day 1 and 2	P6	AM
		E-Learning Day (No School for P1-P5)	P1-P5	AM
17 Aug	Thu	P6 Prelim English/Foundation English Paper 1 & 2	P6	AM
18 Aug	Fri	P6 Prelim Mathematics/Foundation Mathematics	P6	AM
21 Aug	Mon	P6 Prelim Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2 /Foundation Mother Tongue Paper 1	P6	AM
22 Aug	Tue	P6 Prelim Science/Foundation Science	P6	AM
23 Aug	Wed	P6 Prelim Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2	P6	AM
31 Aug	Thu	No Supplementary & Remedial classes	ALL	-
SEPTEMBER				
1 Sep	Fri	Teachers' Day School Holiday	ALL	-
2 – 10 Sep	Sat-Sun	September School Holidays	ALL	-
6-8 Sep	Wed-Fri	P6 Holiday Classes	P6	8am – 12.30pm
12-13 Sep	Mon-Tue	P3 End-Year-Exam EL/MT Oral	P3	PM
15 Sep	Fri	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P6	AM
18-19 Sep	Mon-Tue	P4 End-Year-Exam EL/MT Oral	P4	PM
20-21 Sep	Wed-Thu	P5 End-Year-Exam EL/MT Oral	P5	PM



DATE	DAY	PROGRAMME/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	TIME
27 – 29 Sep	Wed-Fri	P5 Camp (Details to be shared at a later date)	P5	-
28 Sep	Thu	PSLE English/Foundation English	P6	AM
		E-Learning for P3 and P4 Students (Details to be shared at a later date)	P3 & P4	AM
		No Supplementary & Remedial classes	ALL	-
29 Sep	Fri	PSLE Mathematics/Foundation Mathematics	P6	AM
		E-Learning for P3 and P4 Students (Details to be shared at a later date)	P3 & P4	AM
OCTOBER				
2 Oct	Mon	PSLE Mother Tongue/Foundation Mother Tongue	P6	AM
		E-Learning for P5 Students (Details to be shared at a later date)	P5	AM
3 Oct	Tue	PSLE Science/Foundation Science	P6	AM
4 Oct	Wed	PSLE Higher Mother Tongue	P6	AM
6 Oct	Fri	Children's Day School Holiday	ALL	-
12 Oct	Thu	P3-P5 End-Year Exam EL Paper 1 & EL Listening Comprehension Exam	P3-P5	AM
13 Oct	Fri	P3-P5 End-Year Exam MT/FMT Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension Exam	P3-P5	AM
16-18 Oct	Mon-Wed	PSLE Marking Days (No School)	ALL	-
		E-Learning Day 1 to Day 3	P1-P4	AM
23 Oct	Mon	End-Year Exam English Paper 2	P3-P4	AM
		End-Year Exam English/Foundation English Paper 2	P5	AM
24 Oct	Tue	End-Year Exam Mathematics	P3-P4	AM
		End-Year Exam Mathematics/Foundation Mathematics	P5	AM
25 Oct	Wed	End-Year Exam Mother Tongue Paper 2	P3-P5	AM
26 Oct	Thu	End-Year Exam Science	P3-P4	AM
		End-Year Exam Science/Foundation Science	P5	AM
27 Oct	Fri	End-Year Exam Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2	P5	AM
NOVEMBER				
10 Nov	Fri	School Admin Day (No School)	ALL	-
13 Nov	Mon	Deepavali Public Holiday	ALL	-
16 Nov	Thu	Parent-Teacher Meeting for Selected Students	ALL	-
17 Nov	Fri	Prize Giving Day (Details to be shared at a later date)	ALL	AM
		2024 Primary 1 Orientation Day	-	PM
18 Nov - 31 Dec	Sat-Sun	December School Holidays	ALL	-