



FERN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Vision: Reflective Inquirers, Aspiring Advocates, Steadfast Leader

School Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care, Harmony

**T1W8
Parents
Notification**

22 February 2023

Dear Parents,

Our Strategic Thrusts

ST1: Nurturing Future-Ready Learners

ST2: Growing Competent & Happy Staff

ST3: Fostering Effective Partnerships

No.	Item
1.	<u>Calendar of Events (T1W8 & T1W9)</u> T1W8 Monday, 20 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:30am Assembly: Student Leadership Meeting2:00pm P6 Supplementary Lessons Tuesday, 21 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">P3 Class Test: MA4C Class Test: SCI7:30am 1I 1C 1H 1D: Music Enrichment (STOMP)7:30am 1R1 1R2 1R3 1M: Safe Cycling Programme2:30pm 3R1 3R2 3R3 3I: CCA Experience (Sports & Games)2:30pm P4-6: CCA Wednesday, 22 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">4R2 4I 4H Class Test: SCI5R3 5I 5C 5H 5D 5M Class Test: SCIP6 Class Test: SCI7:30am 2C 2H 2I 2D 2G: ICT Baseline Training (Session 1)7:30am 2R1 2R2 2R3 2M: Safe Cycling Programme Thursday, 23 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">5R1 5R2 Class Test: SCIP6 Class Test: MA2:00pm P6 Supplementary Lessons2:00pm P3-6 HMTL Lessons (Except for P3&6 HML) Friday, 24 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">4R1 4R3 4D Class Test: SCIP5 Class Test: MAP6 Class Test: HML2:00pm 4R2 4D 4H: Road Safety Programme2:00pm P6 HML Lessons2:15pm 6R3 6I: Social Studies Learning Journey

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No. Item

T1W9

Monday, 27 February

- Assembly: Engagement on Happy Toilets Poster Making

Tuesday, 28 February

- 7:30am
1I|1C|1H|1D: Rope Skipping
- 7:30am
1R1|1R2|1R3|1M: ICT Baseline Training (Session 1)
- 2:30pm
P4-6: CCA

Wednesday, 1 March

- 7:30am
2C|2H|2I|2D|2G: ICT Baseline Training (Session 2)
- 7:30am
2R1|2R2|2R3|2M: Safe Cycling Programme

Thursday, 2 March

- 7:30am
FTGP
- 7:30am
P6: Performance Character Programme (Session 3)
- 2:00pm
P3-6 HMTL Lessons (Except for P3&6 HML)

Friday, 3 March

- 2:00pm
P4 [Selected Students]: E2K Mathematics
- 2:00pm
P6 HML Lessons
- 2:15pm
P5&6: Student Leadership Cohort Training

(Information correct as on 22 February 2023. For updates or to subscribe to our calendars, please visit the school website at <https://ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/school-calendar>)

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No. Item**2. School-Based Class Tests**

Building on efforts to nurture life-long learning and to move away from an over-emphasis on academic results and perceived examination stakes, Ministry of Education (MOE) has been adjusting school-based assessment structures at the Primary and Secondary levels from 2019. One key initiative is the removal of mid-year examinations for all primary and secondary schools in 2023. Instead, weighted assessments (WA) will be conducted to identify what students have mastered and the areas they have difficulties in. Schools are advised to make use of school-based assessment primarily to support the learning process, rather than be preoccupied with issues of standardisation and comparability. Schools should not conduct WA in a manner that simulates examination conditions as school-based assessment is generally not high-stake.

At Fern Green Primary School, we have spread out the class tests over a period of two weeks to ensure that our students will not be overloaded with too many tests in a particular week. Thus, the students will only sit for two class tests in a week. The class tests also assess fewer topics, which will be more manageable for the students. It will be conducted as part of the daily classroom lessons and according to their timetables.

Students and parents will be informed semestrally of the weeks that the class tests will be conducted. Students will also be informed of the specific dates of the class tests at the respective levels they are in a week before the dates of the class tests. The dates of the respective class tests will then be reflected in the school calendar.

We hope to have parents' support in enacting these changes in school-based assessments to reinforce our commitment to nurture the whole child and shift practices from an over-emphasis on academic results to focus on learning for mastery and for life.

3. Walk-In Counselling for Students

From T2W1, to provide an additional avenue for our students to seek advice, help and/or support, our School Counsellor and Teacher Counsellors will be offering walk-in counselling on Tuesdays and Thursdays, during recess, for students who might need some advice or support for their social and emotional well-being.

If a student would like to speak with a counsellor, he/she is welcome to approach one of our Teacher Counsellors or School Counsellor (at the designated counselling rooms) for a walk-in session during recess. The student may do so after taking his/her meal or bring along some packed food to the session.

If our counsellors are engaged with other students, the student may fill up a request slip (at the entrance of one of the designated counselling rooms) and drop it into the registration box (at the same entrance). Our counsellors will follow-up by arranging for a meeting with him/her at the next available slot.

Should you need any clarification, please contact the following school personnel:

- Subject Head for Student Well-Being, Mr Riza
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No. Item**4. P5&6: Subscription of English Language (EL) Newspapers, 'What's Up'**

As part of the school's effort to inculcate a love of reading in our students, the English Language (EL) Department has arranged for Primary 5 and 6 students to subscribe to 'What's Up' newspapers. The publication comprises current affairs which are presented in a comprehensive yet interesting manner. In addition, extension activities related to the news articles will be conducted during EL lessons. The newspapers will be distributed by the EL teachers to the students in the following months:

No.	Month
1.	February (28 th February – 2 nd March)
2.	March (28 th – 30 th March)
3.	April (25 th – 27 th April)
4.	May (23 rd – 25 th May)
5.	June (27 th June – 30 th June)
6.	July (25 th – 27 th July)
7.	August (22 nd – 24 th August)
8.	September (26 th – 28 th September)

The cost of subscription for the eight issues is \$24.00. The school will subsidise \$12.00 of the subscription cost while your child only needs to pay \$12.00. Payment for the newspapers will be made through deduction from your child's Edusave account. The subscription cost will be included in the next school bills. No action is required from the parents for now. Please contact your child's EL teacher via email if you require additional information.

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No. Item**5. P5&6 Parents: Briefing on Direct School Admission in T2W1**

The Direct School Admission (DSA) scheme was introduced in 2004 by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to cultivate a flexible and broad-based education system in Singapore that looked beyond grades. The scheme gives education institutions, such as secondary schools and Junior Colleges (JCs), greater flexibility to select and admit students based on a holistic assessment of both their academic and non-academic talents and achievements.

To give P5&6 parents a better idea of what DSA entails, the school will be conducting a briefing on DSA on Friday, 24 March 2023. The details are as follows:

Day & Date	Friday, 24 March 2023
Time	<i>To be Confirmed by T1W10</i>
Mode	Zoom Webinar
Targeted Audience	P5&6 Parents

NB: All P5&6 students will be briefed on DSA during one of the school assembly slots.

To better serve your needs, we would like to invite P5&6 parents to help us complete this needs survey by Wednesday, 1 March so we could make the necessary arrangements to best fit your schedule and/or to meet your needs:

- **Needs Survey: Briefing on DSA for P5&6 Parents 2023**
<https://forms.gle/zJH2BtXTMq5BD3tx9>

In the event you are not able to attend the briefing session, please note that the briefing materials will be shared with all P5&6 parents via Parents Gateway (PG) after the briefing.

6. Health Promotion Board's (HPB) Parents' Workshops and Resources

The following workshops and resources for parents are brought to you by the Health Promotion Board (HPB).

Workshops

1. Colours of the Mind
Through this parent workshop, participants will learn the knowledge and skills to better communicate with their children and take control of their personal wellbeing through interactive activities.
To download the EDM, please click [HERE](#).
2. Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL)
A workshop for parents, grandparents and caregivers of children from 7 to 12 years old.
To download the EDM, please click [HERE](#).

To view the register guide and FAQ for the above workshops, please click [HERE](#) or <https://go.gov.sg/faqs-registrationguide-16feb23>

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No. Item**Resources**

Resource Name & Synopsis	Go Gov Link
<p>Parents Newsletter – Edition 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What types of healthy food are sold in my child’s school? • How can I continue preparing healthy food at home for my child? • Embark on the “One-Week Eat Healthy” Challenge with your children! • Does my child’s school provide any programmes to help with stress? • Vaping: What is it? • How do I keep safe, hygiene and clean at home? 	<p>https://go.gov.sg/parentsnewsletter1</p>
<p>Parents Newsletter – Edition 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I prepare my child to make good food decisions in school? • How do I help my child through a major transition like a change of schools? • Start a wellness journal with your child. • Vaping, The myths and facts. • Role model good personal hygiene 	<p>https://go.gov.sg/parentsnewsletter2</p>
<p>Parents Newsletter – Edition 3</p> <p>Easy snack recipes and ideas for snack break in your child’s school and planning ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A guide to selecting healthier options when eating out for a busy parent • How much sleep does your child actually need and tips for a good night’s rest • Hand-washing tips a guide for covid vaccination for children 	<p>https://go.gov.sg/parentsnewsletter3</p>

If you have any further questions or clarifications, please write to schools@hpb.gov.sg.

Thank you.

Mr See Kok Kiong
Vice-Principal (Academic)