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Dear Parents / Guardians,

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS (TERM 2/2019)

- 1. We like to extend our heartiest congratulations to the boys for the following achievements:
 - a) Our senior and junior division Badminton teams have emerged as 1st runner-up in the North Zone Primary School Championships.
 - b) Our junior Football team has clinched the 2nd runner-up in the North Zone Primary School Championship.
 - c) Our P3 students, namely Karl Julian Correa from 3C, Jayden Lee from 3H and Jordan Sunartio from 3R, have won a Silver Award in our inaugural participation in the annual English Children's Digital Story Reading Contest, Moo-O Awards 2019.

Both the Badminton and Football teams will be proceeding to the National Championships and we wish them all the best in the upcoming competitions.

School Programmes

- 2. This is a busy term, filled with many programmes and events to nurture our boys holistically and give each child an opportunity to learn beyond the classroom. These include the Bi-Mother Tongue Week, International Friendship Day, Founder's Day and Open House. The calendar of events for Term 2 can be found in <u>Annex A</u>.
- 3. **Founder's Day.** In celebration of our 103rd Founder's Day, there will be a day of festivities on 27 Apr (Sat).
- 4. **Olympic Fun Day.** We will be having our annual sports event, Olympic Fun Day, at Hougang Stadium on 30 Apr from 7.30am to 11.30am. All pupils will be representing their class in at least one relay event. We welcome parents to join us for the event. More details will be given at a later date.
- 5. **MJ Talent Search 2019.** The annual MJ Talent Search is here again! Give your child an unforgettable experience by encouraging him to participate in MJ Talent Search 2019. This is a good platform for him to build his confidence and showcase his talent such as

singing, dancing, beat-boxing, playing of a musical instrument, etc. There will be an audition before the final in Aug ie during the National Day celebration. Please register through this link https://tinyurl.com/mjtalent2019, or collect a hardcopy of the form from their music teacher. The last date for registration is 18 Apr 2019.

- 6. **Open House**. This year, we will be having 2 Open Houses, during the June school holidays. The first Open House, to be held on 1 Jun, will mainly cater to Catholic parents. The second Open House will be on 29 Jun, is opened to all parents. You are welcomed to join us in our Open House. We seek your assistance to invite parents of boys who are due for Primary 1 registration this and next year, to attend our Open House to know more about our school, school curriculum and programmes.
- 7. **Parent-Child-Teacher Conference**. This will be on 31 May (Fri) from 7.30am to 3.00pm for all P1 to P6 students and parents. Your child is required to attend the conference with you. He will take the lead in articulating his learning, progress and areas for improvement.
- 8. **P6 Supplementary Lessons & Science Learning Journey**. There will supplementary lessons and a Science LJ to Sungei Buloh in the last week of the June holidays ie 26 to 28 Jun. Parents of P6 pupils are to take note of the dates when planning for the June holidays or vacation overseas.
- 9. Parent Gateway Programme. Parent Gateway is a new digital platform developed by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and GovTech to bring greater convenience to parents to perform simple administrative transactions and to stay updated on school programmes and activities. You can better support your child in his education journey through closer interaction and communication with the school, which includes receiving timely information on school announcements, events and other information relating to your child. We invite you to come on board this programme and download the free Parent Gateway (PG) App onto your mobile phone. Please see Annex B for the step-by-step guide to download the PG App. We will be sending information and consent forms through this digital platform soon.

Values Education

- 10. **Respect & Responsibility.** To instill a sense of responsibility in our pupils, kindly ensure that your child/ward packs his bag daily according to the timetable given. This will enable him to have all that he needs for learning while preventing an excessively heavy bag. In the event that he has forgotten something, we strongly discourage parents from bringing these items to school. Please note that the general office will not send up any items that he has forgotten to bring to school. Every pupil is responsible for his own belongings. Pupils should not bring valuable items eg expensive watches, card games, electronic games, to school. All personal property should be labelled with the pupil's name and class.
- 11. **School Attendance & Punctuality.** Please note that regular attendance in school is very important for pupils' learning and socialization. In order for this to be carried out, we need your cooperation in ensuring that your child comes to school punctually. Pupils must be seated with their class by **7.15am** every morning. Please also refrain from taking your children out of school during curriculum time for holidays or other events, including overseas travel. This is disruptive to their learning and teaches children that school is not important.

Safety & Health Matters

- 12. **Traffic Safety**. We continue to seek your cooperation to prevent an accident from happening at the front gate by not dropping off your sons there in the morning. Stopping at the front gate is a safety concern as there is heavy traffic moving along Hougang Ave 8. Vehicles turning in from the opposite side of the road add to the congestion. We need your cooperation to ensure the safety of your sons and urge you to drop them off at the HDB car park next to the side gate. Please also be reminded that there is no U-turn in front of the school gate from 6.30 7.45am from Mondays to Fridays.
- 13. For parents whose children are taking the school bus, please be informed that it is a requirement that all children wear seat belts when in the school bus. We seek your help in reminding your children of the importance of wearing their seat belts and remaining seated at all times while in the school bus. Repeated failure to wear the seat belts may result in the bus company taking action against your child and preventing him from using the school bus services.

Partnerships

- 14. Hair for Hope. Our annual charity drive for the Children's Cancer Foundation will be held on 30 May (Thu). This encourages our boys to develop our school values of Compassion, Humility, Respect, and Service as they show empathy for children suffering from cancer. You may wish to show your support by shaving your head, together with your son/ward. If you do not wish to shave your head, you may wish to give a monetary donation instead. All proceeds go to the Foundation and we seek your generous support for this worthy cause.
- 15. **Montfort Junior Parents Connection (MJPC).** We encourage you to join MJPC, our school's parent support group. You can get to know other parents and get involved in the school's activities. More information can be found on the MJPC Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/groups/MJPConnection) page.
- 16. Thank you for your continued partnership with us. We look forward to a fruitful and meaningful term ahead.

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Yours sincerely

Wilbur Wong Principal

Annex A

CALENDAR FOR TERM 2 2019

DAY / DATE	EVENT
28 Mar-4 Apr	School Health Visit
8-18 Apr	Bi-Mother Tongue Week
11-12 Apr (Thu-Fri)	Commemoration of International Friendship Day
19 Apr (Fri)	Public Holiday (Good Friday)
22 Apr - 3 May	P4 Oral Exam for EL & MTL (during curriculum hours)
27 Apr (Sat)	Founder's Day Celebrations
30 Apr (Tue)	Olympic Fun Day
1 May (Wed)	Public Holiday (Labour Day)
2-3 May (Thu-Fri)	SA1 P6 e-Oral Exam for EL & MTL (after school hours)
6-7 May (Mon-Tue)	SA1 P5 Oral Exam for EL & MTL (after school hours)
9 May (Thu)	SA1 – EL & MTL Paper 1 (P4 to P6)
10 May (Fri)	MT/FMT Listening Compre (P4 to P6)
13 May (Mon)	SA 1 Higher MTL (P5 & P6)
14 May (Tue)	SA1 – EL Paper 2 & EL/FEL Listening Compre (P4 to P6)
15 May (Wed)	SA1 Mathematics (P4 to P6)
16 May (Thu)	SA 1 MTL (P4 to P6)
17 May (Fri)	SA 1 – Science (P4 to P6)
20 May (Mon)	Public Holiday (Vesak Day)
30 May (Thu)	Hair for Hope
31 May (Fri)	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (P1 to P6)
	(7.30am – 3.00pm) (no school for pupils)
1 Jun (Sat)	Open House 1
1-30 Jun	School Holidays
5 Jun (Wed)	Public Holiday (Hari Raya Puasa)
8 Jun (Sat)	SGF Concert
26-28 Jun (Wed-Fri)	P6 Remediation Programme
	(8am to 12.30pm)
26 Jun (Wed)	SGF Flag Day
29 Jun (Sat)	Open House 2
1 Jul (Mon)	Start of Term 3

Step-by-Step Guide - Setting up the Parent Gateway (PG) Mobile App

This guide provides the instructions for downloading the PG Mobile App (available on Andriod and iOS) and performing a one-time account registration. The PG App will be implemented in all schools by 2019. If you have 2 or more children and they are in different schools, you will be able to receive notifications for all your children on the same PG App. To safeguard our students' data, only parents who are registered in the official student records in the MOE database will be able to use the PG App. Please note that the information shown on PG App is taken from the student records in the MOE database.

Step 1 – Setup your SingPass and 2FA

SingPass and 2-Factor Verification (2FA) is required to access the PG App.

SingPass is available to all Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Resident parents. If you have not yet registered for SingPass, or 2FA, please visit the <u>SingPass website</u> to do so. If you are not a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident (PR), you may also visit the SingPass website to find out if you are eligible for SingPass.

You may also scan the QR codes below to access the respective portals
 Singpass

2FA





Step 2 – Download the Parents Gateway Mobile App

- 1. Open the Apple App Store or Google Play Store app on your mobile phone.
- 2. Search for the 'Parents Gateway' mobile app
- 3. Download and install the app onto your phone.
- 4. Enable 'Allow Notifications' to receive push notifications.

Note: Supported OS Versions - Android 6.0 or later & iOS 9.1 or later

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Android







Step 3 - One-Time On-boarding

