



Communication Update

6 March 2006

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings! Here are some updates for you before we come to the end of Term 1. Thank you so much for partnering us in the education of our students!!

Term 1 School Outing

We would like to inform you that our students will be going for our Term 1 Outing on **10 March 2006, Friday from 8.30am -12.30pm.**

There will be 2 outings taking place simultaneously – the goals are to further practice their social skills; increase their general knowledge and apply their journaling skills after the event.

- All **Track 1 classes, Newton Class and Primary 1 to 3 classes** will go to Pasir Ris Beach Park for picnic and games and Pasir Ris Fish Farm for fishing.
- All **Primary 4 to Secondary 4 classes and Track 3 classes** will go to Bollywood Veggies and Hay Dairies at Kranji. Bollywood Veggies is an organic farm while Hay Dairies is a goat farm. At Bollywood Veggies, students will get to see different samples of organic plants. At Hay Dairies, they will learn about goat farming and milk production.

Some students may be identified by their class teachers as requiring intensive support during outing especially for safety reasons. Hence, you may be approached by the teacher to either accompany their child or send their helper to support their child. during the outing. Please support the teachers.

Ms Anne Chew, Head, Students Affairs will be contacting other volunteers to help out. We seek your understanding that not all interested parties will be selected as we only require a limited number of volunteers due to logistics and cost reasons.

Kindly complete the attached consent form and submit to your class teacher by **Tuesday, 7 March 2006.**

Important: Term 1 Parent Training and Communication Session

Our Term 1 Parent Training Session and Communication Session will be held on ***10 March 2006, Friday from 7pm-9pm.***

Attendance is compulsory for all parents. It is important for parents to receive training so that strategies used in school can be applied in the home context. We also hope that parents will give support to the teachers who would have to stay back late to make the session a success. We have lined up an exciting agenda as follows:

- Useful Books cum Art Merchandise Sale/Exhibition by national publisher, Marshall Cavendish from 6:15pm onwards. You can buy very useful educational resources at reasonable prices.
- An update on recent school events and projects
- An update on future plans of the school
- Training on the use of Volume Thermometer by Dr Lam Chee Meng, Autism Consultant and Ms Alina Chua, Head, Outreach Services, Autism Resource Centre.
- “Application of Schedule at Home” by Dr Lam and some teachers

If you are willing, please bring along some food items to share with other parents.

Change in School Uniform (Long Pants) for Secondary Male Students

To help our Secondary male students be better assimilated with their buddy Chong Boon students, we will be introducing a change in their school uniform. Instead of the current bermudas, they will be wearing navy blue long pants.

The class teachers have already taken measurements of the students. Parents will be informed on the payment details at a later date. We have managed to secure a good price for our students. Meanwhile students will continue to wear the bermudas until we receive the new stock of long pants.

Parents who have purchased new bermudas in the month of February can return them to Ms Jasmine Koh of General Office for a refund. If you don't need the refund, you can choose instead to not claim it so we can keep the money for other student activities.

School holidays will commence on 11 Mar 2006 and end 19 Mar 2006. Students will return to school on Monday 20 Mar.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please be sure to turn up on next Friday (10 Mar) as the teachers and social skills instructors will be staying back for the parents.

Best Regards,

Ms Denise Phua
School Supervisor/Acting Principal

Cc Ms Anne Chew, Head, Student Affairs
Ms Annie Tan and Ms Loy Sheau Mei, Track Heads
All staff