



20 March 2023

Principal's Message - Term 2 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In a flash, 10 weeks have passed and now we are in Term 2. Term 1 was eventful. The StartRight programme in the first week provided opportunities for students and teachers to build relationships, establish goals and expectations and get accustomed to the new school year. Some of the other highlights included the Lunar New Year celebration that featured a lion dance performance, the commemoration of Total Defence Day, hosting of visitors from Thailand and Japan who were interested to learn more about our school and education system, a rousing Singapore Chinese Orchestra performance in our school hall and the completion our Heart x Sole (cross-country) on last day of term.

Amidst all the busyness we are mired in, it is important for us to spend time to pause and ponder --- life's choices. We are sons/ daughters, fathers/ mothers, students/ employees/ employers. These competing roles come with different responsibilities that compel us to make myriad choices every day. No doubt, there will be times when we wish we could be like Michelle Yeoh and be Everything Everywhere All At Once. But life's reality is often more complex than a Hollywood movie.

Whether we arrive at the happily-ever-after ending we desire depends on the choices we make consistently. Do we always role model the behaviour that we expect others, including our children, to demonstrate? Do we tend to prioritise our children's needs or our needs or give in to our wants? Do we teach our children to value and invest in hard work and patience or resort to short cuts and quick gratifications? Every choice has consequences. We are responsible for the choices we make.

My colleagues and I have been encouraging our Merahans to exercise their choices responsibly. To get themselves ready for school, to lend a helping hand to those in need and to be the best versions of themselves in school, in the family and community, in the nation and the world.

In Term 2, we will continue to nurture the desired values of Respect, Integrity, Self-discipline and Empathy through our school curriculum and programmes (refer to Annex for the list of Term 2 events) to anchor the choices and decisions our Merahans make daily. We hope you will also continue to partner us to do the same.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

2023 BMSS Term 2 Events

DATE	LEVEL	EVENT	REMARKS
MARCH			
20 – 24 Mar	Sec 2 & 4/5	Sec 2, 4/5 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PM)	After school
20 – 22 Mar	All	GROW WEEK Sec 1 and 3 – Camp Sec 2 and 4/5 – In-school activities	Please refer to parent notification on GROW Week sent via Parents Gateway on 1 March 2023
23 Mar	All	Blended Learning	Students do not need to report to school
27, 28 and 29 Mar	Sec 4E5N	4E5N MTL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
27 – 29 Mar	4NT	4NT Applied Learning Modules at ITE	During school hours
APRIL			
3 Apr	All	Blended Learning	Students do not need to report to school
4 Apr	All	Commemoration of International Friendship Day	
7 Apr	All	Good Friday	Public holiday
10 Apr	4NT	4NT MTL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
11 and 12 Apr	All	Photo-taking for staff and students	
14 Apr	Sec 4/5	Sec 4/5 MTL Make up Oral (PM)	After school
17 – 19 Apr	Sec 4/5	Sec 4/5 EL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
20 Apr	All	Blended Learning	Students do not need to report to school
24 Apr	All	Hari Raya Puasa (Designated day off-in-lieu)	School holiday
25 – 28 Apr	Sec 3 & 4/5	MTL Fortnight for Sec 3 & 4/5 (Part 2)	

25 and 26 Apr	Sec 1 & 2 girls	HPV Vaccination	
26 Apr	Sec 4E5N Sec 4/5	4E5N NFS Practical Exam (PM) Sec 4/5 EL Make up Oral (PM)	After school
27 Apr	Sec 4NA	4NA NFS Practical Exam (PM)	After school
28 Apr	Sec 4E Sec 4NT	4E Pure Biology and Physics Practical (PM) 4NT NFS Practical Exam (PM)	After school
MAY			
1 May	All	Labour Day	Public holiday
2 – 10 May	Sec 1 & 2	Annual Health Visit	
2 and 3 May	Sec 4/5 Sec 3	MTL Timed Practice (PM) EL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
4 May	Sec 2 Sec 1	Sec 2 Cohort Learning Journey to National Museum of Singapore S1 Singapore River Trail	2E1, 2E4, 2N2 & 2T2 12 – 2 pm 2E2, 2E3, 2N1 & 2T1 3 – 5 pm 2 – 6 pm
5 May	Sec 4E5N	4E5N Combined Science Practical (PM)	After school
9 and 10 May	Sec 3	Sec 3 EL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
10 May	Sec 4E	4E Pure Chem Practical (PM)	After school
11 May	Sec 1	S1 Singapore River Trail	2 – 6 pm
12 May	All	Speech Day	
15, 17 – 19 May	Sec 2	Sec 2 EL Oral Exam (PM)	After school
16 May	Sec 3	Sec 3 EL Make up Oral (PM)	After school
17 – 19 May	Sec 3N	Sec 3N Elective Modules	During school hours
17 May	Sec 4/5	Sec 4&5 Interview Skills Workshop (PM)	After school
18 May	Sec 4/5	MTL Intensive	

	Sec 1	S1 Singapore River Trail	2 – 6 pm
22 May	All	Merahan Olympic Day	
23 and 24 May	Sec 4/5	MTL Intensive	
23 May	Sec 2	Sec 2 EL Make up Oral (PM)	After school
24 May	Sec 3NA	3NA Experience ITE Programme	During school hours
25 and 26 May	All	Parent-Teacher Meeting	25 May PM and 26 May full day
29 – 31 May	Sec 4/5	Sec 4/5 Study Programme	June Holiday
29 May	Relevant students	GCE O-Level MTL Written Exam (AM)	June Holiday
30 May	Relevant students	GCE O-Level MTLB Written Exam (AM)	June Holiday
JUNE			
2 June	All	Vesak Day	Public holiday
19 – 21 June	Sec 4/5	Sec 4/5 Study Programme	June Holiday
20 and 21 June	Sec 4N	4N EL Oral Practical	June Holiday