



南侨小学

NAN CHIAU PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! In the first two weeks of this term, our school had to plan and implement precautionary measures in response to the changing COVID-19 situation. We implemented staggered dismissal in Week 1 Friday and revised the timings for implementation on Week 2 Monday for a better flow. With the staggered dismissal, we had to adjust the timetable and shift after-school Higher Mother Tongue classes from Tuesdays to Thursdays. We also conducted Home-Based Learning (HBL) on Week 2 Wednesday for our students together with all primary schools nationwide.

As the school had to adapt quickly based on national directives resulting from the evolving and uncertain situation, we thank you for understanding that the letters to parents informing of changes through Parents Gateway come at short notice. We are aware that some changes may cause disruptions to your family routines and are grateful that you have also made the effort to adapt accordingly.

We value parents as our supportive partners and do consider your feedback in our planning process. All feedback are taken seriously into consideration when planning, however we may not be able to accede to all requests due to constraints which we may be unable to mitigate. Nevertheless, we will try to work hand in hand to support you and your child, and provide an alternative solution as best as we can.



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During HBL days, the school and the school-based student care centre is open only for a selected group of students whose parents are working in healthcare and essential services and are unable to telecommute or find alternative care arrangement. These students who come to school will be supervised by non-teaching staff as all teachers work from home on HBL days. Teachers will support students' learning through various online platforms.

The COVID-19 situation has greatly shown the positive and resilient attitude of our staff and students. I am confident and positive that we will triumph over this uncertain time. Together, we can help to control the spread of the virus in our community and Singapore. Since Wednesday, learning continues through home-based learning. Thank you for supporting your children in their learning. Stay home and stay safe. I look forward to seeing your children back in school on 5 May.

Yours sincerely,
Mdm Mae Quah
Principal



Announcements

OUR FAMILY

We warmly welcome Mdm Ong Suat Li, our new Vice-Principal (Administration), who has joined the school on 6 April.



DISTINGUISHED CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHERS AWARDS 2020

The 23rd Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards is now open for nominations.

Organised by Lianhe Zaobao and ZBSchools.sg, the awards aim to give due recognition to deserving Chinese language teachers who have shown exemplary efforts towards the teaching of Chinese language and culture in the past year. The awards also affirm the efforts of teachers who have successfully inculcated in their students an appreciation for Chinese language and culture.

Formerly named "Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Awards", the Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards 2020 is co-organised by Singapore Centre for Chinese Language, The Society of Chinese Education Singapore, Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union and Singapore Middle School Chinese Teachers' Association, with endorsement from the Ministry of Education.

All Chinese language teachers from primary and secondary schools, pre-university and junior colleges are eligible for nomination (except for past winners). Winners will be presented with a trophy and cash prize of \$1,500 each.

We would appreciate if you could support by nominating outstanding Chinese language teachers and help to publicise the awards in the school. Enclosed are posters of the awards for display in your school. Nominations can be done online at chintaw2020.sph.events.com.sg or through scanning of QR code included in the posters. You can also download the enclosed hardcopy form via the download link on the poster. The closing date for nominations is **24 April 2020 (Friday)**.

For further clarification, please contact Victoria Tham Pei Boon at email address: thampb@sph.com.sg.



MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are reviewing the school calendar and will update any changes to the assessment dates via Parents Gateway.



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73RD SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Our school commemorated its 73rd anniversary on 8 March. During the week of the celebrations, Primary One and Two students acquainted themselves with the history of the school through the completion of activity worksheets after exploring various places within the school. Primary Three to Six students expressed their thanks and well-wishes for the school on specially printed cards. These well-wishes were then pinned up at the foyer. During FTGP lesson, form teachers showed a video featuring well-wishes from staff, students and ex-students to instil a love for the school in them.



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EARTH HOUR @ NCPS

On 26 and 27 March, the school observes Earth Hour, a world-wide movement to commemorate the importance of caring for the environment. Our theme this year revolves around Reuse, Reduce and Recycle plastic. The Environment Club prepared posters and displays to increase awareness of the harmful effects of plastic waste in the ocean. They also collaborated with the Media Club to create a music video to share tips to go green.

Science Department put up a mini exhibition for Cell Models beside the canteen. These models, designed by Primary 5 students, are made out of reused and recyclable materials.

Form teachers also shared with the students about Earth Hour and plastic pollution during the Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) on 26 March.

Besides practising 3Rs in school, the school also hopes that children bring the Earth Hour message home and incorporate 3Rs in their daily activities. This will be more successful with support by parents and guardians at home.



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ASSEMBLY TALK

Mdm Quah and Mdm Lim shared with the students the issues on bullying. They encourage the students to talk with their teachers if they have any particular concerns about bullying in their classrooms. Everyone plays a part in making our environment a Bully-Free one. An immediate response is necessary to stop and manage bullying.

4 pointers for the students to take note :

1. Take charge, be respectful and responsible. Respect yourself, classmates, teachers, family members and everyone else. Be responsible for your words, actions and behavior. Do not cause hurt to anyone.

2. Put a stop to bullying. Tell the bully to stop. Report to class teacher, teacher on duty, YHs, staff at general office when no teacher is present.

3. School will take action. School is a safe place and bullying will not be tolerated. Teachers will do a fair investigation.

4. Be an Upstander and not a bystander. Always offer help when you see someone in trouble.

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PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES @ NCPS

Queue Up, Spread Out, Wipe Down!

In view of the evolving COVID-19 situation, the school has put in place various precautionary measures for recess. Stickers are pasted on the floor leading to the various stalls to remind students to maintain a distance from their peers when queueing up for food. No more than four or five students from the same class are to be seated at each table as we attempt to spread out students across the tables allocated for each class. Before consuming their food, students wash their hands with soap. After consuming their food, students perform a wipe down routine to prepare the table for the next user. Students have demonstrated the value of Responsibility as they play their part in keeping the school a safe and comfortable environment for all to learn and play in. At Nan Chiau Primary School, 'We Believe that Together is Better!'



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