



Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

It was such good news that the MOE announced that there were no longer any Heatwave restrictions as of this week. This has meant that the children were able to be outside and access all areas of the school campus.

Our OPAL playtime did not stop during the restrictions, but now it is back in full operation. It is a joy to roam around the school and observe the children out on the back field concocting food and drinks in the mud kitchens, making dens, role playing, as well as dressing up in the Kampung Area, charging around the football field or just relaxing in the shade of the large mature tree. Elsewhere there are children setting up shops, being creative with lego, pushing friends around on trolleys or wheelbarrows, being active in the blue area on the crash mats, trampets, as well as scrabbling over various obstacles. It is truly a wonderful sight to behold!

School Fees

I am pleased to announce that for the sixth year running, the Board of Governors have decided not to increase school fees for the academic year 2023/24. This decision has been made as student numbers have continued to increase, and next year, it is predicted that enrolment will rise above 600. The decision also acknowledges the continued financial pressures faced by some of our parents.

This will mean that for the academic year 2024/25 there will be a modest increase and details of this will be shared at the start of the 2023/24 academic year..

Staffing

At the end of the academic year, as well as students, it is common for staff to leave the school. This year as well as teachers furthering their careers around the globe, there are a number of staff retiring. We say farewell to Jon Able, Karen Potts, Rebecca Ackland, Bryony Masters, Deborah Martin, Hu Yang, Ms Sittra, Catherine Lee, Ms Marie, Ms Jayjay and Ms Jaukhir. In addition, Tim Lamb will be leaving and taking up his own Headship of a school in Kuala Lumpur.

I thank them all for their fantastic care and support for the children and their hard work and dedication in ensuring that the school is a positive and nurturing learning environment. I am sure I speak on behalf of the whole school community in wishing them every success in their next challenges and adventures.

Remembering Ms Edith

On Friday 23rd June we will be remembering our dear friend and colleague Ms Edith. To celebrate her memory, all staff and students are encouraged to come to school wearing pink or wearing a pink accessory. Do not worry if you don't have anything pink as we will also have heart-shaped pink stickers to wear to remind us of all the wonderful times we shared with Edith and how loved she was at SCIPS. These will be handed out at the start of the day when everyone arrives at school.

Food and Fun Festival

The Food and Fun Festival on **Saturday, 24th June, from 4.30 - 8.00 pm** is shaping up to be a highlight of the school calendar.

There are still some tables available for the Table Top Sale, if you want to sell anything during the event. Please contact



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the school office if you want to reserve one.

Key Dates T3 2022/23

To help you know when key events happen at school, we have created [Key Dates T3 2022/23](#), which state when important events will occur during the term. You can also visit the website for our [Parent Calendar](#).

Key Dates for May

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| 12th - 16th June | Year 6 and 7 Residential | |
| 14th June | Y1 Concert | 8.30am / 5.30pm |
| 19th - 23rd June | Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up Portal Open | |
| 20th June | Year 3 & 4 Sports Day (tbc) | 8.00am |
| 21st June | Year 5, 6 & 7 Sports Day (tbc) | 8.00am |
| 23rd June | Remembering Ms Edith | |
| | T3 Reports to Parents / T3 ASA finish | |
| 24th June | PTC Food + Fun Festival | 4.30pm / 8.30pm |
| 26th - 27th June | Parent Conferences (N-Y7) | 3.30pm |
| 29th June | PH Hari Raya Haji | (School Closed) |

I hope you have enjoy your weekend

Martin Towse