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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term 3 kicks off with a series of enriching experiences and vibrant activities.

On 2 July, our school had the privilege of hosting the Student Voices Seminar on Diversity, welcoming Secondary 3 students from four cluster schools — St Margaret's School (Secondary), National Junior College, Beatty Secondary School, and CHIJ Secondary (Toa Payoh). Anchored on the inquiry question "Is harmony achievable in Singapore?", the seminar brought students together for meaningful dialogue on diversity in Singapore, covering topics such as age, nationality, race, religion, and socio-economic status. This is closely aligned with the Secondary 3 Social Studies curriculum, which focuses on living in a diverse society. Through facilitated discussions with peers from different school contexts, the students had the opportunity to examine multiple perspectives, question assumptions, and develop important Emerging 21st Century Competencies (E21CC) such as critical and inventive thinking, communication, collaboration, and cross-cultural understanding. The seminar marks the first stage of the Social Studies Inquiry Process — Sparking Curiosity — which the students will continue to explore in school this term.

The second week of Term 3 was marked by a series of vibrant and lively Youth Day activities that brought our school community together, culminating in our Sports Carnival on 10 July. It was a wonderful celebration of sportsmanship and school spirit among our students and staff.

From 20 to 24 July, our school commemorated Racial Harmony Day, embracing our multicultural heritage and shared identity. Students engaged in cohort-based research that brought Singapore's multicultural heritage to life through the stories behind our road names, discovering how the pioneers commemorated in these streets helped shape the racial harmony that we value so deeply today. Students and staff also came dressed in their ethnic attire, painting a vibrant and colourful tapestry of the many cultures that make up our school community.

In August, we join the nation in celebrating SG61 — a joyful reminder of how far Singapore has come. It is a time to reflect on our shared history, celebrate our collective achievements, and look ahead with a renewed commitment to contributing to the nation we all call home.

For our graduating cohort, who are now sitting for their preliminary examinations, we wish them all the best and trust that they will approach their forthcoming national examinations with resilience and confidence. We deeply appreciate your continued support in nurturing and developing our girls to their fullest potential.

1. Managing of High Temperatures

With projected elevated temperatures and possible haze conditions, the school will continue to monitor the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff. Students can continue to report to school in their PE T-shirt and CCA skirt to allow for better levels of thermal comfort.

2. Energy Conservation Efforts in School

With global energy supply continuing to face pressure from the ongoing situation in the Middle East, we encourage all members of our school community to be prudent in their use of electricity. As part of our collective effort, the school will be mindful in its use of air-conditioning, and we invite students and staff to play their part by switching off lights and fans when they are not in use. These small but meaningful actions reflect our shared responsibility to care for our community and our nation during this time. Parents may wish to continue the conversation at home, engaging your daughter/ward on what she can do to support these efforts in her daily routines.

3. National Day Celebration

The theme for Singapore's 61st National Day is "Majulah Singapura, Go Beyond!" — a rallying call for all Singaporeans to dream bigger, push boundaries, and progress together whilst caring for the wider community. We are proud to bring this spirit to life through our National Day Celebration on Friday, 7 August.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in red and/or white attire for the occasion. They are to report to school by 7.30am and will be dismissed at approximately 11.00am.

In the true spirit of the National Day theme, our students will take part in a meaningful Values-in-Action (VIA) activity – 'Lanterns of Warmth and Hope'. What makes this experience especially meaningful is that our students will be decorating the lanterns alongside our school attendants, a heartwarming reminder that going beyond means recognising and appreciating every member of our school community.

The completed lanterns will then be gifted to the residents of St John's - St Margaret's Nursing Home, bringing warmth and joy to the community. Through this experience, we hope our students will reflect on what it truly means to go beyond - not just in personal achievement, but in compassion, inclusivity, and service to others.

We are also thrilled to share that our celebrations will culminate in a very special treat: a live performance by the Singapore Armed Forces Band. This is a rare and memorable experience, and we hope it will leave our students with a deep sense of pride and appreciation for our nation. We look forward to a meaningful, joyful, and truly unforgettable celebration. Majulah Singapura!

For Upper Secondary Students Only

1. Preliminary Examinations

The Secondary 4 and 5 Preliminary Examinations will be held as follows:

Classes	Examination Period
4N(A), SBB N(A) & 4N(T)	<u>N(A) and N(T)-Level Preliminary Examinations</u> Thursday, 23 July – Thursday, 6 August
4E/5N(A) & SBB Exp	<u>O-Level Preliminary Examinations</u> Friday, 14 August – Wednesday, 2 September

The examination timetables have been distributed to the students before the June holidays. The timetables are also available on the school website under the “Resources for Students” section.

We thank all parents/guardians for your encouragement and support to our graduating students, and for working alongside us in ensuring their well-being as they prepare for the examination.

2. Work Attachment/Job Shadowing Programme (WAJS)

Our school collaborates closely with our industry partners to provide authentic learning experiences for the students through our Education and Career Guidance Programme. This programme includes WAJS for Secondary 3 students.

The WAJS aims to give our students practical experience of the workplace and to raise awareness of the career opportunities available to them. It also provides a valuable platform for students to discover their aptitudes and interests, better understand real-world work environments, and develop positive work habits.

This year, the WAJS will be conducted from **2 to 20 November 2026**. Details have been sent to all Secondary 3 students in July via email. A Parents Gateway announcement was also sent to encourage parents/guardians to guide their daughter/ward through the sign-up process and support them in taking part in this enriching learning experience. The application deadline is 7 August. Students applying for the attachments are advised to avoid making travel plans during the WAJS period from 2 to 20 November 2026.

For more information on the WAJS vacancies, please visit <https://go.gov.sg/wajs2026details>.

For Secondary 1, 2, and 3 Students Only

Suspension of Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

Please be informed that all CCA sessions will be suspended after **Friday, 28 August**, to allow students to prepare for the End-of-Year Examinations. CCA sessions will resume from **Monday, 12 October**, unless otherwise communicated by the respective CCA teachers.

In addition, there will be **no CCA sessions** on the following dates:

- **Friday, 7 August** – National Day Celebration
- **Monday, 10 August** – National Day public holiday (off-in-lieu)

Home-School Partnership Award 2026

The Home-School Partnership Award 2026 aims to promote collaboration between teachers and parents/guardians to support the holistic development of our students. This award recognises a teacher who:

- a) proactively engages parents on ways to develop your daughter/ward
- b) is approachable, helpful, effective, and serves as a positive role model for students

We would like to encourage you to nominate a teacher for this award by Friday, 14 August through the online form accessible at <https://go.gov.sg/smsshsp26> or via the QR code below.

Nomination Period	Online Form
Saturday, 1 August – Friday, 14 August	 https://go.gov.sg/smsshsp26

Yours in partnership,

Ms Linda Lim
Principal