

# St Gabriel's Primary School



## Parent Notification

September 2023

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### A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are happy to share that there was very good response for the recently concluded P1 Registration Exercise. All 150 available places for 2024 were taken by new P1 students. Balloting was conducted at Phase 2C supplementary for Singapore Citizens living outside 2km. We would like to thank parents who are old boys, have children currently with us and those whose children have graduated for their strong support and confidence in the school.

There is much excitement with Teacher's Day celebrations and Term 3 holidays around the corner. I have spoken to the boys in the past two weeks about Teacher's Day being a special occasion to thank and show appreciation to their teachers. At the same time, I have also shared that they can do it without having to spend money buying gifts. They are encouraged to write cards, draw a picture or make something from recycled materials. It is the sincerity and thought that counts and teachers would appreciate their gesture.

As announced earlier to P6 parents, the school will be implementing a three-day study break for P6 students from 25 Sep (Mon) to 27 Sep (Wed) 2023 to support their well-being prior to the PSLE. In addition, the school will also be implementing Home-Based Learning (HBL) for P1 to P5 students on different dates during the PSLE written examination period:

Date	Levels on HBL
28 Sep (Thu)	P4 and P5
29 Sep (Fri)	P4 and P5
2 Oct (Mon)	P1 and P3
3 Oct (Tue)	P2 and P3

On the HBL days, our Gabrielites are strongly encouraged to remain at home and complete the assigned work. The school will remain open for Gabrielites who require in-school support. Parents who are unable to secure alternative care arrangements may continue to send their children to school for supervision. Our Student Care Centre will remain open in the afternoons, as per normal. More details on HBL will be provided closer to the dates.

We wish everyone a good term break in September.

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**Mr Martin Tan**  
Principal

## After-School Curriculum (Term 4)

### TERM 4 FOR PRIMARY 4 & 5

DAY	LEVELS	LESSONS	DAY	LEVELS	LESSONS
TERM 4, WEEK 1			TERM 4, WEEK 2		
Mon, 11 Sep	No School – Teachers’ Day		Mon, 18 Sep	P4, P5	Remedial
Tue, 12 Sep	P4	Remedial	Tue, 19 Sep	P4	Remedial
Wed, 13 Sep			Wed, 20 Sep		
Thu, 14 Sep			Thu, 21 Sep	P4, P5	Remedial
Fri, 15 Sep	No School - PSLE Listening Comprehension		Fri, 22 Sep		
TERM 4, WEEK 3			TERM 4, WEEK 4		
Mon, 25 Sep	P4, P5	Remedial	Mon, 2 Oct	HBL for all P1 and P3 Classes P4, P5 Remedial	
Tue, 26 Sep	P4	Remedial	Tue, 3 Oct	HBL for all P2 and P3 Classes P4 Remedial	
Wed, 27 Sep			Wed, 4 Oct		
Thu, 28 Sep	HBL for all P4 and P5 Classes		Thu, 5 Oct	School Celebrates Children’s Day (Dismissal 10.30 am) No After-sch curriculum/ CCA	
Fri, 29 Sep	HBL for all P4 and P5 Classes		Fri, 6 Oct	No School - Children’s Day	
TERM 4, WEEK 5			TERM 4, WEEK 6 – CCA Stand-down		
Mon, 9 Oct	P4, P5	Remedial	Mon, 16 Oct	No School – PSLE Marking Days	
Tue, 10 Oct	P4	Remedial	Tue, 17 Oct		
Wed, 11Oct			Wed, 18 Oct		
Thu, 12 Oct	P4, P5	Remedial	Thu, 19 Oct	P4, P5	Remedial
Fri, 13 Oct			Fri, 20 Oct		
TERM 4, WEEK 7 – CCA Stand-down			TERM 4, WEEK 8 – CCA Stand-down		
Mon, 23 Oct	P4, P5	Remedial	Mon, 30 Oct	P3, P4, P5 End-of-Year Exams (curriculum time)  - No after-school activities due to Common Marking for P3, P4, P5 End-of-Year Exams	
Tue, 24 Oct	P4	Remedial	Tue, 31 Oct		
Wed, 25 Oct	P3 Oral Exams (English & Mother Tongue Languages)		Wed, 1 Nov		
Thu, 26 Oct	P4 Oral Exams (English & Mother Tongue Languages)		Thu, 2 Nov		
Fri, 27 Oct	P5 Oral Exams (English & Mother Tongue Languages)		Fri, 3 Nov		
TERM 4, WEEK 9 – CCA Resumption			TERM 4, WEEK 10		
Mon, 6 Nov			Mon, 13 Nov	No School – Public Holiday in lieu of Deepavali	
Tue, 7 Nov			Tue, 14 Nov		
Wed, 8 Nov			Wed, 15 Nov	Release of Report Books	
Thu, 9 Nov			Thu, 16 Nov	Collection of Report Books	
Fri, 10 Nov	No School – Admin Day		Fri, 17 Nov	Promotion Day	

## After-School Curriculum (Term 4)(*cont'd*)

### Key Programmes for LMM Classes (Term 4)

	Mon	Tue	Thu
P4 LMM		E2K Science)	HCL enrichment
P5 LMM	Innovation Programme (IvP)	HCL Enrichment	E2K (Science)

### TERM 4 FOR PRIMARY 6

Week	Days	LESSONS	Day	Additional Support
<b>T4W1 (11 Sep to 15 Sep)</b>	Mon, Tue	<b>No School – Teachers’ Day</b> Supplementary	Thu Fri	No Remedial <b>PSLE Listening Comprehension</b>
<b>T4W2 (18 Sep to 22 Sep)</b>	Mon Tue	Supplementary Supplementary	Thu Fri	Remedial
<b>T4W3 (25 Sep to 29 Sep)</b>	Mon Tue	<b>P6 Study Break</b> <b>P6 Study Break</b>	Thu Fri	<b>PSLE – English</b> <b>PSLE – Mathematics</b>
<b>T4W4 (2 Oct to 6 Oct)</b>	Mon Tue Wed	<b>PSLE – Mother Tongue</b> <b>PSLE – Science</b> <b>PSLE – Higher Mother Tongue</b>	Thu Fri	School Celebrates Children’s Day (Dismissal 10.30am) <b>No School – Children’s Day</b>
<b>T4W5 (9 Oct to 13 Oct)</b>	Mon Tue Wed	P6 Post PSLE Swimming Program	Thu Fri	P6 Post PSLE Swimming Program
<b>T4W6 (16 Oct to 20 Oct)</b>	Mon Tue Wed	<b>No School – PSLE Marking Days</b>	Thu Fri	P6 Post PSLE Swimming Program
<b>T4W7 (23 Oct to 27 Oct)</b>	Mon Tue Wed	P6 Post PSLE Swimming Program	Thu Fri	P6 Post PSLE Swimming Program
<b>T4W8 (30 Oct to 3 Nov)</b>	CCA Resumption for P6 Classes only			
<b>T4W9 (6 Nov to 10 Nov)</b>	CCA Resumption for All			
<b>T4W10 (13 Nov to 17 Nov)</b>	Mon,  Tue Wed	<b>No School - Public Holiday in lieu of Deepavali</b>  CCA Resumption	Thu Fri	<b>P6 Grad Day</b>

## After-School Curriculum (Term 4)(*cont'd*)

### AFTER SCHOOL CURRICULUM (TERM 4)

You would notice from the school calendar (<https://www.stgabrielspri.moe.edu.sg/others/calendar-of-events>) that a range of programmes and activities have been planned to cater to the holistic development of your child.

In the area of academic learning, we will be conducting extra lessons in the form of remedial and supplementary lessons to support your child. These lessons are not compulsory but your child is strongly encouraged to attend, especially the remedial lessons which have been designed to help him in his weak areas.

Primary 2 to 5: EXTRA LESSONS FROM 2.00 PM TO 3.30 PM		
Session	Timing	Remarks
Session 1	2.00 pm to 2.45 pm	Students who attend ONLY session 1: (a) Walk-Line and Car-Line: dismissed at 2.45pm. (b) Bus-Line: Report to the library at 2.45pm. (c) CCA students - report to the respective venues* 2.45pm - 3.45pm. (Only for P3 to P6 students) <i>*Venues to be communicated by CCA teachers</i>
Session 2	2.45 pm to 3.30 pm	Students who attend ONLY session 2: (a) Students without CCA sessions that day to report to their classrooms at 2.00pm. (b) CCA students to report to the Hall at 2.15pm (Only for P3 to P6 students)
Primary 3 to 6: STUDENTS WHO STAY BACK FOR CCAs STARTING AT 3.45 PM (WITHOUT EXTRA LESSONS)		
Days	CCA	Remarks
Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gabrielite Badminton Academy (School Team)</li> <li>Wushu CCA</li> <li>Gabrielite Football Academy (School Team)</li> </ul>	Students not attending extra lessons will report to the School Hall at 2.15pm.  No extra lessons for all P6 Classes after PSLE.
Tuesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gabrielite Badminton Academy (School Team)</li> <li>Basketball CCA</li> <li>Golf CCA (P5,P6)</li> <li>Gabrielite Football Academy (P4, P5 Recreation)</li> </ul>	
Thursdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gabrielite Badminton Academy (School Team)</li> <li>Golf CCA (P3,P4)</li> <li>Wushu CCA</li> <li>Basketball CCA (School Team)</li> <li>Gabrielite Football Academy (P4, P5)</li> </ul>	



Mr John Lim  
Vice Principal

## Examination Matters (PSLE)

### Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE)

Our Primary 6 students will be taking their PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination (English and Mother Tongue Language) on **15 September, Friday**.

The **PSLE Written Examination** will be conducted from **28 September to 4 October 2023**. Please note that the dismissal time for candidates will vary from day to day, depending on the end time of the examination and packing process.

PSLE Listening Comprehension and Written Examinations	Date/Day	Reporting Time (School Hall)
Listening Comprehension Papers	15 September 2023 Friday	7.45 a.m.
Written Papers	28 September to 4 October 2023 Thursday to Wednesday	7.15 a.m.

Candidates will be briefed on the details and processes on 29 August, Tuesday, for PSLE Listening Comprehension and Written Examinations.

Please also refer to the PSLE Examination Rules and Regulations For Candidates booklet provided to P6 students through their form teachers.

The school will be out of bounds to all unauthorized personnel during the conduct of the examinations.



**Mrs Catherine Low**  
HOD Aesthetics and Applied Learning Programme  
(Internal Presiding Examiner)

## Examination Matters

### 1. Primary 3 to 5 Year-End Examinations

- The Year-End Examination Timetables will be available on Parents' Gateway and the school website from Monday, 28 August 2023.
- The exam **will commence on Thursday, 19 October 2023** instead of Friday, 20 October 2023.

### 2. Change in English Language Paper 1 Exam Day

- **Please take note that English Languages Paper 1 will be conducted on Thursday, 19 October 2023.** This is reflected in the Examination Timetable.
- We will not be re-posting the Assessment Plans to highlight this change as there is no change to the other exam dates or topics to be tested.

### 3. **Oral Examinations**

- Oral Examinations for both English and Mother Tongue Languages will be conducted after school on the stipulated days.
- A briefing on the procedures of the Oral Examinations will be conducted on Friday, 13 October 2023.
- We seek your understanding on the staggered dismissal timing as the duration of the Oral examination for each child is dependent on his oracy skill. To ensure that the boys who are taking the school bus do not miss the 3.30 p.m. school bus service, they would be scheduled to take their oral examinations earlier.

### 4. **Suspension of After School Curriculum**

- There will be no remedial/ supplementary lessons and CCAs from Monday, 16 October 2023.
- CCAs will resume from Friday, 6 November 2023.

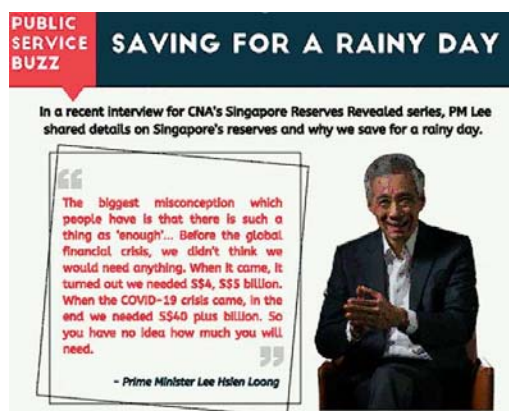


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## Focus of the Month: Teaching our children to save for a rainy day

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In August 2023, our Prime Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong gave some insights into Singapore's reserves, what makes up our nation's reserves and who manages them. However, he explained that although we currently have enough at present, it may or may not be enough if we face a catastrophe. The pandemic taught us not to take things for granted.



Just like how our country saves up for a rainy day, we will need to teach our Gabrielites on the importance of saving up for a rainy day and the best time to instill good financial habits is when they are young. Here are some strategies for parents to be part of this educational process:

**Lead by Example:** We cannot help but reiterate this. It not only applies to teaching Gabrielites how to save, but also in terms of character. Parents should demonstrate responsible financial behavior themselves. Children often learn best by observing their parents' actions, so make sure you're setting a good example by saving money, budgeting, and making wise financial decisions.

**Set Savings Goals Together:** Work with your child to set specific savings goals. Get them to use the strategies learnt in your G.R.O.W sessions and start by setting short-term goals (like saving for a new toy) and long-term goals (like saving for college). Make a visual representation of these goals, such as a chart or jar to collect money, to make the concept more tangible and exciting.

**Allowance and Budgeting:** Give your child an allowance and help them create a budget. Give them an amount for their daily recess or a weekly allowance. Teach them to allocate a portion of their allowance for saving, spending, and sharing (e.g., giving to charity). This helps them understand the importance of saving while still having some money to enjoy.

**Use Real-Life Examples:** Share real-life examples of emergencies or unexpected expenses where having savings was beneficial. Discuss how these situations could have been more challenging without savings. Never underestimate children!

**Celebrate Milestones:** When your child reaches a savings milestone, celebrate their achievement. This positive reinforcement can motivate them to continue saving. This applies to their academic learning as well. Celebrate small successes!

We hope that parents can continue to be instrumental in developing our Gabrielites to be responsible gentlemen.

Mrs Jessica Hoon  
HOD Character & Citizenship Education, VIA & Community Partnerships

## General Administrative Matters

### 1. Public / School Holidays in September & October 2023

Students do not report to school on the following Public / School Holidays:

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| • 1 September 2023 (Friday)                                | : Public Holiday (Polling Day for Singapore Presidential Election)       |
| • 2 September 2023 (Saturday) to Sunday, 10 September 2023 | : September School Holidays. School resumes on Tuesday 12 September 2023 |
| • 11 September 2023 (Monday)                               | : School Holiday (Teachers' Day)   |
| • 6 October 2023 (Friday)                                  | : School Holiday (Children's Day)  |

### 2. PSLE Listening Examinations

The PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination is scheduled on **Friday, 15 September 2023**. There will be NO school for P1 to P5 students. To cater to P6 students taking their PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination, canteen stalls 1, 6 and 7 will open from 6.30 am to 12 noon.

### 3. PSLE Marking Days (October)

All students are not to report to school from **Monday, 16 October 2023 to Wednesday, 18 October 2023** (both dates inclusive) as these are the days of the PSLE Marking Exercise.

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Ms Chua Bee Peng,  
Administration Manager 1