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OPEN LETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

July was indeed a fulfilling and exciting month as we saw the successful completion of many school & level wide programmes. The school's annual ZPS Fiesta this year showcased our myriad of curriculum and co-curriculum programmes including our CCAs and Applied Learning Programme (ALP), *Developing GIVER³S Values Through Environment Education* and saw a huge turnout of parents and children. The P5 NE Show was held once again at Marina Bay Floating platform and was a very memorable and spectacular experience for the students. The integration of English Week, Mother Tongue Fortnight and the commemoration of Racial Harmony Day was significant as these events celebrated Singapore's success as a harmonious nation and society, built on a rich diversity of rich cultures and heritage. The Aesthetics Department also organised Arts Festival to provide students with authentic hands-on experiences during recesses. We are indeed grateful to our team of staff at ZPS for persevering and continuing to give of their best to the students! A big thank you also goes out to all parent volunteers who partnered with the school for these events! Our deepest appreciation to all of you!

National Day 2018



August is always tied to our country's National Day. This year's National Day Parade (NDP) logo ties together the idea of the individual, and of many individuals uniting together and proclaiming that "We Are Singapore". The logo is a typographic design of the theme itself.

"I" and the Crescent. The "I" represents the importance of individual aspirations and actions in shaping Singapore's future. The Crescent sits atop the "I", symbolising a young nation on the ascendant and representing the aspirations of individuals who have allowed Singapore to rise. We must each see Singapore's future as our individual responsibility, and it will be the aspirations of our youth that will ensure Singapore continues to rise.

Singapore and Our Flag. The "I" forms part of "Singapore", without which there could not be a Singapore. This part of the logo is a tribute to the Nation as our home, where "I" belong. It is specially designed to house all the elements of our National Flag and reminds us to hold fast to the values that have made us successful, represented by the five stars and a crescent in a familiar red and white.

A Collective Voice. "We Are Singapore" sits within a bold speech bubble, symbolising our strength as a people when we come together - resilient with many voices uniting as one. It is our collective commitment to our country and its future.



This year's funpack which come in the form of tote bags, feature the work of artists from 18 Special Education (SPED) schools. Featuring imagery such as Singapore's skyline, the Singapore flag and ordinary Singaporeans, the artworks are expressions of what Singapore means to the 18 young artists and their wishes for Singapore. The showcase of these artists aims to inspire Singaporeans to be proud of our identity and achievements, and to have confidence in creating Singapore's future together.

We are proud to showcase the tote bag design of one of the artist, Cheong Cheng Jun from Pathlight School. Cheng Jun is the sibling of our P5 Responsibility student, Cheong Cheng Qi, Queenie. The title of his artwork design is *Loving Singapore, Our Home*. It is indeed inspiring and heartening to see his work be part of this National Day, because "this shows that each and every one of us as Singaporeans has a part to play, and can contribute. "

As our Zhangde Habit 5 tells us: TOGETHER IS BETTER!

Everyone of us can do our part for our beloved country, Singapore!

Here's wishing one and all a Happy & Blessed National Day!

ZPS Celebrates the Achievements of Our Students!

1) Primary School Debate Open 2018

We are happy to announce that our Junior Debaters who took part in the Primary School Debate Open 2018 competition held on Saturday, 21st July, defeated Saint Andrew's Junior School in the 1st Preliminary Round. Shantell Wong of Primary 5 Graciousness was the Best Speaker of the Room. The other team members are:

Name	Class	Name	Class
Ayu Binte Mohd Azlin	P5 Graciousness	Caleb Chan Ren Kai	P5 Integrity
Shantell Wong		Kang Qi Xuan	
Tan Xiu Qian		Megan Cheong Ci En	
Tia Xin Yu, Felice		Reanne Quek	
Yong Chuen Kit			

While the children did not win the 2nd Preliminary Round, they put up a good fight and we are very proud of them! Well done, Zhangderens!

2) Whampoa Community Club Taekwondo (Poomsae) Competition 2018

On Saturday, 21st July, 14 of our Taekwondo students emerged 2nd Runner Up in the Junior Category after clinching a Gold, a Silver and a Bronze medal respectively in three Belt events. The detailed results are as follows:

Class	Name	Award
<i>Belt Category – White with Yellow</i>		
P3 Integrity	Isaiah Loh Teng Yik	Silver
P4 Graciousness	Htoo Myat Win	
P4 Integrity	Syazana Bte Bakhit	
P4 Versatility	Atiqah Halisya Bte Muhd Hairul	
P4 Empathy	Chua Cheng Hee, Braven	
<i>Belt Category – Yellow</i>		
P4 Graciousness	Issac Loh Kei Loong	Bronze
P5 Integrity	Muhd Munawwar Bin Sheihu Abdul Khadar	
P5 Empathy	Vincent Khoo Zhi San	
P5 Responsibility	Isma Danial Bin Azman	
<i>Belt Category – Yellow with Green</i>		
P5 Versatility	Umi Shaharah Bte Rawi	Gold
	Ng Yan Ting, Jolin	
P5 Responsibility	Jasmine Tay	
	Norashikin Bte Masrifin	
P5 Sincerity	Crystal Jade Tan	

Well done, Zhangderens!

3) Boys' Brigade Character Quest 2018

Our team of 10 BB boys did the school proud by coming in 7th place. More than 100 teams participated in this annual Character Quest (Juniors Programme) National Competition held on 28th July. The boys who participated are:

Name	Class	Name	Class
Lim Guo Han	P3 Graciousness	Leong Xian Zhu, Samuel	P5 Integrity
Tan Kai Le, Caleb	P3 Integrity	Au Yang Jie	P5 Versatility
Kong Jun Hao	P4 Graciousness	Asaph Song-En Syangbo	P5 Empathy
Ang Sen Zhe, Micah	P4 Integrity	Low Jia Le Jacko	
Soo Jian Zhi	P4 Responsibility	Baskar Vijay	P4 Sincerity

Way to Go, Zhangderens!

4) Jump Rope Championship 2018

In the Singapore National Jump Rope Championship held on 1st August, our rope skippers did very well in the different events that they participated. The details are as follows:

Junior Division

SN	Name	Event	Position
1	Chng Khee Yen P4 Graciousness	Single Rope Cross-over Speed (SRCO1)	2 nd Runner-up
		Long Rope Team Relay (TLRR)	Champion
		Long Rope Figure of 8 (TLR8)	1 st Runner-up
2	Kuek Xin Yee P4 Graciousness	Single Rope Running Steps Speed (SRRS1)	Champion
		Pair Rope 1 in 1 out Speed (PR2S)	1 st Runner-up
		Single Rope Double Unders Speed (SRDU1)	Champion
		Long Rope Team Relay (TLRR)	1 st Runner-up
		Long Rope Figure of 8 (TLR8)	1 st Runner-up
3	Gisele Ng Xin Ing P4 Integrity	Single Rope Running Steps Speed (SRRS1)	1 st Runner-up
		Single Rope Cross-over Speed (SRCO1)	Champion
		Pair Rope 1 in 1 out Speed (PR2S)	1 st Runner-up
		Single Rope Double Unders Speed (SRDU1)	2 nd Runner-up
		Long Rope Figure of 8 (TLR8)	1 st Runner-up
4	Neo Hui Min	Long Rope Figure of 8 (TLR8)	1 st Runner-up

Senior Division

SN	Name	Event	Position
5	Kean Lim Li En P5 Empathy	Single Rope Cross-over Speed (SRCO1)	1 st Runner-up
		Single Rope Double Unders Speed (SRDU1)	2 nd Runner-up
		Long Rope Team Relay (TLRR)	Champion
		Long Rope Figure of 8 (TLR8)	1 st Runner-up

SN	Name	Event	Position
6	Asaph Song-en Syangbo P5 Empathy	Single Rope Running Steps Speed (SRRS1)	1 st Runner-up
		Long Rope Team Relay (TLRR)	Champion
		Long Rope Figure of 8 (TLR8)	1 st Runner-up
7	Weng Jia Lin P5 Graciousness	Pair Rope 1 in 1 out Speed (PR2S)	Champion
8	Chng Yunning P5 Graciousness	Single Rope Running Steps Speed (SRRS1)	Champion
		Single Rope Cross-over Speed (SRCO1)	2 nd Runner-up
		Pair Rope 1 in 1 out Speed (PR2S)	Champion
9	Angel Lee Ying Li P5 Versatility	Long Rope Team Relay (TLRR)	1 st Runner-up
		Long Rope Figure of 8 (TLR8)	1 st Runner-up
10	Chloe Tamg Shi Ying P5 Graciousness	Long Rope Team Relay (TLRR)	1 st Runner-up
		Long Rope Figure of 8 (TLR8)	1 st Runner-up
		Single Rope Cross-over Speed (SRCO1)	1 st Runner-up

Zeal, Progress and Success! We are proud of you, Rope Skippers!

Important Announcements...

5) Edusave Character Award (ECHA)

Edusave Character Award (ECHA) is given out to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. This is part of the larger goal to foster an inclusive and stronger Singapore as we broaden the qualities and achievements to be encouraged and applauded. Students must satisfy the following criteria to be eligible for the award:

- i. Pupil must be a Singaporean;
- ii. Pupil must demonstrate the GIVER³S values (at least 3 values) on a consistent basis;
- iii. Pupil is concerned about environmental or community issues as a demonstration of civic responsibility; and/or
- iv. Pupil demonstrates resilience in the face of difficult circumstances and managed to overcome the odds and still do commendably well in academic and non-academic domains.

Nominations will be open from Wednesday, 1 August to Tuesday, 7 August. Nominations can be submitted by students, school staff and/or parents.

The nomination forms are available at the General Office and can also be downloaded from our school website. We encourage parents to put in your nominations for any deserving students you know of.

The ECHA award recipients will receive a certificate and an award voucher. The award quantum is as follows, depending on the level of study:

Levels	Award Quantum
Primary 1 to 3	\$200
Primary 4 to 6	\$350

Please feel free to contact our Head of Department (Character and Citizenship Education), Miss Yeo Suan Shih at Tel: 62740357 should you need any clarification.

6) Gifted Education Programme Identification Exercise 2018 (For P3 students only)

The Gifted Education Branch of the Curriculum Planning & Development Division will be carrying out the identification of students for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) 2018. The identification exercise is carried out in two stages – Screening and Selection. The GEP Screening Test will be conducted on Friday, 24th August in the school. Shortlisted students at the Screening Stage will be invited to the Selection Stage which will be held on 16 October and 17 October 2018. The test is open to all Primary 3 students only. A separate letter has been issued to all P3 parents. Parents are to respond by Monday, 6th August if you would like your child to sit for the GEP Screening Test. Reply slips are to be returned back to their respective form teachers. We would like to encourage you to allow your child to sit for the Screening Test.

7) National Day Celebrations

On Wednesday, 8th August, we will be celebrating Singapore's 53rd Birthday. On that day, all students will report to school as usual at 7.30 am in red and white and the school will be dismissed at 10 am. Do enjoy the holiday break celebrating our country's 53rd birthday with your children. School will resume on Monday, 13th August.

8) PSLE Oral Examinations

The PSLE English and Mother Tongue Oral Examination for P6 students will be held on 16th and 17th August. P6 students will be given separate instructions on their reporting time.

All P1 to P5 students need **not** report to school. Instead, students are to revise through their work for the coming assessments that will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 respectively.

9) Public Holiday: Hari Raya Haji – Wednesday, 22nd August

There is no school on Wednesday, 22nd August as it is a Public Holiday.

10) Teachers' Day – Friday, 31st August

Friday, 31st August is a scheduled school holiday in view of Teachers' Day. There will be **no** school on this day.

11) PSLE Listening Comprehension

On **Friday, 14th September**, our P6 students will be sitting for the PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination. Please note that there will be no lessons for all P1 to P5 students on that day. This is so that our P6 students can take their examination in a conducive environment with minimal noise and distraction.

General Information...

12) 7th Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Symposium

An annual event celebrating the efforts to promote the learning of Mother Tongue Languages, the Mother Tongue Languages Symposium (MTLS) is co-organised by Ministry of Education (MOE), Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning (CPCLL), Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC) and Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee (TLLPC). The 7th Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Symposium will be held on Saturday, 18 August 2018 from 11am to 8pm, at the Suntec Singapore Exhibition and Convention Centre. Ms Low Yen Ling, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education & Ministry of Manpower, will grace the event as the Guest-of-Honour.

The theme for MTLs 2018 is “**Our Mother Tongues as Living Languages**”. It focuses on children using our Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) to interact in authentic settings and immersive environments on a daily basis. The activities create meaningful opportunities for families to use their MTL with one another and rediscover the relevance and the joy of using MTL in their daily lives. Targeted at parents, educators,

MTL academia and the general public, the event will feature more than 30 sharing sessions and workshops, over 40 exhibition booths by pre-school centres, schools and community partners, as well as language activities and performances. Admission to the Symposium is free and the first 5,000 visitors will receive a goody bag. Registration for the sharing sessions and workshops is now open to the public at www.mtls.com.sg on a first-come-first-served basis. Members of the public may also visit the website for a list of activities and exhibitions at the Symposium.

13) Contribute to the Development of ZPS Heritage Curriculum and Gallery Project

As the school is currently working on building her Heritage Curriculum and Gallery which will document the milestones in Zhangde Primary School’s history, and capture precious memories of the ZPS experience, we welcome all ex-students to contribute to the project in one or more of the following ways.

A	Quotes about your ZPS memories	<i>Email: zhangde_ps@moe.edu.sg Please include your name, graduation year, attachments and/or URL links of your photographs and videos, etc.</i>
B	Photos with captions (eg. class photos)	
C	Videos	
D	Artefacts	<i>Please contact us at (65) 6274 0357 x 101 or email to zhangde_ps@moe.edu.sg to make the arrangements for your contributions.</i>

Please note that your contributions may be printed in our school publicity materials and displayed in the school. For more information, please visit the school website at <http://www.zhangdepri.moe.edu.sg/>.

Value of the Term (VOTT)

*Versatility is adjusting to changes with a good attitude...
It is seeing challenges as opportunities to grow...*

(Skit by the MT Department on Monday, 30th July 2018)

Calendar of Events for August to mid-September

Please refer to Annex 1 for the calendar of events for the month of August to mid-September.

Concluding Remarks...

Singaporeans will also find this year's theme song both familiar and new. NDP 2018 has taken a fresh perspective on "We Are Singapore", written in 1987, to be the NDP 2018 theme song. The 1987 song is a declaration of unity by Singaporeans. Its chorus incorporates words from a speech from the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew to school principals in 1966:

*"But whatever it is, ultimately the result that we want - and I am sure you must want this - is to produce a community that feels together. You know, on certain things it responds together: **this is my country, this is my flag; this is my President; this is my future.** I am going to protect it."*

Mr Lee Kuan Yew

29 August, 1966

As we move into the second month of Semester 2, let's continue to work with one another to provide our students with rich learning experiences and inculcate in them the values of Empathy and Versatility.

Let's continue to encourage all Zhangderens to leverage on our diversity and to leave no one behind as we strive towards an even brighter future!

Warmest Regards,

Miss Loh Sing Huay
Principal

Day	Date	Activities	Students Involved	Time
Mon	06-Aug	P1 Remedial Programme (English & Mathematics)	Selected P1 Students	2.15 pm - 4.15 pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 FMA	P5 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 After School Lessons	All P5 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Tues	07-Aug	P4 Science Workshop: Heat & Temperature	P4Ry students	8.45am - 11.45am
		National Day Celebration at SPD	Selected students from 5I	8.30am - 12.00pm
		P2 Remedial Programme (English & Mathematics)	Selected P2 Students	2.15 pm - 4.15 pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 After School Lessons	All P5 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P5 HMT	P5 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 FMA	P6 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
P6 After School Lessons	All P6 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm		
Wed	08-Aug	<i>National Day Celebrations - School dismissal at 10 am for all students.</i>		
Thurs	09-Aug	Public Holiday – National Day		
Fri	10-Aug	Scheduled School Holiday in lieu of National Day		
Mon	13-Aug	P1 Remedial Programme (English & Mathematics)	Selected P1 Students	2.15 pm - 4.15 pm
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 FMA	P5 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 After School Lessons	All P5 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Tues	14-Aug	P4 Science Workshop: Heat & Temperature	P4S students	8.45am - 11.45am
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 HMT	P5 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 After School Lessons	All P5 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 FMA	P6 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P2 Remedial Programme (English & Mathematics)	Selected P2 Students	2.15 pm - 4.15 pm
kidsREAD Club	Selected P2 students	2.30 pm - 3.30 pm		
Wed	15-Aug	Taiko Drumming	Selected P5S students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 Conversational Chinese Prog (Basic 1) 6	P4 students who sign up	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P4 Conversational Malay Prog (Basic 1) 6	P4 students who sign up	2.15pm - 4.15pm
<i>No school for P1 - P5 students on 16 & 17 Aug. Only P6 students will be involved.</i>				
Thurs	16-Aug	PSLE Oral Examinations	All staff & P6 students	Curriculum Time
Fri	17-Aug	PSLE Oral Examinations	All staff & P6 students	Curriculum Time

Day	Date	Activities	Students Involved	Time
Mon	20-Aug	P1 HA: EL Review 2	P1 Students	Curriculum Time
		P2 HA: EL Review 3	P2 Students	Curriculum Time
		CA2 & P6 Prelim: EL / Foundation EL	P3 – P6 students	Curriculum Time
Tues	21-Aug	P1 HA: Maths Review 3	P1 Students	Curriculum Time
		P2 HA: Maths Review 3	P2 Students	Curriculum Time
		CA2 & P6 Prelim: Math / Foundation Math	P3 – P6 students	Curriculum Time
Wed	22-Aug	Public Holiday - Hari Raya Haji		
Fri	24-Aug	CA2 & P6 Prelim: MT / Foundation MT (P4 - P6)	All staff & students	Curriculum Time
		P1 HA: MT Response to Listening Stimulus	P1 Students	Curriculum Time
		P2 HA: MT Review 2	P2 Students	Curriculum Time
		P3 GEP Identification Exercise 2018	P3 students who opted in	Curriculum Time
		Storytelling for P1 Students	P1 students	1.15pm -1.45pm
		P4 - P6 PROJECT Teach Programme	Selected P4 - P6 Indian Pupils	2.15pm - 5.15pm
Mon	27-Aug	CA2 & P6 Prelim: Science / Foundation Science	All P3 – P6 students	Curriculum Time
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 FMA	P5 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
Tues	28-Aug	P5 HMT CA2 & P6 Prelim: HMT	P5 & P6 students taking HMT	Curriculum Time
		CA2 MT	P3 students	Curriculum Time
		P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 HMT	P5 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 FMA	P6 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		kidsREAD Club	Selected P2 students	2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
Wed	29-Aug	P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension (EL/MT)	All P6 students	2.15pm - 6pm
		P4 Conversational Chinese Prog (Basic 1) 7	P4 students who sign up	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P4 Conversational Malay Prog (Basic 1) 7	P4 students who sign up	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Thurs	30-Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration	All students	11.30am - 1pm
Fri	31-Aug	School Holiday: Teachers' Day		
September Holiday Break (1st September – 9th September). Term 4 resumes on Monday, 10th September.				
Wed	5-Sep	P6 Lessons	P6 students	8am - 12pm
Thurs	6-Sep	P6 Lessons	P6 students	8am - 12pm
Fri	7-Sep	National Robotics Competition	Selected P5 students	8am - 5.30pm
		P6 Lessons	P6 students	8am - 12pm
Mon	10-Sep	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 FMA	P5 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 After School Lessons	All P5 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 HMT	P6 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 students	2.15pm - 4.15pm

Day	Date	Activities	Students Involved	Time
Tue	11-Sep	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P5 HMT	P5 students taking HMT	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P5 After School Lessons	All P5 pupils	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P6 FMA	P6 students taking FMA	2.15pm - 3.15pm
		P6 After-School Lessons	Selected P6 students	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Wed	12-Sep	Rope Skipping Extra training	Selected Rope Skippers	2.15pm - 4.15 pm
		P4 Conversational Chinese Prog (Basic 1) 8	P4 students who sign up	2.15pm - 4.15pm
		P4 Conversational Malay Prog (Basic 1) 8	P4 students who sign up	2.15pm - 4.15pm
Thurs	13-Sep	P3 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P3 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		P4 SDR / Subject Remedial Lesson	P4 SDR students	2.15pm - 3.45pm
		Rope Skipping Extra training	Selected Rope Skippers	2.15pm - 4.15 pm
<i>No school for P1 - P5 students on 14 September. Only P6 students will be involved.</i>				
Fri	14-Sep	PSLE EL / MT Listening Comprehension	All P6 students	Curriculum Time

Information is updated and correct at the time of printing.

Legend:

G – Graciousness V – Versatility Rt – Respect Re – Resilience
 I – Integrity E – Empathy Ry – Responsibility S – Sincerity