



TAMPINES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A School of Distinction – Enriched Beyond Limits, Loved Beyond Measure

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Dear Parent,

Updates on TPS

PRIME FUND RAISING

1. We are happy to inform that the rebuilding of the school at the Tampines site is progressing. We are delighted to receive pictures from parents living near the school, which show the building going higher with each passing month.

2. As we mentioned last year, the school would like to invite parents to form a fund raising committee for PRIME. The objective is to raise about \$200,000 for installing customized teaching and learning facilities for your pupils. While MOE is providing the standard facilities, the school would like to go beyond these, to install interactive white boards in all classrooms and customized furniture to enhance the pupils' learning experience. For parents who are interested to join the committee, can you fill out the form in **Annex A, Section 1** and return it to your child's form teacher by **14 Jan (Wed)**. We look forward to your generous support.

SCHOOL HOURS ON 23 JAN 2009 (FRI)

3. Please be informed that 23 Jan (Fri) is a normal school day as it is not Chinese New Year's (CNY) Eve. The school will be organizing some activities to celebrate CNY with all pupils in school. But formal lessons will continue after the celebrations in school.

4. School will be closed on 26 and 27 Jan on the first two days of CNY. School will resume on 28 Jan (Wed). We will like to wish all pupils, parents and staff a very Happy and Prosperous Chinese New Year (CNY).

JAPAN HOME-STAY PROGRAMME

5. The school is organizing the Japan Home-Stay Programme from 5 – 14 June 2009 (tentative dates). The learning journey to Sendai, Japan is part of our internationalization efforts. The 10-day learning journey has a home-stay component where pupils get to interact with their Japanese host family and visit places of interest in Sendai, Japan. Pupils are expected to pay a portion of the cost in cash, to be decided later. The school will subsidise part of the cost. More details will be announced later. Meanwhile, pupils who are interested, please fill out the application form in **Annex A, Section 2** and return it to the form teacher by 14 Jan (Wed).

BARBER SERVICE

6. We have engaged a barber who is providing hair cutting service at a nominal fee of \$4 on the following days: 19 Jan, 16 Feb, 30 Mar. This will be done during school hours. Parents who are interested can fill out the form in **Annex A, Section 3** and return it by 14 Jan (Wed).

We will schedule the child for hair cutting during school hours and inform parents who sign up for this service. We appreciate parents' help to ensure that your child turns up in neat and appropriate hair length for school (please refer to pupil diary for more details on pupil attire).

NATIONAL EDUCATION & CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

7. National Education (NE) is a crucial part of our school programmes. So is character development. The aim is to build up pupils' sense of belonging to the country and increase their appreciation of racial and religious harmony. Building our pupils' character is also important so they can contribute to society as good individuals. Every year, the school conducts different programmes under the Pupil Development Department to promote NE and Character Development. In addition, NE and Character Development are also integrated into the academic subjects, PE and CCA.

8. Last year, we also introduced a monthly dialogue with parents on Friday evening, 6 – 7pm. The purpose of the session is to engage parents on issues pertaining to NE and Character Development. While we will also touch on school issues, we hope to increase parents' awareness of NE and Character Development matters as the family plays a big role in promoting good behaviours among our pupils. The schedule for this year's Term 1 dialogue is as follows:

Date	Venue	Remarks
13 Feb, 6 – 7 pm	TPS school, AVA room	P, VP and HOD PD
6 Mar, 6 – 7 pm	TPS school, AVA room	P, VP and HOD MT

BOOK DONATIONS

9. We would like to appeal to parents to donate story books to the school library. As part of our drive to improve reading standards among our pupils, the library and the English Department are starting a mobile library. Parents who are interested to donate story books (suitable for P1 to P6 pupils) may pass these books to your child's form teacher. You can also contact HOD ICT, Mr Eric Soh at the office number, in the event that you wish to donate a large collection of used story books (but in good conditions). Our appreciation to all parents for your kind and generous gesture.

INSURANCE INFORMATION SHEET

10. An information sheet on the pupil insurance scheme from AB Lim Pte Ltd is attached for parents' information.

Warmest Regards

Mrs Wong Bin Eng
Principal



Pupil Name: _____

Class: _____

Dear Parents, there are 3 different sections below. You only need to fill out the sections that you are interested in. Please return it to your child form teacher by **14 Jan (Wed)**.

**SECTION 1
REPLY SLIP FOR PRIME FUND RAISING**

Parents are invited to volunteer for the fund raising committee for PRIME. The objective is to raise funds to install customised (non-standard) teaching and learning facilities for your child. Parents who have signed up will be contacted by the school at a later date with more details about your roles. With your support, we will be able to achieve our target of raising the necessary funds to 'Enrich' your child's education in Tampines Primary.

I am / am not (please delete one) interested in joining the fund raising committee for PRIME.

Name of Parent : _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email (if any) : _____

**SECTION 2
JAPAN HOME-STAY IN JUNE 2009**

TPS has been working with CCE Japan on the Japan Home-stay for the last few years. During the overseas learning journey, there is a home-stay component, school visits and also learning trips to places of interest.

Cost of the trip : to be confirmed later

Subsidy: school will provide different levels of subsidy to be announced later

When: 10 days during June holidays

Where: Sendai, Japan

Who: P3 – P6 pupils who meet selection criteria

Selection Criteria: Pupils who demonstrate the Hallmarks of Tampinesian Pupils. Other selection criteria will be announced later. A selection panel comprising Principal and 2 Key Personnel will interview shortlisted pupils.

Parents who are interested can provide us with some information below:

I am / am not (please delete accordingly) interested to be considered for the Japan Home-stay programme.

Overseas trip (please indicate if you have gone on overseas learning journeys with the school before. Pls indicate country visited and year)

School-Organised Overseas Learning Journeys

Year	Country visited

**SECTION 3
REPLY SLIP FOR BARBER SERVICE**

The school is providing barber service at \$4 on designated days as spelt out in the letter. Parents will pay the barber in cash. Please fill out your child's name if you are interested to participate in this service. The barber will be on site to cut your child's hair. A schedule will be drawn up and parents will be informed.

I am / am not (delete accordingly) interested in the hair cutting service.

Name of Parent : _____

THANK YOU