



FERN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Vision: Reflective Inquirers, Aspiring Advocates, Steadfast Leader

School Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Care, Harmony

**T3W8
Notification**

Dear Parents,

18 Aug 2021

Our Strategic Thrusts

ST1: Nurturing Future-Ready Learners

ST2: Growing Competent & Happy Staff

ST3: Fostering Effective Partnerships

No	Item	ST
1.	<p><u>Calendar of Events (T3W8 & T3W9)</u></p> <p>T3W8</p> <p>Monday, 16 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:45am 1R1, 1R2, 1I, 1C, 1M: Programme for Active Learning (PAL) 8:00am P3&4 Class Test: EL Test <p>Tuesday, 17 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00am P3&4 Class Test: MA Test <p>Wednesday, 18 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P3: GEP Screening Exercise 7:30am Class Contact Time: Briefing on Clean Plate Campaign at Fern Green 12:15pm Class-Based Programme: Form Teacher Guidance Periods (FTGP) 2:45pm Registered P3&4: Conversational Chinese and Malay (CCM) Programme (for Students who have signed up) <p>Thursday, 19 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1 Registration: Phase 2C Supplementary Recess Activity: Clean Plate Campaign @FGPS 8:00am P3&4 Class Test: MTL Test <p>Friday, 20 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1 Registration: Phase 2C Supplementary MTL Fortnight 7:45am 1R3, 1G, 1D: Programme for Active Learning (PAL) 8:00am P3&4 Class Test: SCI Test <p>T3W9</p> <p>Monday, 23 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MTL Fortnight 7:45am 1R1, 1R2, 1I, 1C, 1M: Programme for Active Learning (PAL) <p>Tuesday, 24 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MTL Fortnight 2:30pm P3&4: e-CCA 	ST1 ST3

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	<p>Wednesday, 25 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTL Fortnight • 7:30am Class Contact Time: Values Talk on Care • 12:15pm Class-Based Programme: Cyber Wellness Talk & Education & Career Guidance (ECG) Talk • 2:45pm Registered P3&4: Conversational Chinese and Malay (CCM) Programme (for Students who have signed up) <p>Thursday, 26 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTL Fortnight <p>Friday, 27 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTL Fortnight • 7:45am 1R3, 1G, 1D: Pots & Hands Music Enrichment <p>(Information correct as on 18 August. For updates, please refer to the school website: https://ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/school-calendar)</p>	ST
2.	<p><u>Together, We Build A Stronger SG Art Competition 2021</u></p> <p>We are very glad to inform that six of our P2 and P3 students who participated in the recent Together, We Build A Stronger SG Art Competition 2021 as part of our 56th National Day celebrations have been awarded the Merit Award.</p> <p>The children's art work will be featured at the National Museum of SG's credit board and also Our Heart for Singapore (OHFSG) online gallery in recognition of our students' contributions. Students and staff can also view the shortlisted artworks that have been put on display along the corridor towards the canteen. The displays will be there till the end of August.</p> <p>Congratulations to the award winners!</p>	ST1
3.	<p><u>FGPS Opening Ceremony</u></p> <p>It is our pleasure and honour to announce that Fern Green Primary School will be having our Official Opening Ceremony on Monday, 30 August 2021. The theme for this official opening is "Fern Green Takes Flight" and the Guest-of-Honour is Mr Gan Thiam Poh, Grassroots Adviser to Ang Mo Kio GRC GROs.</p> <p>Due to Covid-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs), the event will be held virtually. Students will report to school as per normal on the day and watch the virtual Official Opening Ceremony from their classrooms from 10am to 11am. Dismissal time will also be as per normal.</p> <p>As we look forward to this momentous occasion, we would like to thank you, Parents and Guardians, for your incredible support and trust in us as we strive to provide a holistic and meaningful learning experience for your child in his / her primary school journey.</p>	ST1-3

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4.	<p><u>Teachers' Day Celebration (TDC) 2021</u></p> <p>Background</p> <p>The complexity of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the need for teachers to continue managing disruptions in schools. Throughout the many challenges, they have remained steadfast in their mission, and showed their innovative spirit and sense of fraternity.</p> <p>In view of this, MOE will be implementing a national Teachers' Day celebration to recognise the continued contribution of the entire teaching fraternity in supporting students' growth, development and well-being. This celebration will run from end-August to November 2021.</p> <p>Plans for Teachers' Day Celebration 2021</p> <p>TDC 2021 will be a combination of efforts from the different divisions in MOE HQ and the celebrations will take place across 4 fronts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Schools(ii) HQ(iii) Istana (for the President's Award for Teachers); and(iv) National Online: Gratitude Portal and Social Media (i.e. engagement of parents and public) <p>To ensure that the celebrations across all 4 fronts are consistent in messaging and coherent as a "national" celebration, there will be 4 staple components anchoring the celebrations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Overarching messages of TDC 2021(ii) Minister's speech for TDC 2021(iii) Online gratitude portal of tributes to teachers and staff in education(iv) Tribute Video to Teachers <p>The Gratitude Portal (open from 29 Aug – End Nov) is a central piece in this year's Teachers' Day celebrations. The online Gratitude Portal will be a symbolic gift to appreciate and affirm all staff in education, hosted at ThankYouCher.edu.sg. The title 'Thank You 'Cher' is relatable to educators in Singapore, and captures the main theme of the site through the voice of those who matters most to them - the students under their charge. The portal will allow for submissions of appreciation from students, parents, former students and fellow educators. Posts are tagged by school, and submissions can be filtered to show posts thanking teachers, and staff of individual schools. Messages can also be accompanied by a photo or image.</p> <p>For this year's celebration of Teachers' Day in school, instead of buying presents, I would like to encourage all students and parents to leverage the Gratitude Portal and pen your notes of appreciation to teachers and staff in the school. This would certainly lift their spirits and boost their morale as they continue their hard work that sees to the holistic development of our children.</p>	ST1 ST2 ST3
5.	<p><u>Updates to Leave of Absence (LOA) & Approved Absence (AA) Policies</u></p> <p>Please refer to the attachment for further updates to Schools' Leave of Absence and Approved Absence Policies with effect from Thursday, 19 Aug 2021. Please download the attachment here.</p>	ST1 and ST3

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6.	<p><u>Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Enrichment programme - Comics Expression</u></p> <p>The MTL department is organizing an enrichment programme for P3 and P4 CL students and P3 ML students. The programme aims to guide students in identifying factors that will bring across intended thoughts using the frames for comic drawing. At the end of the programme, students will complete a comic storyline portraying the school values. This programme will take place during their respective MTL lessons. Due to the current Safe Management Measures, this programme will be conducted via the Zoom platform. As such, the course fees co-payable by students is reduced from \$25 to \$6. A refund will be processed in Term 4.</p> <p><u>Mother Tongue Language Fortnight</u></p> <p>To create a conducive environment that promote the use and learning of MTL beyond the classroom and school, the school designates the period between 20 Aug to 2 Sep as the MTL Fortnight. During this period, a wide range of activities related to CL/ML/TL language and culture will be conducted. Activities include workshops, language games, talks, quizzes, competitions, talent showcases, cultural craftwork and performing arts events. Students are expected to complete some of the cultural craftwork at home. Parents are encouraged to complete these activities with your child as part of family bonding.</p>	ST1 ST3
7.	<p><u>P1 Maker Education – Making of Bottle Cap Fridge Magnets</u></p> <p>To promote care for the environment, and inspire creativity using reusable materials, our P1 students will embark on a self-learning Making session conducted over SLS, to learn to transform bottle caps from used PET bottles into useful fridge magnets for pinning up messages on the magnetic surfaces. Our students will also learn how plastic waste could harm marine life and what they can do to save the environment by re-purposing plastic waste into innovative products.</p> <p>The students will receive their materials from their form teachers on Friday, 20 August, and complete the task following instructions posted on SLS. Parents are strongly encouraged to assist/guide your child to complete the task.</p>	ST1
8.	<p><u>LTA Handbrake Requirement for Bicycles</u></p> <p>Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of people using bicycles as a mode of transport or for leisure, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic. This may include students who cycle to and from school, or during the weekends with friends and families. Some of these students who cycle may be fixie enthusiasts. Fixies, also known as fixed-gear bicycles, generally do not have hand-operated brakes, but instead rely on the rider's pedal resistance to stop. This makes it challenging for riders to brake quickly, endangering themselves and other path and road users.</p> <p>To improve safety, from 1 September 2021, all bicycles ridden on public paths and roads must have <u>at least one</u> functioning handbrake. Cyclists caught riding without handbrakes may be fined up to \$10 000 or jailed for up to 6 months if convicted for the first offence. Repeat offenders may face higher penalties.</p> <p>Please visit go.gov.sg/amrules for more information.</p>	ST1 ST3

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9.	<u>Canteen Stalls Update</u> Please be informed that with effect from 1 Sep 2021 (Term 3 Week 10), Stall 4 (Western Food) will cease operation. The school is in the process of sourcing for a replacement.	ST1 ST3

Thank you.

Mrs May Tang/Principal