



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

**T4W7
Parents'
Notification**

Dear Parents,

27 Oct 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 (T4W7 to T4W8)</u></p> <p>T4W7</p> <p>Monday, 25 October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:45am 1R1, 1R2, 1I, 1C, 1M: Programme for Active Learning (PAL) • 8:00am P4 Weighted Assessment: EL <p>Tuesday, 26 October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00am P4 Weighted Assessment: MA <p>Wednesday, 27 October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30am Class Contact Time: Values Talk on Harmony • 8:00am P4 Weighted Assessment: MTL • 12:15pm P1: Maker Education Programme • 12:15pm P2-4: Form Teacher Guidance Period <p>Thursday, 28 October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:45am P2: Programme for Active Learning (PAL) • 8:00am P4 Weighted Assessment: SCI <p>Friday, 29 October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:45am 1R3, 1H, 1G, 1D: Programme for Active Learning (PAL) <p>T4W8</p> <p>Monday, 1 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:45am P1R1, 1R2, 1I, 1C, 1M: Programme for Active Learning (PAL) <p>Tuesday, 2 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:30pm *P3&4: e-CCA (* for Selected Groups Only) <p>Wednesday, 3 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half-Day for Hindus & Sikhs: Dismissal at 10.15am • 7:30am Class Contact Time: Briefing on Kindness Booklet • 12:15pm Class-Based Programme: Honouring the Cleaners & OSOs; Talk on Cyber Wellness • 2:45pm Registered P3&4: Conversational Chinese and Malay (CCM) Programme (for Students who have signed up) 	ST1 ST3

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	<p>Thursday, 4 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deepavali <p>Friday, 5 November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:45am 1R3, 1H, 1G, 1D: Programme for Active Learning (PAL) • 11:15am 3C: Artist in School Programme <p>(Information correct as on 27 October. For updates, please refer to the school website: https://ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/school-calendar)</p>	ST
2	<p><u>School Administration Day on Thursday 11, November 2021 (No School)</u></p> <p>The school has designated <u>Thursday, 11 November</u> as our Administration Day to facilitate the annual end-of-year results administration and promotion exercises.</p> <p>As all our teachers will be involved in the results administration and promotion exercises, please be informed that there will be no school on that day.</p> <p>School will <u>resume on Friday, 12 November 2021</u>.</p>	ST1 ST2 ST3
3	<p><u>Early dismissal for Hindu and Sikh students on the eve of Deepavali (3 Nov) and celebrations on Wednesday, 10 Nov 2021</u></p> <p>Deepavali falls on Thursday, 4 November 2021. In view of the preparation needed for the festival, Hindu and Sikh students are allowed to go home at 10.15am on Wednesday, 3 November.</p> <p>Parents of Hindu and Sikh students will receive a PG notification for consent of early dismissal. Please respond by 29 Oct 2021.</p> <p>To celebrate diversity in the school community, our school will be celebrating Deepavali on Wednesday, 10 Nov 2021. Class-based activities such as craft work, skit performance and quizzes will be scheduled to help our students appreciate the Indian Culture. Students are allowed to wear the traditional Indian costumes with black school shoes on the day of celebration. School dismissal will be as usual on that day.</p>	ST1
4	<p><u>Offering of Higher Mother Tongue Languages for Primary 3 students</u></p> <p>Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) has been officially offered at P5 and P6 for students who show strong proficiency and interest in Mother Tongue Language (MTL). To further strengthen the learning of MTL from an early age, our school will be offering HMTL across the 3 official MTLs <u>from P3 onwards starting 2022</u>.</p> <p><u>Selection Criteria</u></p> <p>Students offered HMTL at P3 should <u>be proficient in their oracy skills</u> and <u>demonstrate strong foundation for literary skills</u>. Selected students must fulfil the basic selection criteria that include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieve the band of “exceeding” in the qualitative descriptors (QD) based on P2 MTL Learning Outcomes, including the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LO7: Write short sentence(s) about daily life with some guidance; • LO4: Recognise characters taught in Primary 2 (CL) / Recognise words taught in Primary 2 (ML) / Recognise letters and words taught in Primary 2 (TL); 	ST1

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LO3: Participate in short conversations related to daily life with some guidance; <p>2. In addition to the basic selection criteria, students must also achieve the band of “exceeding” in any of the two qualitative descriptors (QD) stipulated below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LO1: Listen attentively to short, simple spoken content related to daily life, identify the main idea and some details• LO2: Speak with correct pronunciation using vocabulary and sentence structures from Primary 2 texts.• LO5: Read aloud Primary 2 texts with accuracy and fluency.• LO6: Understand Primary 2 texts and are able to identify details with some guidance. <p>3. Teachers’ feedback and observations which cover a whole range of performance, additional information about student’s learning gathered from class discussions, class work and homework.</p> <p>4. Demonstrated strong interest and positive learning dispositions for Mother Tongue Languages.</p> <p>Curriculum Structure Selected students are required to attend an additional one hour lesson weekly after school hours on one of the weekdays scheduled by the school.</p> <p>Assessment HMTL at P3 will be reflected as a <u>non-weighted assessment</u>. Non-weighted assessment refers to assessments where the scores will not form part of the computation of a student’s overall results in a subject for the year. P3 HMTL students will still sit for the End-Of Year Examination like all other non- HMT students. The schools would also indicate students’ progress in HMTL in the Holistic Development Profile. Students not selected for HMTL programme at P3 could still be offer HMTL at P5 when he/she builds stronger proficiency and interest.</p> <p>Exercising Options Parents of selected students will be notified to attend the briefing on 8 November 2021 via Zoom. Option to take up the offer for P3 HMTL will be notified during the briefing.</p>	
5	<p><u>P1 Maker Education Programme Part 2 – Introduction to “Kokoru” Corrugated Paper Craft (Wednesday, FTGP/Assembly periods)</u></p> <p>In this second and final instalment of our P1 Maker Education programme, we continue our learning to promote care for the environment - by replacing plastic material with recycled corrugated paper. Our students will hone their hand skill by transforming colorful corrugated papers into useful pencil caps, and learn about the importance of minimizing plastic wastes that are released into the environment. Parents are encouraged to assist students in uploading a photo of their completed work onto the digital lesson package that will also be shared on SLS.</p>	ST1 and ST3
6	<p><u>Library year-end stock check – Return of all books borrowed by students</u></p> <p>The school library will be calling back all books that have been borrowed in preparation for year-end stock check. We will also stop all borrowings. We would like to seek the assistance of parents in reminding the students to return any school-owned books that they are holding on to.</p>	ST1 and ST3

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7	<p><u>Values Inculcation – Harmony</u></p> <p>Good values are best taught and reinforced both in school and at home. Thus, the school implements VIA (Values in Action) at Home as part of efforts to develop positive values and important life skills in our children. A talk on the value of Harmony has been conducted during Class Contact Time on 27 October 2021 and the children are encouraged to practise the value of Harmony at home too.</p> <p>Please encourage your child to attempt the tasks under the various values listed in “VIA at Home” on page 15 of the Student Handbook. Kindly tick the box next to the task(s) which your child has performed and sign at the bottom of the page if you have yet to do so. Our teachers will be checking the Student Handbook.</p> <p>There is no need to tick every box beside the task- just the ones which the children have already carried out. This will give us an idea of how far our children have been able to put these values into practice at home. We hope that our children will continue to practise these good habits.</p>	ST1 and ST3
8	<p><u>Pledge to reduce Food Waste</u></p> <p>Food from the Heart has started a Reduce Food Waste campaign to reach 15,000 pledges from now till 31 October to raise \$75,000 to feed the needy. For every pledge, a sponsor will match \$5. The school would like to support Food from the Heart in this campaign. We would like to appeal to you and your children to go to the link below to make your pledge to reduce food waste and help the needy. Thank you.</p> <p>https://bit.ly/3lpY8Av.</p>	ST1 and ST3

Thank you.

Mrs May Tang/Principal