



FERN GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Vision: Joyful Learners, Caring Leaders, Resilient Innovators

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

**T1W1
Parents
Notification**

8 January 2025

Dear Parents,

Our Strategic Thrusts

ST1: Future-Ready Learners

ST2: Accomplished and Engaged Professionals

ST3: Organisational Excellence

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1. Calendar of Events (T1W1 & T1W2)

T1W1

Monday, 6 January

- Orientation Week: Ignite and Shine!

Tuesday, 7 January

- Orientation Week: Ignite and Shine!

T1W2

Monday, 13 January

- 12:00pm
P3 Swimsafer- 3C|3H

Tuesday, 14 January

- 2.30pm
P4 to P6: CCA

Wednesday, 15 January

- Attendance & Temperature Taking Exercise (ATTEEx)

Thursday, 16 January

- 12:00pm
P3 Swimsafer- 3R1|3R2|3R3|3I
- 2:00pm
P3 to P6 HMTL Lessons (Except P3, P4 & P6 HML)

Friday, 17 January

- 2:00pm
P3 to P4 MTSP (TL) Lessons
- 2:00pm
P6 HML Lessons

(Events listed above are for the masses. Information is correct as on 8 January 2025. For updates or to subscribe to our calendars, please visit the school website at <https://www.ferngreenpri.moe.edu.sg/general-information/School-Calendar/>)

2. Welcome and Introduction of New Vice-Principal (Academic)

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year 2025 and I hope this message finds you well. I am Ms Agnes Chow, the new Vice-Principal (Academic) who has joined Fern Green Primary School with effect from 16 December 2024. I am very happy and honoured to become a member of the Fern Green family.

As an educator, I firmly believe that every child is unique and possesses the potential to become a contributive citizen and future leader. It is crucial for our Fern Green staff, parents, and the community to work together collaboratively so that we can unlock this potential and guide our students towards a bright future.

As we embark on this journey, I look forward to our positive home-school partnership in creating a nurturing and enriching learning environment for our children so that they can flourish and become Joyful Learners, Caring Leaders, and Resilient Innovators.

Together, we can make a lasting positive impact on our students' lives.

Warm regards,

Ms Agnes Chow
Vice-Principal (Academic)

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3. Schedule for P3 to P6 Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL) Lessons after School

Higher Mother Tongue Lesson will commence from Term 1 Week 2. The following table reflects the schedule of each Higher Mother Tongue group:

Language	Level	Day and Time
Higher Chinese	P3, P4, P5, P6	<p><u>Term 1, Week 2 to Week 8</u> Commencement Date: 16 January Day: Thursday Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm</p> <p><u>Term 2 to Term 4, Week 1 to 8</u> Day: Thursday Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm</p>
Higher Malay	P5	<p><u>Term 1, Week 2 to Week 8</u> Commencement Date: 16 January Day: Thursday Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm</p> <p><u>Term 2 to Term 4, Week 1 to 8</u> Day: Thursday Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm</p>
Higher Malay	P6	<p><u>Term 1, Week 2 to Week 8</u> Commencement Date: 17 January Day: Friday Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm</p> <p><u>Term 2 to Term 4, Week 1 to 8</u> Day: Friday Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm</p>
Higher Tamil	P4, P5, P6	<p><u>Term 1, Week 2 to Week 8</u> Commencement Date: 16 January Day: Thursday Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm</p> <p><u>Term 2 to Term 4, Week 1 to 8</u> Day: Thursday Time: 2.00pm to 3.00pm</p>

Students are to assemble at the Sheltered Basketball Court (SBC) after lunch on the first day of the HMTL lessons for each language. Subject teachers will group students according to their respective level before taking them to their venue for lessons. **Dismissal after lesson will be via Gate 2 only.**

Home-based Learning (HBL) will be assigned to students on Week 9 of every term in place of face-to-face sessions in school. Students will complete their learning via Student Learning Space (SLS) platform.

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4. Subscription of Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Supplementary Reading Materials

In a bid to develop a love of reading in our students, Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Department has arranged for students to subscribe to supplementary reading materials. The publication comprises current affairs which are presented in a comprehensive yet interesting manner. The supplementary reading materials subscribed will be distributed to students according to the table below:

MTL	Levels	Materials subscribed	Frequency	Cost of Subscription
CL	P1 & P2	Xin Pengyou (新朋友) + Digital resources	Fortnightly	\$34
	P3 & P4	Xin Tiandi (新列车) + Digital resources		
	P5 & P6	Xin Lieche (新列车) + Digital resources		
ML	P1 to P6	Mari Membaca	Fortnightly	\$27
TL	P3 to P6	Sutti Mayil Magazine	Jan, Feb, Mar, April, May	\$30

Payment for the subscription/s will be made through deduction from your child's Edusave account. The subscription cost will be included in the next school bill. No action is required from parents for now. Please contact your child's MTL teacher via email if you require additional information.

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5. **Early Dismissal and Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations on 28 January 2025 (Tuesday)**

This year, the Chinese New Year (CNY) holidays fall on 29 and 30 January 2025 (Wednesday and Thursday). School will resume on 31 January 2025 (Friday).

The school will be having our CNY celebrations and concert on the eve of CNY, 28 January 2025 (Wednesday). Students are to report to school by 7.30am on that day. At the end of the celebrations, students would be dismissed according to the timings shown below:

Level	Timing
P1 & P2	10.25am
P3 & P4	10.30am
P5 & P6	10.35am

To foster a better understanding and an appreciation of the diverse cultures within the school community, students will be engaged in craftwork centred around the Chinese culture on that day. As such, lessons will be suspended, students are reminded to bring along their snack for their snack break at 8.15am as the canteen will not be operating on that day. Students are also required to bring along a storybook for silent reading. The CNY concert will commence right after the class activities at 8.45am.

On the day of the celebration, students are encouraged to come in Chinese traditional clothes paired with white socks and black school shoes to immerse themselves in the festive mood or don their regular school uniform/attire.

To spread the festive cheer, we invite parents and students to share Lunar New Year wishes and blessings creatively through a short video clip. You can record a video featuring you and/or your children sharing a message of joy, a cherished Lunar New Year tradition, or heartfelt wishes for your teachers and classmates. Let us come together to embrace the spirit of this special season! Keep the video to about 5 to 20 seconds and send the video clip to toh_wei_ting@moe.edu.sg by 19 January 2025 (Sunday).

Please also note that the General Office will be closed at 12.00pm on the eve of CNY.

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6. **RICH in Character Programme**

The school will be embarking on a school-wide character-building programme to inculcate the School Core Values (Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Integrity, Innovation (*new*), Care and Harmony) in our students.

The objectives of this programme are to:

1. Develop students' character strengths;
2. Equip students with civic values; and
3. Nurture societal and national values in our students.

The school will be focussing on following School Core Values for each term as shown in the table below. In Term 4, we will revisit all seven values.

Term	School Core Values
Term 1	Respect, Care & Integrity
Term 2	Responsibility & Resilience
Term 3	Harmony & Innovation
Term 4	<i>Revisiting All School Core Values</i>

As we work towards developing our students to be Joyful Learners, Caring Leaders and Resilient Innovators, we wish to also garner parents' support in affirming your children as they demonstrate these values at home.

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7. **Commencement of P4 to P6 Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)**

The school's Co-curricular Activities (CCAs) will commence on **14th January 2025 (Tuesday)**. All CCA dates can be found in the school's calendar for your reference.

It is important for every student to actively participate and commit to their chosen CCAs. For students in sports CCAs, please note that the National School Games for Senior Division are approaching, and consistent training during this period will be essential.

If your child is unable to attend a CCA session, kindly inform the respective CCA teacher-in-charge via email.

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8. **Personal Data Protection Act**

The school takes photos and videos of students participating in school activities and they may be published on our school websites, school publications and on partner websites and publications.

Parents should write to the school (email: ferngreen_ps@moe.edu.sg) by 17 January 2025 if you do not wish to give consent to the school to use your child's photos or videos.

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9. **P1 Parents: Consent to use MOE's Centrally Provisioned Digital Tools**

The school would like to seek all P1 parents' assistance in giving parental consent before provisioning your child with MOE's centrally provisioned digital tools, namely, Student iCON (Google Workplace) and Microsoft Pro Plus (Office tools such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint).

These digital tools complement students' learning in way of providing them with appropriate tools for collaboration, and to improve productivity and communication. Kindly refer to the announcement, "Consent to use MOE's Centrally Provisioned Digital Tools" in Parents Gateway (PG) and respond by **10 January 2025 (Friday)**. Thank you.

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10. **School Emergency Preparedness Exercises**

As part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students and staff, we will be conducting two essential emergency preparedness exercises during Term 1: **Emergency Evacuation Exercise** and **Lockdown Exercise**. These drills are critical in helping us enhance our readiness for real-life emergencies.

The exercises are designed to familiarize both students and staff with the appropriate responses to different emergency situations, ensuring that everyone knows how to act quickly and safely. Participation in these drills will help reinforce the importance of safety protocols and allow us to identify any areas for improvement in our emergency procedures.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all.

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11. **Safety, Health and Emergency Matters**

Temperature Taking Exercise

A Temperature Taking Exercise will be conducted for all students and staff on **15 January 2025 (Wednesday)**. It aims to:

1. maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate the temperature-taking regime should the need arises; and
2. educate students on taking personal responsibility for their own health and social responsibility.
3. Please remind your child to bring along a working thermometer for the exercise.

All P1 students were given a complimentary Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT).

School Safety and Security

The school has put in place several procedures to ensure school security and the safety of our children.

Please note that parents are allowed to enter school premises only if you:

- need to fetch your child/children home early (before dismissal time);
- have an appointment with a school staff; or
- need to make an enquiry at the General Office.

All visitors, including parents, must report to the Security Guard Post at the Main Gate to obtain a visitor's pass before proceeding to the General Office. Parents are not allowed to enter the school through the side gates without obtaining a visitor's pass from the Security Guard Post.

In the event your child is not well while in school, the school will contact you to make arrangements to fetch him/her home. For safety reasons, the school will not release the child to return home on his/her own. If parents are unable to come, then a trusted adult (e.g. a domestic helper or relative) will need to come by to bring the child home.

To inculcate in our students the value of responsibility and independence, they will be expected to remember to bring the books and items that they need and not rely on their parents to deliver their personal items.

Students need to learn to be resilient and face up to consequences for forgetting to bring what is required for use in school. Students who have forgotten to bring their pocket money may approach our staff in the General Office if they need to borrow some money.

Students are also strongly discouraged from bringing to school expensive personal belongings such as branded stationery, electronic gadgets, mobile phones, etc.

Parents Taking Children Out of School during Term Time / Curricular Hours

During the course of the year, parents are urged not to take your child/children out of school during school days or curricular hours for private matters such as attendance of weddings. Taking your child/children out of school during term time or curricular hours disrupts learning and may result in your child/children having difficulty following up with lesson proper when he/she/they return(s) to school. Your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Students Returning from Medical Leave

Students returning to school after their medical leave must submit their medical certificates (MC) to their Form Teachers immediately. The MC must indicate the duration within which they are to refrain from participating in physical activities, if relevant. Parents should remind the doctors to indicate this information in the MC for PE teachers' follow-up.

Let's Do Our Part to Keep Everyone Safe and Healthy

We seek parents' support to keep the school a safe environment for all our students.

If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seek medical attention. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility by wearing a mask and minimise social interaction.

Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility for the well-being of our students and staff.

Traffic Advisory: Road Safety of Students

For Parents who are driving, do note the following:

Drop-off During Morning Peak Hours and Pick-up During School Dismissal

- Drop-off in the morning: between 6.45am and 7.30am.
 - Pick-up during school dismissal: only after the school buses have moved off (at about 1.50pm).
- Timings apply for wet and dry weather.

Our students' safety is our priority. We would like to seek your cooperation and support to work with the school in ensuring the safety of our students coming to school, within the school compound and leaving the school.

Please click on the link below for the road safety letter jointly issued by Ministry of Education (MOE), Land Transport Authority (LTA) and the Traffic Police (TP) and find out how you can play your part in ensuring the safety of our students:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w7xXd8n-TfZVhMcA9LgRKOkW7LW6deM4/view?usp=sharing>

We strongly discourage parents from stopping your vehicles along Fernvale Link to drop your child/children off or parking your vehicle by the roadside while waiting for your child/children. This is to facilitate smooth traffic flow along Fernvale Link. Do plan your trip to the school so that you do not end up stopping your vehicles and waiting along Fernvale Link. Parents should note that Traffic Enforcement Officers from Land Transport Authority (LTA) may be stationed along Fernvale Link from time to time. As such, errant drivers may be booked.

Due to security considerations, we do not allow parents to park your vehicles in school while waiting for your child/children. Should you be waiting for your child/children at the nearby carparks during dismissal, please be considerate to fellow road users.

	For the safety of your child/children, our students and fellow road users, we strongly urge you to adhere to the traffic regulations and rules.
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Thank you.

Ms Agnes Chow
Vice-Principal (Academic)