



NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firm Foundations, Future Learnings

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Letter to Parents: 08/2017 (P4 Students)

Through: The Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES AND MASS COLLECTION FOR SEMESTER 1

Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope that your child is well-settled into the new academic year.

To support the school's Strategic Thrust 1 of Providing Holistic Education, the school will be organising a variety of enrichment programmes for your child. There are two attachments to this letter.

The first consists of a brief write-up of the enrichment programmes and activities. It includes information about the value of these programmes and activities, when they are conducted and other details for students to take note of.

The second attachment consists of an Edusave Withdrawal Form (for Singapore citizens) and a Payment Reply Form (for non-Singapore citizens) which must be signed and returned to your child's Form Teacher with the payment.

The school will co-pay for most of the programmes/activities to support the students' learning. However, there will be no refund once students have signed up for the programmes/activities.

The payment for Singapore citizens and non-citizens is different as Singapore citizens may tap on their Edusave Fund Account to pay for the programmes/activities. In addition, the school will subsidise students on the Financial Assistance Schemes (FAS) for most of the programmes/activities.

We will be doing a mass collection for all programmes/activities conducted in Semester 1. To facilitate the mass collection, please enclose the payment (cash, or cheque payable to 'Northland Primary School', unless otherwise stated) in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, student ID and the amount clearly written.

We hope you could return all the forms and payment via your child's Form Teacher by Friday, 13 January 2017 to allow the school sufficient time to process payment.

The third attachment consists of Topics to Be Taught for The Semester.

Should you need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at asmawati_abdullah@moe.edu.sg.

Thank you for your support in giving your child a more enriching schooling experience.

Mrs Asmawati Ganesan
Year Head (P4 Level)

1. **House Practice**

In preparation for our annual Sports Day and Inter-House Games, we will be having house practice for all P3 to P6 pupils on 2 February 2017 from 2.15pm to 4.15pm. Students are required to attend the practice in their respective House attire.

2. **Little Red Dot Subscription (Compulsory)**

The English Department will be adopting the Little Red Dot (LRD) to enhance the teaching and learning of the English Language in the classroom.

Little Red Dot (LRD) is an English Language publication that is designed to educate, enrich and enlighten students. It covers a wide range of subjects based on current events and news from English to National Education, financial literacy to environment concerns, all rooted in the school curriculum. Apart from bringing current affairs to the classroom, the publication aims to develop creative and critical thinking skills and civic-mindedness in students.

*Cost: \$9.90 (payable by Edusave, Cash or Cheque) for 11 issues
\$2.00 for students on FAS*

3. **“新天地 Xin Tian Di” (Compulsory for Chinese MT students only)**

In an effort to enhance pupils' acquisition of the Chinese Language, the Chinese Mother Tongue Department is pleased to inform you that P4 students will be using “新天地 Xin Tian Di” as their supplement reader for the reading programme. The objectives of this reading programme are as follows:

- Inculcate the reading habit among students.
- Raise awareness among students on current events.

*Cost: \$18.00 (payable by Edusave, Cash or Cheque) for 15 issues, fortnightly, including 38 online issues and Etutor account)
\$3.60 for students on FAS*

If paying by cheque, please write your cheque payable to **“Northland Primary School”**.

4. **Print Maker! Singapore Tyler (Optional)**

The Aesthetics Department will be organising a Learning Journey for the P4 students to the Singapore Tyler Print Institute (STPI) for a guided tour and hands-on workshop on printmaking.

Details of the Learning Journey are as follows:

Dates: Wednesday, 8 February (4A and 4B)
Wednesday, 15 February (4C and 4D girls)
Wednesday, 22 February (4D boys and 4G)
Wednesday, 22 March (4E)
Wednesday, 29 March (4F)

Time: 1.20 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Students will assemble and be dismissed in school)

Cost: \$10.00 (payable by cash or Edusave)
 \$2 for students on FAS (payable by Edusave)

*There will be **no** supplementary/ afternoon school bus service available. Please make your own transport arrangement or pick your child up at about 5.30 p.m. at Gate B.

5. P4 ICT Baseline Standards Training

The ICT Department is conducting a series of baseline ICT standard trainings for our students. The baseline ICT standards define the basic level of knowledge, skills and values that students need in order to benefit and eventually thrive in a technology-driven society. Specific skills used in Project Work 2017 will also be taught. The training will follow the schedule below.

Class	Day / Date	Time	Venue
4A (Grp 1)	Monday, 20 February	2.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.	Computer Lab 1
4B			Computer Lab 2
4C			Computer Lab 3
4F			
4A (Grp 2)	Tuesday, 21 February	2.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.	Computer Lab 1
4D			Computer Lab 2
4E			Computer Lab 3
4G			

Group 1 : Students with odd-numbered register number
Group 2 : Students with even-numbered register number

6. Code for Fun Enrichment Programme for Primary 4

With the strategic role of ICT in all sectors of the economy, there is a need for Singapore to develop a talent pool for computing jobs of the future. Introduction of simple computing concepts to students can enhance their logical thinking and problem solving skills, put to real world situations.

The three-day (second 10 hours) **Code for Fun programme** has been organized. It will take place from **Wednesday, 31 May to Friday, 2 June 2017** to achieve the following objectives:

1. Provide basic coding experience to students as enrichment;
2. Develop and enhance logical thinking and problem-solving skills through coding;
3. Enthuse and raise awareness among students about computing so as to groom and develop talents needed by the country.

No payment is required as the fees would be borne by the school. Through this programme, students will be able to build and program robots that are plugged into a computer. Students get to learn programming concepts with a block-based program, Scratch. As students get to build the models, this powerful, engaging and effective platform allow them to learn coding in an exciting hands-on manner.

By the end of the programme, students will be able to

1. Use sequence, selection and repetition in programs;
2. Work with variables and various forms of input and output;
3. Use a programming language to solve a variety of computational problems, making appropriate use of data;
4. Use logical reasoning to explain and detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs;
5. Solve problems by breaking them into smaller parts and solving the smaller parts first;
6. Understand the hardware and software components that make up computer systems, and how they communicate with one another and with other systems.

The schedule for the 3-day programme is as follows:

Group / Venue	Day 1: (Wed, 31 May 2017)	Day 2 and Day 3: (Thur, 1 Jun and Fri, 2 Jun 2017)	Assembly Point	Attire
Group 1: 4A – 4D classrooms	8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (4h)	8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (3h)	School Hall	School Attire
Group 2: 4E – 4G classrooms	12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (4h)	12 p.m. to 3 p.m. (3h)		

Reply Slip
2017 P4 Code for Fun Programme

Please read the following and complete the form accordingly. The form must be returned to the Form Teacher latest by **Friday, 13 January 2017**.

Student's Name: _____ ()	
Class: _____	
Attendance : Please tick (√)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes , my child will be attending the Code For Fun programme . Students will be given a 25-minute break in between the lessons.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No , my child <u>will not</u> be attending the Code For Fun programme . Reason: ----- ----- ----- -----
Name of Parent: _____ Contact Number: _____	
_____ Signature of Parent	_____ Date

7. PRIMARY 4 CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP (CCE) CAMP 2017

The CCE Department has, over the years, been successful in fostering camaraderie and bonding among students of different races and developing a sense of belonging to the community through our CCE Camp. This year, we are organising a two-day non-residential CCE Camp for our P4 students on 13 & 14 March 2017.

The objectives of the CCE Camp are:

- to instill character and values (CLITE and R3ICH) in our students
- to provide opportunities for students to show their commitment towards promoting social cohesion in our society and promote inter-religious dialogues
- to develop in our students, a sense of identity, pride and self-respect as Singaporeans

The details of the camp are as follows:

Date	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time
Monday, 13 March 2017	7.30am	5.00pm
Tuesday, 14 March 2017	7.30am	5.00pm
Venue	Northland Primary School	

Further details will be given nearer the date of the event.

Cost: \$12.00 (payable by Edusave)
\$2.40 for students on FAS (payable by Edusave)

*Please complete the **REPLY SLIP** attached and submit it to your child's Form Teacher.*

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**NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRIMARY 4 CCE CAMP 2017**
(To be completed and returned to Form Teacher)

Name of Student: _____

Class: Primary 4 ()

Diet: *Vegetarian/Non-vegetarian

Other Special Dietary Requirement (if any): _____

Medical Condition (if any): _____

Others (if any): _____

In case of any emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Relationship to Pupil: _____

Contact Details: (Res) _____ (Office) _____ (HP) _____

Name of *Father/Mother/Guardian: _____

Signature of *Father/Mother/Guardian

Date

**Delete where necessary*

8. Magazine Subscription (Optional)

Reading is a critical building block to strengthening the command of a language. It also enlivens the mind and widens the horizon. As such, the English Language Department aims to develop our students to be passionate readers.

We are sure that as a parent, you are just as enthusiastic to see your child read well. We have selected Adventure BOX and Discovery BOX for your consideration.

Adventure BOX, a 'Parents' Choice' Gold Medal winner, is a perfect choice for the newly independent readers. Within its 68 pages, you will find:

- an exciting 44-page chapter story which exposes children to discover different genres of literature (action, suspense, adventure, drama and humour)
- fascinating topics and interactive activities about the natural world
- Word searches and games to stimulate children's reasoning
- Comic strips about mischievous heroes and wacky scenarios to promote creativity

Discovery BOX, a 'Parents' Choice' Silver Award winner, loads each issue with science, history and nature facts to strengthen reading skills and retention. Each 68-page issue is packed with:

- spectacular photographs and gripping information on nature and animals
- historical events retold in a lively, engaging and informative way
- science topics, complete with illustrations in colour and fun experiments
- captivating articles about the world covering different cultures and lifestyles
- DIY activities and collectible cards based on current topics

Visit www.nurturecraft.com for more information on the magazines. Should you have any queries, please contact Ms Lynn Teh of Nurture Craft at 91441054/ 90059 644 or email her at lynnteh@nurturecraft.com.sg.

Cost: \$64.00 for 7 issues by Cash or Cheque (payable to 'Nurture Craft International Pte Ltd')

Please submit the reply slip and the payment to the vendor who will be at the school canteen on Monday, 16 January 2017 and Tuesday, 17 January 2017 from 9.30 am to 2 pm.

**NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION
REPLY SLIP**

Student's Name: _____

Student's ID No: _____

Class: Primary 4 _____

Magazine Title	Subscription Rate	Mode of payment <i>(please tick (✓) the appropriate box)</i>
Adventure BOX	\$64 for 7 issues	<input type="checkbox"/> cash
		<input type="checkbox"/> cheque (cheque no: _____)
Discovery BOX		<input type="checkbox"/> cash
		<input type="checkbox"/> cheque (cheque no: _____)

(For payment by cheque, please write the student's name, class and contact number on the back of the cheque.)

Please submit the reply slip and the payment to the vendor who will be at the school canteen on Monday, 16 January 2017 and Tuesday, 17 January 2017 from 9.30am to 2 pm.

Attachment 2: Form E2 (FOR SINGAPORE CITIZENS)

APPLICATION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM EDUSAVE ACCOUNT

(Please use blue or black pen)

Principal
Northland Primary School

Student's Name: _____ Student's ID No.: _____

Class: Primary 4 _____ Mother Tongue: *CL / ML / TL / Others

A: ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES				
<i>Please indicate your mode of payment by putting a tick in the appropriate box accordingly.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	USE OF EDUSAVE FUND I wish to apply to withdraw the following amount from my above named child's/ward's* Edusave Account for payment of the programmes/activities below. I also undertake to make the payment in cash if there are insufficient funds in my child's/ward's* Edusave Account to make payment.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	PAYMENT BY CHEQUE I wish to pay using cheque for payment of the programmes/activities below.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	PAYMENT BY CASH I wish to pay in cash for the programmes/activities below.			
			*Please delete accordingly	
Dept	Programme/Activity	Tick	Normal*	FAS*
EL	Little Red Dot Subscription		\$9.90	\$2.00
CL	新天地 Xin Tian Di		\$18.00	\$3.60
CCE	CCE Camp		\$12.00	\$2.40
Aesthetics	Print Maker! Singapore Tyler [OPTIONAL]		\$10.00	\$2.00
GRAND-TOTAL				

Cheque Number (if applicable): _____

Name of Father/Mother/Guardian*
**Please delete accordingly.*

Signature

Date

PAYMENT REPLY FORM (FOR NON-SINGAPORE CITIZENS)

(Please use blue or black pen)

Principal
Northland Primary School

Student's Name: _____ Student's ID No.: _____

Class: Primary 4 _____ Mother Tongue: *CL / ML / TL / Others

A: ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES			
<i>Please indicate your mode of payment by putting a tick in the appropriate box accordingly.</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>PAYMENT BY CHEQUE</u> I wish to pay using cheque for payment of the programmes/activities below.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>PAYMENT BY CASH</u> I wish to pay in cash for the programmes/activities below.		
Dept	Programme/Activity	Tick	Normal
EL	Little Red Dot Subscription		\$9.90
CL	新天地 Xin Tian Di		\$18.00
CCE	CCE Camp		\$12.00
Aesthetics	Print Maker! Singapore Tyler [OPTIONAL]		\$10.00
GRAND-TOTAL			

Cheque Number (if applicable): _____

Name of Father/Mother/Guardian*
**Please delete accordingly.*

Signature

Date

NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT FOR FIRST SEMESTER
2017
Primary 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER II	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	CHINESE MOTHER TONGUE	MALAY MOTHER TONGUE	TAMIL MOTHER TONGUE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1: Prince Zak and the Wise Frog • Unit 2: Canoe Diary • Unit 3: Ruby's Sunflower • Unit 4: A Nasty Accident • Unit 5: The Four Friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 1: Numbers to 100 000 • Chapter 2: Table and Line Graphs • Chapter 3: Fractions • Chapter 4: Angles • Chapter 5: Perpendicular and Parallel Lines • Chapter 6: Squares And Rectangles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matter • Life Cycles of Plants • Life Cycles of Animals <p><u>Revision</u> <u>P3 Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living things and non-living things • Plants and Plant Systems • Body Systems • Classification of Animals • Fungi and Micro-organisms 	<p><u>Topics 1 to 9</u></p> <p>Topic 1: 哥伦布立鸡蛋</p> <p>Topic 2: 认识新加坡</p> <p>Topic 3: 永远不满</p> <p>Topic 4: 皮鞋的故事</p> <p>Topic 5: 小飞机</p> <p>Topic 6: 铜钱的响声</p> <p>Topic 7: 一件好事</p> <p>Topic 8: 骑楼下</p> <p>Topic 9: 听鱼说话</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Imbuhan 2. Peribahasa 3. Melengkapkan Teks 4. Kefahaman 1 (MCQ) 5. Kefahaman 2 (OE) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. வேற்றுமை 2. செய்யுள் / பழமொழி 3. முன்னுணர்வுக் கருத்தறிதல் 4. தெரிவுவிடை கருத்தறிதல் 5. சுயவிடைக் கருத்தறிதல்