



NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firm Foundations, Future Learnings

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Letter to Parents: 75 / 2017 (Update)

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Principal's Letter to Parents (Term 3)

We welcome your child/ward back to school for Term 3. It will be yet another exciting and invigorating term for everyone. Below is the schedule of the various school events and holidays for this term. This schedule will also be made available on our school website (<http://www.northlandpri.moe.edu.sg>).

Date	Activity/Event	Level	Remarks
3 July (Mon)	Youth Day	All	School Holiday. Office will remain open.
8 July (Sat)	P5 NE Show	P5	From 2.30 p.m. A separate letter will be issued.
13 & 14 Jul (Thu & Fri)	Hosting of Kingfar School from Xi'an, China	P5	School hours are as per normal.
17 to 19 July (Mon to Wed)	P5 Camp (Changi)	P5	From 7.30 a.m. A separate letter will be issued.
20 Jul (Thu)	P1 to P5 e-Learning Day	P1-P5	P1 to P5 students need not come to school. More information will be given by subject teachers.
20 Jul (Thu)	P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations	P6	From 7.30 a.m. A separate letter will be issued.
21 July (Fri)	Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day and Hari Raya Concert	All	Assembly programme. School hours are as per normal.
1 Aug (Tue)	P6 EL Preliminary LC Examinations	P6	School hours are as per normal.
2 Aug (Wed)	P6 MT Preliminary LC Examinations	P6	School hours are as per normal.
4 Aug (Fri)	Applause 2017	All	A separate letter will be issued. Normal school hours for P1 to P5. P6 will have supplementary lessons in the morning and watch the school performance in the evening.
8 Aug (Tue)	National Day Celebration	All	Students will be dismissed at 9.45 a.m.
9 Aug (Wed)	National Day	All	Public Holiday
10 Aug (Thu)	Post-National Day Holiday for schools	All	School Holiday. Office will remain open.
17 & 18 Aug (Thu & Fri)	PSLE Oral Examinations	P6	No school for P1 to P5 students.
21 to 25 Aug (Mon to Fri)	P6 Preliminary Written Examinations	P6	School hours are as per normal.
30 Aug (Wed)	Teachers' Day Celebration	All	School hours are as per normal.

School Mission
*To build a firm foundation
 in each child, enabling him to grow,
 serve and excel*

School Motto
Steadfast and Honest

School Values
*Compassion, Lifelong Learning,
 Integrity, Teamwork and
 Excellence*

31 Aug (Thu)	Teachers' Day	All	School Holiday. Office will remain open.
1 Sep (Fri)	Hari Raya Haji	All	Public Holiday
2 Sep to 10 Sep – School Holidays			
For Parents			
6 Jul (Thu)	Math Workshop for P1 to P5 Parents	P1 to P5	From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Refer to letter dated 23 May 2017.
14 Jul (Fri)	CL Reading Workshop for P1 to P3 Parents	P1 to P3	From 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. (PAC MRL)
28 Jul (Fri)	Science Workshop for P4 Parents	P4	From 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. (PAC MRL)

Updates

1. Closure of Gate D due to the construction of covered walkway

The School Gate D will be closed temporarily because of the ongoing construction of a covered walkway. As the construction is due to complete only in the month of October, all students will be dismissed from Gate C and F. Please make arrangements for your child to be fetched from Gate C or F. To facilitate in the dismissal of the students as well as to prevent congestion, we seek your cooperation to wait for your child outside Gate C during dismissal till further notice. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

2. School Security

As part of our continual effort to tighten security, we have decided to keep the School Gate A closed during non-peak hours (from 8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.). We understand this might inconvenience parents for the Security Officers will take a little time to open the gate should you wish to drive into the school. As we prize security highly, we like to ask for your patience and understanding on occasions when you experience such inconvenience.

3. Delivery of items to your child

We would like to remind parents to refrain from delivering items to your child when he / she forgets to bring them to school unless they are critical ones, such as wallets, bus pass, medicine, spectacles or house keys. The school has received numerous requests from parents every day to deliver items such as water bottles, crayons, files, sandwiches, homework, pencil box, and even the whole school bag. We believe that accepting such requests is, in the long run, not helping our students to learn.

Taking responsibility for their own belongings is an important life skill which all students must learn as part of values education. Furthermore, students must learn to find their own alternative solutions on those occasions when they have forgotten to bring an item to school. In Northland, it is our belief that holistic education includes giving our students every opportunity to think for themselves on their feet. We also believe that a more proactive way of helping our students take responsibility for their own belongings starts from home. Parents can best help our students learn that by routinely inculcating the habit of checking for the items they need to bring to school every day.

For these reasons, we would like to inform you that we will turn down all requests to deliver non-critical items to our students. We sincerely hope that parents will work closely with us to help our students learn how to be self-reliant, independent and responsible.

On this note, I wish you and your child a fruitful, exciting and enjoyable Term 3 with us.

Best regards,

Tony Tan
Principal