



# **NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## ***Firm Foundations, Future Learnings***

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

### **Appreciating Teachers and Non-Teaching Staff on Teachers' Day**

This year, we celebrate Teachers' Day on 30 August 2017 (Wednesday). Just like Mother's Day and Father's Day, I see Teachers' Day as another great opportunity for us to teach our children how to express their appreciation to those who work hard at grooming and guiding them.

From our own experience growing up under the tutelage and care of so many different teachers, we know that no teachers are alike in how they demonstrate their concern and how they teach. It is no different with the teachers here in Northland. Even so, I am confident that all our teachers share one common goal – to see our students succeed in what they learn; even more importantly, it is to see them grow to become responsible and respectable individuals who care for those around them, and become active contributors to our beloved country.

To bring out the meaning of Teachers' Day more clearly to our students, as well as to make full use of the occasion to teach our students how to show their appreciation towards their teachers more meaningfully, I like to appeal to all parents not to buy any gifts for the teachers on your child's behalf.

Instead, I strongly encourage you to spend some time with your child to show them how they can pen down lovely messages of appreciation to their teachers in a card or a note. Your child may even like to express their thanks through drawings or poems. These unique messages coming from their hearts will surely bring wide smiles and great delight to our teachers.

I also like to encourage your child to show their appreciation to our non-teaching staff in the same way. Our office staff, for example, has been patiently and caringly tending to our young wards for a variety of reasons, including illnesses. Our attendants, too, have been offering their help to keep children safe and attend to some of their particular needs, like lending them a clean set of uniform. Although their interaction with your child is unlikely to be on a daily basis, your child may like to bear in mind these staff members on such a special occasion if they have received help of some kind from them.

Writing meaningful messages is not easy. By learning how to do so, our children will not only grow up to have a better sense of how to express their feelings, but also understand what counts most when it comes to showing their appreciation. As such, I urge you to join me in starting a new and meaningful practice in how we celebrate Teachers' Day from this year onwards.

Thank you.

Best regards,

**Tony Tan**  
**Principal**