



NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firm Foundations, Future Learnings

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Letter to Parents: 112 / 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We welcome your child/ward back to school for Term 4. Below is a 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
15 Sep (Fri)	PSLE (Listening Comprehension)	P6	P6 students to report at 8am; those exempted from MTL to report at 10.15am; No school for P1 to P5 students
28 Sep (Thu) to 4 Oct (Wed)	PSLE (Written)	P6	School hours are as per normal for P1 to P5 students
5 Oct (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration	All	Normal school day for all
6 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day	All	School Holiday
	Mid-Autumn Celebration (7pm onwards)	All are welcomed	
18 Oct (Wed)	Deepavali	All	Public Holiday
19 Oct (Thu) to 24 Oct (Tue)	PSLE Marking Exercise	All	No school for all students
10 Nov (Fri)	School Admin Day	All	No school for all students
13 Nov (Mon)	e-Learning Day	All	No school for all students
16 Nov (Thu)	Awards & Recognition Day for P1 to P4	P1 to P4	Dismissal Time for P1 to P4 is at 11.15am No school for P5 & P6
17 Nov (Fri)	Awards & Recognition Day for P5 & P6	P5 & P6	Dismissal Time for P5 & P6 is at 10.45am No school for P1 to P4
20 Nov (Mon) to 31 Dec (Sun)	Year-end school holidays	All	School Holiday
24 Nov (Fri) (Tentative)	Release of PSLE Results	P6	Beginning of 5 days of Secondary Option Exercise
20 Dec (tentative)	Release of Secondary One Posting Results	P6	Report to Secondary School posted on the next day

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*

A separate Letter-to-Parents listing all the examination dates from Primary 2 to Primary 5 will be given out soon.

Awards & Recognitions Day

From the schedule, you would have noticed that starting this year, we will be departing from our past practice in how we observe our Awards & Recognition Day. Instead of the traditional last-day of school for which we set aside this occasion for only the awardees from P1 to P6, we will now be holding this ceremony over 3 sessions, with P1 & P2 awardees in one session, P3 & P4 awardees in another session on the same day (16 Nov), and lastly P5 & P6 awardees in the last session on the following day (17 Nov). In this way, we will be able to invite all students to be part of this ceremony in the respective sessions. Our rationale is simple – we feel strongly that there is greater meaning in the celebration of the success and achievements of the awardees from every level when all the peers of the same level are included in the ceremony. The awardees will feel double the joy to be recognized by all their peers during the ceremony; at the same time, the occasion can be a great way to spur those who strive to excel in their studies like the awardees have. Although such a change means greater planning on the part of the school, we are convinced that this effort is worth the while. This is but another example how Northland would go the extra mile to be student-centric in our approach.

Seizing Opportunity to Learn about Time Management

Term 4 is effectively a shorter term for students because there are several days in which they do not report to school, like the 4 days set aside for the PSLE marking exercise (19 to 24 Oct), 5 Thursdays in which there will be no CCA (5, 19 & 26 Oct; 2 & 16 Nov). Hence, I urge you to guide your child / children in planning ahead on how they can spend these days or afternoons wisely and meaningfully to revise for their studies at home in preparation for the upcoming examinations. By involving them in the planning of a schedule for their revision, you can help your child / children reduce their level of stress during the examination period.

In my letter to you dated around this period last year, I stressed strongly on how you can show your child / children your support for their learning in school. I would like to reiterate this important message that your child / children must recognize that your love is unconditional, that examination results do not measure their self-worth, and that it is much more important they find both meaning and joy in their learning. You can help build up their self-esteem by impressing upon them that it is the effort spent in preparation for these examinations that matters most. Ultimately, it is this consistent effort to strive for improvement that will go a long way towards helping them succeed in life. With such constant reminders, and the assurance of your love and encouragement no matter what the results are, your child / children will grow to become more confident and resilient when facing future challenges in life.

With this, let me wish you and your child / children a good Term 4 ahead as we work together to provide them with the necessary support to excel in their learning for the year.

With best wishes and warmest regards,

Tony Tan
Principal