



NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Firm Foundations, Future Learnings

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Letter to Parents: 08/2018 (P2 Students)

Through: The Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

1) FOSTERING A STRONG AND PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP

In order to enjoy success in school, our students need support from both the home and school. A strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. My level teachers and I are looking forward to a productive partnership with you in order to bring out the best in our students. Let us work together so that your child can achieve his/her highest potential.

By now, you would have received a letter from your child's Form Teacher, informing you of the items to bring to school daily and the relevant administrative matters.

We seek your guidance and support in your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you and/or the teacher if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject

It is important to teach our students to take responsibility for their own belongings. We believe that a more proactive way of helping our students take responsibility for their own belongings starts from home. Parents can help our students learn this by inculcating the habit of checking for the items they need to bring to school every day. As per our practice last year, 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. Students must learn to think on their feet and find their own solutions on those occasions when they have forgotten to bring an item to school.

2) YEAR HEAD BRIEFING

As a follow-up to the Principal's Letter to Parent (Ref No. 1/2018), we would like to remind you of the Year Head briefing to be held on **11 January 2018 (Saturday)**. ***However, there is a slight change in the schedule. Please refer to the revised schedule below.***

Revised Schedule

Date	Level	Time	Venue
Thursday, 11 Jan 2018	P2	3.00 pm to 3.30 pm (P briefing) 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm (YH briefing) 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm (with MT teacher) 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm (with FT/Subject teachers)	School Hall PAL room* (any change will be announced at the hall) Classroom Classroom

The Principal's briefing will be held in the Hall and the list showing the venues for the Year Head briefing and meet-up with the respective teachers is below.

Venue P2 Classrooms (Level 1)	Form Teacher (4.30 p.m. to 4.40 p.m.)	English Language (4.40 p.m. to 4.50 p.m.)	Mathematics (4.50 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)
2A (B01-10)	Mdm Faizah	Mdm Faizah	Mdm Faizah
2B (B01-09)	Ms Diane Lee	Ms Diane Lee	Ms Diane Lee
2C (B01-08)	Mdm Afiza	Mdm Afiza	Mdm Afiza
2D (B01-07)	Ms Rachey Boey	Mrs Karen Koo	Mrs Karen Koo
2E (B01-06)	Mrs Chua-Lau	Mrs Chua-Lau	Mrs Chua-Lau
2F (B01-05)	Ms Soh Wan Hong	Mrs Abigail Ng	Mrs Abigail Ng
2G (C01-01)	Mdm Hasimah	Mdm Hasimah	Mdm Hasimah
2H (B01-04)	Mdm Sarina	Mdm Sarina	Mdm Sarina

The Year Heads would like to create a more interactive session with you during the upcoming briefing. However, due to time constraints, we would like to invite you to pose any questions pertaining to the level that you might have. Please scan the QR code below and we will try our best to address your queries during the briefing. We look forward to your attendance.



3) SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

We would also like to inform parents of some school policy and procedures pertaining to:

a) Leaving School Premises for Lunch on Days with After-School Activities.

Students are **NOT** allowed to leave the school premises for lunch on those days with after-school activities (CCA/ Remedial / Supplementary lessons or Special Programmes). This is to ensure that your child's safety and health are not compromised. As teachers will not be on duty to monitor road safety or refrain students from consuming unhealthy food, titbits or fast food meals after school hours, we kindly seek your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Exceptions are made for the following:

1	Students who live near the school and have lunch at home.	Parents are to indicate in Annex A if they require their child to eat at home or if they want their child to have lunch with them. Please submit Annex A to your child's Form Teacher. A Re-entry pass will be given to these students for them to present to the security guard.
2	Students eating with their parents	

Students re-entering the school without a valid pass will have their names recorded. We hope with the implementation of this system, it will help you to ensure that your child does not loiter outside the school without your permission. Do take note that your child is required to be on time for all after-school activities.

b) Bringing of mobile phones to school

While we strongly discourage students from bringing mobile phones to school, we understand that there might be an urgent need for your child to bring it on a case-by-case basis. However, we would like to reiterate that students are bound by the strict rules and regulations on the use of the mobile phones as specified in the Student Handbook. We would like to inform parents that the mobile phones will be confiscated should there be any misuse and violation of rules pertaining to its usage. We seek your understanding in this matter.

4) ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES FOR SEMESTER 1

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.

Attached in this letter is a brief write-up of the enrichment programmes and activities. It includes information about the cost of these programmes and activities, when they are conducted and other details for students to take note of. The school will co-pay for most of the programmes/activities to support the students' learning.

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.

The Consent Form for participation in these activities is also attached. This must be signed and returned to your child's Form Teacher by **10 January 2018**. We look forward to his/her participation and active involvement in these programmes.

5) TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT FOR THE SEMESTER.

The final attachment in this letter is the Topics to be Taught for the Semester.

Thank you in advance for your unwavering support in giving your child an enriching school experience. Should you need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at **Muhammad Fadly Rohmat@moe.edu.sg**.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together.

**Mr Muhd Fadly
Year Head (P2 Level)**

Annex A

Request for my child to have lunch outside school
on days with After-school Activities

I, _____, the parent of _____ from P(____),
request that my child be given a **Re-entry pass** due to the following reason:

Reasons	Tick one
1. Going home to have his/her lunch.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Having lunch with my child.	<input type="checkbox"/>

I will not hold the school liable for any incident that might happen to my child outside of school.
I will ensure that my child is punctual for his/her after school activities.

Residential address:

Signed by Parent / Guardian : _____

Date : _____

For action by the Discipline Department:

Dear parent, your request is:

Approved	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not approved	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reasons: _____

Mr Mohamed Faroek

SH Discipline/DM

Date : _____

Attachment 1: Write-up of Enrichment Programmes/Activities for Primary 2

1. P2 EL Learning Journey to the S.E.A. Aquarium Singapore (Compulsory)

The English Language Department will be organising a learning journey to the S.E.A. Aquarium Singapore for all P2 students as per the dates reflected below. It will be conducted during curriculum time in Term 2.

For 2A, 2B, 2E and 2F: Wednesday, 28 March 2018

For 2C, 2D, 2G and 2H: Thursday, 29 March 2018

The objectives of the learning journey are as follows:

- to foster in the young students an interest in marine life
- to allow students to learn more about marine life through experiential learning
- to provide an opportunity to learn and apply the language within an authentic context

Things to bring for the learning journey:

- light snacks and water bottle
- a raincoat or poncho in case of wet weather
- a clipboard and stationery

Transport will be provided to ferry students from school to the S.E.A. Aquarium Singapore and back. The reporting and dismissal timings for school are as per normal.

Cost : \$16

\$3.20 (FAS Students)

2. Pongal Heritage Experience for P1 to P6 Tamil students only (Compulsory).

Programme Objective:

To create an awareness of how the Pongal festival is celebrated in Singapore and for students to have a hands-on experience on activities planned by the organisers. Students will also be able to watch a performance by authentic Indian performers such as Slit and Poi Kaal Kuthirai dancers and Parai Isai to create awareness of our Indian traditional arts form.

Date: 19 January 2018 (Friday)

Venue: Hastings Road (Students will depart from school)

Time: 1.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Event slot at venue is 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Cost : No Payment required.

3. Subscription to KooBits ProblemSums (An Online Maths Learning Portal) (Compulsory)

Northland Primary School is adopting **KooBits ProblemSums**, a popular Mathematics learning website specially designed to help students become a master of problem sum skills on their own. Your child is encouraged to use it at home for independent learning.

Developed by a group of passionate educators, KooBits ProblemSums offers the following learning benefits:

- More than 80,000 problem sums with detailed solutions
- More than 20,000 mechanical sums and foundation maths questions
- Video tutorials to teach your child
- Online draw-model tools to help record down your child's workings
- Intelligently improve your child's weak areas through individually customised homework
- Engaging maths challenges and other fun maths related activities to motivate your child
- Parents can assign homework for their child and monitor his/her progress through reports
- Accessible via PC, Mac, iPad, Android and Windows tablets with internet connection.

Subscription Cost: **\$7 nett**
 \$1.40 (FAS Students)

Subscription Period: **1 January to 31 December 2018**

4. **“Dandelion, books & more” for Chinese Mother Tongue students only**
(Strongly Recommended)

In an effort to enhance pupils’ acquisition of the Chinese Language, the Chinese Mother Tongue Department is pleased to inform you that P1 and P2 students will be subscribing “Dandelion, books & more” as their supplemental reading programme. The objectives of this reading programme are as follows:

1. Inculcate the reading habit among students.
2. Provide platform for parents to read with their children using online customized reading resources. (Please refer to the details below)

9 issues per year

- ★ 1 issue monthly (excl. Jun, Nov and Dec)
- ★ 1 handpicked picture book rented to each student monthly
- ★ 9 collectible story cards
- ★ Reading passports
- ★ Unique account for each student to access online resources, including:
 - Audio book
 - Bilingual story discussion guide for parents
 - Post-reading activity for students
- ★ Unique account for each teacher of subscribing level to access online resources, including:
 - All resources for parents
 - Teaching resources for teachers
- ★ Collection of reading passports and students’ works for feedback and awarding of badges
- ★ **【FREE】** 1 x demo workshop for parents of subscribing level
- ★ **【FREE】** 1 x end-of-year reading carnival

Cost: **\$54.00** (For 9 issues, 1 issue monthly, including other benefits listed above)

5. 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 two magazines, Story BOX and Adventure BOX, for your consideration.

Story BOX, a 'Parents' Choice' Gold Award winner, is specially designed for budding readers. Within its 54 pages, you will find:

- a 25-page, illustrated, book-length, story in a variety of writing styles
- stunning photographs of the animal world
- science content and activities to draw out children's natural curiosity about science
- numeric and literacy skill activities

Adventure BOX, a 'Parents' Choice' Silver 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

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/ 90059644 or email her at lynnteh@nurturecraft.com.sg.

Cost: \$65.00 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, 15 January 2018 and Tuesday, 16 January 2018 from 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION
REPLY SLIP**

Student's Name: _____

Student's ID No: _____

Class: Primary 2 _____

Magazine Title	Recommended Level	Subscription Rate	Mode of payment <i>(please tick (✓) the appropriate box)</i>
Story BOX	P1 to P2	\$65 for 7 issues	<input type="checkbox"/> cash
			<input type="checkbox"/> cheque (cheque no: _____)
Adventure BOX	P2 to P4	\$65 for 7 issues	<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.)

**NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
 CONSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPATION IN LEVEL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES
 REPLY SLIP**

Student's Name: _____

Student's ID No: _____

Class: Primary 2 _____

I, _____, parent/guardian of the above-named student ALLOW my child/ward to take part in the activities/programmes listed below and the selected optional programmes. (Please tick accordingly)

No	Name of Activity/Programme (Compulsory)
1	P2 EL Learning Journey to the S.E.A. Aquarium Singapore
2	Pongal Heritage Experience for Tamil students only
3	Subscription to KooBits ProblemSums (Online Maths Learning Portal)

No	Name of Activity/Programme (Optional)	Please tick for YES
4	"Dandelion, books & more" for Chinese Mother Tongue students only	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date : _____

**NORTHLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
TOPICS TO BE TAUGHT IN SEMESTER 1 2018
PRIMARY 2**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE	MATHEMATICS	CHINESE MOTHER TONGUE	MALAY MOTHER TONGUE	TAMIL MOTHER TONGUE
Unit 1: The Underground Dance Unit 2: Chicken Rice Unit 3: Bubble Trouble Unit 4: Beware of the Cat! Unit 5: Life in a Shell Unit 6: Magnetic Max Unit 7: The Chinese Opera Game Unit 8: Food Fit for a King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 1: Numbers to 1000 • Chapter 2: Addition and Subtraction within 1000 • Chapter 3: Multiplication Tables of 2, 5 and 10 • Chapter 4: Multiplication Tables of 3 and 4 • Chapter 5: Length • Chapter 6: Mass 	Lessons 1 to 10 : 第一课: 我的衣服小了 第二课: 新年到了 第三课: 客人来了 第四课: 我是艺术家 第五课: 今天是学校开放日 第六课: 你怎么上学 第七课: 在咖啡店吃早餐 第八课: 今天是晴天 第十课: 小侦探	CEKAP 2A Unit 1: Peraturan Sekolah Unit 2: Sihat Selalu Unit 3: Saudara-mara Saya Unit 4: Masa Bersama-sama Rakan Unit 5: Cerita Datuk Dan Nenek Unit 6: Saya Ingin Menjadi...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • பாடம் 1 : இகர ஈகார உயிர் மெய் எழுத்துகள் • பாடம் 2 : உகர ஊகார உயிர்மெய் எழுத்துகள் • பாடம் 3 : எ • பாடம் 4 : எகர உயிர்மெய்யெழுத்துகள் • பாடம் 5 : ஏ • பாடம் 6 ஏகார உயிர்மெய்யெழுத்துகள் • பாடம் 7: எகர, ஏகார வேறுபாடு..