



[L001/2023]

06 January 2023

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy New Year! My staff and I are happy to welcome all our students back to school. We are pleased to extend our warmest welcome to our new Primary 1 students, newly transferred-in students and parents as you join our Yu Neng family.

2023 marks our school's 88 years of establishment. We are proud that past and present educators, together with the strong support of stakeholders, have nurtured many generations of students to bring out the best in them. In the same spirit, as we look forward to the new school year, my staff and I will continue to collaborate and engage with all parents in the holistic development of our students. We will work hand in hand with you to enhance educational opportunities and experiences for our students. To this end, we will be guided by two key thrusts moving forward: (a) developing 21CC in our students through the design and provision of authentic blended learning environment; and (b) promoting student agency through fostering self-efficacy and a growth mindset among our students.

Anchored on the belief that learning must be joyful and purposeful and be nurtured as a lifelong process, our learning experiences and signature programmes are designed to engage students in authentic settings and challenges. These experiences and programmes also facilitate the strengthening of learning dispositions in students to help them learn for life. Nurturing all our students to possess and demonstrate passion, creativity and care, remains key distinctive features of education at Yu Neng and what we envisage as our student outcomes. In a nutshell, we want to nurture changemakers who can make a difference, as we commemorate YN88 together.

We have provided important information herewith for your attention and forward planning.

### **1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

#### **1.1 Staff Movement**

We welcome on board the following staff and look forward to their contributions to the school.

- Ms Lim Huiyi, Math & Science Teacher
- Mdm Nawshein Shikkander, English & Science Teacher
- Mr Goh Si Wei, PE Teacher
- Mdm Questal Tay, Art Teacher
- Ms Xu Jingwei, Flexi-Adjunct MT Teacher
- Mdm Faridah Bte Husin, OSO
- Mr Zulfadli Bin Ishak, OSO

The following staff have left the school. We thank them for the service they have rendered and contributions they have made to the school. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

- Miss Lin Yanyi, Mother Tongue Teacher
- Miss Selena Chew, PE Teacher

## 1.2 Parent Support Group (PSG) EXCO

Yu Neng Primary School takes an active role to foster partnership with parents to strengthen holistic development of all students. Since the founding of Yu Neng Primary School Parent Support Group (PSG) in 2010, the team has played a key role in inspiring and connecting parents to co-create and enhance learning experiences with the school for our students. They have worked hard, coordinating their time and efforts to contribute to both their children's and our students' education. We would like to thank all members of PSG, from past and present, for their commitment, involvement, and care for our students. We are pleased to introduce our new PSG EXCO 2023, with Ms Elina Gwee as Chairperson, and Ms Jessica Wong as Vice-chairperson (see **Annex A**).

We would also like to share that PSG will be organising a **Breakfast with Dad** session on Sat 11 Feb. We encourage all dads to sign up, especially P1 and P2 dads and their children. More information will be provided by PSG in due time. We warmly invite all parents to join PSG and contribute towards making Yu Neng the best school for our children! To register as a PSG member, click on this link <https://forms.gle/nKhK2GDJHt4EqVdw5>.

## 2. SCHOOL ROUTINES

### 2.1 Attendance

At Yu Neng Primary, we emphasise regular and punctual attendance. We believe that students are more likely to make optimum progress in their development of healthy habits, lifeskills, character and academic learning with regular attendance in school.

Parents are reminded **NOT** to take their child out of school during term time without valid reasons, including travelling abroad. If there is a need, it is necessary to request for leave of absence in advance from the principal through the form teacher. Absence from school must be covered by medical certificate (MC) or letter of excuse from parents/guardians, which should be handed to the form teacher upon your child's return to school. We appreciate your kind understanding and cooperation in this matter.

### 2.2 Health and Well-being Matters

As a nation, we are called to remain vigilant as we transit to COVID-19 resilience. Your child's health and well-being are of utmost importance to us. We want to ensure that the school is a safe and healthy environment for all our students and staff. We will continue some safe management measures in 2023 to safeguard the health and well-being of our students and staff.

The following are general SMMs that will be in placed in 2023 and reminders for your attention and cooperation.

1. Temperature-taking will be conducted once beginning of each semester. Please check that your child's thermometer is in good working condition, and it is with him/her **at all times**. If your child has misplaced his/her thermometer, a replacement can be purchased from the school bookshop at \$4.90 per piece. If there is a need to replace the battery, it can be purchased at \$1 from the school bookshop. Every P1 student has been issued with a new Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) on Tue 3 Jan 2023. This is a one-off distribution and any future replacement of ODTs will have to be borne by parents.
2. Students who are unwell should inform their Form Teacher(s) as soon as possible.

3. Mask wearing is optional in school. However, mask wearing is mandatory should your child take public transport to commute between home and school.
4. Students should wash their hands frequently throughout the day and keep their nails short and clean.
5. Students will be encouraged to carry out wipe down of canteen tables and desks after use.
6. They will have designated zonal seating arrangement by class in the canteen. However, students can have meals and mingle with level friends.
7. There will be six recesses to reduce inter-mingling across levels. As such, snack break and recess timing for each level will be different. Please refer to the table below for details.

Level	Recess	Snack Break
P1	8.30a.m. - 9.00a.m.	12.00p.m.
P2	9.00a.m. - 9.30a.m.	
P3	10.30a.m. - 11.00a.m.	8.30a.m.
P4	11.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.	
P5	9.30a.m. - 10.00a.m.	12.00p.m.
P6	10.00a.m. - 10.30a.m.	

*Students are strongly encouraged to bring light healthy snacks such as sandwiches, fruits or biscuits from home for the short 10-minute snack break in class.*

8. Staggered dismissals of levels at different gates.

During staggered dismissals, parents may wait at the sheltered walkways at the dismissal gates. In the event of inclement weather, gate 5 will not be open. P2 and P3 students will be dismissed via gate 4.

Level	Dismissal Time	Gate
P1	1.20p.m.	4
P2	1.20p.m.	5
P3	1.30p.m.	
P4	1.30p.m.	3
P5	1.30p.m.	6
P6	1.30p.m.	

## 2.3 After School Activities

Our school recognises that every student has different needs, talents and interests. There are a variety of after school activities that cater to different groups of our students to support their academic learning and holistic development. To facilitate planning of your child after school activities for the year, please refer to the table below which shows a summary of after school activities 2023.

After-School Activities 2023 (updated 24 Nov)									
*subject to change									
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri					
2.00pm – 2.45pm FUNdamentals session 1 (MA/SC)	2.00pm – 3.30pm HMT lessons (P3-P6)	2.00pm – 4.00pm All CCAs except Volleyball	2.00pm – 3.00pm SDR	2.00pm – 5.00pm Badminton, Table Tennis & Chinese Orchestra	2.00pm – 3.00pm SDR	2.00pm – 3.30pm E2K Math Term 1: P6	2.00pm – 3.00pm CCAs for School Team Badminton & Table Tennis Volleyball	2.00pm – 3.00pm RRP	2.00pm – 3.00pm P5 & P6 FMA
2.45pm – 3.30pm FUNdamentals session 2 (MA/SC)	2.00pm – 3.00pm RRP	2pm – 4.30pm Staff Meeting  No student activities	2.45pm – 3.30pm FUNdamentals session 2 (EL/MTL)	2.00pm – 4.00pm P4 Term 3: P5	2.00pm – 3.00pm SDR	2.00pm – 3.30pm E2K Science Term 1&2 P5 Term 3&4 P4	2.00pm – 3.00pm CCAs for School Team Badminton & Table Tennis Volleyball	2.00pm – 3.00pm RRP	2.00pm – 3.00pm P5 & P6 FMA
3.30pm – 5.30pm CCAs for School Team Floorball, Volleyball & Chinese Orchestra									

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Your child will receive a consolidated and customised after school activities consent form in Term 1 Week 2. Do acknowledge and provide your consent for your child to participate in the various after school activities. Please remind your child to return the signed consent form to his/her form teacher.

### 2.3.1 Academic Support

We will be conducting *FUNdamentals*, an after-school programme aimed to strengthen foundational knowledge and skills for **selected P4 to P6 students**. These are customised and differentiated lessons that are designed to further support your child/ward as needed. *FUNdamentals* lessons will be conducted **face-to-face in school** starting in Term 1 Week 5 i.e. Mon 30 Jan onwards. The lessons will be conducted from 2.00p.m. - 3.30p.m.

### 2.3.2 Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

CCA is integral to the holistic development of students. Through their active participation in CCA, students are provided with varied and authentic opportunities to develop their character and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies. In addition, CCA provides students with a platform to discover their interests and talents, which will help students to lead a balanced life. All P3 to P6 students are strongly encouraged to participate in a CCA. P3 students will select their CCAs from 4 Jan to 11 Jan 2023. **All CCAs will be conducted face-to-face in school starting from Term 1 Week 5 i.e. Mon 30 Jan, for P3 to P6 students.** Respective CCA teachers-in-charge will inform their CCA students of the details and arrangement.

This year, P3 students had an introduction of the various CCAs and a briefing on Wed 4 Jan by Mr Low Hao Rong, HOD HH&CCA. P3 students will have an option of choosing up to three CCAs in order of their preference. The results of their CCA allocation will be shared with them by **Wed 18 Jan 2023**. P3 students can look forward to beginning their CCA together with their seniors.

### 2.3.3 School Bus Arrangement

To support the after-school activities, there will be school buses available at these timings.

Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri
3.40p.m.	4.15p.m.	3.40p.m.	4.15p.m.

If you require the bus services, do contact the bus operator, Mr Eddie Lim, at 93874020.

## 3. UPCOMING EVENTS

### 3.1 Head Prefect Election

The Head Prefect Election is an integral part of Yu Neng experience. The elected Head Prefect will work closely with the Deputy-Head Prefects towards leading the student body into the next chapter of the Yu Neng story.

Our candidates will begin their campaign for Head Prefect from the second week of school term. The student body can look forward to a whole school voting after the completion of the campaign. Everyone has a part to play to ensure that the experience is meaningful, and we encourage all to give their fullest support to all our candidates in the upcoming Head Prefect Election.

### 3.2 Primary 5 Project Work

Project Work (PW) is a multidisciplinary learning experience that allows students to think creatively and critically to apply the knowledge learnt in lessons in the real-world context. Students will also reflect on and evaluate their work processes, learning attitudes and continuously work on them to improve. In Yu Neng, our PW takes on a blended approach where students employ the effective use of technology to hone their research skills, communicate ideas and collaborate with peers online. They would also harness the affordances of technology to engage an authentic audience in the presentation of their work confidently and motivate their audience to action in their causes.

There will be scheduled Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days for P3 to P5 during PW to provide the opportunity and experience for students to demonstrate the necessary digital literacy skills and dispositions as they work towards becoming self-directed and independent learners. On HBL Days, students of the mentioned levels are expected to stay at home to engage in planned online and offline learning activities. Your child will also be provided with instructions on how to access their learning materials by his/her teachers. Please make home care arrangements for your child if he/she has home-based learning on the above-mentioned dates. Students enrolled in our school-based Student Care Centre (SCC) may come in from 1.00pm on the mentioned days. Do work with our Big Heart SCC directly.

This year, our P5 students will embark on a rice-planting journey to learn more about food sustainability. The P5 HBL Day will be on **Wed 08 Feb**. More information will be provided via the letter to parent nearer to the date.

### 3.3 Chinese New Year Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Fri 20 Jan during curriculum time. Students are encouraged to put on a red-T-shirt for the celebration. (P2 -P6 students may put on their YN red T-

shirt.) Please note that dismissal time on Fri 20 Jan is as usual. There will be no after school activities on that day.

As **Chinese New Year falls on Sun 22 Jan, Mon 23 Jan and Tue 24 Jan are public holidays.** Students do not report to school on those days. We look forward to welcoming all students back in school on Wed 25 Jan.

### **3.4 Mother Tongue Language Fortnight**

Mother Tongue Languages Fortnight (MTLF) will be from Mon 30 Jan to Fri 10 Feb. The event aims to promote the learning of MTL in a fun and engaging way, creating an immersive environment for learning, and appreciating MTL and culture.

During the two consecutive eventful weeks, classroom activities related to MT languages and culture will be conducted to provide authentic opportunities for students to use their MT language skills and deepen their understanding of their cultural roots.

### **3.5 Meet-the-Parents Session 1 (MPS1)**

Partnering parents/guardians is an important part of Yu Neng education experience and journey. We believe and are committed to building effective home-school partnerships to nurture and develop every student. Our first virtual Meet-the-Parents session (MPS) has been scheduled on **Sat 04 Feb** for all levels. The session aims to **introduce parents to key personnel and respective level form teachers** and provide parents with **key information pertaining to the level.**

We invite parents/guardians to attend the scheduled meetings as stated in the table below.

<b>Levels</b>	<b>Time</b>
P1, P3, P5	8.30a.m. - 9.30a.m.
P2, P4, P6	10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.

More details on MPS1 will be provided in a separate letter closer to the date of the session.

## **4. IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE**

### **4.1 School Attire**

As the national gesture towards mask-wearing remains consistent, students will continue to be allowed to wear either their school uniform or PE attire daily. This aims to provide greater support to all students. Do note that students are to tuck in their shirt/t-shirt at all times. More information on the school attire can be found in our Student Handbook pages 12 to 13.

For Smart Card photo-taking for P1s and P6s on Wed 11 Jan as well as class photo-taking for all levels this year (date to be confirmed later), students will be required to be in their school uniform with school tie.

### **4.2 School Security Measures**

We have put in place measures that emphasise safety and security as top-priority to maintain a conducive learning environment for all our students and staff. These measures apply to everyone entering the school or waiting in the school grounds.



- All visitors are required to report to the security desk at the school foyer to register their visit.
- Please report to the general office and obtain a visitor's pass if you have an official appointment with a member of the school staff.
- Parents or caregivers will not be allowed to wait within the school compound when the school is in session. You are advised to wait at your child's designated dismissal gate punctually.
- Please note that your child will be dismissed via gate 4 from CCA or other after school activities.
- The opening hours of gates 3 and 4 are as follows:

Gate 3	6.30a.m. - 5.30p.m.	
Gate 4	Before School (Except during school holidays)	6.40a.m. – 7.30a.m. (Mon-Fri)
	After School (Except during school holidays)	1.15p.m. – 1.50 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

### 4.3 Drop-off Points

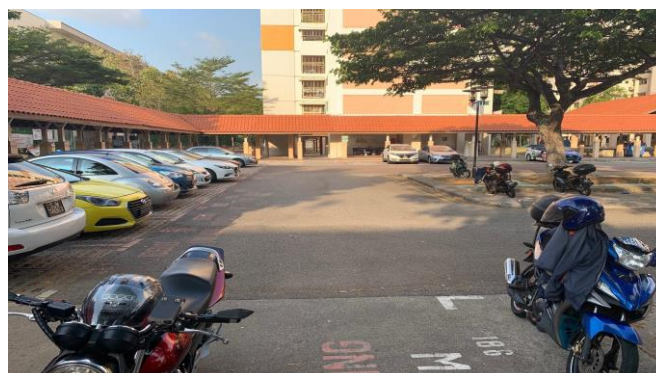
Parents who are sending their child to school by car, can either

- drive into the school to alight your child between 6.30a.m. to 7.30a.m., or
- alight your child at public HDB carpark at Blk 508 which has a sheltered walkway leading to gate 4 of the school.

For the safety of your child and other road users, please do not alight your child along the road just outside our school main gates.



(a) Drive-through alighting point in



(b) Public HDB carpark at Blk 508

### 4.4 Safety Messages

The school has conducted a safety briefing on Fri 6 Jan to remind all students of important safety habits and messages to keep themselves safe. We would like to appeal to parents to inculcate good safety practices by encouraging and role-modelling to your child. The roads outside our school can be busy during peak hours. Please remind your child to use the traffic lights near the school to get across the road.



Traffic lights near the school

For students who are cycling to school, we strongly encourage them to wear a helmet that fits properly to protect their head from injury. They may park their bicycles at the designated lots nearest gate 4.

#### **4.5 Fire Drill**

The school will be conducting a fire drill on Wed 18 Jan which aims to familiarise students, school staff and vendors with emergency procedures. It is an essential safety exercise that provides the experience for everyone in the school building to know the evacuation plan and to heighten awareness of personal safety in the event of a real emergency. Parents are strongly encouraged to spend time to talk with your child to reinforce the above-mentioned safety messages.

#### **4.6 Insurance for Students**

All students are covered with the Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance by NTUC Income. For more details of the insurance plan and coverage, please refer to the fact sheet attached to this letter.

#### **4.7 Birthday Celebrations**

To ensure the school remains a safe place for all students and staff, the school will not accept requests from parents to celebrate their children's birthdays in school. The guideline is put in place to prevent:

- Potential food safety and allergies incidents
- Loss of curriculum time and/ or recess time for play
- Unnecessary pressure upon students to get their parents to organise celebrations for them

We seek your understanding in cooperating with the school on this matter.

### **5. IN CLOSING**

We have attached the schedule of School Programmes and Activities for Semester 1 in **Annex B**. We hope the schedule will give you important information for your forward planning. My staff and I wish to thank you for your continuous support and collaboration with us. Let us enter 2023 with a pursuit of Yu Neng's wholeness as a community, as we commemorate our 88th year together, with gratitude and a renewed confidence for difference-making. Thank you for a most fruitful partnership!

Yours-in-education

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Mr Ng Yeow Ling  
Principal



# YU NENG

## Parent Support Group

### Exco Members | 2023



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**Annex B****School Programmes and Activities 2023  
Semester 1**

<i>Information is accurate as of 06 Jan</i>
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Term 1			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Mon 09 Jan– Fri 13 Jan	Art Week	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 16 Jan onwards	Commencement of P3 to P6 Higher Mother Tongue lessons	Selected P3 to P6 students	After school  *Details will be given in Term 1 Week 2
	Commencement of P5 & P6 Foundation Math lessons	P5 & P6 FMA students	
	Commencement of P6 Math Excellence 2000 (E2K) Programme	Selected P6 students	
	Commencement of P3 & P4 School-based Dyslexia Remediation (SDR) & Reading Remediation Programme (RRP)	Selected P3 & P4 students	
Thu 19 Jan	Class and subject monitors training	Selected P4-P6	After School
Mon 23 Jan – Tue 24 Jan	Chinese New Year Holidays	All	Public Holidays
Fri 27 Jan	Commencement of P3-P6 English Enrichment Lessons	Selected P3 to P6	After school Details will be given in due course
	Student Leaders Investiture	P6 Student Leaders	During curriculum hours
Mon 30 Jan	Commencement of P3 to P6 CCA	P3 to P6	After school Details will be given in due course
	Commencement of P4 to P6 FUNdamentals lessons	Selected P4 to P6 students	
Mon 30 Jan – Fri 10 Feb	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight	All	During curriculum hours
Thu 02 Feb	Commencement of P5 Science Excellence 2000 (E2K) Programme	Selected P5 students	Details will be given in due course

Term 1			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Fri 03 Feb – Thu 09 Feb	P4 Museum-based Learning	P4	After school Details will be given in due course
Sat 04 Feb	Virtual Meet-the-Parent Session 1	All	Details will be given in due course
Wed 08 Feb	P5 Home-based Learning	P5	Details will be given in due course
Sat 11 Feb	'Breakfast with Dads' organised by SuperDads & PSG	All	Details will be given in due course
Mon 13 Feb – Fri 17 Feb	Total Defence Week	All	During curriculum hours
Wed 15 Feb	Lockdown exercise	All	During curriculum hours
Thu 16 Feb – Fri 03 Mar	Weighted Assessment 1	P3 to P5	Details will be given in due course
Mon 20 Feb - Fri 24 Feb	Library and New Media Literary Week	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 20 Feb & Thu 23 Feb	P4 Learning Journey to Road Safety Park	P4	Details will be given in due course
Mon 27 Feb – Fri 03 Mar	P1 Math Trail (During Math Lesson)	P1	During curriculum hours
Tue 28 Feb – Thu 02 Mar	P2 Social Studies Learning Journey to National Orchid Gardens	P2	Details will be given in due course
Mon 06 Mar – Fri 10 Mar	P2 Math Trail (During Math Lesson)	P2	During curriculum hours
Mon 06 Mar – Thu 09 Mar	P6 Learning Journey to Lifelong Learning Exploration Centre	P6	After school Details will be given in due course
Wed 08 Mar	P4 Home-based Learning	P4	Details will be given in due course

TERM 2			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Mon 20 Mar – Mon 28 Mar	School Health Visit	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 20 Mar – Fri 26 May	P4 SwimSafer Programme	P4	During curriculum hours Details will be given in due course
Mon 27 Mar – Fri 31 May	Education Career Guidance Week	All	During curriculum hours
Thu 30 Mar	C.A.R.E Symposium	Selected P3 - P6 students	After school Details will be given in due course
	Commencement of Math E2K for selected P4 students	Selected P4 students	After school Details will be given in due course
Mon 03 Apr- Thu 06 Apr	International Friendship Week	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 03 Apr & Mon 10 Apr	P5 Kite Construction	P5	After school Details will be given in due course
Fri 07 Apr	Good Friday	All	Public holiday
Mon 10 Apr – Fri 14 Apr	Cyber Wellness Week	All	During curriculum hours
Mon 24 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa	All	School Holiday
Tue 25 Apr – Fri 28 Apr	Environmental Awareness Week	All	During curriculum hours
Fri 28 Apr	P3 Learning Journey to Mandai Singapore Zoo	P3	During curriculum hours Details will be given in due course
Mon 1 May	Labour Day	All	Public Holiday
Tue 02 May – Fri 05 May	Health Promotion Week	All	During curriculum hours
Wed 03 May – Thu 11 May	Weighted Assessment 2	P3-P5	Details will be given in due course

TERM 2			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Wed 17 May – Fri 19 May	P5 Social Studies Learning Journey to Indian Heritage Centre	P5	After school Details will be given in due course
Mon 22 May	P4 Science Excite	P4	During curriculum hours
Thu 25 May	Meet-the-Parents Session 2	All	Details will be given in due course
Thu 25 May & Fri 26 May	YN88 Art Exhibition	All	Details will be given in due course