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# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

My staff and I would like to extend our warm greetings and well wishes to you and your family in this new year! We are happy to welcome our students back to school and are pleased to extend our warmest welcome to parents of our new Primary 1 students and newly transferred-in students to the Yu Neng family.

Our school celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025! We feel immense pride in the generations of students who have flourished under the care of dedicated educators and the steadfast support of stakeholders and the community. Looking ahead to the new academic year, my staff and I are excited to continue this journey with you, working closely with all parents to nurture the holistic development of every student. Together, we will create enriching learning experiences and open new doors of opportunity for our students. In the year to come, we will focus on two key areas: (a) developing 21CC in our students through the design and provision of an authentic blended learning environment; and (b) promoting student agency through fostering self-efficacy and a growth mindset among our students.

Anchored in the belief that learning should be joyful, purposeful, and nurtured as a lifelong process, our learning experiences and signature programmes are designed to engage students in authentic settings and challenges. These experiences also help strengthen students' learning dispositions and GR<sup>3</sup>IT values, fostering a love for lifelong learning. At Yu Neng, we are committed to nurturing passion, creativity, and care in all our students, which are key features of our educational approach. We aim to empower our students to be changemakers who positively impact their own lives and those of others in the community. With your continued support, we look forward to an enriching home-school partnership, helping our students 'Light Up and Shine' in all they pursue this year!

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. We wish them a pleasant working experience with us.

- Mr Satiish Sathasilvam, Vice-Principal
- Mr Ho Keng Chiong, Math & Science Teacher
- Mdm Yang Jie Qi, Chinese Language Teacher
- Mdm Herda Binte Dolfata, Malay Language Teacher
- Ms Sabrina Bte Mohd Nasir, Library Assistant

In addition, Ms Carrie Lam, specialising in Art Teaching, will join us for her Postgraduate Diploma in Education Practicum from 6 Jan to 11 Mar, and upon completion of her teacher training programme, be part of our Aesthetics team. We wish her a meaningful learning experience during her time with us.

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.

- Ms Lim Hui Yi
- Ms Lu Wen
- Mr Goh Si Wei
- Mdm Goh Hong Buay, Iris

# 1.2 School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Our School Advisory Committee has consistently provided strong support to our students and staff over the years. By working closely with our school and generously providing resources, they have greatly contributed to the success of programmes that enhance learning and development. Their involvement has been instrumental in expanding the opportunities and experiences available to both students and staff. We are pleased to introduce SAC Chairman Mr Aw Chye Wee, Vice-Chairman Mr Tan Chor Khoon Vincent and committee members **(see Annex A).** We deeply appreciate the SAC's unwavering dedication to uplifting and empowering our school community.

# 1.3 Parent Support Group (PSG) EXCO

Yu Neng Primary School has been fostering close partnership with parents to strengthen the holistic development of all students. PSG 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 our students' educational journey. We would like to thank all members of PSG for their dedication to enhancing the learning experiences of our students. We are pleased to introduce the PSG EXCO 2025, with Ms Elina Gwee as Chairperson, and Mr Chua Chern Yi as Vice-Chairperson (see <u>Annex B</u>).

# 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 <u>NOT</u> 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 Teachers. Absence from school must be covered by a medical certificate (MC) or a 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

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 seek parents' support to keep schools a safe environment for students. If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions with big groups). MOE will continue to monitor the situation

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and adjust the response measures when necessary.

Temperature-taking will be conducted at the beginning of each semester. For Semester 1 of 2025, the temperature-taking exercise will be held on **Wed 15 Jan**. 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 \$5.50 per piece. Every P1 student has been issued with a new Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) on Thu 02 Jan. This is a one-off distribution and any future replacement of ODTs will have to be borne by parents.

The school will continue to practise cohort recess timing to better safeguard the wellbeing of our students. Students will also be given a short snack break in class. They are strongly encouraged to bring light healthy snacks such as sandwiches, fruits or biscuits from home.

Level	Recess	Snack Break	
P1	8.30a.m 9.00a.m.	10.000	
P2	9.00a.m 9.30a.m.	12.00p.m.	
P3	10.30a.m 11.00a.m.		
P4	11.00a.m 11.30a.m.	8.30a.m.	
P5	9.30a.m 10.00a.m.	12.00p.m.	
P6	10.00a.m 10.30a.m.		

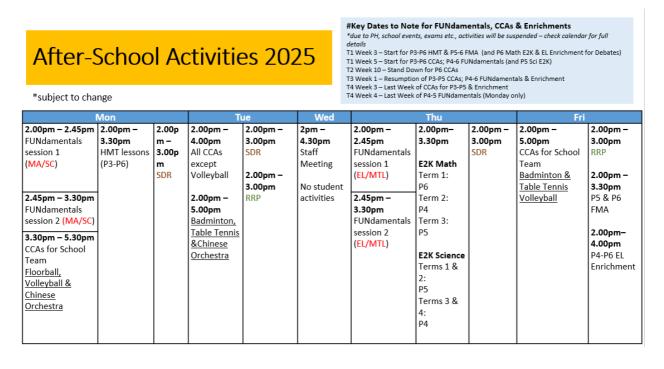
All students will be dismissed at 1.30p.m. During dismissals, parents may wait at the sheltered walkways at the dismissal gates. In the event of inclement weather, Gate 5 will not be open. P2 and P3 students will be dismissed via Gate 4.

Level	Dismissal Time	Gate	
P1	1.30p.m.	4	
P2	1.30p.m.	_	
P3	1.30p.m.	5	
P4	1.30p.m.	3	
P5	1.30p.m.	0	
P6	1.30p.m.	6	

#### 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 2025.

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 <u>face-to-face in school</u> starting in Term 1 Week 5 i.e. Mon 03 Feb 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 be having a CCA briefing on Mon 06 Jan by Mr Low (HOD) & Mr Eugene Tan. They will be introduced to the various CCAs and will have an option of choosing up to three CCAs in order of their preference. **P3 students will select their CCAs from Mon 06 Jan to Mon 13 Jan.** The results of their CCA allocation will be shared

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with them by Fri 24 Jan. P3 students can look forward to beginning their CCA together with their seniors.

All CCAs will be conducted face-to-face in school starting from Term 1 Week 5 i.e. Mon 03 Feb, for P3 to P6 students. Respective CCA teachers-in-charge will inform their CCA students of the details and arrangement.

# 2.3.3 School Bus Services

To support the after-school activities, there will be school bus services available in the afternoons.

Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri
3.40p.m.	4.00p.m.	3.40p.m.	4.00p.m.

If your child requires the bus service, do contact the bus operator directly.

#### Steadfast Transport Service (Office) Tel No: 67474825 Mobile No: 97365432 Email: steadfastbus@gmail.com

The table below shows the fares for the after-school bus services. Payment for after school bus service is on a per term basis and will be collected at the start of the term.

Af	After School Services				
		Up to 15 seater	>15 seater		
	Distance	(per trip)	(per trip)		
	Up to 2km	\$6	\$6		
	>2 – 4km	\$8	\$8		

#### 3. UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 3.1 SMART Card Photo-taking for P1s and P6s

Smart Card photo-taking for **P1s and P6s** will take place on **Wed 15 Jan**. Students are expected to come to school in their **full school uniform with ties**.

#### 3.2 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 18 Jan 2025** 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**.

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

Levels	Time
P1, P4, P5	8.30a.m 9.30a.m.
P2, P3, 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.

# 3.3 P4 Museum-Based Learning (MBL) to National Gallery Singapore

National Art Gallery houses a collection of Southeast Asian art which provides an authentic and rich context for the learning of local art as part of P4 students' core learning experience in the art curriculum. Students will understand and appreciate Singapore's history and heritage through the art expressed by local artists. The P4 Museum Based Learning experience is designed to provide the breadth and depth of learning local art which comprises pre-, during- and post-visit experiences to the National Gallery Singapore where students are involved as artists and audience to create and appreciate art. Respective P4 classes are scheduled to go for their MBL on <u>Mon 13 Jan, Tue 14 Jan and Thu 16 Jan</u>. More information will be shared in a separate letter via Parents Gateway closer to the date.

# 3.4 P4 Learning Journey to Road Safety Park

Primary 4 students will be attending a learning journey to the road safety community park to learn essential road safety rules. This programme aligns with the school's commitment to fostering students to be responsible road users who demonstrate positive road safety behaviours. P4 students will complete a series of checkpoints while navigating their way around the park and observing proper safety rules. Respective classes are scheduled to go for the LJ on <u>Mon 13 Jan and Thu 16 Jan</u>. More information will be shared in a separate letter via Parents Gateway.

# 3.5 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 1.30pm 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 19 Feb**. More information will be provided via the letter to parent nearer to the date.

# 3.6 School Health Visit

The Ministry of Health (MOH), School Health Service (SHS) visits schools each year to conduct health screenings of students to ensure care and protection of their health. We are scheduled for the health visits by the SHS team from **Fri 07 Feb to Mon 17 Feb**. We will be collecting Health Booklets from the <u>P1 and P5 classes</u> and students should pass them to their respective Form Teachers by **Mon 25 Jan**. Please refer to the MOH letter which will be sent out via Parents Gateway on **Fri 10 Jan** for details.

# 4. IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

# 4.1 School Attire & School Uniform Supplier

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. Students will be expected to wear the school uniform with their ties for the termly Celebration Day, to be held on Fri 14 Mar, Fri 30 May, Fri 29 Aug and Thu 20 Nov. Similarly for the annual class phototaking for all levels this year, students will be required to be in their school uniform with school tie.

For more details of the location and operational hours for sales of uniform by our supplier **Jeep Sing Fashion**, you may refer to the attached information sheet. Should you have any questions related to school uniform, please contact our Administration Manager, Mdm Dawn Liew.

# 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 Safety Messages

The school will be conducting a <u>safety briefing on Tue 07 Jan</u> to remind all students of important safety habits and messages to keep themselves safe. We would like to seek your cooperation to work with the school in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school and to inculcate good safety practices by encouraging and role-modelling to your child. This is especially important as young children may not have the skills required to use roads properly and do not always fully appreciate the dangers presented. Their small physique also makes them less visible to motorists.

We would like to reiterate the road safety policies of the school:

- a. Reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrians in the school zone.
- b. Cooperate with traffic marshals to ensure overall safety and smooth traffic flow.
- c. Let your child alight only at the **designated drop-off points**. Parents who are sending their child to school by car, can either
  - i) drive into the school to alight your child between 6.30a.m. to 7.30a.m., or
  - ii) 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 school

(b) Public HDB carpark at Blk 508 school

- d. Be advised not to violate traffic rules by driving recklessly or making illegal maneuvers such as turning into the school from the outer lane(s) of the road.
- e. Do not sound the horn indiscriminately.
- f. Let your child alight from the car on the side nearest to the kerb as quickly as possible.
- g. Reinforce correct road safety behaviour such as using pedestrian crossings, and avoiding jaywalking or using a handphone while crossing. 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 roads.



Traffic lights near the school

- h. Remind your children to practise the kerb drill before crossing "look right, look left, look right again, ensure all vehicles have stopped, raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly".
- i. If your child must cycle to school, ensure that he knows safe cycling rules and is a competent cyclist. We strongly encourage cyclists 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.
- j. For the safety of everyone, enforcement action will be taken against motorists who violate traffic rules.

We thank all parents and guardians who have been the role models for our children.



4.4 Neighbouring Construction Works

We have been working closely with the relevant BTO builders to ensure minimal disruptions to our students and staff. We will continue to monitor the works and put in place measures for learning continuity. Our classrooms adjacent to the work site have now been installed with air-con units for use in the event when high volume works are ongoing during term time.

# 4.5 Fire Drill

The school will be conducting a <u>fire drill on Tue 04 Feb</u> 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 also attached the schedule of School Programmes and Activities for Semester 1 in **Annex C**. 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 2025 with a pursuit of Yu Neng's wholeness as a community, as we commemorate our 90<sup>th</sup> year together, with gratitude and a renewed confidence for difference-making. Thank you for a most fruitful partnership!

Yours-in-education

Mr Ng Yeow Ling Principal



#### ANNEX B

#### 2025 PSG EXCO

Chairperson: Elina Gwee

Vice-Chairperson: Chua Chern Yi

Treasurer: N. Shimah Jailanie

Member (Creative): Stephanie Poon

Member (Outreach): Rachel Lai

Member (Events): Hiew Chai Hia

Member (Events): Lee Hooi Ling

Member (Events): Ong San San

Member (Events): Siti Noraisha

Member (Super Dads): Tan Zu Wei

Member (Super Dads): Neil Aaron Munas



# School Programmes and Activities 2025

Information is accurate as of 03 Jan 2025

# Semester 1

Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Sat 11 Jan	Breakfast with Dads	-	-
Mon 13 Jan, Tue 14 Jan & Thu 16 Jan	P4 Museum Based Learning	P4 Students	Refer to Letter to Parent (LTP) posted on Parents Gateway (PG)
Mon 13 Jan & Thu 16 Jan	P4 Road Safety Park	P4 Students	Refer to LTP posted on PG
Wed 15 Jan	P1 & P6 SMART Card Photo Taking	P1 & P6 students	Students must be in full school uniform with tie
Sat 18 Jan	Meet-the-Parents Session 1	All	Details will be given in due course
Mon 20 Jan onwards	Commencement of P3 to P6 Higher Mother Tongue lessons	Selected P3 to P6 students	After school Refer to LTP 2025 Semester 1 After School
	Commencement of P5 & P6 Foundation Math lessons	P5 & P6 FMA students	Student Activities
	Commencement of School Based Dyslexia Remediation (SDR) & Reading Remediation Programme (RRP)	Selected P3 & P4 students	Please refer to LTP posted on PG
Thu 23 Jan	Class and Subject Monitors Training	Selected P4-P6 students	After school
Tue 28 Jan, Wed 29 Jan & Thu 30 Jan	Eve of Chinese New Year Chinese New Year's Day Chinese New Year Public Holiday	All	Early dismissal on the eve of CNY at 10.30a.m. School resumes on Fri 31 Jan Details will be given in due course
Mon 03 Feb onwards	Commencement of Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)	P3-P6 students	After school Refer to LTP 2025 Semester 1 After School
	Commencement of P4-P6 FUNdamental Lessons	Selected P4-P6 students	Student Activities

Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
	Commencement of P5 Science Excellence 2000 (E2K) Programme	Selected P5 students	After school Details will be given in
	Commencement of P6 Math E2K Programme	Selected P6 students	due course
	Commencement of English Enrichment Programme	Selected P5 & P6 students	
Tue 04 Feb	Fire Drill	All	-
Fri 07 Feb -Mon 17 Feb	School Health Visit	All	Details will be given in due course
Mon 10 Feb – Fri 21 Feb	Mother Tongue Fortnight & P3 Cultural Camp	All	-
Mon 10 Feb – Fri 14 Feb	Total Defence Week	All	-
Wed 19 Feb	P5 Home Based Learning Day	P5	Details will be given in due course
Mon 24 Feb – Fri 07 Mar	Weighted Assessment	P3, P4 & P5 students	Details will be given in due course
Tue 11 Mar & Wed 12 Mar	P6 Social Studies Museum Based Learning Journey to Asian Civilisation Museum	P6 students	Details will be given in due course
Mon 17 Mar – Fri 21 Mar	March School Holiday	All	Term 2 starts on Mon 24 Mar

TERM 2			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Mon 24 Mar – Fri 30 May	P4 Swimsafer	Ρ4	During curriculum hours Details will be given in due course
Mon 31 Mar	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday	All	School resumes on Tue 01 Apr
Tue 01 Apr & Wed 02 Apr	Class Photo Taking	All	Students must be in full school uniform with tie

TERM 2			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Wed 02 Apr	P3 Learning Journey to the Singapore Zoo	P3	During curriculum hours
Fri 04 Apr	C.A.R.E Symposium	Selected P4-P6 students	After school Details will be given in due course
Mon 07 Apr- Fri 11 Apr	International Friendship Week	All	-
Fri 18 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday	All	School resumes on Mon 21 Apr
Mon 21 Apr – Fri 25 Apr	Environmental Awareness Week	All	-
Wed 23 Apr & Thu 24 Apr	Regents School Bali Visit	P5	During curriculum hours
Thu 24 Apr	P4 English & Mother Tongue Oral Practice	P4	After school Details will be given in due course
Mon 28 Apr – Fri 02 May	Cyberwellness Week	All	-
Thu 01 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	All	School resumes on Fri 02 May
Tue 6 May – Thu 8 May	P3 Learning Journey to Geylang Serai	P3	After school Details will be given in due course
Mon 28 Apr – Tue 29 Apr	P6 English & Mother Tongue Oral Practice	P6	After school
Mon 28 Apr – Fri 16 May	Weighted Assessment 2	P3-P5	Details will be given in due course
Mon 12 May	Vesak Day	All	School resumes on Tue 13 May
Tue 13 May – Thu 22 May	P6 Timed Practice	P6	During curriculum hours
Mon 26 May	E-Learning Day & Administration Day	All	School resumes on Tue 27 May

TERM 2			
Date(s)	Programme / Activity	Level(s) involved	Remarks
Wed 28 May	Parent-Teacher-Child Conference	All	Details will be given in due course
Thu 29 May	P3 Learning Journey to KidZania	Р3	Details will be given in due course
Mon 02 Jun - Fri 27 Jun	June School Holiday	All	Term 3 starts on Mon 30 June