



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardian

2024 P5 JULY CIRCULARS

We would like to welcome your child/ward back to school for Semester 2 and we hope that you were all able to spend some quality time together bonding as a family! The school holidays are a great time not only for us all to recharge but for families to spend time together.

In this set of circulars, you will find the information on the following programmes. Please refer to the table below for a list of circulars which you will be receiving. We seek your cooperation to follow up accordingly and adhere to the submission dates.

If you require any clarifications, you may contact the General Office at 6468 4377 or email the teacher-in-charge as indicated accordingly.

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Thank you.

Your Partner in Education
Mrs Elaine Quek
Principal

1. Thank you for your support - Prefect Outreach

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and generous contributions to the P4 and P5 Prefect Outreach Programme.

Your donations have been instrumental in enabling our Prefects to carry out their outreach activities to the Thye Hua Kwan Nursing Home, Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home and the Ronald MacDonald House Charities. Thanks to your support and contributions, we have been able to send medical and food consumables to the Thye Hua Kwan Nursing Home and Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home. In addition to that, your generosity has also allowed us to send over 300 snack packs to the Ronald MacDonald House Charities for children undergoing care and support at Viva University, NUH and IMH. The P4 Prefects also set up a booth during recess to collect notes of encouragement to add to these snack packs to show their support to these children undergoing long term medical treatment.

We are incredibly proud of our P4 and P5 prefects for their dedication and hard work, and we are equally grateful to you for helping to make these achievements possible. Your contributions are deeply appreciated and have made a significant difference.

As we continue to nurture and develop our outreach programmes, we look forward to your continued support. Together, we can inspire and equip our students to make a positive impact on the world around them.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and commitment to our school's mission.

Your Partner in Education and on behalf of the Prefectorial Board,

Mdm Jane Woon
HOD DGL

Ms Goh E-Lynn
SH Student Leadership



Mr Alfonso, Manager at THK Nursing Home



Ms Annie (Operations & Facilities Manager) & colleague at Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home



Ms Esther Toh, Senior Operations Manager at Ronald MacDonald House Charities Singapore



Mr Mano, Senior Operation Executive, Ronald McDonald Family Room - IMH

2. Racial Harmony Day 2024

Racial Harmony Day falls on 21 July 2024. The theme this year, ***Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic***, focuses on the appreciation of the diverse races and religions that make up our multicultural society, which contribute to our shared sense of cohesion and harmony.

We are commemorating the special occasion in the week of 15 July 2024 with recess activities spread over 3 days (15 July to 17 July). The main objectives of these activities are to encourage our students to

1. Reflect on the importance of fostering harmony and understanding among all communities in our nation.
2. Know more about the culture and practices of different racial groups.
3. Respect and accept people for their cultural backgrounds.
4. Understand the various races and religions in Singapore.

To encourage students' appreciation of the four main races in Singapore and their cultures, we would like to invite students to commemorate the occasion by coming to school in ethnic costumes of the four main races in Singapore on 16 July 2024. However, in the interest of safety, students are to wear their white school shoes and avoid all head accessories as they may pose inconvenience to movements and obstruct their views.

Parents and students are also encouraged to participate in the Family Time activity related to RHD in the Kindsville Times (Primary 1 to 4) and A-OK! (Primary 5 & 6).

Thank you for partnering us in our students' learning about Singapore's bespoke approach towards multiculturalism and social cohesion, where the experiences of every individual matter and adds to our diversity.

For enquiries, please contact Subject Head CCE, Ms Cassandra Quek at quek_sock_cheng@schools.gov.sg.

3. RGPS Library Week 2024

RGPS Library Week is back from 22 to 26 July 2024 - get ready to dive into a week full of fun, creativity and imagination! We have lined up activities that will ignite our pupils' passion for reading and spark their curiosity. From engaging book talks to interactive workshops and exciting book fairs, there's something for everyone. It will be a week of memorable celebration of stories and knowledge!

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activities</u>
22 Jul	<p>Book Talks (during assembly)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 & P2 – Meet Alyssa Christudason, author of picture books '<i>Under A Crescent Moon and 5 Stars</i>' and '<i>Fold Me To The Moon</i>'. An ex-RGPS girl, Alyssa will captivate our young readers with a delightful book reading session and share the inspiring themes of her stories.• P3 – P6 – Join Daryl Kho, the award-winning author of '<i>Mist-bound: How to Glue Back Your Grandpa</i>'. This heartwarming tale, inspired by his family's experiences, raises awareness about dementia and the importance of cherishing our elders.

<p>23 Jul (Tue) 25 Jul (Thu) 26 Jul (Fri)</p>	<p>Workshop organised by the RGPS Alumni Association for P1 and P2 pupils</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Stories Under The Moon</i> <i>A Visual and Interactive Storytelling Session</i></p> <p>Dates (choose only 1) : 23 Jul (Tue) / 25 Jul (Thu) / 26 Jul (Fri) 2024 Time : 2.10 pm - 4.45 pm Venue : Cube in RGPS Cost : \$28 per pupil Closing Date : 12 Jul 2024 (Friday) Max. Group Size : 30 pupils per session</p> <p>For the workshop objectives, workshop outline and registration details, please refer to the letter by RGPS Alumni Association attached.</p> <p>For enquiries, please email connect@rgpsalumni.org.sg with the subject "P1 & P2 Library Week Workshop".</p>
<p>23 – 26 Jul</p>	<p>Book Fairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Book Fair: 23 – 24 July, 8.30 - 11.30 am in the canteen • Chinese Book Fair: 25 – 26 July, 8.30 - 11.30 am in the canteen • Virtual Malay Book Fair: Online orders at https://www.alamcahaya.com/ • Tamil Book Fair: View images of books in SLS and place orders via hardcopy form to Tamil teachers. E-payment instructions will be provided in the order form.
<p>22 – 26 Jul</p>	<p>NLB PopReads and Tinker Sheets</p> <p>Each pupil will receive PopReads activity sheets filled with engaging discussions and fun activities related to the recommended books. Submit the completed activity sheet for an opportunity to win a prize! Plus, anyone who borrows a book from the school library during the week will receive a DIY coloring bookmark. Pupils can also engage in creative playmaking using Tinker Sheets at the Learn and Share Corner. This is a wonderful way to explore their imagination and share their creations with friends.</p>
<p>22 Jul – 9 Aug</p>	<p>Book Display on Singapore Collection</p> <p>In celebration of upcoming National Day, our school library is excited to present a special display featuring a curated selection of books by local writers and works on prominent Singaporeans. This collection highlights the rich literary heritage of our nation and offers a wonderful opportunity for pupils to explore the stories and achievements that have shaped Singapore.</p> <p>As part of the celebration, pupils are invited to participate in a quiz on SLS and stand a chance to win prizes. This quiz will test their knowledge of Singapore's history, culture and notable figures, providing a fun and educational way to deepen their understanding of our nation's heritage.</p>

We can't wait to see our students immerse themselves in the joy of reading and learning throughout RGPS Library Week. Let's make this week a fantastic celebration of stories, creativity, and discovery!

For any enquiries on the above activities, please contact Mrs Jacqueline Seto at jacqueline_seto@schools.gov.sg.

4. Invitation to Participate in External Art Competitions

If your child/ward is keen to participate in art competitions, do consider the following:

1. Art for the Heart
2. Kao International Environment Painting Contest for Children

Please inform Ms Ho Soo Peng (email: ho_soo_peng@schools.gov.sg) if your child's/ward's artwork is selected as a winning entry.

* Do note that participation is optional and that entries should be submitted directly to the organiser.



ART COMPETITION 2024

Submit your artwork with a **200-word write-up** about the artwork to win attractive prizes!

DETAILS

THEME

Feed Your Heart, Nourish Your Art



CONTEST PERIOD

24 Jun 2024 (Mon), 8am to 8 Sep 2024 (Sun), 11.59pm

PRIZES



GRAND PRIZE

ART PREMIUM HAMPER (worth \$170)



RUNNER-UP

ART ESSENTIALS HAMPER (worth \$80)



3 NOVELTY PRIZES (1 set per pax)

CREATIVE STARTER KIT (worth \$20)

SCAN HERE



For more information:

www.myheart.org.sg/art-for-the-heart



Submission link:

www.myheart.org.sg/artwork-submission





The 15th

花王 国際こども環境絵画コンテスト

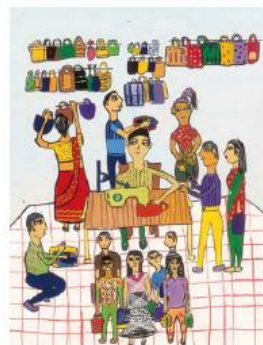
KAO International Environment Painting Contest for Children



"eco together" - Planet Earth Grand Prix: "Buuat Pa" - The Buddhist ritual to conserve forest Kodchapan Malisorn (14)

Thoughts and wishes regarding the painting

My painting depicts "Buuat Pa", the Buddhist ritual in that trees become monks. Because of the faith in the religion, people believe that one of the ways to sustainably conserve forests is to treat trees in the same way as monks, to respect them, and to carefully grow and protect them.



Website of Kao International Environment Painting Contest for Children >>>

https://www.kao.com/jp/children_painting/



5. Traffic Advisory for Term 3

Please take note of the following traffic matters. Your cooperation and consideration will help to make arrival and dismissal safe and smooth for all.

5.1 Students Walking to School

Students coming from the direction of the MRT station or Dunearn Road should enter the school by Gate 2A. From Gate 2A, students can access the hall and classrooms via the sheltered walkway and link bridge without crossing any roads.

5.2 Drop-off & Pick-Up by Private Cars

Students can alight along the whole stretch from the canteen to the basketball court. This stretch can accommodate at least 10 cars at any one point, when parents drive forward as far as possible. Students can also alight at Car Park C (see map below) and use the link bridge to access the hall and classrooms directly. Please ensure that your child/ward is ready to alight promptly when your car stops. Parents should not disembark from the car.

Cars are allowed into the school for pick-ups at 1.40pm after the school buses leave. Cars are not allowed to wait outside the school before 1.35pm. Please do not come too early and note that partial one-way traffic along Hillcrest Road operates from 1.00pm – 2.00pm and 4.30pm – 5.30 pm for CCAs. For school dismissal pick-ups, P1 to P4 parents should drive to the canteen pick-up point, while P5 and P6 parents should drive to the basketball court where the students gather to wait.



5.3 Indiscriminate Parking

Please do not park your cars indiscriminately along Hillcrest Road and Watten Rise during school dismissal. Indiscriminate parking makes traffic impassable and has resulted in a few near misses. LTA deploys officers to carry out ground enforcement of traffic rules and will issue summons to drivers who infringe the rules. Please refer to the attached advisory notice from LTA for more information.

6. Road Safety at RGPS

Raffles Girls' Primary School, the Land Transport Authority, Bukit Timah Citizens' Consultative Committee and Watten Residents' Network have worked together to launch three safety standees around RGPS to remind our road users to practise good driving habits and be safe road users. This will complement the "Be Kind, Drive Safe" initiative and aims to make the roads in our estate safer for our students, parents, residents and other road users. The standees were unveiled on 2 July at a simple launch. When driving on the roads around the school, please look out for the safety standees and heed the safety messages.



7. Installation of iJooz Vending Machine

In an effort to offer our students a wider variety of food and beverage choices, an iJooz vending machine has been brought into the school canteen.

Should your child/ward wish to purchase a cup of freshly squeezed orange juice, please note that the iJooz vending machine does not accept the POSB Smart Buddy as a mode of payment. Drinks may be purchased using cash, EZpay, NETS or NETS Flashpay.

A gentle reminder that all food and drinks, especially sweetened drinks, should be consumed in the school canteen and not brought up to classrooms.

8. P1 Registration (Phase 1)

Phase 1 registration is for a Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR) child born between 2 January 2018 and 1 January 2019 (both dates inclusive) and has a sibling currently studying in our school.

Parents who are registering their younger child under Phase 1 are to register before 4 July 2024, 4.30pm.

More updates on the 2024 P1 Exercise will be provided on the MOE P1 website.

9. Primary 5 National Education (NE) Show 2024

1. Since 1997, the National Education (NE) Show has been organised to instill a sense of pride and belonging in our students and to bring across the significance of our National Day. Every year, the National Day Parade (NDP) full dress rehearsal provides an opportunity for the organiser to inculcate NE values into our students.

2. This year, Singapore celebrates her 59th birthday. The theme for NDP 2024 is 'Together, As One United People', which aims to underscore the collective strength of Singaporeans and rally citizens to shape its future.

3. The NDP 2024 organisers have assigned our students to attend the NE Show at the Padang on Saturday, 13 July 2024. Students are to assemble in the school hall by 2.45pm, in their P5 Camp T-shirt, school pinafore and school shoes. Please ensure that your child/ward has taken her lunch before she reports to school. Students are advised to bring only a small bag with packed food, water bottle, raincoat/poncho, a recycled plastic bag to be used to contain the bento meal set, as well as to be used as a trash bag, cap, etc. (please find attached a suggested packing list). The estimated time of arrival at school after the NE Show is from 10.00pm onwards.

4. Please pack snacks which are easy for consumption for your child/ward to bring along to the Padang. Do not pack food which is soup-based. The school will provide a bento meal set and a can of water (300ml) for the girls at the Padang. Please pack separate food for your child/ward if she has any dietary restrictions. After eating, she will throw the empty bento box into her plastic bag.

5. Various measures are put in place to facilitate the arrival and departure of schools during the show. This includes the management of a centralised bus transport "taxi" system for schools travelling by bus, the deployment of traffic marshals and selective road closures for ensuring a smoother flow of traffic. Hence, to ensure the speedy dispersal of students after the show, parents/guardian will not be allowed to pick up their child/ward from the Padang.

6. Students will be advised to give their parents/guardian a call once they have boarded the bus to return to school if they have a handphone with them. Alternatively, parents/guardian can contact the school at 6468 4377 / 9721 0694 on the night of the NE Show for any further updates.

Please advise your child/ward that students may bring their handphone for the following purposes only:

- i. Contact parents/guardian to let them know the time of arrival at school after the NE show.
- ii. Take photographs to capture memories of the event.
- iii. They are strictly not allowed to be distracted by their phones during the show/use their handphones to chat/go on any social media platforms/play games.
- iv. Students are also not allowed to post photos of one another on social media platforms during or after the NE show.

7. To ensure a smooth traffic flow along Hillcrest Road for the returning buses to turn into RGPS on time, we seek your co-operation not to arrive in school until you have received a call from your child/ward of her estimated time of arrival in school.

8. The dismissal point on the night of Saturday, 13 July, will be at the canteen pickup point. For safety reasons, students will not be allowed to wait along Hillcrest Road. Parents/Guardian who park around the school vicinity will have to enter the school to pick up their child/ward at the canteen pick-up point area.

9. To prevent traffic congestion and crowding outside the school gate, LTA will continue the arrangement of not allowing any vehicles to wait along Dunearn Road and Hillcrest Road ahead of time before the school gate is open. LTA will take enforcement action against vehicles found waiting/parking before the school gate opens.

10. The estimated dismissal time from the Padang is 8.20pm – 9.00pm. The school gate will only be opened for parents/guardian to pick up their child/ward after all the buses have left the school.

11. We strongly encourage you to arrive at an appropriate time and should you arrive early, please wait at any nearby parking facilities before making your way down to pick up your child/ward.

12. Please note that ALL students will have to be fetched by a parent/guardian from RGPS on the night of the NE Show. Kindly indicate the name of the person fetching the child and his/her contact number by clicking on the link here: <https://forms.gle/8UEJFn8NiwUjSYwMA>.

13. If your child/ward is not well on the day of the NE Show, please let her rest and not participate in this event.

14. We strongly encourage your child/ward to attend the NE Show as it will form part of her memorable school experiences with her peers. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this notification via Parents Gateway by 8 July 2024.

15. We sincerely seek your fullest co-operation in complying with our dismissal procedures on the night of 13 July 2024 to ensure the safety of all our students.

A briefing for your child/ward will be conducted in Term 3, Week 1, by her Form Teachers, to inform her of details pertaining to this event.

Please find the packing list below for your reference:

Packing list

P5 NE Show 2024 – Saturday, 13 July 2024

<i>ITEMS TO BRING</i>	<i>Snacks provided by the school</i>
Student Pass (For identification purposes in case of medical emergencies)	Bento set (e.g. Rice, Chicken and Vegetables)
Water Bottle	A can of mineral water (300ml)
Cap	

Cloth/rag (to wipe their seats in case they are wet from the rain)	
Anti-bacterial wet wipes	
Small bag	
Raincoat/poncho	
A recycled plastic bag for holding bento meal set and trash (check that there is no hole)	
Hand sanitizer	
Thermometer (optional)	
Mask (optional)	

*** To ensure adequate hydration, in addition to the can of mineral water in the bento set, students are strongly encouraged to bring additional water for consumption at the Padang.**

For further clarification on the NE Show, you may email the following teachers:

Mdm Ho Shwu Huey at ho_shwu_huey@schools.gov.sg or Ms Cassandra Quek at quek_sock_cheng@schools.gov.sg

10. World Drug Day Message

As part of the commemoration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (also known as World Drug Day) on 26 June 2024, we seek to involve parents in Singapore to garner their support in realizing our vision of a Drug-Free Society for our children. As Singaporeans are increasingly traveling, studying, and working overseas, it is crucial to foster a strong partnership with parents to create a supportive environment that deters drug abuse and promotes the well-being of our youth.

Please do read and refer to the attached message from the Chairman of the National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA). This message aims to engage and inform parents about the importance of our collective efforts in combating drug abuse.

Additionally, NCADA will be conducting a Parents Seminar on 3 August 2024, featuring a panel of experts who will share valuable insights on dealing with the increasing permissiveness towards drug abuse. Please look out for details of this event which will be coming out soon.

11. Triple P for Grandparents Seminar Series

We would like to invite all grandparents/older caregivers to sign up for a series of online seminars delivered by our parenting support partner Families for Life@Community (Lakeside Family Services).

These seminars are part of the part of the **Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P)** and aim to equip grandparents with positive grandparenting strategies to help their grandchildren develop emotional regulation skills for better behavior.

Research shows that grandparents' involvement in their grandchildren's lives significantly shapes their identity and imparts positive values. This involvement also provides valuable bonding opportunities. When grandparents positively engage with their grandchildren, it results in closer relationships and stronger family ties. Whether a grandparent takes on the role of a guardian, a babysitter, a playmate, or takes their grandchildren on outings, they can still foster closer bonds and positive relationships with your children.

The seminars are offered free of charge and will be conducted over Zoom in two sessions. Details of the seminar and speaker, as well as the registration link, are found in the attached flyer.

While participants are encouraged to attend all seminars to gain more thorough insights, they may also choose topic(s) that are most relevant to them, subject to their availability.

Seminar Topic(s)	Session Dates
Session 1: THE POWER OF POSITIVE GRANDPARENTING and RAISING COMPETENT, CONFIDENT GRANDCHILDREN	24 July 2024 (Wed), 9.00am - 11.30am
Session 2: RAISING RESILIENT GRANDCHILDREN	31 July 2024 (Wed), 9.00am - 11.00am

Kindly register using at the following link:
[BookingSG registration via Singpass](#)

Thank you and we hope that your child's grandparent/s will join us for a time of fruitful learning of the Triple P grandparenting strategies to help in your parenting journey.

For any enquiries, do contact Catherine Banton (catherine-banton@lakeside.org.sg).