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Dear Parents/Guardians,

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 2022

A warm welcome back to the new term and second semester! We hope you and your child/ward had a restful June break.

In Changkat, we commit our work to prioritise the positive well-being and learning of staff and students. We do so by strengthening our focus areas in Thinking and Emotions through our lesson design, programmes and activities. Through this focus, we hope to develop attitudes and dispositions that will promote the acquisition of knowledge and skills and a positive school experience. With the relaxation of safe management measures in Term 2, we have brought back mass assembly events such as Student Leaders Investiture, Hari Raya Celebrations, House Meetings and morning assemblies. To foster a greater sense of belonging and peer relationships, the school had successfully organized a **Wellness Week** at the end of Term 2. The Wellness Week comprised exciting activities such as outdoor hiking, learning journeys, bonding games, watching theatre plays, townhall discussions, motivation workshops and reflections. We ended Wellness Week and semester one with an ice-cream treat for all staff and students to thank the whole Changkat Community for their hard work!

Changkateers, both staff and students, continue to strive for excellence. I am pleased to report below that our Uniformed Groups and CCAs have done us proud and continue to achieve Gold and Distinction awards in their respective unit competitions.

Uniformed Group	Award
Girl Guides	Gold (Puan Noor Aishah Award)
Boys' Brigade	Gold (JM Fraser Award)
NCC (Air) Boys	Distinction
NCC (Air) Girls	Distinction

At the recent **National School Games (NSG)**, our Sepak Takraw team won the second place in the National 'B' Division competition. This is their best performance since 2010! In addition, our 'B' Division Track & Field Boys and Girls and 'C' Division Track & Field Girls entered the semi-finals of the 4 by 100 metres relays. Our Netball girls and Badminton boys and girls also gave off their very best in their respective NSG competitions. We are proud of all their achievements.

Changkateers have also performed well in academic competitions. At the **Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition 2022**, our Singapore Youth Flying Club members won second place for Best Presentation and third place for Best Creative and Aesthetic. In the **VJC Singapore Model Cabinet Competition**, Loh Jie Hui (from 3E1) was awarded the Best Position Paper for her assigned topic. These achievements are a result of teachers' and students' hard work and effort.

In the **Gryphon Youth Outreach Programme (GYOP) Competition** for 2021 organised by the Singapore Police Force, Mr Nahar Azmi (Head of Department/Student Management) was awarded the Gold Award for the Honorary Volunteer Special Constabulary Award and Changkat Changi was awarded the Gold Award in the school category. At the recent MOE Promotion Ceremony in April, our School Staff Developer, Ms Nuraini, was mentioned in Minister's speech for playing an instrumental



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role in leading the staff development and well-being efforts. We are proud of the achievements of our staff in Changkat!

In April, the school celebrated our **56th Anniversary** with the theme 'Caring Community, Empowering Lives'. As part of the celebration and to teach Changkateers the value of Care, some of your child/ward would be sharing with you and the community on messages about sustainability efforts in caring for the environment. We hope you can provide them with your support and encouragement.

We had earlier engaged your child/ward in Term 2 that the school is considering to provide **school lockers** for all Changkateers. Your child/ward does not have to pay additional cost and will only need to bring his/her locks to use the lockers. We hope that the lockers will enhance the well-being of your child/ward and provide a safe space for your child/ward to keep their valuables. We will start installing the school lockers in Term 3 and will provide more details regarding the use of the school lockers later.

With the implementation of regular fortnight **Home-Based Learning (HBL)** since the start of 2022, we hope to partner you to strengthen and deepen the teaching and learning inside and outside the classrooms through the blended learning approach. On HBL Fridays, your child/ward will have lesson materials to go through and homework to complete and submit. Through partnering parents/guardians, we hope you can help us to monitor their learning progress at home and completion of the assigned work on HBL Fridays. We look forward to and appreciate your partnership, and the key information under the following areas are for your attention:

1. Ensuring Safety and Security of Students

1.1 Updated Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

As announced in the 10 June Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) press release, our local COVID-19 situation has been stable over the past month since the removal of the relevant SMMs. However, we must continue to keep our guard up, as the virus is still circulating within our community. In alignment to prevailing national SMMs, the following updated school SMMs will continue to be put in place to maintain school's preparedness to re-activate emergency protocols when the need arises and to educate students to take personal responsibility for their own health and practice social responsibility:

- strict adherence to wearing of masks (surgical masks or reusable masks of equivalent effectiveness) indoors
- conduct of temperature-taking exercise every semester (semester 2 temperature-taking exercise will be scheduled on **29 June (Wednesday)**)
- students are reminded to have their Oral Digital Thermometer and TraceTogether (TT) token/app with them in school at all times.
- practise social responsibility (e.g. discipline of wiping down of shared surfaces and common items after use, not coming to school if unwell with any COVID symptoms such as fever, runny nose, cough, loss of smell)
- practise good personal hygiene (e.g. observance of regular hand washing with soap in school and at home, before and after consumption of food)
- frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces.
- staggered recess timings by levels to reduce congestion.



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1.2 Updated Responses to Confirmed Cases

The responses to confirmed cases have been updated to align to national protocols, and to reinforce the national message on social responsibility. For COVID-19 cases:

- Affected students are to follow Protocol 3, i.e students should take an ART self-test over the next 5 days and only leave their place of residence if the ART result is negative
- Schools are not required to monitor the ART test results of these students and will not layer on further requirements

1.3 Building of Sheltered Walkway by Land Transport Authority (LTA)

We are pleased to inform you that LTA has commenced work to build a sheltered walkway from Simei MRT to our school's front gate. Do encourage your child/ward to take note of potential safety hazards in their journey to school while construction is taking place.

Work is still ongoing to build an internal sheltered walkway from the school's Main Gate to the School Foyer. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of July 2022. We will update you again when the sheltered walkway is ready for use. During this period, the footpath from the Main Gate to the School Foyer will be closed for safety reasons. All students, staff and visitors are to enter the school from the side gate that is located nearer to Changkat Primary School. The main gate will still be open for use by vehicles entering and exiting the school.

1.4 Road Safety

Parents/guardians are encouraged to remind your child/ward about the importance of road safety inside and outside of the school. If your child/ward is taking public transport, please also remind him/her to use the zebra crossings and designated footpaths when they are walking into and out of school.

Due to the construction taking place at the school's Main Gate, parents/guardians driving into school should slow down and watch out for oncoming vehicles driving out of the school. Vehicles going out of the school should also slow down and watch out for vehicles entering the school. We seek your understanding to follow the correct traffic flow within the school compound and drop your child/ward only at the designated drop-off point at the foyer.

Please also avoid turning right from our school gate during peak hours between 6.30am and 8.00am. This will avoid congestion in our school compound during that period. The prohibition signage from LTA has been displayed outside the school gate.

2. Developing Self Discipline and Responsibility

2.1 Handphone and Personal Learning Device (PLD)

To nurture an environment conducive for teaching and learning, students are strongly discouraged from bringing expensive handphones or smartwatches. Should students decide to bring these devices to school, they must take personal responsibility to care for their own belongings and valuables.

To encourage focus on learning, all handphones and PLDs are to be kept in the school bag when not in use during lesson time. Handphones and PLDs may only be used at designated times and zones, namely the classrooms, the canteen and the foyer, during recess and before/after school.



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The school takes a firm stand towards the misuse of handphones and PLDs in the school premises. Kindly remind your child/ward that handphones and PLDs will be confiscated by teachers/staff should they be used in contravention of the above guidelines.

2.2 Punctuality to School

Please encourage your child/ward to plan his/her journey well and be in the school by 7.50am daily. This will inculcate the habit of punctuality and ensure that there is no loss of curriculum time due to late-coming. Students who are frequently late for school without valid reason are liable to be given a Fair conduct grade as stipulated in our Student Handbook.

2.3 Absenteeism

The school places great emphasis on student learning and hence strongly discourages frequent absenteeism as such behaviour disrupts the child's learning and affects his/her performance. Together with your support, we can develop and inculcate in your child/ward the right attitude towards school and learning, which he/she will carry with him/her in his/her future work and endeavours.

We seek your support to monitor your child's/ward's attendance closely and ensure he/she does not stay away from school wilfully. Absenteeism should be substantiated with valid reasons or documents. Students who are absent without valid reasons will face disciplinary consequences.

2.4 Attire and Grooming

In response to students' requests to wear the school's House T-shirt for school due to the hot weather, the school has given permission for students to do so from Monday to Friday. This policy may change in the future and students may be required to wear normal school attire with school tie when the school deems necessary. However, all students are reminded that school tops and House T-shirts must have nametags sewn on as stated in our student handbook. Failure to do so may result in the need for disciplinary action.

Students are also reminded to arrive in school in their proper school skirts/shorts/pants. Students must not wear PE shorts when coming to school. PE shorts are only to be worn during PE lessons and/or CCA.

Students have been reminded about proper haircut and grooming when reporting back to school in Term 3. Failure to do so may result in the need for disciplinary action that includes being sent home for hair cut before returning to school.



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3. Enhancing Positive School Experience

3.1 House Olympics and Meeting

The school will be organizing our 5th annual House Olympics on 1 July (Friday). It is a mini-Olympics event comprising 8 sports and games in 16 tournaments, indoor board games and a cheer competition. Details are as follows:

Event	Date
House Practice	29 June (Wednesday) 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm (after school hours)
House Olympics	1 July (Friday) 7.30 am to 12.45 pm (during school hours)
House Meeting	3 August (Wednesday) 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm (after school hours)

Please note that the House Olympics is a **compulsory** school event. Students will be dismissed on the above highlighted Wednesdays at 5.00pm and Friday at 12.45 pm. We seek your support in emphasizing to your child/ward the importance of participating actively in the event.

3.2 Youth Day

This year, Youth Day falls on Sunday, 3 July. The following day, Monday, 4 July, will therefore be a school holiday. Your child/ward need not report to school.

3.3 Racial Harmony Day

The school will commemorate Racial Harmony Day on Thursday, 21 July with the theme of "Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic". The theme reflects how each community, while having the space to express its own identity as part of Singapore's society, also intertwines with others to depict the unique cultural diversity that characterizes Singapore life. This is Singapore's bespoke approach towards multiculturalism and social cohesion, where the experiences of every individual matter and add to our diversity. Lessons will proceed as usual, and there will be activities throughout the week to help our students appreciate Singapore's racial and religious diversity.

3.4 National Day Celebrations

To commemorate National Day, our staff and students will be celebrating the completion of their Values in Action projects as part of Changkat Challenge 2022 which focuses on this year's school theme of "Caring Community, Empowering Lives". The school will also be coming together for our National Day Celebrations. More details will follow nearer to the date. Students will be dismissed by 11am on Monday, 8 August, and need not report to school on Tuesday, 9 August (public holiday) and Wednesday, 10 August (school holiday).

3.5 Teachers' Day Celebration and School Holiday

We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 1 September. Your child/ward will be dismissed at 11.00am. The following day, Friday, 2 September, will therefore be a school holiday. Your child/ward need not report to school.



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4. Important Examination Matters and Term 3 Events

4.1 Schedule of Examination Dates for 2022

Test & Exam	Dates
Weighted Assessment 3	25 July to 19 August
Sec 4NA Preliminary Exams	25 July to 2 August
Sec 4E and 5NA Preliminary Exams	24 August (Science Practical) 25 August to 30 August 12 September to 15 September
End-of-Year Exams (Sec 1 to 3)	30 September to 12 October
GCE N Level Exams (Written)	12 September to 21 September 3 October to 12 October
GCE O Level Exams (Written)	17 October to 11 November

The schedule for Weighted Assessments for the respective subjects and levels will be given out separately.

4.2 GCE O Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension

The graduating students will be having their Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension (LC) national examination on Tuesday, 5 July 2022 at 1500h – 1530h and 1700h – 1730h. Candidates will be dismissed from lessons at 1335h for their lunch and are to report to their respective examination venues at 1430h and 1630h for the two LC sessions. Students from other levels will be dismissed from school as per normal timetable and are not to stay back in school on this day. No unstructured play is allowed at all venues within the school premise during the LC sessions.

4.3 Progress and Completion of Coursework for GCE 'N' and 'O' Level

The coursework component for the GCE 'N' and 'O' Level Examination subjects is key to the overall performance for the respective subjects. The completion of the coursework relies heavily on the students' self-discipline, perseverance in ensuring consistent effort and monitoring of their own progress. We seek your continued involvement in ensuring that your child/ward completes his/her coursework according to the deadlines. We also seek your understanding and cooperation if we need your child/ward to stay back after school for his/her coursework. The deadlines for the coursework subjects are as follows:

Subject	Stream	Date
Art	4NA (6125)	2 August, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA (6123)	20 September, 5pm
F&N	4NA (6072)	12 July, 5pm
D&T	4NA (7055)	15 July, 5pm
	4EXP/5NA (7059)	29 July, 5pm



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4.4 Support for Graduating Cohort

The following support for our graduating students will be provided to ensure that they are fully prepared for their upcoming national examinations:

Academic Support	Date
Academic Afterschool Enrichment Programme (AAEP)	05 July – 22 July, 15 August– 31 August (S4NA) 05 July – 31 August (S4E/5NA)

More details will be provided to your child/ward nearer to the commencement of the programmes.

5. Partnerships and Collaboration

5.1 Deepening our Partnership with Parents/Guardians

We would like to thank all parents/guardians for playing an essential role in the holistic development of your child/ward in Semester 1. At the Parents Support Group meetings held in Term 2, I am happy to meet and talk to some of you. You all have been very supportive of the school and I am grateful for your encouragement and kind words. We hope to organize more of such interactions in future now that the situation allows.

We strongly believe this partnership between school and parents/guardians is important for the learning and development of your child/ward. We hope to continue to work closely with parents/guardians to strengthen the school culture of **Care, Learn and Excel**.

Parents/guardians are warmly encouraged to join the Changkat Changi Parents Support Group (CCSS PSG) and continue to play an active part in our school activities. I would love to meet the rest of parents/guardians. We have had two informative Parenting Talks and Bonding Sessions like cooking and games with you and your child/ward. Do look out for our next PSG bonding event on our school website.

All in all, we aim to continue to provide a positive school experience for your child/ward and are appreciative of your continuous support and partnership to develop your child/ward holistically.

This term letter can be downloaded from the school's website. Please take care and keep safe.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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