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Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back to Term 3

We hope that your child/ward had a restful break during the June vacation. As we begin an exciting term, we encourage you to have regular talks with your child/ward about their school experiences. This will help to improve communication skills and build stronger relationships between family members, leading to better performance and reduced behavioral issues. Together we can create a supportive and nurturing learning environment for your child/ward.

EPPS Celebrates!

Semester 1 was filled with many exciting events. EPPS would like to celebrate our students' efforts and achievements. Our achievements are as follows:

Sports:

Table Tennis Senior Boys - Competed in Tier 1

Table Tennis Senior Girls - Competed in Tier 1

Volleyball Senior Boys - Runner Up in Tier 3

Volleyball Senior Girls - Competed in Tier 1

Chief Scout Award:

Nine Cub Scouts clinched the Chief Scout Award (previously known as 'Akela Award') from The Singapore Scouts Association.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to our students who have demonstrated our school values of Endeavour and Adaptability and express our gratitude to our parents, coaches and respective teachers-in-charge for their strong support and guidance.

School Leaders' Kopi & Connect Session with Parents

Our annual Kopi & Connect sessions provide the opportunity for parents/guardians to interact with our school management team. It is a focused group discussion to gather views on our holistic programmes. Please be informed that the group discussions will be held in school from 7.45 - 9.00 a.m. on the following dates:

Monday 18 August (for parents of P1, P2 & P3 students)

Tuesday 19 August (for parents of P4, P5 & P6 students)

Interested parents/ guardians are invited to register at <https://tinyurl.com/ConnectEPPS>

Registration will close on **31 July 2025**. We look forward to your active participation, and hope to work in partnership with you to bring out the best in every Eliasian.

Staff Matters

We bid farewell to the following staff and extend our heartfelt appreciation to all for their dedicated contributions and wish them the best as they embark on their new endeavors.

Mr Mohd Noor Bin Abdul Manaf – Vice-Principal

Mrs Irene Say – Year Head / Upper Primary

Mr Jeremy Ker – Teacher

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chua Pei Pei', written in a cursive style.

Chua Pei Pei (Mdm)

Principal

A IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 First Day Matters (Term 3, 2025)

All students will report back to school on Monday, 30 June 2025. Form Teachers and Year Heads will spend some time to revisit behaviour expectations, school values as well as set goals and targets with the students for the new semester. Together with parents, we look forward to building a strong home and school partnership to help our students develop strong self-management skills, responsibility and ownership in their learning.

Parents/ Guardians are strongly encouraged to go through the Student Planner with their child/ward to better understand the academic requirements, values, and standards that the school expects all students to uphold as upright, responsible, and respectful Eliasians.

Students are reminded to make good use of the planner to record their homework and instructions from teachers as part of their daily routine.

2 Reporting/ Dismissal and Recess Time

EPPS is committed to provide an optimal learning environment for our students. Please be reminded that the school hours are from **7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily**.

No.	Item	With effect from Jan 2022
1	Reporting Time for Students	7.25 a.m.
2	Flag- Raising Ceremony	7.30 a.m.
3	First Period	7.35 a.m.
4	Dismissal Time	(Monday – Friday) 1.30 p.m.
5	School Bus Pick Up Time	Based on arrangement with vendor

Parents/Guardians should check with their child/ward and on PG notifications to know if they have after-school activities such as CCAs or remedial/supplementary lessons.

Curriculum time is precious, and students **should not** miss lessons where possible. If there are urgent matters in the family that require your child's absence from school, please inform the school and/or Form Teachers in writing. Your request will be subjected to the school's consideration and approval. When your child's/ward's leave application is approved, students should be prepared to put in more effort to catch up on their assignments. We seek your understanding to partner the school in this matter.

In Semester 2, our recess time slots are:

Level	Recess Time
Primary 1 and 2	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Primary 3 and 4	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Primary 5 and 6	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

3 Safety and Security Reminders

3.1 Entry into School and Dismissal Matters

3.1.1. Please note that except for medication and spectacles, the school will not accept any other items to be delivered to our students. We seek parents' cooperation in encouraging our students to be responsible for their belongings.

3.1.2 In the interest of the safety and security of our students, parents or visitors are not allowed to enter into the school except for urgent or official matters. All visitors must first report to the Security Guard Post at Gate 2 to obtain a 'Visitor Pass' before proceeding to the General Office. Please provide a valid identity document (e.g. identity card, work permit) for verification and registration at the Security Guard Post to exchange for a visitor pass.

3.1.3 To ensure orderly dismissal, we appeal to parents/guardians/caregivers not to obstruct student movement and to practise social distancing when waiting outside the school gates. With the installation of turnstile at all gates of EPPS, parent/guardian/caregiver will no longer be allowed to wait in the school from Term 3 onwards. They have to stand outside the turnstile during arrival or dismissal time.

3.1.4 Please train your child/ward to look out for the right person to accompany him/her home and not to follow strangers or their friends. Remind your child/ward that they should go to the General Office for assistance should they be unable to find his/her caregiver during dismissal.

3.1.5 We would like to appeal to all parents/guardians who drive their child/ward to school to use the designated covered drop-off/pick-up points located near Blocks 517 and 504, Pasir Ris Street 52, during peak traffic periods. This will ease the traffic congestion at Gate 1, main entrance to school carpark. Parents and guardians are also reminded not to park along the road outside the school during dismissal time as their vehicles block the view of other drivers and pedestrians, causing safety concerns.

3.2 Emergency Evacuation Drill

To ensure emergency preparedness, the school will be conducting an evacuation exercise in July / August 2025 where staff and students will leave the school in big groups, walking to our external holding area in Pasir Ris Elias Community Centre. A PG message will be sent to the parents nearer to the exercise date.

3.3 Birthday Gifts

We seek parents' assistance not to send birthday gifts to their children to school or distribute birthday gifts or goodie bags to their children's classmates in school as such practices may unintentionally create feelings of exclusion or comparison among students. Your understanding and cooperation will help us maintain a warm, respectful and inclusive environment for all our students.

3.4 Smart Watches, Mobile Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Our Student Planner contains important information for all Eliasians. Please spend some time to go through the safety information in the School Planner with your child/ward and reinforce the key points with them. We would like to highlight the following information found on page 12:

Students are strongly discouraged from bringing mobile phones or other electronic devices to school. Students who bring mobile phones to school are only allowed to use them in the school canteen after dismissal, to make calls for emergency purposes or valid reasons.

Students caught using mobile phones or other electronic devices during lessons or without valid reasons will have them confiscated by any teacher and can only be retrieved personally by their parents. The school will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to the students' mobile phones or electronic devices.

4 Grow Well SG: A Holistic Approach to Our Children's Health

Grow Well SG is a multi-ministry strategy led by the Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Ministry of Social & Family Development (MSF) to give children a good start in life, teaching them healthy habits from a young age.

Habits that children learn when they are young can stick with them for life, shaping their health and well-being as they grow. Hence, it is important to start good habits early in four key areas: *screen use, physical activity, nutrition, and sleep*.

Each year, as part of the annual health screening in schools, experienced doctors and nurses will create a customised Health Plan for your child. The Health Plan includes health screening results, lifestyle prescription and referral letters (if applicable).

Parents play a pivotal role in guiding your child towards making positive lifestyle choices. With this plan, co-developed with your child, parents will have the tools to guide your child in making positive, impactful lifestyle choices. Please view the links for more information on Grow Well SG, Nurturing Healthy Habits and Health Plan:

<https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/parent-hub/grow-well-sg>

<https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/parent-hub/grow-well-sg/child-health-plan>

<https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/parent-hub/grow-well-sg/nurture-healthy-behaviours#exercise-well>

To promote healthy eating with a balanced diet, the canteen operators in the school are to sell rice or noodle set meals with fruits to our students and can sell snacks like chicken bites on its own only on Fridays. We request parents' assistance to educate your children on this and encourage them to eat a proper meal during recess or lunch time.

5 Elias Peaks Student Recognition

In EPPS, student recognition is holistic and inclusive with emphasis on behaviours through regular affirmation at both student and class levels. The 'Elias Peaks' is a platform which recognizes all Eliasians who demonstrate consistent behaviours aligned with our core values of Endeavour, Love, Integrity, Adaptability and Service (ELIAS) and 21st century competencies.

Class awards include the termly 'Cleanest Class' awards and the annual 'Model Class' awards. The students build their class spirit and friendship as they cooperate with one another to achieve common goals. Student awards include the termly 'Elias Star' Awards and semesterly 'Model Student Character' Awards. Nominations from peers and teachers are

considered as the school community affirm one another for good character, thus strengthening relationships.

At the higher tiers, holistic awards are presented at our annual EPPS Honours Day. MOE also encourages good character, academic performance and leadership skills with the Edusave Character awards, Edusave Academic awards and Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership, Service and E21CC (EAGLES).

For details, please visit <https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/awards-scholarships/edusave-awards>

6 PSLE Examination Timetable & School Closure Dates

Please note the important dates for the PSLE Examination and school closures. All P6 students will report to school as usual to sit for their PSLE Examinations.

PSLE Examination	Date	Remarks
Oral	Wednesday, 13 August – Thursday, 14 August	P1-P5 students will remain at home.
Listening Comprehension	Tuesday, 16 September	
Written Papers	Thursday, 25 September – Wednesday, 1 October	<p>P1 – P3 students report to school as usual.</p> <p>P4 students have HBL on 25 & 26 September and will report back to school as usual from 29 Sept.</p> <p>P5 students report to school as usual on 25 & 26 Sept and have HBL on 29 & 30 Sept. They report back to school on 1 Oct.</p> <p>More details on P4 & P5 HBL will be shared via PG nearer the dates.</p>
Marking Exercise	Monday, 13 October – Wednesday, 15 October	All P1-P6 students will remain at home.

The General Office remains open from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on all the above-mentioned dates.

The 2025 PSLE Examination timetable is available on the School and SEAB websites. For PSLE matters such as paper formats, approved calculator/dictionary lists, please visit <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle>

B SCHOOL PROGRAMMES IN TERM 3

1 Racial Harmony Day Celebrations

Every year, EPPS commemorates Racial Harmony Day (RHD) as a reminder to our students and staff on how we can play a part to build a cohesive society. A series of activities have been

planned for our students from Monday 21 July to Friday 25 July 2025 to gain deeper understanding on the importance of harmony and social cohesion. It is a timely opportunity for our students and staff to reflect on how we can each play a part to build a cohesive society, regardless of our race, language or religion.

2 National Day Celebrations

This year marks Singapore's 60th year of independence. The SG60 theme, *Building Our Singapore Together*, aims to celebrate our nation-building journey and reflect on our shared values of multiculturalism, boldness, resilience and openness that have united us and allowed us to prosper against the odds over the past 60 years.

The National Day celebrations in school will take place on Friday, 8 August from 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. All Eliasians will report to school as usual and we will begin our morning assembly and observance ceremony at 7.25 a.m. Please note that the dress code is a red/ PE t-shirt, with PE shorts and school shoes. More details will be provided nearer the date.

Students will return to school on Tuesday, 12 August.

3 Interdisciplinary Project Work (IPW)

Our IPW programme develops students who will grow to become citizen leaders with empathy and resilience, as they work together to solve the issues, supporting our nuCLEAR@EPPS.

The Primary 4 and 5 students will embark on their IPW over a period of one week in their English, Mathematics and Science lessons. Working in groups, students will collaborate to explore issues presented to them. Through these projects, our students will learn the process of Design Thinking. Primary 4 students will learn about the impact of littering on the environment and the importance of being self-sufficient. More crucially, students will recognise the part they can play and how their actions can help to protect our environment. Our Primary 5 students will be doing their IPW in Term 3 from 1 July to 8 July.

Details will be provided via Parent Gateway app, nearer the programme date.

4 Teachers' Day Celebrations

Teachers play an important role in a student's life. As an educator, one seeks to inspire and motivate students to reach their full potential. Apart from guiding them in their academics, teachers can develop students by nurturing their emotional development, fostering their social skills, inculcating good values, and guiding them with ways to resolve modern day challenges.

In EPPS, celebrations will be held during curriculum hours on Thursday, 4 September 2025, where we show appreciation to our teachers and support staff for their dedication and selflessness in guiding our young ones. This meaningful event will once again be co-organised by our student leaders, school administrative team and school leaders. The celebration will also serve as a good opportunity for our student leaders to hone their leadership skills. More details on the celebration and dismissal time will be provided nearer the date.

5 Toy Donation Drive

In Semester 1, EPPS partnered with 'Food from The Heart', a non-profit charity organization, to organise a Food Donation Drive for the needy. Many Eliasians participated actively and donated many useful food items.

Apart from the Food Donation Drive, 'Toy Buffet' is another of Food from the Heart's signature event. This event relies on donations of new and used toys, allowing the organisation to gather a wide variety of toys to gift to underprivileged children.

'Toy Buffet' aims to convey a message of care and love which are values we strive to instill in our students. The donation drive will run from 17 September to 19 September 2025. More details will be provided nearer the date.

6 Eat with Your Family Day

'Eat With Your Family Day' (EWYFD) reminds parents to put aside their work and devices and connect with their children during meals. It is an important reminder to make time for our families. Held on the last Friday of each school term, EWYFD is a joint effort by Centre for Fathering, MUMS for Life and DADs for Life, in partnership with Families for Life and in support of the Made For Families initiative.

Building strong and resilient families, makes for stronger communities and better individual well-being. For more information on Made for Families, please visit www.madeforfamilies.gov.sg.

Summary of Term 3 Events (June – Early September)

Date	Events	Remarks
30 June	First Day of School	All students report back to school.
7 July	Youth Day School Holiday	Students to return to school on 8 July.
9 July	Temperature-taking Exercise	Students are to bring their thermometers to school.
19 July	National Education Show	For P5 only. Details will be sent through PG.
21 July – 25 July	Racial Harmony Day Celebrations	During curriculum hours.
22 July	P6 Prelim Oral Exam HBL for P1-5 students.	For P6 only. P1-5 will stay home for HBL. Details will be given nearer the date.
8 August	National Day Celebrations	During curriculum hours. Details will be sent through PG.
11 August	National Day School Holiday	School Holiday
13 August – 14 August	PSLE Oral Exam	For P6 only. P1-5 students remain at home.
18 August	Kopi & Connect with SLs	For parents of P1, P2 & P3 students. Refer to page 1 for registration.
19 August	Kopi & Connect with SLs	For parents of P4, P5 & P6 students. Refer to page 1 for registration.
21 August	Gifted Education Programme Screening Exercise	For P3 students who opted to participate. During curriculum hours. Please refer to notification sent through PG in January. More details will be sent in July via PG.
21 August – 27 August	Preliminary Examinations	For P6 only. Assessment Circular will be sent via PG in end June. P1-5 report to school for lessons as usual.
25 August – 29 August	nuCLEAR@EPPS IPW Week	For P4 only. During curriculum hours. Details will be given nearer the date.
4 September	Teacher's Day Celebration	During curriculum hours. More details on the dismissal time will be shared.
5 September	Teacher's Day	School Holiday

Date	Events	Remarks
5 September	'Eat with Your Family' Day	Students report to school for lessons as usual.
8 September – 12 September	School Holidays	The General Office remains open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on weekdays.
11 September – 12 September	Supplementary Lessons	For P6 only. Details will be sent through PG.