



## TANJONG KATONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians

### UPDATES 2/2018

#### **1. Curriculum Briefing Slides**

We would like to thank parents who had made time to attend our annual curriculum briefing on 20 January. The school has uploaded the slides for the Curriculum Briefing and MTL Workshops on the school website for your reference. We hope the briefing has enabled better home-school link and stronger partnership between parents and the staff of the school so as to achieve the holistic development of our students.

#### **2. Chinese New Year Celebration**

Our school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **Thursday, 15 February**, from **7.30 to 9.30am**. Your child/ward is strongly encouraged to wear a red t-shirt or Chinese traditional costume in the spirit of Chinese New Year. Your child/ward only needs to pack a small bag with a water bottle, stationery, the Kidz Organizer, and a story book.

To ensure a smooth dismissal for all our students, dismissal will be done class by class for Primary 1 to 3 starting from **Primary 1** at **Gate 2** from **9.30am** onwards. Please be reminded not to park at the season parking (red) lots or cause any inconvenience to the residents.

For parents picking up their children by car from the porch, we seek your understanding that we can only let you drive in after the last school bus has left our campus.

There will be no school on **16 and 19 February**.

#### **3. Commemoration of Total Defence Day**

Every year on 15 February, schools across Singapore will commemorate Total Defence Day (TDD) to mark Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942. As part of the commemoration, our pupils will be provided with opportunities through activities such as Assembly presentation, First-Aid Demonstration, SG Secure talk and food-rationing exercise to reflect on the relevance of Total Defence in their daily lives, and understand that everyone has a part to play.

This year's food-rationing exercise will fall on **Wednesday, 14 February**. During the recess time in the morning session, the school will provide sweet potato porridge for P3 and P4 pupils. The P5 and P6 pupils will be provided with steamed sweet potatoes. All pupils are to bring their own bowls and spoons for this exercise. To support environmental conservation efforts, pupils are discouraged from using disposable ones. Each pupil is to place his/her used bowl and spoon into a plastic bag and do the washing at home. Please note that canteen stalls will not be opened during their recess, so all pupils are also advised to bring their own water bottles.

Canteen will only serve lunch after **11.00am** on that day. For the P1 and P2 pupils, the form teachers will distribute biscuits for the exercise.

#### **4. CNY Hamper Making / St Luke's Love and Share Hongbao Donation Drive**

As we are preparing to usher in the Lunar New Year, and in line with one of our school values, "Empathy", we would like to take this opportunity to cultivate the spirit of love and care in our students for the needy during this festive season. Hence, your child/ward is encouraged to participate in the CNY Hamper Making as a class and St. Luke's Love and Share Hongbao Donation Drive.

The CNY Hamper making aims to help the needy through donations of food to different charity beneficiaries. For the donation drive, envelopes will be given out to students this month. Students are requested NOT to use the envelopes for any public or door-to-door collection. Instead, we will like to encourage your child to participate by giving within their means for the needy, as no amount is too small to help. Your child/ward is to return the envelope to his/her Form Teacher by **Friday, 23 February**.

#### **5. Mother Tongue (MT) Fortnight**

In order to create an authentic learning environment where the Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) can come to life, the school will be conducting the MT Fortnight **from 26 February to 9 March**. Pupils will be involved in various language and cultural activities that will be carried out during their MT lessons. Learning journeys will also be conducted during curriculum time for **Primary 1 to 3 pupils** to allow the pupils an opportunity to use the MTL in a real-life setting. Details on the learning journeys will be sent out to you nearer to the dates.

#### **6. Learning @ TKP Day (Workshop for Parents) and Family Matters @ School Workshop**

In order to equip parents with skills to support their children in their school work, our academic departments will conduct the annual Learning @ TKP, where there will be workshops for English Language, Mathematics and Science, on **Saturday, 3 March, from 8.15am to 11.30am**. On the same day, we are also inviting an external speaker to conduct a workshop entitled ***"Learning-oriented vs. Performance-oriented Parenting - Helping Your Child Rediscover the Joy of Learning"*** from **11.30am to 1.30pm**. We will send out the registration details for both Learning @ TKP and the Family Matters @ School workshop nearer the date.

Best Regards

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Principal