



## TANJONG KATONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Through the Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians,

### **P5 Matters (Term 1)**

We will be giving out termly level letters to all P5 parents at the beginning of each term. This serves to highlight the key programmes or activities planned for P5 each term, to better cater for advance planning.

#### **1. After-School Remedial/Supplementary Lessons**

To better support student learning, the school will be conducting supplementary classes for Mother Tongue while remedial lessons/enrichment lessons will be conducted for English, Maths and Science. Remedial lessons will be conducted for students who are deemed to be at-risk of failing or underperforming in these subjects while enrichment lessons will be conducted for the selected high progress students.

English and Mathematics lessons will be conducted on Mondays while Mother Tongue and Science lessons will be conducted on Thursdays. These lessons are held from **2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.** Respective subject teachers will be issuing notification slips, reflecting the dates, to students who have been selected for remedial in the various subjects.

The dates for classes held in Semester 1 are as follows:

<b>Mondays</b>		<b>Thursdays</b>	
English	Mathematics	Science	Mother Tongue
15 Jan	22 Jan	25 Jan	18 Jan
29 Jan	5 Feb	22 Feb	1 Feb
12 Feb	19 Mar	8 Mar	26 Apr
26 Feb	2 Apr	22 Mar	
26 Mar		5 Apr	
23 Apr			
7 May			
21 May			

#### **2. Sexuality Education Programme**

Sexuality Education is an important programme in schools. It aims to help our young understand the physiological, social and emotional challenges they experience as they mature, develop healthy relationships with the opposite sex and to teach them how to make responsible choices. Sexuality Education in schools is implemented using a cross-curricular and co-curricular approach. It is covered in both the curricular subjects and co-curricular programmes. The Growing Years Series (GY Series) for upper primary students is designed to respond to challenges faced by the students and it underscores the importance of character development and health.

For P5 students, the GY series will be conducted over 2 sessions. The first session will be on **Thursday, 1 March**, while the second will be conducted on **Monday, 5 March**. Both sessions will be

from **2.00p.m. – 3.30 p.m.** Students are separated according to gender during the lesson to encourage openness in sharing.

The following lessons from the GY series will be covered:

<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Lesson Objectives</b> <b>At the end of the lesson, pupils will be able to:</b>	<b>Date</b>
What Is Happening To Me?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• know what puberty is</li> <li>• identify the physical changes during puberty</li> </ul>	1 March (Thursday)
What Can I Do? (Part 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify the stresses caused by physical changes during puberty</li> <li>• describe ways to manage the stresses caused by physical changes during puberty</li> </ul>	
What Can I Do? (Part 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify the stresses caused by physical and emotional changes during puberty</li> <li>• describe ways to manage the stresses caused by these changes during puberty</li> </ul>	
What Are Families?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• know that there are different types of family structures</li> <li>• know that every family is unique</li> <li>• state that the three basic functions of families are to provide love, protection and guidance</li> <li>• identify the right sources of help to turn to when in need</li> </ul>	5 March (Monday)
What is My Role?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• know that gender is about being male or female</li> <li>• choose not to stereotype by gender</li> </ul>	
What is Safety?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• know what sexual abuse is</li> <li>• know that there are laws in Singapore that can protect them from sexual abuse</li> <li>• know their rights in keeping themselves safe from sexual abuse</li> </ul>	
Stop It! Run! Tell!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protect themselves by resisting and removing themselves from harm and seeking help from a trusted adult</li> <li>• know their responsibilities in minimizing the risk of sexual harm.</li> </ul>	

Information on the Sexuality Education programme is also uploaded in the school website. **Parents who wish to opt their children out of the Growing Years Series need to complete and submit the attached opt-out form by Monday, 15 January.** You may contact our Sexuality Education Coordinator, Ms Su Tze Han at [su\\_tze\\_han@moe.edu.sg](mailto:su_tze_han@moe.edu.sg) if you need further clarifications.

### **3. Science Practical Test**

There will be a Science Practical Test conducted this term. The emphasis of the test is to assess students' application of process skills in conducting Scientific Investigations on selected topics. The test will be carried out during school hours and will take place on **Thursday, 22 February**. The marks from this test will form 20% of the overall marks for SA1.

Your child/ward will be exposed to the process skills before they are assessed. A breakdown of the topics tested will be informed to the students at a later date. Your child/ward will also be briefed in class to ensure that they are aware of the assessment criteria. Should you have any further enquiries, please feel free to approach your child's/ward's Science teacher or you may e-mail Mrs Eliza Ee, HOD Science, at [eliza\\_lokadjaja@moe.edu.sg](mailto:eliza_lokadjaja@moe.edu.sg).

#### 4. Mock Tests

There will also be Mock Tests conducted during Week 8 (23 Feb – 28 Feb). The tests are to assess students' understanding of topics/concepts as well as to identify learning gaps and needs early so that interventions can be made by the respective teachers. Students will also have the experience of having it in an exam setting. The marks will not be recorded in the students' report books.

Do note that CCAs as well as after school activities and programmes will still continue during this period. The exact dates of the mock tests will be made known at a later time by their respective subject teachers.

#### 5. Subscription of What's Up Newspaper

In an effort to inculcate good reading habits and to nurture pupils to be global citizens, *What's Up: Newspaper for Students* will be used as one of the teaching and learning resources in the English curriculum. *What's Up* is a monthly newspaper for students that offers a balance of kid-friendly news headlines, sports and entertainment articles and activities and serves as an authentic reading material used in the teaching of various language skills, particularly reading comprehension, and vocabulary building. The interesting stories also provide a platform for class discussion to communicate positive values and important lessons about resilience, hope and wisdom. All P5 pupils will need to subscribe to this newspaper for students. Each pupil will pay **\$15.00 for 10 issues**.

All **Singapore citizens** may use their **Edusave fund** to make the payment. **Permanent Residents** and **International Students** will pay by cash. Please put your money in an envelope and write your child's/ward's name and class on it.

Kindly fill out the reply slip below and submit the slip and money (if applicable) to the EL teacher by **Monday, 15 January**.

#### 6. Acknowledgement Slip

Please submit the acknowledgement slip to your child's/ward's form teacher by **Monday, 15 January**.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Ashiq Hashim  
Year Head (Upper Primary)

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**Acknowledgement slip for P5 Matters (Term 1)**

*\*Kindly delete accordingly.*

Name of \*child/ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**A) Acknowledgement of letter**

I have taken note of the contents of the P5 Matters (Term 1) letter dated **10 January 2018**.

**B) Sexuality Education Programme**

I have taken note of the information provided with regard to the school's Sexuality Education Programme, Growing Years Series. I do \*allow/not allow my child to attend the sessions.

Name of \*Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent Opt-out Slip – Applicable only if parents/guardians wish to opt their child/ward out of the Sexuality Education Programme 'Growing Years' Series.**

1. I would like to withdraw my \*child/ward, \_\_\_\_\_, of  
(full name of \*child/ward)  
P5\_\_\_\_\_ from the Sexuality Education's *Growing Years* Series for 2018.

2. My reason for opting out is

\_\_\_\_\_  
*\*Parent's/Guardian's Name & Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Contact No. (Mobile)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Email Address (optional)*

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**C) Subscription of What's Up Newspaper – to be submitted to EL teacher**

Mode of payment (Please tick accordingly):     Edusave

Cash

Name of \*child/ ward: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: P5\_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent's/ Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_