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Dear Parents/Guardians,

SST gave a warm welcome to PM Lee and Mrs Lee on 3 April 2014. He commended SST students for being confident and enthusiastic. His positive comments about SST on social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#)) have also generated a lot of buzz and excitement about the school. To find out more about the visit, you can also click on the link [HERE](#).

## 1. Academic Updates

### 1.1. Common Test

Common Test for all levels will be held from **28 April – 8 May 2014**. The schedules for the respective levels can be accessed via the links below:

- [Secondary 1](#)
- [Secondary 2](#)
- [Secondary 3](#)
- [Secondary 4](#)

### 1.2. Structured Study Programme (For Secondary Four Students)

Selected Secondary 4 students who need extra time to revise and complete their homework have been identified to stay back after school



everyday from 14 April - 25 April 2014 under the supervision of teachers. Identified students will stay back for two hours after school each day to revise and complete his/her homework. If your child has been selected for the programme, you will receive a consent form informing you about the programme. This programme may resume for these students pending their progress and performance in the upcoming Common Test.

### 1.3. GCE O-Level ML Mock Exam (Oral)

The Secondary 3 students currently offering Higher Mother Tongue Language will be having their GCE O-Level ML Mock Exam (Oral).

- Secondary 3 Higher Malay Language Students - 24 April 2014, Thursday
- Secondary 3 Higher Chinese Language/Higher Tamil Language - 25 April 2014, Friday

## 2. **Student Affairs**

### 2.1. School Parent Meeting

There will be a School Parent Meeting on **22 May 2014**, Thursday. In addition to the Parent-Form Teacher Conference, there will be a range of concurrent events and activities for students and parents of the various grade levels. Kindly refer to **Annex A** for an overview of the programme for the day.

#### 2.1.1. Parent-Form Teacher Conference

The Parent-Form Teacher Conference serves, as a platform for SST teachers and parents to discuss the holistic development and progress



of their children to support their learning needs. The Semester 1 Progress Report will be disseminated during the conference.

Kindly note the following details:

- Venue: Indoor Sports Hall
- By appointment only. Select Any 15 min slot from **8.00 a.m. – 3.30 pm**
- Link to make appointments: <http://www.sst.edu.sg/s/spm>. (You will be re-directed to a third-party portal to make appointments.)
- If you encounter technical difficulties in making an appointment, kindly email [SPM@sst.edu.sg](mailto:SPM@sst.edu.sg).

#### 2.1.2 Learning@SST Talks for Parents of Secondary 1 Students

The Head of the Mathematics and Science Departments will be sharing how these subjects are taught in SST and how students can be guided to develop study skills and work ethics to master and excel in these subjects. This will take place during the lunch-break for teachers from **11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at the Auditorium** (Blk A Level 4).

#### 2.1.3 S3 Course Options Clinic for Parents of Secondary 2 Students

There will be a Secondary 3 Subject Combination Clinic on the same day. Various Heads of Departments of academic subjects will be available for consultation on matters related to Secondary 3 course options. This will take place at the Indoor Sports Hall. Kindly note that there will be no consultation available during lunch-break (11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.).



#### 2.1.4 Post Secondary & Tertiary Education Fair for Parents of Secondary 3 & Secondary 4 Students

We will be holding a Post Secondary & Tertiary Education Fair from **8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.** at the Multi-purpose Hall. This fair aims to provide up-to-date information relating to educational opportunities, courses and scholarships available at various post-secondary and tertiary educational institutions in Singapore. We hope to be able to provide opportunities for students and/or parents to interact directly with the representatives of institutions offering post-secondary and tertiary educational and scholarship options. Another key objective of the fair is to provide students and parents a glimpse of the various career options available in the fields of Science, Engineering and Technology. All Secondary 3 and 4 students are required to attend the fair on that day.

#### 2.1.5 Career Talks (by SST Parents) for Secondary 4 Students

There will be a series of career talks by SST parents on the same day. We hope that the SST parents will be able to present his/her career path and why he/she has chosen the career. We also hope that the SST parents will be able provide some insights into the various industries and the reality and responsibilities of their job. Through this event, we hope to guide SST students to make informed choices about their careers. We also hope to inspire SST students to make significant and meaningful contributions to society through their career choices.

The structure of the Career Talks is as follows:

- All talks will take place concurrently.
- Talks are open to Secondary 3 and 4 students on a sign up basis.



- Each speaker will conduct the same talk twice.
- Session One will take place at **2.00 p.m.** Session Two will commence at **4.00 p.m.**
- Each session is 1.5 hour (1-hour talk followed by 30 min of Question & Answer).
- The maximum number of students per session is about 28.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents to share their careers with SST students. Parents who are interested to share may fill up this [sign-up form](#) by 30 April 2014.

#### 2.1.6 Information Session on JC and Poly Programme for Secondary 3 & 4 students and parents

We have invited representative of a junior college and polytechnic to provide an overview of the GCE 'A' Level programme and the Diploma programme at their respective educational institutions.

This session, which will take place at **6.30 p.m. at the Multi-purpose Hall**, aims to provide parents and students with more information about the curriculum and the student life in a junior college and a polytechnic.

#### 2.1.7 Refreshments

Parents and students may purchase their light snacks and meals at the school cafeteria, which will operate from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.



## 2.2. Global Citizenship Programme Trips

The Global Citizenship Programme (GCP) is designed to nurture our students into becoming global citizens and will commence from the last week of May. SST will be having a GCP Level 1 briefing on 25 April 2014 from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. at the following venues:

- Learning Oasis 1 – GCP Cambodia
- Learning Oasis 2 – GCP Mount Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
- ADMT Studio 1A – GCP Brunei
- ADMT Studio 1B – GCP Ren Da Fu Zhong

The confirmed GCP schedules will be released during the GCP briefing on 25 April 2014.

## 2.3. GCE O-Level Examination – GIRO Deduction of Fees

SST has registered all Secondary 4 students who will be sitting for their O-Level examination and Secondary 3 students currently taking Higher Mother Tongue who will be sitting for the O-Level Mother Tongue papers.

Parents would have already been given a registration slip that would include the cost breakdown of the fees applicable. GIRO deduction of the Examination Fees will be done on 17 April 2014.

Aside from the amount stated on the registration slip, Secondary 4 students would need to pay an additional \$60.00 for their Applied Subjects' examination fees.

Students who are eligible for 100% fee subsidy under the MOE Independent School Bursary (ISB) Scheme will have a subsidy of 75% of the O-level fee payable.



#### 2.4. Calendar of Co-Curricular Activities

Please note that the last day for all CCAs prior to the Term 2 Common Test will be on 17 April 2014 for Secondary 1 & 2 students and on 11 April 2014 for Secondary 3 & 4 students. CCAs will resume the week after the last day of the Common Test

Some students in selected CCAs will only stand down their CCA involvement immediately after the end of important tournament or performances that will be taking place after the stand down date. Affected students will be informed separately.

The Calendar of CCAs is available on the [Students' Blog](#). Parents are encouraged to refer to the schedule in order to stay updated on your child's CCA training hours.

#### 2.5. Taekwondo National Inter-school Tournament

The Taekwondo National Inter-school Tournament will take place from 21 - 22 April 2014. Students involved will miss one to two full-day of lessons due to the competition. They will also not stand-down and continue training until 21 April.

Parents of students involved would have received an email separately.

#### 2.6. Class/CCA Phototaking

Class and CCA Photo-taking will take place on **14 May 2014** and **20 May 2014**. As we strive to minimise disruption to curriculum time, part of the photo shoot would be conducted after school hours and the affected students would be notified accordingly.



Arrangement for students to purchase the Class and CCA photos will be communicated at a later date.

## 2.7. House Elections

The SST House Elections will take place on **21 April 2014** from 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. at the Indoor Sports Hall (ISH) and will involve the entire student population. Students will be released directly from the ISH after the elections.

## 2.8. Student Congress

The SST Student Congress ‘**Speak. Strive. Translate**’ will take place on 21 May 2014.

This event encourages the whole school community to identify and leverage on the strengths that make SST unique. The Student Congress also provides the platform for Advocacy in the SST family where every member is enabled and empowered to better the community.

## 2.9. Student Council/ Peer Support Board Election Outcomes

Following our student elections 2014, we are pleased to announce the results of our [Student Council](#) and [Peer Support Board](#) election:

### Peer Support Board

Chairperson: Marcus Chan

Vice-Chairpersons: Htet Wai Yan Linn  
Ethan Ng Yi

EXCO: Matilda Woo





### Student Council

Chairperson: Metta Ni

Vice-Chairpersons: Jeremiah Ong  
Chew Yun Hui

EXCO: Yasha Lai

We would like to congratulate them on their appointment and wish them success in their roles as student leaders for the year ahead.

## **3. Achievements**

### **3.1. Odyssey of the Mind 2014**

On 4 & 5 April 2014, SST participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competition, an international creative problem solving competition, held at Anglo-Chinese School (Independent).

The students competed in two categories in applying their creativity skills to design, build and drive a mechanical device and also present an original performance that included two rhymes and a moving set piece.

As this was their first participation in the competition, our students did well facing fierce competition from seasoned competitors to achieve the following results:

“Driver’s Test”

- 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6 teams

“Seeing is Believing”

- 4<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams



### 3.2. Peraduan Cerpen Kilat

On 30 March 2014, six of our students from the Malay Language Department participated in a short story competition organised by the National Library Board.

The following students emerged as winners in the youth category

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Muhammad 'Adil Bin Amran S406
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Sarah 'Aqilah Bte Johari S407
- Consolation Prize Khairul Azfar Bin Zainudin S104

### 3.3. Malay Language Skit Competition (Comedy)

On 12 April 2014, two of our Malay Secondary 2 students came in fourth position in a Malay Language Skit Competition. They are Mohd Taufiq & Aliff Qayyum from S204.

The skit was held in conjunction with the official opening of Malay Language Centre of Singapore.

### 3.4. IDA Lab Workshop for Rosyth Primary School Students

On 20 March 2014, eight of our Secondary 2 & 3 students from the Science Talent Development Programme (TDP) went to the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) Laboratories @ National Design Centre at Bugis to mentor 17 Primary 4 students from Rosyth Primary School.

During the two-hour session, the students introduced an open-source electronics prototyping platform, the Arduino, to the Primary 4 students. They shared more about the basic structure of the Arduino, tinkering



with two to three circuits and brainstorming of ideas on how the Arduino can be used.

### 3.5. Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition

On 12 & 18 March 2014, our students participated in the Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition where they had to design unconventional air platforms and demonstrate their flight, within a confined outdoor area.

They spent about five months perfecting their flying machines in order to clinch the Silver award in the Best Presentation Section, under Category C:

- Lam Jia Jun S401
- Abhimanyu Arora S403
- Wang Yi Chieh S406
- Poon Jia Qi S409

### 3.6. Young Engineers Award 2014

In March 2014, our students participated in the Young Engineers Award 2014. We are pleased to share that 50 students clinched the Young Engineers Award (Silver).

SST would like to encourage our students to continue to pursue excellence in their respective fields of interest. For latest updates on our students' and school's achievements, kindly refer to our school [website](#).



## 4. Others

### 4.1. Reminder: Track and Field Meet 2014

Parents are reminded that the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Track & Field Meet will be held on **23 May 2014** from 7.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

We would like to encourage your participation for the following events to gain points for your child's house.

- *Parent & Staff Telematch* is an inter-house activity for parents and staff to carry out a list of activities in the shortest time possible. The team that finishes first wins
- *Parent & Staff Race* is an inter-house competition that may consist of four or more runners. The team that finishes the 400m first wins.

Do wear your child's house colour on that day.

Interested Parents are encouraged to email Ms. Adele Lim [adele\\_lim@sst.edu.sg](mailto:adele_lim@sst.edu.sg) with the following details:

- Parent's name
- Child's name
- Child's class
- Child's house (Black/ Red/ Blue/ Green/ Yellow)
- Event which you are keen to participate in

### 4.2. Open House 2014 (31 May 2014)

SST will be holding our annual [Open House](#) on **31 May 2014, Saturday** and it will take place in the campus. The event seeks to



engage prospective students and inform them about the SST Programme. All students involved will be notified at a later date and further details will be provided by the teacher-in-charge at an appropriate date.

#### 4.3. Earth Day Celebrations in SST.

To commemorate Earth Day, the SST Earth Week will take place from 21 to 25 April 2014. This event aims to promote the importance of conserving our environment and inspire students to contribute towards positive acts of environmental conservation.

#### 4.4. Haze Advisory

Singapore has been affected by severe smoke haze due to forest fires in the region periodically. With approach of the Southwest Monsoon Season, the school, guided by the Ministry of Education, is putting plans in place to ensure the safety and well-being of our staff and students. Based on the Ministry of Health's advisory, the school will take the necessary mitigation measures and advise the school community accordingly. The school will also keep parents updated of the latest developments arising from the haze via announcements on our school [website](#), email or SMS.

In this regard, we would like to remind all parents to update their contact information in the Student Database Management (SDM) System <<http://sst.sdm.sg/>>.

Students with asthma and other respiratory problems are reminded to bring their inhalants to school. For further information, please refer to [haze.gov.sg](http://haze.gov.sg).




Kindly email [sdm@sst.edu.sg](mailto:sdm@sst.edu.sg) should you require further assistance.

4.5. “Parenting with Love & Limits” Talk

There will be a talk for parents on “Parenting with Love & Limits”. Click [HERE](#) for more details and to register for the session.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Chua Chor Huat

Principal



## ANNEX A

### 2014 School Parent Meeting 1 Date: 22 May 2014 (Thursday) Overview of Programme

#### *For Parents of Secondary One Students*

Time	Event	Venue
8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.	<b>Parent-Form Teacher Conference</b> (By appointment)	Indoor Sports Hall
11: 00 a.m. to 12 noon	<b>Learning@SST Talk for Secondary 1 Parents</b> (Math and Science)	Auditorium

#### *For Parents of Secondary Two Students*

Time	Event	Venue
8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.	<b>Parent-Form Teacher conference</b> (By appointment)	Indoor Sports Hall
8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.	<b>Secondary 3 Course Options Clinic</b> (Optional)	Indoor Sports Hall

#### *For Parents of Secondary Three and Four Students*

Time	Event	Venue
8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.	<b>Parent-Form Teacher conference</b> (By appointment)	Indoor Sports Hall
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	<b>Post-Secondary &amp; Tertiary Education Fair</b> (For S3 & S4 parents: Encouraged) (For S3 & S4 students: Compulsory)	Multi-purpose Hall
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	<b>Career Talks by Parents - Session 1</b> (For S3 & S4 students: sign up required)	Classrooms (TBC)
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	<b>Career Talks by Parents - Session 2</b> (For S3 & S4 students: sign up required)	Classrooms (TBC)
6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	<b>Information Session on JC and Polytechnic Programme</b> (For S3 & S4 students & parents: Encouraged)	Multi-purpose Hall

