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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Learning Experiences That Help us Grow As An Empowered Community

Every year, we build on the relationships with our partners through meaningful exchanges that promote collaboration and cross-cultural understanding. In this regard we were delighted to host partner schools Busan Science High from Korea, [Kumamoto Kita High](#) from Japan and Renda Fuzhong Xishan School from China in January.

Our ties with Renda Fuzhong Xishan School were forged as early as 2010 when our first cohort of students went on their first Global Citizenship Programme trip. We subsequently expanded our networks, establishing more connections around the world even as we strengthen current links. Apart from affirming friendships and sharing learning experiences, this is a good opportunity for our students to tell the Singapore story through our interactions. While it is quite evident that our students enjoyed their exchange with their counterparts in other countries, I hope that they can also take time to reflect on how they can grow from this experience and improve their future exchanges.

Building and growing empowered communities within the SST community was also a key focus at the beginning of this year as each Co-curricular Activity (CCA) embarked on a recruitment drive during the [CCA Fair](#). This event, as well as the Trials and Selections that followed, generated much buzz and excitement. I hope our Secondary 1 students would be able to uncover new interests and find their niche through their CCAs while strengthening the solidarity within their CCA groups.





As you are reading this letter, our Secondary 3 students would be in the midst of their outdoor adventure learning at the [Outward Bound Singapore \(OBS\)](#). This camp aims to help students to develop stronger self-knowledge, personal mastery and to build resilience for challenges ahead. On this note, it is worth noting that the increased focus on outdoor learning by the Ministry of Education has been lauded by many. A [recent article](#) in the Straits Times discussed the benefits cited by experts and even provided some tips on how parents can embark on outdoor learning with their child. While some of the activities will need to be adapted for teenagers, it may still be worthwhile to embark on an outdoor activity with your child.

Together, we can nurture well-rounded and resilient passionate innovators who are also active local and global citizens. We are constantly looking to improve our means of connecting with you through our events, workshops and digital communications. In fact, we have just launched our [revamped website](#) after a review and consolidation of our content. As with our other channels of outreach, there would be areas that require refinement and we will continue to build on our current efforts to keep our means of communication relevant and current. We hope you have found these platforms useful and will continue to engage the school in supporting the learning and developmental needs of your child.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

Mrs Linda Chan





For All Parents

1. Academic Matters

1.1.1 Level Test Schedule

There will be a Level Test for all students from 29 February to 9 March 2016 (Term 1 Weeks 9 & 10) during the first period of the day. Normal lessons will resume after the completion of each test. The schedule will be made available on the school website and Students' Googlesite.

1.1.2 Release of Level Test Results

The results of the Level Test will be released on 16 March 2016 (Wednesday) via the SDM system.

You may access the SDM system at <http://sst.sdm.sg/>. Instructions on accessing the portal, checking of academic results and maintaining of information are available [here](#). If you have enquiries or need assistance, you can email sdm@sst.edu.sg.

1.2. GCE O-Level School-based Science Practical Assessments (SPA)

The GCE O-Level Biology SPA for Secondary 4 students will be conducted from 22 to 26 February 2016. Further details, such as the time and venue, will be provided at a later date via the [Students' Googlesite](#).





1.3. Parent Perception Survey

The briefing slides from the various Parents' Briefings held in Term 1 are available on the [Students Blog](#).

We would also like to invite parents to share your feedback on the respective briefings through this [link](#).

1.4. Digital Citizenship: Parents Engagement Sessions

A series of Parents Engagement Sessions (under the Digital Citizenship Programme) has been planned for parents to better provide support and guidance to their children. Please click [HERE](#) for more details and to register for the sessions.

Parents are strongly encouraged to join the [Parents Engagement@SST Digital Citizenship community on Google+](#) for event updates and for resources containing useful tips related to Cyber Wellness.

2. **Activities On Campus**

2.1. Celebrations@SST

The school's prize-giving ceremony, 2016 Celebrations@SST will be held on 11 March 2016 from 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. This occasion celebrates SST's achievements and learning experiences.





Invitations to parents of award recipients have been sent out separately. Parents attending the event are advised to make alternative transport arrangements, as only limited car parking lots will be available.

As the event only ends at about 10.00 p.m., dinner will be provided for all student helpers, performers and award winners.

2.2. A Day of Celebrations

The school has done well in many areas due to the hard work and commitment from all staff and students.

In recognition of the school building efforts of the students and teachers, SST will declare a day of celebration on 21 March 2016, Monday. Students will not need to report to school on that day.

2.3. National Steps Challenge™ (Inter-School)

SST would be working with Health Promotion Board (HPB) for our students to participate in the Inter- School STEP Challenge (ISC) 2016. There will be road shows and events relating to the Challenge for our students.

HPB has issued free step trackers to all our students. Students are reminded to download the application 'Healthy 365' on your mobile devices and register for the challenge. Students who do not own a mobile device can register via the Healthy 365 Kiosk available at the General Office.





3. Student Affairs

3.1. NRIC Registration Exercise

The NRIC Registration Exercise will take place on 27 June 2016 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. at SST. It will be conducted by the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority of Singapore (ICA). Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents who reach the age of 15 this year must register for their Identity Cards (IC) before their 16th birthday. Parents of registrants will receive notification letters from ICA 2 weeks before the date of registration. The date, time, venue and documents required for the IC registration will be indicated in the notification letter. For an overview of the process, please refer to the [ICA website](#).

If you have any queries, please call the SST General Office on Tel: 65717200

3.2. School Health Service

A team of nurses from the School Health Service (SHS) will be conducting Health Checks for our students from 19 February to 1 March 2016. More information will be made available on the [Students' Blog](#) closer to the date.





4. Achievements and Milestones

4.1. Facets 2015

In late 2015, our students participated in 'Facets 2015', a Green Building Photo Competition organised by Temasek Polytechnic and Singapore Green Building Council (SGBC). Working under the theme of 'Shading Systems in Green Buildings', students were tasked to best highlight the role that buildings play in environmental sustainability in a photo. The following entries by our students went on to win the following prizes:

- 1st Prize - Clive Tua Guan Yu (Ng Teng Fong General Hospital)
- 3rd Prize - Jarrett Kow (Terminal 3, Changi Airport)
- Voter's Choice - Joel Tan Hao Hui (The School of the Arts (SOTA))
- Merit - Tan Yan Sheng Shawnn (The Esplanade)

To find out more about the competition, do visit Temasek Polytechnic's Diploma in Green Building & Sustainability Facebook.

4.2. 3rd World Junior Pencak Silat Championship 2015

From 26-31 December 2015, Amirul Syafiq (S106, 2015) represented Singapore in the 3rd World Junior Pencak Silat Championship 2015 held in Kuala Lumpur. He participated in the Male Artistic Group event and did the nation proud by clinching the Bronze Medal.

4.3. Design for Change Exposition





As a follow up to the SST-3M Innovation Challenge in 2015, the ADMT department sent two of the top five teams to represent SST in the national challenge called 'Be the Change Exposition' at Suntec City on 12 November 2015.

The two teams competed against representatives from other schools for the opportunity to represent Singapore in an overseas international challenge. Teams Futmesu and Education4lyfe won the Health & Wellness award and Product Innovation award.

Futmetsu

- Audrey Lee (S103, 2015)
- Wong Yong Kang (S103, 2015)
- Chen Ruile (S103, 2015)

Education4lyfe

- Natasha Low (102, 2015)
- Eugene Long (102, 2015)
- Loh Li Kai (102, 2015)

4.4. Google Certified Educator

We would like to congratulate Mr Liu Yi Jie, who was recently recognised as a Google Certified Educator Level 2. He joins SST's growing community of educators who are Google Certified.

Offered by Google, this professional development programme helps equip educators with the skills they need to use technology effectively in the classroom. As of 30 November 2015, SST has 3 Google





Certified Trainers, 4 Google Certified Innovators and 8 Google Certified Educators.

5. Others

5.1. Parenting Workshops

SST would like to invite all SST parents to parenting workshops in Term 1. Click [HERE](#) for more details and to register

PforSST will be on-site to facilitate the running of these workshops.

5.2. 19th Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Awards

Do you know of a deserving Chinese language teacher who has shown exemplary efforts towards the teaching of the Chinese language and culture?

The 19th Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Awards is now open for nomination.

Organised by Lianhe Zaobao and co-organised by Singapore Chinese Middle School Teachers' Association and Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union, with strong endorsement by the Ministry of Education and sponsored by Lee Foundation, the awards seek to give due recognition to deserving teachers who also develop in students an appreciation for the language and culture.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.zaobao.com or www.omy.sg. Students can also obtain the form from the General Office Reception.





The closing date for nomination is 29 February 2016.

5.3. President's Award for Teachers

President's Award for Teachers (PAT) seeks to recognise excellent teachers for their role in moulding the future of our nation. These teachers are those who, through work and deed, inspire both their students and peers. It is an annual award conferred by the President in conjunction with Teachers' Day.

Nominations for the President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2016 are open from Monday, 25 January 2016 to Friday, 26 February 2016!

To nominate a teacher for PAT 2016, do visit the link [HERE](#). You can also download a hardcopy form via the link [HERE](#).

