



# XINGHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Xinghua Link

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### *Message*

From The Vice Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone has found time over the June holidays to reflect, rejuvenate yourself and to reconnect with your family and friends. Semester 2 is going to be an exciting and busy one, as we commemorate Racial Harmony Day, celebrate National Day and prepare our Primary 6 students for the final lap of their revision for the Prelim Exams and Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). To help you in your planning, we have attached the Calendar of Events in this issue of *Xinghua Link*.

This semester, you may also hear from your children about our School Musical. As educators, we recognise that every child is unique and has his own gifts and talents. We are committed to create varied and rich learning experiences for our students during their stay in XHPS. From placing a piano outdoors to developing comprehensive co-curriculum programmes, we have seen how our children grow their interests and passion over the years. We want to continue instilling values and build character in our students. Thus, we have decided to create a larger platform for our students to showcase their talents. Our students will be preparing for a Xinghua Musical which is scheduled for screening in 2018. We are currently in the midst of conducting auditions. Do flip through the pages in this issue to find pictures of our students in action! And stay tuned for more updates about our School Musical.

Lastly, I would like to highlight the importance of punctuality and attendance in school. To enjoy and benefit from the various learning experiences, our students need to be regular in their attendance. A child will be considered 'late' if he reports after 7.30am. Starting this semester, we will be tracking and monitoring the attendance records. There will be disciplinary actions for students who are habitually late or absent without valid reasons. Should your child be unwell, please consult a doctor and provide us with a medical certificate. We seek your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Before I sign off, let me wish all our Muslim families a "Selamat Hari Raya Aidil Fitri"!

Warmest Regards

*Mrs Shirley Quek*



## 1. UPDATE ON STAFF MOVEMENT

We welcome the following staff to the XHPS family:

- Ms Moo Zhehui (English)
- Mrs Evelyn Chew (English)
- Mr Anthony Luke Fernandez (PE) – Trainee
- Miss Cherie Cheong (PE) – Trainee

We thank Mdm Maggie Lim for her contribution to the school and wish her the best in her future endeavour.

## 2. A NEW LOOK

We recognise the importance of creating a vibrant and conducive learning environment for our pupils. We have created new murals around the quadrangle with the iconic landmarks in Singapore such as the National Art Gallery, the Esplanade and the Sports Hub. These landmarks were chosen as they represent the aspirations of our nation in the areas of Arts, sports, Science and technology. The new murals not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of the school but also foster a greater sense of national pride and identity in our pupils.





### 3. A PEEP INTO OUR XINGHUA MUSICAL



Excited P2, P3 & P4 students at our Musical Briefing!



During the Musical Auditions...



Warming up to practise different kinds of expressions!



'Prep Room' where we rehearsed!



'Audition Room' with the panel of judges



Our "bed" as prop!

# Looking Back on Term 2

## 4. CLEAN OUR SCHOOL DAY ON 25 MAY 2017

Doing our part to keep our school clean and green!



## 5. VALUES IN ACTION (VIA) - Kindness on Wheels

During the June holidays, the staff of Xinghua Primary School were involved in a Values in Action (VIA) community project called Kindness on Wheels. It was another channel for us to contribute meaningfully to the community. Our school collaborated with Lion Befrienders Singapore to help fulfil the wish lists of the needy elderly. The staff were grouped in teams and participated in some staff bonding activities before shopping for the items in the wish lists. The items were then delivered personally to the homes of the elderly. It was a joy to see the smiles on their faces.



Bringing smiles to the elderly



A 'carload' of gifts



Shopping for a good cause

# Looking Forward (July & August)

## 6. RACIAL HARMONY DAY CUM HARI RAYA CELEBRATION

The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on 24 July 2017. It is a day to reflect on the importance of building social cohesiveness in our multi-racial and culturally diverse nation. On the same day, we will be holding the Hari Raya celebration as well. It is a good opportunity for us to understand and appreciate each other's culture as we join in this festive celebration.

## 7. NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

We will be celebrating the nation's 51st birthday on 8 August 2017 Tuesday. The details of the program will be issued nearer the event. Please note that there is no school on 9 and 10 August 2017. School will resume on 11 August 2017 Friday.

## 8. PSLE ORAL EXAMS for Primary 6 Students

Our P6 students will be sitting for their PSLE Oral exams on 17 and 18 August 2017. Only P6 students will report for school for the two days. There is no school for P1 to P5 students.

## 9. TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on 30 August 2017 Wednesday. The concert will be held during school hours. All pupils will be dismissed at 1.30pm as usual.

We understand that our students are eager and excited to show their gratitude to their teachers during this period. Our teachers go into this profession because they care about the children and want them to grow up happy and healthy. Thus, we would like to remind all parents and students to refrain from buying gifts or presents for the teachers. Instead, our teachers would appreciate hand-written notes or cards.

## 10. SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FROM 31 AUGUST TO 10 SEPTEMBER 2017

There is no school on 31 August 2017 (Teachers' Day) and 1 September 2017 (Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday). School will resume on 11 September 2017, Monday after the September vacation.

## 11. Feedback From Parents

As partners in education, we value your feedback and suggestions to make the school a more conducive learning environment for our children. Please feel free to pen down some thoughts, compliments or comments for the school. We welcome your feedback via SNAC app too.

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*Thank You*

## XINGHUA PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEMESTER 2 2017

DATE	EVENTS	REMARKS
27 Jun	Start of Term 3	
29 & 30 Jun	Temperature Taking Exercise	For all levels
3 Jul	Youth Day School Holiday	No school for all
10 to 18 Jul	Pupil Health Check (For ALL Pupils)	Includes immunisation for P1 & P5 pupils.
15 Jul (Sat)	NE Show	For P5 students only More details will be given later.
24 Jul	Racial Harmony Day cum Hari Raya Puasa Celebrations	Conducted during curriculum hours
1 and 3 Aug	P6 Prelim Oral	For P6 students only. Will be conducted after school.
8 Aug	National Day Celebration	A separate notice will be issued later
9 Aug	National Day Public Holiday	No school for all
10 Aug	National Day School Holiday	No school for all
17 to 18 Aug	PSLE Oral	No school for P1 to P5.
21 to 28 Aug	P6 Prelim	Conducted during curriculum hours.
23 Aug	GEP Screening Exercise	P3 pupils only
30 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration	School is dismissed at 1.30pm, as usual.
31 Aug	Teachers' Day School Holiday	No school for all
1 Sep	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	No school for all
2 Sep	Term 3 School Vacation starts	
11 Sep	Start of Term 4	
15 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam (For P6 students only, PSLE Exam Timetable will be issued separately)	No school for P1-P5
28 Sep to 4 Oct	PSLE Written Exams	For P6 students only. PSLE Exam Timetable will be issued separately
2 Oct	SA2 EL Paper 1 & LC	For P2 to P5 students. Conducted during curriculum.
3 Oct	SA2 MT Paper 1 & LC	For P2 to P5 students. Conducted during curriculum.
5 Oct	Children's Day Celebration	School is dismissed at 1.30pm, as usual.
6 Oct	Children's Day School Holiday	No school for all.
11 to 16 Oct	SA2 Oral Exams	For P2 to P5 students. Conducted during curriculum.
17 Oct	Early dismissal for Hindu students & staff @ 10.30am	A separate notice will be issued
18 Oct	Deepavali Public Holiday	
19 to 20 Oct	GEP Round 2 Tests	For P3 selected pupils only
19 to 24 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise	No school for all
25 to 31 Oct	SA2 Exams	For P2 to P5 students.
8 Nov	Clean My School Day(2)	Conducted during curriculum hours
13 Nov	Parent-Child-Teacher Conference	For P1 to P5 students only. A separate letter will be issued.
16 Nov	P6 Graduation Day	A separate notice will be issued later
17 Nov	Prize-Giving Day	For Prize-winners only.
18 Nov ( Sat)	P1 Orientation Day	For P1 (2018) students and parents only.
18 Nov – 31 Dec	Term 4 School Vacation	
2 Jan 2018 (Tue)	Start of Academic Year 2018	

The details of the exam topics to be tested will be given out at a later date. Please note that the activities are correct at the time of printing. Any update will be put up on our school website.