

MARSILING PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

A warm welcome to our P1 students, a new addition to our Marsiling family!

1. #1958

2018 marks a significant milestone in our school's history. Established in 1958, Marsiling Primary School has one of the longest history in the Marsiling/Woodlands area. Over the years, our staff have worked hard as a team and brought about significant improvements in student and organisational outcomes. Our belief, as reflected in our school motto *Ilmu Suluh Hidup* (Knowledge Lights Up Our Lives), that all children can learn and all our students are talented in their own special way, has not changed. We will continue to provide a broad range of experiences and opportunities for every student to enjoy learning, discover their strengths, pursue their interests and develop a sense of compassion for those around them.

We have been hard at work over the school holidays upgrading our physical facilities to provide our students with a more conducive learning environment. In 2018, our students can look forward to a refurbished school hall and new learning spaces around the school that promote self-directed learning and student leadership development. In their classrooms, we will make thinking visible by adopting a common language for each subject that encourages students to ask deeper questions and internalise key ideas, and make learning more meaningful and engaging for all our students.

As we celebrate 60 years of developing young minds and talents, we remain steadfast in **nurturing responsible learners and compassionate leaders who can learn, lead and serve**. More details on the school's 60th Anniversary Celebration will be made available through the course of the year. We look forward to your active participation in celebrating this significant event together with us as #ONEMPS.

2. Curriculum Hours

All students are to be in school **by 7.30 am** and will be dismissed at **1.50 pm**. The non-compulsory pre-assembly programme, comprising reading, Mathematics, Science, PE/ Art/ Music and character education activities, will start at 7.20 am daily. Students who arrive early are strongly encouraged to participate in these activities.

The **Take 10!** initiative was introduced in 2017 to give students a 10-minute in-class break at 12.10 pm. We will continue with **Take 10!** this year for students to re-energise and have a healthy mid-day snack break. They will also participate in daily cleaning activities during this time to learn about responsibility and cultivate good life habits both in school and at home.

The **after-school Enrichment and Remedial Programme** will start from next week (Term 1 Week 2) for some levels and/or identified groups of students. The Year Heads will provide more information about the level programmes and after-school activities that your





child/ward is involved in. Please note that CCAs for Primary 3 to Primary 6 students will be conducted on Friday during curriculum hours.

3. Partnership with Parents

Our Parent Support Group (PSG) continues to look for enthusiastic parents who want to play an active role in their children's learning by being involved in our school programmes and activities. Please approach our staff at the General Office to find out more about the work of our PSG or write to my Head of Department/ Mother Tongue Languages, Mr Koh Sau Wii (koh_sau_wii@moe.edu.sg), to indicate your interest in joining us as a **Parent Volunteer or PSG member**.

Every year, curriculum and parenting workshops are organised to equip parents with skills on how to better develop and support their children. Information about the workshops will be available on our school website. Parents who wish to be kept informed of upcoming workshops may contact our FamilyMatters@MPS liaison, Mdm Rosmah, at 93377402.

4. Communication with Parents

We encourage all parents/ guardians to check and use their child's/ ward's Student Handbook 2018 regularly to communicate with our teachers. If you prefer a face-to-face meeting, please send an email to the teacher or call the General Office to make an appointment. We seek your understanding that our teachers are not available during curriculum time and will only be able to meet parents/ guardians after school hours. Do stay connected with us and get the latest updates on our school events and programmes on our official **Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MarsilingPri**.

5. T.E.A.M. – Together Everyone Achieves More

Start Right, Do Right. I challenge all Marsilians in 2018 to continue to demonstrate the **3Ps – Pay Attention (during lessons), Participate Actively (in all school activities) and Persevere (in the face of difficulties or when they encounter a problem)** – in their learning. I urge them, too, to continue to practise the **3Rs – Read, Revise and Relax** – everyday, and turn these practices into habits and a way of life so that they can continue to enjoy learning beyond their primary school years. We believe that by adopting a growth mindset, our students can embrace challenges, be resilient in overcoming obstacles, and put in their best effort to grow their knowledge and skills.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all parents/ guardians for your partnership in education in 2017, and for working together with us to bring out the best in your child/ ward. We look forward to another year of partnering you and the community to reinforce the values that we teach our students in school, and equip them with useful lifeskills to support them in realising their aspirations. Together, with all parents/ guardians coming aboard this exciting journey with us, we can bring out the best in all our students.

Wishing you a wonderful year ahead!

Yours faithfully,

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal