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Dear Parents,

Re: Welcome Back! Exciting Term 2 Ahead

I hope this letter finds you well and rejuvenated after the term break. As we gear up for another exciting term at Marsiling Primary School, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students and staff. We are thrilled to have everyone return and we look forward to the learning experiences and success that lie ahead.

Highlights for Term 1

Before delving into the upcoming term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the highlights of the previous term. We witnessed remarkable growth and success among our Marsilians, and it is essential to acknowledge their hard work and dedication. Some of the major events and achievements from the previous term include:

a) Total Defence (TD40)

In 2024, Singapore marks 40 years of Total Defence (TD40). The TD40 theme is ***Together We Keep Singapore Strong***. As part of the school's commemoration of TD40, our students experienced a series of activities specially lined up for them. An energy disruption simulation in school took place when electricity was switched off for an hour in the classrooms. The experience allowed students to understand the importance of self-sustenance as well as how it felt like if we were to be in a world without necessities such as electricity. Another highlight was when the school collaborated with the Singapore Police Force to showcase the Civil Defence Pillar. Our school's police liaison officers drove their police vehicle, the NGFRC (New Generation Fast Rapid Car) into the school premises for display. Students were allowed to view the vehicle up close and interacted with the police officers as well. An interactive booth was also set up where the police officers displayed the uniforms, and prepared bullet proof vests for students to try on. Students also found out more on how they could play their part and keep Singapore safe and secure.

b) Chinese New Year celebration

The theme for Chinese New Year celebrations 2024 was ***A Time for Celebration: Togetherness (Reunion) & New Beginnings (Hope)***. Various events were designed to give all students the opportunity to experience Chinese New Year customs and traditions. These included a Lion Dance performance, as well as Chinese calligraphy and paper cutting activities. Students also tried their hand at making masks, lanterns and designing greeting cards.

If you would like to know more about our school events and to view some of the photos taken, please visit our official Instagram (IG) account @ <https://go.gov.sg/mpsinstagram>. We would like to invite you to follow us on our IG account for updates on the latest events. Now, as we embark on a new term, our Marsilians will be participating in upcoming school events such as International Friendship Day and Earth Week that will further enrich our Marsilians' educational experience. These programmes are designed to also develop 21st

century competencies such as adaptive and critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity.

Students' Achievements in Term 1

In MPS, we strongly encourage our students to '**Aspire**', '**Believe**' in themselves and have the '**Courage**' to do their best in all the domains that they undertake. We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to two of our P6 students for achieving the North West Outstanding All-Rounder Student (OARS) award 2024. They are Ethan Mak Zhe Wei (6RT) and Justin Yap Jun Yang (6RT). I would also like to congratulate our students and teachers in Brownies CCA on their Bronze achievement for Puan Noor Aishah Award 2023. This is evident of the effort put in by our students and CCA leaders in Brownies. As we celebrate these achievements, we look forward to more successes from our Marsilians in the different domains of academic, sports, arts and music.

Introduction of New Staff

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our newest staff members to the MPS family. Each one brings a wealth of experience, passion, and dedication to their roles, enhancing our commitment to providing an exceptional learning environment for our students. I am happy to share that we have six new staff members joining the school in Term 2. The staff members are:

- 1) Mr Nicholas Neo Wenjie (English Language and Mathematics teacher)
- 2) Mr Muhammad Faizal Mokhtar (English Language and Mathematics teacher)
- 3) Mdm Jeanette Wong Yanting (English Language and Mathematics teacher)
- 4) Ms Nur Nazurah Binte Abdul Rahim (Art teacher)
- 5) Ms Nur Nayli Bte Abdul Raman (Art teacher)
- 6) Ms Chan Wan Yee Rachel (SEN officer)

Partnering Parents

Road Safety and Cyber Wellness are two key areas that our school actively and frequently advocate to our students. As our valued partner, we seek your support to instill important daily habits such as following traffic rules and using zebra crossings, overhead bridges or designated pedestrian crossing at traffic junctions to cross the road. Through consistent messaging, reinforcement and safe modeling by both parents and school, students will learn to cross the roads safely and responsibly.

Similarly, parents play a vital role in fostering healthy screen-time habits at home. By monitoring the time spent on devices, setting boundaries, and engaging in open conversations about online safety, parents can guide your child towards balanced, responsible, and mindful technology use. These collaborative efforts between the school and parents will create a safer and healthier environment for your children to thrive.

This year, Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) for P1 to P6 will be held in **Term 2 Week 10, on 21 May (Tue – Full Day) and 23 May (Thu – P.M.)**. The PCTC aims to strengthen parent-child bonding, give parents a fuller understanding of what and how your child has learnt, and provide a platform for your child to share highlights of their learning experiences in school. Students will also be active participants of the PCTC as they share their learning experiences and reflections for Semester 1. More details of PCTC such as booking of appointment slots with Form Teachers will be provided nearer the date.

Thank you for your on-going support and for partnering us in your child's education. Here's to another exciting and fantastic term of learning and growing.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Thio', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Heather Thio
Principal