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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Letter to Parents for April

We extend a warm welcome to all Pasirians back to school in Term 2. We hope that all had a good break and looking forward to an exciting term ahead. The following are the key updates for April:

❖ International Friendship Day

Each year, we commemorate International Friendship Day (IFD) in the month of April to remind students of the importance of connectedness and cooperation between Singapore and our neighbouring countries.

This year we will be commemorating IFD from 6 April to 17 April (Weeks 3 to 4). The theme for this year, "Singapore: Forging Friendships in a Complex World," encourages students to recognise the active role they can play in building positive relationships while embracing openness and opportunities for collaboration. To deepen students' appreciation of IFD and celebrate the diversity and vibrancy of our region, a range of activities has been planned during Assembly, Form Teacher Guidance Periods (FTGP) and recess that our students can look forward to.

❖ Project Wolbachia in Pasir Ris

The National Environment Agency (NEA) has commenced Project Wolbachia in Pasir Ris with effect from Wednesday, 11 March 2026. Under this initiative, NEA releases laboratory-bred male *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes carrying Wolbachia bacteria. Project Wolbachia forms part of Singapore's comprehensive dengue prevention strategy and has demonstrated success in reducing mosquito populations in deployment areas.

We would like to inform parents and students that they may observe an increase in mosquito activity around the school over the coming months and there is no cause for alarm. At Pasir Ris Primary School, we maintain our rigorous mosquito control measures, including regular clearing of foliage from school drains, weekly oiling of drainage systems and the installation of mosquito control devices and protective grilles to prevent insects and pests from entering indoor spaces.

❖ Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Award 2026 by Lianhe Zaobao

The Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Award 2026 is co-organised by Singapore Centre for Chinese Language, the Society of Chinese Education Singapore, Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union and Singapore Middle School Chinese Teachers' Association, with support from the Ministry of Education.

This award aims to give due recognition to deserving Chinese Language teachers who

- show exemplary efforts towards the teaching of Chinese language and culture
- inspire in their students an appreciation and interest for Chinese language and culture

- use innovative and engaging teaching methods including the effective use of educational technology
- demonstrate care and concern for their students and have a keen interest in their well-being
- command respect from students, fellow teachers and parents

Online nominations can be made via the link: <https://zb.sg/dclta2026>. The closing date for nominations is **Thursday, 30 April 2026**. Students and parents are invited to nominate our Chinese Language teachers for this award to affirm their efforts in inspiring and motivating our students in learning of Chinese Language.

We look forward to your continued support and cooperation as we work in partnership to make Term 2 a meaningful and fulfilling one for our Pasirians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liza', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ms Liza Rahmat
Principal