



Rivervale Primary School

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RIVERVALE CONNECTS

Events to look forward to:

Date	Event Description
6 Jan (Fri)	Primary One Mother Tongue Speech and Drama Transition Support for New Students
17 Jan (Tue) & 19 Jan (Thur)	Pr 5 SEL Camp
23 Jan (Mon) & 26 Jan (Thur)	Chinese New Year Concert Rehearsals
24 Jan (Tue)	SL Tea Session with Parents of Pr 6 students
27 Jan (Fri)	Chinese New Year Celebration
30 Jan (Mon) & 31 Jan (Tue)	Chinese New Year Holidays
7 Feb (Tue)	SL Tea Session with Parents of Pr 5 students
14 Feb (Tue)	SL Tea Session with Parents of Pr 4 students

SHARED CULTURE OF CARE, COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION

Welcome back to school!

It is with great excitement that we begin 2017 with zest and determination. The school performed well last year and we aim to do even better this year. As we move from *Good to Great*, let us bear in mind the importance of grounding ourselves on sound moral values as well as be grateful to the many opportunities that are made available to us.

In Rivervale, we hold the school values (RICHET) close to our heart as the guiding factor in all that we do. Having made her presence in Seng Kang for the past 19 years, Rivervale Primary has become an icon amongst the neighbourhood being a school that aims for excellence by individuals of character. We will continue this legacy, building on our past and harnessing our strength for the future. Let us make Rivervale a place where learning is fun and exciting.

Peace and Joy be with one and all,
Miss Lena Seet
Principal

1. School Hours 2017

Day	School Hours	Remark
Mon - Fri	Pr 1 – Pr 6 7.40 a.m. – 1.50 p.m.	Students are expected to report to school by 7.30 a.m.

Recess

Level	Day	Recess
Pr 1 and 2	Mon - Fri	9.45 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.
Pr 3 and 4		10.45 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.
Pr 5 and 6		10.15 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.



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2. Safety Updates

We thank all parents and guardians for working with the school to ensure the safety of our students.

We have updated the safety guidelines for the school and the students with regards to the visitors coming to the school. The details of security updates will be placed in the school website as well as at the front gate of the school.

3. Important Admin Matters

(a) Changes to the dissemination of Rivervale Connects in 2017

Rivervale Connects will be disseminated to the Riverlites twice a term.

The schedule for the distribution of Rivervale Connects is as follows:

5 January 2017, Thursday	29 June 2017, Thursday
9 February 2017, Thursday	3 August 2017, Thursday
23 March 2017, Thursday	14 September 2017, Thursday
27 April 2017, Thursday	26 October 2017, Thursday

Soft copies of the Rivervale Connects can also be found on our School Website at

<http://www.rivervalepri.moe.edu.sg>.

As part of our efforts to reduce paper wastage and save the environment, we encourage all parents to access our school website for the soft copy of Rivervale Connects.

If you would still like to receive the hard copy, kindly respond to the SMS that will be sent to you on 4 February, Saturday to indicate your preference.

(b) Names of Form Teachers in the various Consortiums

For ease of reference, we have attached the list of Form Teachers and their email addresses so that you are able to communicate with your child's/ward's Form Teacher on the holistic development of your child/ward.

(c) Daily Temperature Taking and new thermometers for Primary One students

MOE has given new Oral Digital Thermometers (ODTs) to the Primary One students of 2017. Students from other levels should have their own working thermometers. The thermometers will be used daily in class and for MOE based temperature-taking exercises which the school will be conducting from time to time.

Temperature taking-exercises serve to remind our students of the need to exercise personal responsibility and hygiene and ensure that our processes to ring-fence our school against any pandemic diseases are well put in place. We seek your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that your child/ward keeps his/her thermometer clean and in good working condition and brings his /her thermometer to school daily.

(d) Lightening of School bags

Carrying heavy school bags put children at the risk of developing irreversible back deformities. We seek parents' support to monitor the things your child put into their school bag on a regular basis in order to lighten their school bag. Parents are encouraged to refer to your child's timetable and discourage him/her from bringing too many notebooks or unnecessary stationery.

(e) Student Information on Health and Personal Particulars – Form A and Form B

The school would like to seek the cooperation of all parents to fill and complete **Form A** (Student Medical Record) and **Form B** (Student Personal Particulars) so that we are able to provide more effective holistic support to every Riverlite. All information will be kept confidential by the school.

Please submit Form A and Form B to your child's form teachers latest by 13 Jan 2017, Friday.



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4. School Leaders Tea Session with Parents of Pr 6, Pr 5 and Pr 4 students

Objective: To share new direction of school for 2017

The School Leaders will be having a tea session with parents of Pr 6, Pr 5 and Pr 4 students on 24 January, 7 February and 14 February respectively. This is also a platform for parents to dialogue with the School Leaders.

Please respond to the SMS that will be sent a week prior to the tea session to indicate your attendance. Thank you.

5. Learning Management System (AsknLearn E-portal)

Mdm Nurdianna Malik, nurdianna_malik@moe.edu.sg

Objectives:

- provides interactive self-paced student-centered learning
- enables interaction between the teachers and students
- ensures continuity of learning in events like school closure

Rivervale Primary School will continue to use the AsknLearn E-learning portal as part of our teaching and learning resource.

Features include:

- i. Communication Applications like Forum, Chatroom and Blogs.
- ii. Online Assignments, Project Work Applications
- iii. Unlimited Storage in Workspace
- iv. Educational Games
- v. Large repository of pedagogically – sound curriculum-based interactive courseware for self-directed learning. Each channel consists of tutorials, Activities and Quizzes for students to enhance their understanding in the individual subjects.
- vi. iPhone, iPad and Android users also have the option of accessing the mobile app on the go by downloading the ASKnLearn app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

The following is the login procedure for students on the ASKnLearn LMS at http://lms.asknlearn.com/rivervale_ps

Student's Account

Your ID: Your child's BC no.

Password: Your child's BC no

If your child/ward encounters common technical problems at home, they may contact ASKnLearn LMS helpdesk by telephone or email:

Telephone: +65 6777 9661 (Monday - Friday: 7.30am - 9.00pm)

E-mail: lmssupport@wizlearn.com

We look forward to your continued support in our school's efforts to promote e-learning.



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6. Information Relay System (IRS) via SMS

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Objectives:

- Provide a platform for timely communication between the school and parents

The Information Relay System (via SMS) for improved communication between our school and parents has been put in place since 2011. Parents of P1-P6 students will be receiving SMSes from school's IRS to improve efficiency in information dissemination and also to reduce mundane paper collection and paper wastage. Parents are requested to reply accordingly. A reminder SMS will be sent on the same day for those who have not responded.

Please inform your child's form teacher if you do not receive the SMS or there is a change in your phone numbers.

For a sample of how the SMS looks like, please refer to the annex attached.

7. CYBER WELLNESS

Mdm Nurdianna Malik, nurdianna_malik@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To facilitate meaningful parent-child conversations on their online experiences

Parents can download a mobile game app, C-Quest, and have conversations on cyber wellness with their children. To complete the cyber quest, children will converse with their parents and answer questions related to cyber wellness to earn stars and collect accessories and equipment for their Cyber Navigators while learning useful tips to help them manage their online activities. The mobile version of C-Quest can be downloaded from the iTunes Store and Google Playstore.

8. Computing device with Internet Connectivity Survey for Pr 1 to Pr 6 Students

Mdm Wong Wan Hui, wong_wan_hui@moe.edu.sg

Objectives:

- To empower our students to take ownership towards learning to meet the challenges of a VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity) world
- To fulfill Rivervale's mission in developing world ready ICT - savvy students

The teachers will bring the students to the computer laboratories for eLessons via the LMS (asknlearn.com) platform where self-directed learning is advocated. Students will also be assigned home-based eLessons during school eLearning days to promote ownership of learning in a self-directed manner. To ascertain the availability of computing and connectivity resources, the school needs to conduct a survey to find out if students are able to access the LMS via a computing device with internet connectivity.

Examples of computing device includes, computer, laptop, mobile device such as tablets (iPad, Galaxy Tab etc) and smartphones (iPhone, Note etc).

Examples of internet connectivity includes those that is home based or 3G/4G connection via a mobile device (smart phone or tablet).

Please respond to the survey SMS that will be sent on 4 February, Saturday. Thank you.



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9. Computer Lab Usage After School

Mdm Wong Wan Hui, wong_wan_hui@moe.edu.sg

Mdm Nurdianna Malik, nurdianna_malik@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To allow students to utilise school devices for learning purposes

In acknowledging students' needs to utilise school devices for learning purposes, the school will open the computer labs for usage after school. Students will need to obtain the consent form from the respective subject teacher who requires the child to do computer work. Your child will then need the parent's signature before he/she is allowed to use the computer lab after school. An ICT support staff will be present in the computer lab to supervise your child's work.

10. Chinese New Year Celebration 2017

Mdm Liang Wei Hsiang, liang_wei_hsiang@moe.edu.sg

Miss Tham Jia Ning, tham_jia_ning@moe.edu.sg

Miss Wee Wanqing, wee_wanqing@moe.edu.sg

Objective:

- To learn and understand the culture and tradition of different ethnic groups.

Date	27 January 2017 (Friday)		
School hours	7.40 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Venue	School Hall
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students and guests are encouraged to come in their ethnic costumes.Parents who wish to join us in this celebration are requested to be in our school hall by 8.15 a.m.Timetable will be suspended.The school bus vendor has been duly informed of the curtailment of school hours.		

For students' safety, the dismissal procedure on the day of celebration will be as follows:

Primary 1 & Primary 2	Front Gate 3 (near general office)
Primary 3 & Primary 4	Front Gate 2 (security post)
Primary 5 & Primary 6	Front Gate 1 (near basketball court)
School Bus	Indoor Basketball Court
Private Transport	Back gate



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11. A Helping Hand towards our Friends

Mdm Nur Syahidah, nur_syahidah_mohamed_salleh@moe.edu.sg

Mr Fairus Bin Ismail, fairus_ismail@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To instil in Riverlites the core value of **Care** for their fellow Riverlites

In conjunction with the coming Chinese New Year Celebration, we seek your support in contributing basic food items which will be packed into goodie bags for students who are on the Financial Assistance Scheme.

No.	Suggested Food Items		
1	Beverages • Metal Tins (e.g. Milo, Ovaltine, Horlicks) • Beverages - Sachets (e.g. Milo, Ovaltine, Horlicks, Cereals)	8	Chinese New Year goodies (e.g. Love Letters, Prawn Rolls)
2	Biscuits	9	Cooking Oil
3	Bottled Syrup	10	Instant Noodle/Instant Porridge
4	Canned Fruits(e.g. Cocktail , Longan)	11	Packet Drinks
5	Canned Seafood (e.g. Sardines, Tuna)	12	Packet Rice
6	Canned Soup	13	Packet Salt/Sugar
7	Canned Vegetables(e.g. Baked Beans, Straw Mushroom)	14	Soy Products

Form teachers will be collecting the items from **9 January 2017 (Monday) to 20 January 2017 (Friday)**. Please write your child's/ward's name and class on the carrier containing the items. Thank you.

12. Multi-Literacy Booklet for Pr 1 to Pr 6 students

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Mdm Nurdianna Malik, nurdianna_malik@moe.edu.sg

Objective:

- To equip students with 21st century competencies
- To develop world-ready and ICT-savvy students

The MLP incorporates four types of literacies: *Civic, Financial, Media and Cyber Wellness*.

Together with the new baseline ICT standard skills and SCRATCH programming skills, Primary 1 to Primary 6 students will work with their peers to complete a project work. A project work grade will be given at the end of the year.

The content for these modules has been compiled into a booklet for the students and the booklets will be used to engage the students during MLP periods.



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13. Subscription of Chinese Magazines and Newspapers

Ms Ang Hui Nee, ang_hui_nee@moe.edu.sg

Objective:

- To provide students with relevant materials and cultivate students' interest in reading and on a regular basis

As part of the school's reading programme “我爱阅读”，students taking Mother Tongue Language (Chinese) will subscribe to Chinese Weekly magazines and newspapers.

Level	Title of Magazines / Newspapers	Price (yearly basis)
Pr 1 & 2	New Friends 《新朋友》 20 期纸张双周刊 + 全年 38 期的《易·华文》电子版动画周刊 + Etutor 网上题库	\$21 20 issues of hardcopy (fortnight publication) Individual log in account to access 38 issues of eChinese Magazine & Etutor online E-Learning Portal
Pr 3 & 4	New World 《新天地》 20 期纸张双周刊 + 全年 38 期的《易·华文》电子版动画周刊 + Etutor 网上题库 + eOral 口试互动（录像视频）	\$24 20 issues of hardcopy (fortnight publication) Individual log in account to access 38 issues of eChinese Magazine, Etutor online E-Learning Portal & eOral Interactive Practice
Pr 5	1) Thumbs Up 《大拇指》 15 期周报 + 2) eOral 口试互动（录像视频）	1) \$6 15 issues (bi-weekly subscription) 2) \$5 eOral Interactive Practice
Pr 6	1) Thumbs Up 《大拇指》 15 期周报 + 2) eOral 口试互动（录像视频）	1) \$6 15 issues (bi-weekly subscription) 2) \$5 eOral Interactive Practice

Please put in the **exact amount** of cash in the envelope provided, fill up the information required and hand it to your child's Chinese Language Teacher.

14. Remedial/Supplementary Lessons 2017

Mr Muhammad Zakir, muhammad_zakir_abu_bakar@moe.edu.sg

Remedial/Supplementary lessons will commence on Term 1 Week 6.

Supplementary lessons for Pr 6 students will commence in Term 1 Week 3. The schedule will be given out at a later date.

15. List of approved calculators for PSLE

Mr Jerry Soh, soh_chou_koon@moe.edu.sg

The list of approved calculators for use by Primary 5 and Primary 6 students is now available in the Approved Calculators List obtainable from the school website (<http://www.rivervalepri.moe.edu.sg/>) under the Announcements section or through the menu: Departments-->Mathematics".



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16. Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2017

The **Outstanding Youth in Education Award** gives national recognition to young teachers who are role models for the teaching profession. These educators motivate, challenge and inspire their students to realise their full potential. They personify deep passion for teaching, youthful idealism, energy and enthusiasm, and play a critical role in moulding the future of our nation.

Copies of the nomination forms are available at the School's General Office. Online nomination forms are also available at www.tinyurl.com/ast-oyea or <http://www.academyofsingaporeteachers.moe.gov.sg>.

All completed forms must reach the Academy of Singapore Teachers (2 Malan Road, S'pore 109433) by Friday, 13 Jan 2017.

For enquiries, please email to: MOE_Academy@moe.gov.sg.

You are strongly encouraged to nominate your teachers!

17. National Library Board (NLB) membership for Pr 1 students

Mdm Nurdianna Malik, nurdianna_malik@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To allow students to gain access to a wide variety of materials from libraries across Singapore

NLB will be conducting a membership drive in the school. **Students can submit the attached form with a copy of the birth certificate to the school librarian by 30 Jan 2017.** New members below 7 years of age will receive a free library card upon successful membership.

PRs and foreign students will need to submit the form with a one-time registration fee of \$10.50. Only cheques are accepted. All cheques should be crossed and made payable to: **NATIONAL LIBRARY BOARD** with the correct amount.

Alternatively, parents can complete your child's registration at www.nlb.gov.sg/account or at any public library eKiosk.

18. Speech and Drama Enrichment for Pr 1 students

Ms Ang Hui Nee, ang_hui_nee@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To equip Riverlites to be *Confident Speakers* and enhance their oral presentation during Holistic Assessment.

Date	Term 1, 2017 (Fridays)
Time	7.45 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.
Payment	Details of payment will be disseminated in Rivervale Connects at a later date.
Remark	This course will be conducted in three different MT Languages to cater to the needs of CL, ML and TL students.



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19. 2017 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise for Pr 3

Mdm Hamimah, Year Head (P3 & P4 Level) hamimah.ali@moe.edu.sg,

Mr Ahmad Zaki, Assistant Year Head (P3 & P4 level) ahmad.zaki.b.hassan@moe.edu.sg

The purpose of the GEP screening exercise is to develop the intellectually gifted to fulfil their full potential in an educational environment that is designed to stimulate intellectual growth. An equally important emphasis of the GEP is the development of social responsibility and sound moral values in the students.

The GEP screening exercise will be carried out by all schools on **Wednesday, 23 Aug 2017**.

For parents/guardians who would like your child/ward to participate in the Screening Exercise, please arrange for your child/ward to participate in the Screening Exercise together with his/her peers in Rivervale Primary School on the same date.

The GEP Screening and Selection Exercises will be based on the Pr 1 to Pr 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. Please note the following:

- a) Screening Exercise (Mathematics) All topics in the Pr 3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for topics on "Area and Perimeter", "Geometry" and "Time".
- b) Selection Exercise (Mathematics) All topics in the Pr 3 Mathematics syllabus are included except for Angles, Perpendicular and Parallel lines in the topic of Geometry.

Shortlisted students will be invited to participate in the Selection Exercise on **Thursday, 19 October 2017** and **Friday, 20 October 2017** for English Language, Mathematics and General Ability.

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable students with high intellectual potential. Test-preparation activities could inflate students' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. Thus we urge parents/guardians not to conduct test preparation activities to prepare your child/ward for the GEP Identification Exercise.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ahmad Zaki or myself at our e-mail addresses above if you require further clarifications. We thank you for your understanding and look forward to working closely with you in the development of your child/ward.

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Ms Lena Seet
Principal

The Whole Child in Every Riverlite!