



Rivervale Primary School

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RIVERVALE CONNECTS

Events to look forward to:

Date	Event Description
14 Feb (Tue)	SL Tea Session with Parents of Pr 4 Students
15 Feb (Wed)	Total Defence Day Commemoration
16 Feb (Thur) – 23 Feb (Thur)	Primary 6 Continual Assessment
18 Feb (Sat)	Language Assessment (EL and MT) Workshop for Parents of Primary 5/6 Students
21 Feb (Tue)	SL Tea Session with Parents of Pr 3 Students
28 Feb (Tue)	SL Tea Session with Parents of Pr 2 Students
4 Mar (Sat)	Language Assessment (EL and MT) Workshop for Parents of Primary 3/4 Students
6 Mar (Mon)	Primary 5/6 Parent-Teacher Conference No school for Primary 5/6 students
13 Mar (Mon)	Primary 6 Cultural Camp
14 Mar (Tue) – 15 Mar (Wed)	Primary 6 Motivation Camp



GLOW AWARD



Achieved Good Progress in PSLE in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005



PHYSICAL FITNESS



GOLD AWARD



Singapore Youth Festival GOLD MEDAL



Cherish Award Gold AWARD



Development Award for National Education 2005 - 2012

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1. Pre-assembly Programme – Good Morning, Rivervale!

Day and Time: Mondays to Fridays at 7.30 a.m.

Objectives:

- inculcates good moral values and promotes character development through stories
- extends general knowledge through sharing of Powerpoint slides on different topics
- promotes confident public speaking skills

We seek your understanding and support to ensure that your child/ward attends this programme by being **seated in the hall/parade square by 7.30 a.m. daily.**

2. D3 Programme (Discover, Delight & Design)

Mrs Jamie Yeo, kay_oon_ping@moe.edu.sg

Mr Jerry Soh, soh_chou_koon@moe.edu.sg

Mrs Janet Quek, seah_shiao_yen_janet@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To provide extended programmes to cater to the varied learning needs of the students

D3 programme is an after-school programme which consists of remedial and enrichment lessons.

This programme will be conducted from Term 1 to Term 3.

Please refer to the attachment for the schedule. This schedule will also be published in the school website.



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3. President's Award for Teachers 2017

The President's Award for Teachers gives national recognition to the critical role teachers play in moulding the future of our nation. Award recipients are excellent teachers who prepare their students for life. They are models of commitment to continuous learning and enterprise. They inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

Nominations for **President's Award for Teachers 2017** is now open. Nominations can be submitted online at <http://tinyurl.com/2017pat>. Nomination forms are also obtainable from the School General Office. You are encouraged to nominate your teachers before the closing date on 17 February 2017, Friday.

4. Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2017

The Inspiring Teacher of English Award is a role model of the use of spoken and written English, promotes learning-focused interaction during English Language lessons and choose pedagogies appropriate to learners' needs. If this sounds like an English teacher you know, now is the time to acknowledge him or her!

Nominations for the **Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2017** is now open. Nomination forms can be downloaded at <http://www.goodenglish.org.sg>. Nomination forms are also obtainable from the School General Office. You are encouraged to nominate your teachers before the closing date on 7 April 2017, Friday.

5. Inspiring Chinese Language Teacher Award 2017

The Award aims to give due recognition to Chinese Language teachers who have shown exemplary efforts towards the teaching of Chinese Language and developed in students an appreciation of the Chinese Language and culture in the year 2016. **You are strongly encouraged to nominate your teachers!**

Online nomination forms are available from <http://www.zaobao.com.sg/znews/singapore/story20170103-708968>. Photocopies of the forms are also acceptable. Nominations can be submitted to the school's General Office by 17 February 2017, Friday.

For submission of nomination forms after 17 February 2017, Friday, they are to be mailed directly to the address indicated on the nomination form. The closing date for the nomination exercise is 28 February 2017, Tuesday.

6. Total Defence Day Commemoration

Mrs Janet Quek, seah_shiao_yen_janet@moe.edu.sg

Mdm Marlina, marlina_zainal@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To enable students to learn the five aspects of Total Defence and how they can play a part in defending our country

Date: 15 February 2017, Wednesday

The school will be holding a mini concert to commemorate this special day.

The following special arrangement has been made on that day to help Riverlites learn to value water as a basic need for survival and not to take the availability of food for granted:

- Water and food rationing exercise
- 30-minute electricity cut-off exercise in the classrooms

School hours remain unchanged on that day.



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7. Parents' Nomination for Junior Sports Academy (JSA) Selection Trial 2017

Mrs Emily Tan-Yong, tan-yong_chwee_ping@moe.edu.sg

1. MOE will be conducting the selection trial for interested Pr 4 and Pr 5 students for the Junior Sports Academy (JSA) in March 2017. Schools will be nominating suitable students for the selection trial. However, if you wish to nominate your child for the selection trial, you may do so by completing the attached 'Parent's Nomination Form' (Annex A) and return it to the school by 16 February 2017, Thursday.
2. Children should explore, discover and develop their areas of interest and strengths across a wide range of physical activities. MOE seeks to provide broad-based opportunities for children through the Junior Sports Academy (JSA) programme with the following objectives:
 - a) Budding sporting talents will be identified and developed with a broad-based physical sports programme, to strengthen their overall physical competencies and motivation in sports at the primary school level.
 - b) These children will explore and discover their strength and passion in a range of sports at the primary school level, and subsequently to make an informed choice to commit to one of them with more targeted support from schools and relevant sports organisations at the secondary school level and beyond.
3. The selection trial will evaluate the child's **general physical ability**. There will not be any test on sport-specific skills. Instead, the child's natural ability of agility, balance, coordination, speed and power will be evaluated. There is no need to train or prepare for the trial. Sufficient time will be given during the trial for children to familiarise themselves with the items used in the evaluation.
4. Selected Pr 4 students will participate in a two-year programme (from Pr 4 Semester 2 to Pr 6 Semester 1). They will choose four sports modules to participate in. Each sports module is conducted once a week over one semester, followed up with sports-related workshops at the end of the module. Selected Pr 5 students may participate in a one-year programme and choose 2 sports modules (from Pr 5 Semester 2 to Pr 6 Semester 1). The programme will be conducted mostly at 11 JSA centres hosted in schools near MRT stations and spread across Singapore to facilitate easy access.
5. The details of the selection trial for your child's school are in the table below.

Date	4 March 2017, Saturday
Time	4.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. (Registration starts at 3.30 p.m.)
Venue	Singapore Sports Hub (OCBC Arena Hall 1) 5 Stadium Drive (Bus Services: 10,14,70,70M or 196; Nearest MRT Station: Stadium)
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear school's PE attire and school/sports shoes • Bring Ezlink card and water bottle (Water coolers are available within the premise) • No need for students to bring any sports equipment.

6. Please complete the reply form (Annex A, available at General Office) and return it to the teacher-in-charge, Mrs Emily Tan-Yong by **16 February 2017, Thursday**.
7. For further clarifications on the JSA selection and its programme, please contact your child's school, or any of the following MOE officers:

a. Thomas Yong	Thomas_Yong@moe.gov.sg	64609 875
b. Eileen Loo	Eileen_loo@moe.gov.sg	64609 834
c. Lim Tien Juan	Lim_Tien_Juan@moe.gov.sg	64609 813
d. Kelvin Soo	Soo_Hwee_Keong@moe.gov.sg	64609 888



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8. CDAC Tuition at Rivervale Primary School

Mrs Emily Tan-Yong, tan-yong_chwee_ping@moe.edu.sg,

Mr Fairus Ismail, Fairus_Ismail@moe.edu.sg

Rivervale Primary School is a CDAC tuition centre in 2017.

	Saturday		Sunday	
Level	9.00a.m.-10.30a.m.	10.45a.m.-12.15p.m.	9.00a.m.-10.30a.m.	10.45a.m.-12.15p.m.
Pr 1	*Mathematics	*English	-----	-----
Pr 2	English	Mathematics	-----	-----
Pr 3	Mathematics	Science	-----	English
Pr 4	Mathematics	English	Chinese	Science
Pr 5	English	Science	Standard Mathematics	Chinese
	* Foundation English		*Foundation Mathematics	
Pr 6	Science	Chinese	Standard English	Standard Mathematics
	Foundation Science		Foundation English	Foundation Mathematics

Pupils who are eligible for CDAC tuition programme are strongly encouraged to apply. Application forms are available at the general office and on CDAC website: www.cdac.org.sg

* Classes will start when there is minimum of 5 students.

9. Primary 6 Motivation Camp

Mrs. Ng Pui Yong, chan_pui_yong@moe.edu.sg

Mr Muhammad Zakir Abu Bakar, muhammad_zakir_abu_bakar@moe.edu.sg

Objectives:

- To improve the current level of motivation towards learning and academic achievements
- To equip students with the learning skills for academic achievements

Session	Date	Time
Session 1	14 March 2017, Tuesday	8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Session 2	15 March 2017, Wednesday	8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Parents' Session: 6 to 8 p.m.)
Session 3	29 May 2017, Monday	8.30 a.m. to 12 noon

Students are to report to the hall by 8.15 a.m. on 14 and 15 March 2017.

Meals and snack breaks will be provided for the students. The total cost of the camp is \$100 (excluding school subsidy).

Please respond to the SMS that will be sent on 11 February 2017, Saturday to indicate your consent for your child's participation.

Parents are invited to attend the Superkids Closing Ceremony from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the School Hall.

Please respond to the SMS that will be sent on 4 March 2017, Saturday, to indicate your (parent) attendance for the session in the evening.



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10. Primary 6 Enrichment Schedule for Term 2

Mr Muhammad Zakir Abu Bakar, muhammad_zakir_abu_bakar@moe.edu.sg

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
T2 W1 20 Mar	MT Enrichment	EMS Enrichment	EMS Enrichment	Commencement of Enrichment Class
T2 W2 27 Mar	MT Enrichment	EMS Enrichment	EMS Enrichment	
T2 W3 3 Apr	MT Enrichment	EMS Enrichment	EMS Enrichment	
T2 W4 10 Apr	MT Enrichment	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	Oral and Listening Comprehension Assessment
T2 W5 17 Apr	MT Enrichment	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	NAPFA test
T2 W6 24 Apr	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	1SA Exams
T2 W7 1 May	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	1SA Exams
T2 W8 8 May	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	
T2 W9 15 May	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	
T2 W10 22 May	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	No Enrichment	

11. Primary 6 Learning Journey to the Singapore Science Centre

Mr Muhammad Zakir Abu Bakar, muhammad_zakir_abu_bakar@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To learn about scientific concepts through experimentation and demonstrations

Date/Day	9 March 2017, Thursday
Class	All Pr 6 classes
Time	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Venue	Singapore Science Centre
Attire	PE T-shirt and pinafore (girls) PE T-shirt and school shorts (boys)
Things to Bring	Small bag, clip board, water bottle, light snacks, pencil case Optional : jacket/sweater

School hours on the day of Learning Journey remain unchanged.

Please respond to the SMS that will be sent on 25 February 2017, Saturday, to indicate your consent.



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12. Primary 5 and Primary 6 Sexuality Education 2017

Mrs Aliz Lim, lim_boon_geok@moe.edu.sg

Sexuality Education (SEd) in schools is about enabling students to understand the physiological, social and emotional changes they experience as they mature, develop healthy and rewarding relationships including those with members of the opposite sex, and make wise, informed and responsible decisions on sexuality matters.

Objectives :

- (i) To help students make wise, responsible and informed decisions through the provision of accurate, current and age-appropriate knowledge on human sexuality and the consequences of sexual activity
- (ii) To help students know themselves and build healthy and rewarding relationships through the acquisition of social and emotional skills of self-awareness, management of their thoughts, feelings and behaviours, development of empathy for others, possession of effective communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills
- (iii) To help students develop a moral compass, respect for themselves and for others as sexual beings, premised on the family as the basic unit of society, through the inculcation of positive mainstream values and attitudes about sexuality
- (iv) Parents can read for more information on the Growing Years programme from our school website at: <http://rivervalepri.moe.edu.sg/communications/announcements/sexuality-education-at-rivervale>
- (v) Parents may opt their children out of the Growing Years programme, by completing the Opt Out Form attached and return it to form teachers by **13th February 2017**

13. Language Assessment (EL and MT) Workshop for Parents of Primary 5 and Primary 6 Students

Mrs Janet Quek, seah_shiao_yen_janet@moe.edu.sg

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

Objective: To brief and update parents on PSLE related matters & examination skills

Date	18 February 2017 (Saturday)	
Time	9.00 a.m. – 11.30 noon	
Venue	School Hall	
Time	Topics	Speakers
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	PSLE Exam Skills - English Language	Key Personnels
10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	PSLE Exam Skills - Mother Tongue Languages	

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14. Primary 5 and Primary 6 Student-Led Conference on 6 March 2017

Mrs. Ng Pui Yong, chan_pui_yong@moe.edu.sg

Mr. Muhammad Zakir Abu Bakar, muhammad_zakir_abu_bakar@moe.edu.sg

Objectives: To establish partnership with parents for the holistic development of our Riverlites

Time	Programme	Venue
8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Student-Led Conference	Pr 5 and Pr 6 classrooms
12 noon to 12.30 p.m.	Briefing for Pr 5 and Pr 6 parents	School Hall
9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Talks by Secondary Schools on Direct School Admission (DSA) for P5 and P6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Information on DSA programme in the secondary schoolsQuestion and Answer session	

Parents are invited to meet up with the form teachers to discuss their child's progress and development.

The school will be using the online portal, AsknLearn Learning Management System (LMS), for the registration of the Student-Led Conference. Parents will need to book a 15-minute consultation slot with your child's/ward's **Form Teacher** through **AsknLearn** from **11 to 15 February 2017**.

Please refer to the attachment for the user guide to login to the school's LMS. If you encounter any problems, please call **AsknLearn helpdesk at 67779661** during office hours, 7.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

We would also like to seek your cooperation to adhere to a maximum duration of **15 minutes** for each parent-teacher interaction. We look forward to a fruitful session with you and your child. You may contact the other subject teachers via email or telephone call. Please complete and return the Reply Slip attached to the form teachers by 17 February 2017, Friday.

15. Mathematics Workshop for Parents of Primary 4 to Primary 6 Students

Mr Eu Kong Leong, eu_kong_leong_a@moe.edu.sg

Mrs Ang Si Min, loh_si_min@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To inform and engage parents on the Primary 4 to Primary 6 Mathematics examination paper formats, questions involving heuristics, management of actual PSLE Mathematics questions and some PSLE examination tips

Date	2 March 2017, Thursday
Time	3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Venue	School Hall

Please respond to the SMS that will be sent to you on 18 February 2017, Saturday, to indicate your attendance.



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16. Primary 5 Global Classroom Programme 2017

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

Mdm Zubaidah, zubaidah_zainal_abidin@moe.edu.sg

Objectives:

- To develop students' SEL competencies, 21st CC of global awareness, cross-cultural sensitivities and inculcate in them a strong sense of loyalty and rootedness to Singapore
- To enhance students' joyful learning of Mother Tongue Language and culture through the authentic experience and interactions with the local people

Primary 5 students are invited to apply for overseas learning journey to China or Malacca. Students who are interested have to fill in the application form and submit to the respective Mother Tongue teachers by **16 February 2017, Thursday**. Selected students are expected to attend pre-trip training sessions such as Junior Reporters training, financial literacy sessions etc.

Students are selected based on the criteria and guidelines to meet the intent of the trip:

- 1) Contributions to school
- 2) Outcome of interview
- 3) Recommendation from teachers

Country	Focus of Trip	Highlights	Tentative Schedule	Estimated Cost (before subsidy)*	Remarks
Xiamen, China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appreciation of Chinese Language and Culture ▪ Confident & Skilled Communicator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Experience ▪ Historical & Cultural Visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tea Plantation ○ Hakka Earth Building ○ Hakka Cultural Village ○ Jimei School Village ○ Memorial Hall of Mr Tan Kah Kee 	12/5/2017 to 16/5/2017	\$1,300	The trip will be conducted in Mandarin.
Malacca, Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cross-cultural Awareness ▪ Confident & Skilled Communicator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Experience ▪ Historical & Cultural Visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plantations ○ A Famosa ○ Historical Complex ○ Peranakan Museum ○ Kampung Houses 	15/5/2017 to 17/5/2017	\$400	

Please note that these overseas learning journeys are optional. For students who are not going for any of the Overseas Learning Journeys, there will be programmes to engage them in school during the *Global Classroom Week*. More details of these programmes will be given at a later date.



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17. Primary 5 Learning Journey (CL) to Tea Chapter

Ms Huang Biyun, huang_bi_yun@moe.edu.sg

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

Objectives:

- To provide a platform for students to actively learn Chinese and the associated culture so as to experience Chinese as “living experience”
- To appreciate the respective Chinese culture through hands-on tasks

Date	27 March 2017, Monday	3 April 2017, Monday
Class	5.3, 5.4, 5.6, 5FCL	5.1, 5.2, 5.5
Time	2.20 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. (estimated dismissal time)	
Venue	Tea Chapter (No. 9 & 11 Neil Road, Singapore 088808)	
Things to bring	Small bag, wallet, water bottle.	
Remarks	More details will be provided from the respective Mother Tongue (CL) teachers.	

School hours on the day of Learning Journey remain unchanged.

18. Primary 5 Learning Journey (TL) to Umar Pulavar Tamil Centre

Ms. Janaki, janaki_kamachee_sundram@moe.edu.sg

Ms. Nanthini, nanthini_s_rajandaan@moe.edu.sg

Objectives: To provide a platform for students to actively learn Tamil culture through hands-on tasks

Date	18 Feb 2017 (Sat)
Class	P5 TL Students
Time	7.45 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
Venue	UPTLC
Things to bring	Small bag, water bottle, snacks, umbrella/raincoat.

School hours on the day of Learning Journey remain unchanged.

19. Language Assessment (EL and MT) Workshop for Parents of Primary 3 and Primary 4 Students

Mrs Janet Quek, seah_shiao_yen_janet@moe.edu.sg

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

Objectives:

- To inform and engage parents on Curriculum and Assessment matters
- To establish partnership with parents for the holistic development of Riverlites

Date	4 March 2017, Saturday	
Time	9.00 a.m. – 11 a.m.	
Venue	School Hall	
Time	Topics	Speakers
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	English Language	Key Personnels
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Mother Tongue Languages	

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20. Primary 2 Speech and Drama Enrichment

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

Objective:

To equip Riverlites to be *Confident Speakers* during Holistic Assessment

Date	Term 1 and Term 2, 2017
Duration	Once a week during curriculum time
No. of sessions	6
Payment	Details of payment will be disseminated to parents 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.

21. Post-course Speech and Drama Performance (Mother Tongue) by Primary 1 Students

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

Primary 1 students will be putting up a post-course Speech and Drama Performance.

Parents of Primary 1 students are invited to attend the performance on:

Date	10 March 2017, Friday
Time	8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.
Venue	School Hall (CL) , Library (ML & TL)

22. Mathematics Workshops for Parents of Primary 1 to Primary 3 Students

Mdm Nashita Mohd Idris, nashita_mohamed_idris@moe.edu.sg

Mr Roy Loy, loy_boon_theng@moe.edu.sg

Objectives:

- To inform and engage parents on the teaching and assessment of Mathematics learning
- To establish partnership with parents for the holistic development of Riverlites

Date	23 March 2017, Thursday	
Time	3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	
Level	Venue	Topics
Primary 1	Hall	1) Assessments in Mathematics for P1 2) Whole Numbers 3) Number Bonds 4) Addition & Subtraction 5) Multiplication And Division
Primary 2	Library	1) Assessments in Mathematics for P2 2) Fractions 3) Heuristics: Use of model drawing 4) Heuristics: Looking for pattern, listing method, Guess & Check / Supposition Method
Primary 3	PAL Room	1) Assessments in Mathematics for P3 2) Heuristics : Use of model drawing to solve word problems 3) Fractions 4) Use of timeline to solve to solve word problems involving the topic of 'Time'

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23. Primary 1 Experiential Learning to Rivervale Mall (MT)

Mdm Ong Wei Kei, ong_wei_kei@moe.edu.sg
 Mdm Nazrah Hanani, nazrah_hanani_mohamed_rawi@moe.edu.sg
 Ms Nanthini, nanthini_s_rajandaan@moe.edu.sg

Objective: To enhance students' interest in the learning of Mother Tongue Languages

Venue	Rivervale Mall		
Date / Day	27 March 2017, Monday	28 March 2017, Tuesday	29 March 2017, Wednesday
Time	10.50 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.	7.45 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	11.20 a.m. – 12.50 p.m.
Class	1 Respect, 1 Responsibility, 1 Resilience and 1 Integrity (CL) (1.1, 1.2 and 1.3)	1 Care, 1 Harmony, 1 Excellence and 1 Teamwork (CL) (1.4, 1.5 and 1.6)	all Primary 1 students taking ML and TL

School hours on the day of Learning Journey remain unchanged.

Please respond to the SMS that will be sent on 11 March 2017, Saturday, to indicate your consent.

24. Family Matters@School – Workshop for Parents

Miss Siti Noor Aishah Binte Kasa, fms.rvalepr@gmail.com

Objective: To provide parents with effective strategies of discipline.

Topic	Discipline strategies that work: Giving freedom and setting boundaries
Date/Day	25 February 2017, Saturday
Venue	Rivervale Primary School (6 Harmony Classroom, Level 3)
Time	9am – 12pm
Remark	Parents, who are interested to sign up for the above-mentioned workshop, please deposit the <u>reply slip</u> in the white box at the security post by 20 February 2017 at the latest.

For further information, please contact:

- Miss Siti, School Coordinator of Family Matters@School at fms.rvalepr@gmail.com or
- Ms Pheng, Senior School Counsellor at 63881409.

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 Principal

The Whole Child in Every Riverlite!