



Radin Mas Primary School

A School Where All Work Hard, Play Hard and Make A Mark

JUL 2017 - Notification for Parents and Guardians

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(For P4 Students Only)

A. THE WEEKS AHEAD

Date	Event Description
Mon, 10.07.2017	P2 PL- MDPW*
Thu, 13.07.2017 – Sat, 15.07.2017	P5 Adventure Challenge Camp
Mon, 17.07.2017 – Tue, 18.07.2017	P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations
Wed, 19.07.2017 – Thu, 27.07.2017	School Health Visit
Fri, 21.07.2017	Racial Harmony Day
Fri, 28.07.2017	P3 – P6 Olympic Festival P1 – P2 Home-Based Learning (For P1 & P2 Students) <i>(Note: All P1 & P2 Students Stay At Home)</i>
Mon, 31.07.2017 – Fri, 04.08.2017	P4 PL- MDPW*

* PL- MDPW Personalised Learning Through Multi-Disciplinary Project Work

B. RACIAL HARMONY DAY (RHD) COMMEMORATION

(Mdm Wong Pauline, YH MP)

Racial Harmony Day is an annual school event held on Mon, 21.07.2017 to commemorate the [communal riots of 1964](#).

This year, the theme for RHD is ***The Singapore Way***. As we make the journey from tolerating differences to embracing diversity, our Singapore identity continues to develop. It is important that Racial Harmony is part of this identity and way of life, and that our youth, on whose shoulders our future lie, make Racial Harmony a key aspect of their hopes and dreams for what Singapore is and could be.

RMPS will commemorate RHD from Mon, 17.07.2017 to Fri, 21.07.2017. Our Primary 3 National Education (NE) Values-In-Action (VIA) Ambassadors will be anchoring this commemoration as part of their VIA project. They will be conducting a series of exciting activities for students to deepen their understanding of racial harmony in Singapore during recesses. Together, we hope that through this event, students will learn the importance of making choices that promote and advocate inter-cultural understanding, which builds strong relationships between people of all races, cultures and nationalities, and strengthens our distinctive identity as Singaporeans living in multi-cultural Singapore.

RMPS will also be participating in the Orange Ribbon Project to support the movement to help promote racial harmony. The Primary 4 students are encouraged to wear the Orange Ribbon, which is a symbol of Racial Harmony, during the Racial Harmony week.



C. HOME-BASED LEARNING (For P1 to P2 students)

(Miss S Thivyaa Tharrshini, HOD ICT)

The school will be conducting Home-based Learning for P1 to P2 students on Fri, 28.07.2017. All P1 to P2 students will stay at home on that day; they are not required to report to school.

The objectives of the Home-based Learning are:

- To inculcate independent learning habits in our students
- To empower students with the necessary skills to use technology for self-directed learning
- To prepare students in the event of unexpected school closure due to national emergencies.

Assignments may be in the form of digital (e.g. MC Online Portal) and/ or non-digital prints (e.g. Workbooks, Worksheets, etc.). All learning tasks will be published on the school's website as well as uploaded onto the Announcement Board in the MC Online Portal. All online tasks and non-digital assignments must be submitted by Mon, 31.07.2017. Non-digital assignments must be handed in to the respective subject teachers.

The suggested duration for Home-based Learning for students is as follows:

Level	Subjects	Duration
Primary 1	English, Mathematics & Mother Tongue	3hr
Primary 2	English, Mathematics & Mother Tongue	3hr

Hard copies of the online assignments will be printed and given to students who do not have computers and Internet access at home by Thu, 27.07.2017.

If your child/ ward encounters technical problems when accessing the online portal, you may call Mc Online Portal hotline at 67775198 between 7.00 am to 9.00 pm.

For Tamil content users please contact: Mr Mani at 83036242 between 7.00 am to 10.00 pm.

D. P1 & 2 INTEGRATED TRAILS

(Mrs Doreen Foo, YH LP)

To imbue in our students, a joy of learning and to provide students with the opportunity to apply the concepts that they have learnt in class to real-life scenarios, all P1 & P2 students will be going on an integrated trail to River Safari and KidZania respectively.

The P1 integrated trail to River Safari allows students to develop a deeper understanding of the different types of animals and their life cycles and mathematical concepts such as measurement. This helps to develop the students' Critical and Inventive Thinking Skills, as well as Communication, Collaboration and Information Skills as they learn best through authentic setting.

The P2 integrated trail to KidZania provides an interactive platform for the students to learn through realistic role-play so that they can see the relevance of what they have learnt in school applied to the different occupations. The students will learn about the different careers and the concept of managing money. The students also develop life skills required for them to gain the confidence and inspiration to be great global citizens.

Students will have their packed lunch (provided) at KidZania. Do note that the food provided is halal. Please inform your child's form teacher for any special dietary requirement by 11.08.2017. As students will be dismissed from school at 3.00 pm, kindly make the necessary transport arrangement for your child after the session.

Level	Primary 1	Primary 2
Date	28.08.2017: 1R, 1A1, 1D, 1I 29.08.2017: 1N, 1M, 1A2, 1S	28.08.2017
Venue	River Safari	KidZania
Time	9.15 am – 1.30 pm	9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Attire	PE Attire	PE Attire
Things to bring	Small bag: Writing materials Storybook Snacks & water bottle Clipboard (Optional)	Small bag: Writing materials Storybook Water bottle Clipboard (Optional) A jacket or cardigan (Optional)
Note	Reporting and dismissal time will be as normal.	Students to report to school as per normal. Parents to make own transport arrangement for your child to be picked up from school at 3.00 pm.

Please complete the acknowledgement under '**Forms/ Others**' in SNAAPP, **by Fri, 11.08.2017**. For non-SNAPP users, please fill in the attached Acknowledgement Slip and submit the hard copy to your children's/ wards' Form Teachers by the same date.

E. P3 GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMME IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE

(Mdm Wong Pauline, YH MP)

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable students with high intellectual potential. The exercise is conducted in two stages- Screening and Selection.

The tentative schedule for the two stages of the GEP Identification Exercise 2017 is as follows:

- a) GEP Screening Exercise 23.08.2017
(English Language and Mathematics) (Wednesday)

Shortlisted students are invited to participate in the Selection Exercise.

- b) GEP Selection Exercise 19.10.2017 – 20.10.2017
(English Language, Mathematics (Thursday – Friday)
And General Ability)

The schedule for the GEP Identification Exercise 2017 is also available at the school online calendar.

F. P4 PERSONALISED LEARNING THROUGH MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROJECT WORK (PL-MDPW)

(Mdm Wong Pauline, YH MP)

RMPS embarked on PL-MDPW to better engage students and enhance their learning through Self-Directed Learning (SDL) and Collaborative Learning (CoL) activities. In July/ August, the P4 students will be involved in an exciting time of personalized learning in a theme of their choice. We are writing to seek your support and participation in facilitating the week-long MDPW programme as Parent Facilitators.

Parent Facilitators will:

- provide consultation to the students on how to search for appropriate information online,
- guide the students to do a presentation on their preferred theme and
- be in school according to the following level schedule during the respective level's MDPW week:

Primary 4																														
	0800	0815	0830	0845	0900	0915	0930	0945	1000	1015	1030	1045	1100	1115	1130	1145	1200	1215	1230	1245	1300	1315	1330	1345	1400					
Mon 31.07.2017					Session 1			Recess		Session 2																				
Tue 01.08.2017					Session 1			Recess		Session 2																				
Wed 02.08.2017							Session 1	Recess		Session 2																				
Thur 03.08.2017					Session 1			Recess		Session 2																				
Fri 04.08.2017		Setting up					Recess		Celebration of Learning																					

If you are able to embark on this exciting journey with RMPS teachers and students as a Parent Facilitator, please complete your response under 'Forms/ Others' in SNAAPP, by Wed, 12.07.2017. For non-SNAAPP users, please fill in the attached Response Slip and submit the hard copy to your children's/ wards' form teachers by the same date.

The schedule for the briefing session for parent facilitators is as follows:

Date	Time	Venue
Wed, 19.07.2017	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	PAL Room

G. P4 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) INITIATIVE

(Miss S Thivyaa Tharrshini, HOD ICT)

BYOD aims to create a 21st century learning environment in which students will be provided with equitable access to technology for them to become self-directed learners and collaborative team players. In addition, they will also learn how to handle computing devices in a productive and responsible manner. RMPS implemented BYOD at P4 and P5 successfully in 2016. Many students brought their own authorized technology devices and had an exciting time of engaged learning with their friends during the PL-MDPW week.

Once again, we ask for parents' support in allowing P4 students to bring their own authorised technology devices to school to enhance learning in the classroom during their PL-MDPW Week in Term 3, Week 6.

Specifications of Authorized Technology Devices

Laptops, netbooks, eReaders, iPads and android tablets with either Windows or Apple operating systems are permitted on the school's network. The device should have a minimum display screen size of 7.9 inches (diagonal).



In order to connect to the RMPS Segregated Wireless Network (SWN), the device must meet the prerequisite requirements stated in the table below.

Operating System	Windows Vista / 7 / 8, Apple MacOS, Apple IOS or Android
Updated Web Browser	Internet Explorer (Version 9 or newer), Firefox (Version 15 or newer) and/ or Google Chrome. All of these web browsers can be downloaded free of charge.
Software Applications	Microsoft Office 2007 or newer with Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft PowerPoint

Please ensure that all technology devices are fully charged so that battery life will not affect proper operation during the school day. Please complete your response under 'Forms/ Others' in SNAAPP, by Wed, 12.07.2017. For non-SNAAPP users, please fill in the attached Response Slip and submit the hard copy to your children's/ wards' form teachers by the same date.

H. P6 PRELIM ORAL EXAMINATIONS

(Mdm Jessie Lee SW, HOD MT)

Prelim Oral Examination will be conducted after school from **2.30 pm to 5.00 pm** at the School Hall **17.07.2017 and 18.07.2017**

Important Notes:

- a. Please make your own transport arrangement for your child/ ward on the days of Oral Examination if he/she is taking school bus home.
- b. Only absentees with valid reasons will be eligible to sit for the make-up Oral Examination on Fri, 21.07.2017. Supporting documents or medical certificates must be submitted to the respective Form Teachers upon student's return to school. Parents' letters of excuse will **NOT** be accepted.

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**P1 & 2 INTEGRATED TRAILS
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP**

(For non-SNAAPP users, please submit the completed Acknowledgement Slip to your child(ren)'s/ ward(s)' Form Teachers **by Fri, 11.08.2017**)

I have read Item D of the Jul 2017 Notification for Parents/ Guardians and have taken note of the contents.

Name of Child: _____

Class: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Contact No: _____

Special dietary requirement: _____

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**P4 PERSONALISED LEARNING THROUGH MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROJECT WORK (PL-MDPW)
RESPONSE SLIP**

(For non-SNAAPP users, please submit the completed Response Slip to your children's/ wards' Form Teachers **by Wed, 12.07.2017**)

I am able to volunteer as a **Parent Facilitator** for the Personalised Learning through MDPW programme at **P4** (from: 31.07.2017 to 04.08.2017)

Name of Child: _____

Class: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Contact No: _____

**BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) INITIATIVE
RESPONSE SLIP**

(For non-SNAAPP users, please submit the completed Response Slip to your children's/ wards' Form Teachers
by Wed, 12.07.2017)

I have read and will educate my child/ward to adhere to the **RMPS Acceptable Use Policy** for BYOD.
Please indicate with a ✓ accordingly:

- My child/ ward **will be bringing** his/ her technology device to school, for use during the MDPW week.
- My child/ ward **will not be bringing** his/ her technology device to school, for use during the MDPW week.

Name of Child: _____

Class: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Contact No: _____

I - RMPS ACCEPTANCE USE POLICY (RMPS AUP) FOR BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

(For P4 Students)

(Miss S Thivyaa Tharrshini, HOD ICT)

The RMPS AUP is an agreement which outlines the responsibilities for students and parents concerning BYOD. The document addresses concerns and provides guidelines for the proper usage of the technology devices. In order for a student to use his or her technology device in BYOD, parents/ legal guardians must read and acknowledge that they have read the attached RMPS AUP. When a student brings his/ her own devices to school, it is mandatory that he/ she utilise the RMPS Segregated Wireless Network (SWN) only.

We thank you in advance and look forward to your support in making your child's Personalised Learning through MDPW an even more enriching experience.

SWN Guidelines

1. Students must use the school's SWN network and not a cell phone or service provider's data network (e.g. 3G, 4G, LTE) or any other wired or wireless network.
2. They must log into SWN using their wireless ID, and sign in using their assigned username and password.
3. By authenticating and logging into the wireless network, the student agrees to comply with the terms of the user policy.
4. Students must use the SWN only for school-related activities and not tamper with the network outlets in any way.
5. Students should be considerate and not engage in actions or activities that interfere with the functions of the systems, cause congestion to the network or interfere with the work of others.
6. Students are responsible for abiding by the guidelines set out in this AUP.
7. Students may access social media for educational use in accordance with their teacher's approved plan.
8. Students who disregard this policy and its accompanying procedures may have their user privileges suspended or revoked, and disciplinary action taken against them.

Students must respect and protect the privacy of others by doing the following:

1. Use only assigned network and user accounts.
2. Seek a file's owner's permission for using or altering his/ her file.
3. Refrain from distributing private information about others or themselves.
4. Using the camera function only with the permission of the teachers and upon permission granted by the subject of the photo or video.

Students must respect and protect the intellectual property of others by doing the following:

1. Seek permission and acknowledge the owners of the materials in their presentation.
2. Report any copyright infringement; do not assist or participate in such activities.
3. Respect the rights of others by complying with all the school policies regarding the protection and use of intellectual property.
4. Ask for permission if they need to install any software in the local hard disk or server drives.
5. Comply with the guidelines of any third party organization that the School may from time to time agree to adopt for its implementation.

Failure by users to observe the abovementioned policies may result, whether directly or indirectly, in the school being involved in claims and/ or suffering damages, losses and expenses. A user shall indemnify the school and its officers for any such claims, damages, losses and expenses resulting from the user's failure to observe any of the above stated policies.

Students must respect and practise the principles of online community by doing the following:

1. Communicate only in ways that are kind and respectful.
2. Report threatening or discomfoting materials to a teacher.
3. Encourage others not to access, transmit, copy, or create mobile apps, websites, or other material with inappropriate information, content, ads, or any material that is not age or school appropriate.
4. Discourage and report any accessing, transmitting, copying, or creating of material that violates the school's code of conduct (such as messages/ content that are pornographic, threatening, rude, discriminatory, or meant to harass).
5. Discourage and report any online acts that are criminal or violate the school's code of conduct.

6. Use another student's device only when specifically permitted by that student and with the permission of a school administrator or teacher.
7. Avoid spam, chain letters, or other mass unsolicited mailings.
8. Refrain from involvement in buying, selling, advertising or other businesses.

Accounts & Passwords

1. Accounts and passwords are assigned to individual users and are not to be shared. Users are solely responsible for all functions performed from their assigned accounts and passwords.
2. Using another person's accounts and passwords, with or without the person's permission, is a serious violation.
3. Users should avoid, discourage or report any attempts to crack, copy and/or capture another person's computer password or email account.

Email, Web and Learning & Management Systems

The following conduct and actions are strictly prohibited:

1. Sending/ posting of pornography or defamatory materials/ messages.
2. Sending forged email or posting forged messages, impersonating another person or sending email anonymously.
3. Making changes to one's personal learning device's system configuration that would interfere with the school's management and monitoring systems.
4. Flooding a user or a site with a very large volume of email.

Students must ensure the safety of their own devices by doing the following:

1. Be responsible and exercise care in carrying and using their devices.
2. Ensure that all classroom doors are locked whenever the class has to move to another venue for lessons.
3. Report any suspicious character inside or near the classroom to any teacher or at the General Office.
4. Secure their devices and not leave them in the school premises overnight.

Students must ensure that their devices have sufficient battery life by doing the following:

1. Charge the technology devices fully before coming to school.

Violations of the above policies, regulations, or school rules involving a student's personal electronic device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/ or disciplinary action. The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal electronic device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated board policies, regulations, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal electronic device. Any search will be conducted in compliance with school policies.