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24 March 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school term! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. The new term brings fresh opportunities for students to explore their interests, deepen their learning, and work towards their goals. We look forward to continuing our close partnership with parents in supporting every child's growth and well-being.

1. Hari Raya Puasa Celebration Concert

Warmest Hari Raya Aidilfitri wishes to our Muslim parents and guardians who are celebrating this joyous occasion. May your homes be filled with happiness and warmth as you celebrate with your loved ones.

The school will be celebrating this festive occasion with a special concert during assembly on Monday, 30 March 2026. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their traditional Malay attire, paired with their school shoes.

2. Reminder: Travel Declaration for 2026 March School Holidays

We seek your kind cooperation to update and submit the travel declaration for your child/ward **if you have not done so**.

To make a travel declaration via Parents' Gateway (PG), please go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS] and indicate your child/ward's travel details, including the country and city of travel, as well as any transit cities, **by Friday, 27 March 2026**, if you have not already done so. Only one parent/guardian is required to submit the declaration.

Alternatively, you may also submit via the following QR Code or link:



If there were changes to your travel plan(s) after you had made the declaration, please submit a **new travel declaration** with the updated details via **Parents' Gateway (PG)**, or inform the school so that the previously declared travel plan(s) could be cancelled.

If your child/ward did not travel overseas during this period, no action is required.



3. **Reminder: Safe and Smooth Arrival & Dismissal at the School**

To ensure the smooth flow of traffic during arrival and dismissal, parents/guardians are reminded not to disembark from their vehicles when dropping off or picking up their children at the school foyer, as this may create congestion.

All drivers are urged to exercise care and patience when entering and exiting the school premises. Please note that the **speed limit within the school compound is 15 km/h**. Motorists should also proceed with caution when making the turn towards the school porch, as the turning radius is tight.

When exiting the school, please remain vigilant for other road users as you approach the school main gate. Do also take note of the yellow box and pedestrian crossings outside the school. The school will deploy staff at the school gates and nearby pedestrian crossing to assist students and parents during both arrival and dismissal times.

Please note that parents/guardians driving into the school to pick up their child/ward will only be allowed to enter after all the school buses have exited the premises. While waiting to enter, parents/guardians are kindly reminded not to wait or park along Bedok Reservoir Crescent, as this may obstruct school buses turning into the school and inconvenience residents.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school environment safe and orderly for everyone.

4. **School Emergency Preparedness Exercise**

As part of its emergency preparedness measures, the school conducts periodic emergency exercises and activities to familiarise students and staff with the appropriate actions to take in the event of an emergency. As part of these exercises, the school population may be required to move to a nearby external venue should the need arise.

5. **Temperature-Taking Exercise**

The school will be conducting a temperature-taking exercise on Wednesday, 1 April 2026. Parents are reminded to ensure that your child brings his/her personal thermometer to school daily so that they can check their temperature should they feel unwell.

6. **Extension of Duration of Primary 6 Supplementary Class**

To better support our Primary 6 students in their preparation for the PSLE, the school will be extending the duration of the Primary 6 supplementary classes by one hour. From Term 2 onwards, students will attend two hours of supplementary lessons on Mondays and Thursdays, covering two subjects each day. The supplementary classes will end at 4.00 p.m.

The updated schedule was shared with parents via Parents Gateway on 2 March 2026 for your reference.



7. Timetable (Term 2)

Due to the commencement of the Primary 4 SwimSafer 2.0 programme in Term 2, the recess timings for Primary 4 and Primary 6 will be switched. Adjustments have been made to the timetable.

Students received their updated timetables on the last day of Term 1.

Updated Recess Schedule	
Primary 4	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Primary 6	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

8. National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA)

The Primary 6 National Physical Fitness Award test teaches students about the various components of fitness, and how these contribute to active and healthy living. The components of the test measures flexibility, strength, power and cardiovascular endurance. Students are encouraged to try their best, pace themselves well, and demonstrate good discipline in the period leading up to this test by eating well, exercising well and sleeping well. Details of the P6 NAPFA test will be posted via Parents Gateway nearer the date.

9. International Friendship Day

Our school will be celebrating International Friendship Day on 6 April 2026 with the theme "Singapore: Forging Friendships in a Complex World". The celebration will begin with a special assembly featuring sharing sessions by both students and teachers, followed by engaging recess activities for all pupils. This year's theme highlights how Singapore navigates the rapidly evolving global landscape, where international cooperation remains vital for addressing global challenges and seizing new opportunities together. Through our IFD activities, students will develop a deeper appreciation of different cultures and perspectives, equipping them to contribute to a cohesive and globally connected society. Our students will learn how they can forge meaningful connections with our neighbours, helping Singapore remain relevant in today's complex world whilst embracing openness and opportunities for international cooperation. The celebration will also deepen students' understanding of Singapore's geopolitical realities and national interests, preparing them to be thoughtful global citizens who can build bridges across cultures and communities.

10. Overseas Immersion Trip to China, Chengdu

The school will be organising an overseas learning journey to Chengdu from 18 to 22 May for selected Primary 5 and 6 students who have demonstrated exemplary conduct, positive learning dispositions, and who serve as role models for their peers. This immersive programme aims to enhance students' global and civic literacy, broaden their perspectives, and deepen their appreciation of different cultures. Students will also have opportunities to apply important life skills such as self-management and relationship management during the trip.



11. Launch of Cyber Wellness Microsites for Students and Parents

Ensuring that our students navigate the digital world safely remains a key priority in supporting their well-being. We are pleased to introduce our new Cyber Wellness Microsites for Students and Parents on the school website under *Useful Links*. These microsites provide curated resources on digital citizenship, online safety, and healthy screen habits. Students can explore interactive tips and guidance, while the parents' microsite offers practical strategies to support your child's digital journey at home. We encourage you to explore these resources together with your child to foster responsible and positive online habits. Let us continue to work in partnership to empower our children to be safe, discerning, and responsible digital citizens.

12. Updates on Perfect 10

The students had a wonderful time participating in the various programmes planned for them during Perfect 10. It was heartening to see them actively engaged in meaningful learning while having fun and enjoying the experience.

Thank you to the parents who came to support their children at the Primary 2 Speech and Drama showcase. Your presence made the occasion even more special for the students.

Students can look forward to another round of exciting programmes during Perfect 10 in the final week of Term 2.

13. Social Studies Learning Journeys for the Term

Parents are reminded that the Social Studies Learning Journeys listed below will take place in Term 2 as part of our efforts to deepen students' understanding of Singapore's history and heritage.

Class	Venue	Date
5 Passion & 5 Resilience	Indian Heritage Centre	Thursday, 2 April 2026
3 Sincerity & 3 Passion	Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery	Tuesday, 7 April 2026
6 Resilience & 6 Kindness	Ancient Civilisation Museum	Tuesday, 12 May 2026
6 Sincerity 6 Passion 6 Aspiration	Ancient Civilisation Museum	Tuesday, 19 May 2026
Primary 2 [All Classes]	National Orchid Garden	Friday, 22 May 2026

14. Parent Teacher Meeting

Our annual Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) will be held on Thursday, 28 May 2026. The conference aims to keep parents informed of your child's holistic progress in school, strengthen home-school collaboration through meaningful communication between parents and teachers, and provide an opportunity for your child to share his or her learning experiences with you personally. Detailed information on the timing and booking procedures will be shared via Parents Gateway at a later date.

We look forward to your participation in this meaningful conversation about your child's learning journey.



15. Student Management Matters

(i) Bringing of Prohibited Items

Chewing gum

Students are not allowed to bring chewing gum to school for consumption, sale, or distribution. Students found in possession of chewing gum in school will face disciplinary actions, which may include a warning letter, detention, suspension, or other consequences deemed appropriate by the school.

Weapons or weapon-like items

The possession of weapons or weapon-like items in school is strictly prohibited and constitutes a very serious offence. Any student found in possession of a weapon or any item that may cause harm to others will have the item confiscated immediately, and parents will be informed. The student will also be subject to school-based disciplinary actions, which may include suspension or caning (for boys). The school takes such matters seriously to safeguard the safety and well-being of all students and staff. The school may conduct bag checks should there be any suspicion of weapons being brought to school.

Vapes

MOE takes a firm stand against vaping. Vaping is categorised as a serious offence. When students are caught using or in possession of e-vaporisers, the prohibited product will be confiscated, and their parents will be informed. The schools will report the offender to Health Sciences Authority and manage vaping-related offences through existing disciplinary frameworks. These include taking school-based disciplinary actions, such as suspension or caning (for boys). Students caught vaping will also be placed on cessation support programmes where counsellors will guide them through their cessation journey to effect long-term behavioural change. The following school-based consequences for students caught vaping was shared on 28 August 2025 via PG:

MOE's Baseline	Vaping	Vaping with Etomidate
First-time offenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to 3 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or 1 stroke of the cane (for boys only, with aggravating factors) AND conduct grade adjustment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 to 5 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or Up to 2 strokes of the cane (for boys only) AND conduct grade adjustment (no better than 'Fair')
Second-time offenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 to 5 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or Up to 2 strokes of the cane (for boys only) AND conduct grade adjustment (no better than 'Fair') 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 to 14 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or Up to 3 strokes of the cane (for boys only) AND conduct grade adjustment ('Poor')
Subsequent offenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 to 14 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or Up to 3 strokes of the cane (for boys only) AND conduct grade adjustment ('Poor') 	

Parents have an important part to play in their children's education. There are resources and relevant information that parents can access on Parent Hub. Parents are encouraged to have a serious conversation with their children about vaping to prevent it from becoming a life-long habit. More information about the harms of vaping is available on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>



(ii) School Discipline Matters

Discipline plays an important role in maintaining a safe, respectful, and conducive learning environment for all students. At our school, discipline is not only about upholding rules, but also about guiding students to develop kindness, responsibility, self-discipline, and respect for others.

We encourage our students to demonstrate positive behaviour, make responsible decisions, and take ownership of their actions both in and beyond the school. With the strong partnership between parents and teachers, we can better support our students in growing into respectful, responsible, and confident individuals. We greatly appreciate parents' continued support in reinforcing these values and expectations at home.

Disciplinary measures help students learn that there are consequences for their inappropriate behaviours and actions and take responsibility not to repeat their mistakes.

Offences are considered serious when a student:

- causes serious harm and/or disruption to self, whether physical, psychological or social, and/or
- causes serious harm and/or disruption to others, whether physical, psychological or social, and/or
- causes serious damage to property or resources, and/or
- shows defiance against authorities

From 2026, baseline consequences for serious offences will be implemented. The baseline disciplinary consequences are similar to what has been announced for vaping in 2025. The baseline consequences are the minimum penalties, and schools have the autonomy to impose additional school-based consequences, based on their assessment of each case.

16. ACTION Routine

At Damai Primary School, we guide our students to respond to conflicts and challenges using a simple routine called **A.C.T.I.O.N.** Through role-play and guided practice, students rehearse positive responses so that respectful behaviour becomes second nature. The routine encourages students to first be 'Aware' of what is happening and how others may feel, 'Choose' responsible actions, and 'Talk' calmly and respectfully to resolve the situation. If the problem continues, they learn to 'Insist' firmly on their boundaries, 'Opt-out' of situations that may escalate, and 'Notify' a trusted adult when support is needed.

More importantly, **A.C.T.I.O.N** reminds our students that they all have a role to play in shaping a caring and respectful school community. Damaians are encouraged not only to stand up for themselves, but also to be upstanders who support their peers and contribute positively to the well-being of others. Parents can support this effort by having open conversations with their children about friendships and conflicts, modelling calm and respectful communication at home, and reassuring them that seeking help from trusted adults is always a responsible and courageous choice. Working together, we can nurture a community where every child feels safe, supported and valued.



17. D'Aesthetics@Damai

D'Aesthetics@Damai provides students with opportunities to explore a variety of art forms and develop an appreciation for the arts through fun, experiential programmes conducted after curriculum time. These experiences allow students to discover new interests, nurture their talents, and build interpersonal skills through collaboration and creative expression.

This year, our Primary 3 students participated in the Singapore Ethnic Percussion Programme on 6, 13, 20 and 27 February. Through the sessions, they explored different ethnic percussion instruments and learnt to express themselves through Chinese, Malay and Indian drum rhythms. The programme culminated in a group performance showcasing their teamwork, creativity and growing confidence.

18. Arts@Damai (Semester 1)

The school was treated to an energetic assembly performance by the professional ensemble OneHeartBeat on 23 February, where students were introduced to the lively Latin rhythms of the Mambo, Samba, Cha Cha and Rumba. Through the interactive demonstration, students eagerly joined in by tapping rhythms to accompany the musicians on stage.

The excitement continued during recess engagement sessions on the same day, where students participated in a vibrant drum circle. Through hands-on experience with various Latin percussion instruments and rhythms, students enjoyed making music together while building confidence, collaboration and a strong sense of community.

19. Talentine@Damai

Talentine@Damai Show 1 took centre stage on 9 March, bringing the school together in a vibrant celebration of student talent. True to its spirit as a performance by students, for students, the event showcased the passion and creativity of our Damaians.

Aspiring performers first went through a competitive audition process, and the strong turnout reflected the confidence and enthusiasm of our students. Taking to the stage before the whole school, our talented singers, pipa player, pianists and dancers impressed the audience with their poise, dedication and showmanship.

20. With Our Sincere Appreciation

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with the school. Together, let us look forward to a meaningful and rewarding term ahead as we continue to nurture our students' growth and development.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jenny Leong

