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Dear Parent/Guardian

1. We welcome our students back this week for Term 2. With further easing of COVID-19 measures taking effect from 29 Mar following the streamlining of measures from 15 Mar, the school has progressively introduced more physical activities through the directions from MOE/MOH. Our students from the Sports CCAs have been training hard and are looking forward to participating in the National School Games that had commenced since the start of term 2. We would like to thank all parents, guardians and caregivers in working with the school for the continued safety of the school population through taking precautionary measures like keeping their children/wards at home when they or household members are unwell and testing for COVID-19 using ART kits before allowing their children/wards to make their way to school.

2. Here are some good news for the new term (*Annex A* provides additional details, if any, of these achievements):

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p>Post-Sec Accolades: A-Level 5 Distinctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mani Kumar Prateek (4S1, 2019), National Junior College - Don Lee Hong Hao (4S1, 2019), Jurong Pioneer Junior College <p>Design Awards 2022 Creative Invention Award – Thaddaeus Tan (4A6, 2021)</p> <p>TL Mother Tongue Languages and Cultural Fiesta 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Prize (Team) – Quiz Competition • 2nd Prize (Individual) – Composition Writing <p>International History Bee and Bowl Asia & Oceania Championships 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Placing (Individual), Junior Varsity Bee – Akella Rama Santosh Srikar, 4A7 • 5th Placing (Team), Junior Varsity Bowl <p>Hwa Chong Model ASEAN Summit 2022 Best Speaker, ASEAN Political-Security Council – Lim Liang Chong, Ryan, 4A8</p> <p>43rd International C.B. Paul Science Quiz 2022 Gold – Cheang Kai Ling, 4A7 Bronze – Aw Jun Le, 4A7 Merit – Lim Kai Yang, Ryan Tan Yi Ren, 4A7</p>
CCA (UGs)	<p>Pinnacle Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform Groups (UGs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys' Brigade (BB), NPCC – Gold Award NCC (Land), NCC (Sea) – Distinction Award Girls' Brigade (GB) – Silver Award • NPCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore Police Force (SPF) NPCC Badge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SI Lau Zi Xuan, 4A8 ○ SSGT Chan Glenn, 4A8
School	<p>Green Schools@South West CDC Public Health Star, Environment Protection Star, Junior Environment Ambassador Star</p>

3. Following the announcements at the 2022 Committee of Supply (COS) debates, schools would remove mid-year examinations (MYEs) for all primary and secondary school students by next year in an ongoing move to shift the focus from academic grades and tests. Schools that are ready to do so could choose to remove the MYEs for any remaining levels this year. With the belief that instructional time should be freed up for teaching and learning, BBSS had not conduct MYEs for Sec 1 to 3 since 2019. Thus, with the experience gained, BBSS is also prepared to remove the MYE for Secondary 4 and 5 students from this year onwards. With this removal, students would be better placed to fully master content and skill sets for current year topics.

4. In lieu of the Sec 4/5 MYE, we would arrange for timed practices during curriculum time to familiarise students with examination format and conditions and to help them gain confidence. There would be no changes to the school preliminary examinations. The O-Level Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) MYE would continue to allow our students to be prepared for the MTL National Examination on Monday, 30 May 2022. Please refer to *Annex C* for the revised school-based assessment schedule for the Sec 4 and 5 students.

5. While we continue to create more space for students to explore their interests and develop 21st century competencies like knowledge, skills and values that they would need to thrive in the new economy and interconnected world, we seek the continued partnership and support of parents/guardians and students to be conscientious about prevailing COVID-19 measures as they ease and not dismantle them because by letting down our guard, that would result in the virus coming back to impact us and hurt us. For example, though from 29 Mar when wearing of masks outdoor becomes optional, the continued wearing of masks could reduce the likelihood of infection with COVID-19 and the transmission of the virus to household members could be prevented, especially to the elderly at home. Do continue to encourage your child to practise good personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility to keep ourselves and our families safe.

6. On this note, have a pleasant and healthy term ahead.

Yours faithfully


Mr Phua Huat Chuan
Principal

(This letter has been posted electronically on Parents Gateway. No signature is required.)

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Details of Achievements

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<p>The school have received accolades from various JCs of ex-BBSSians (2019) who had done well for the 2021 A-Level Examination.</p> <p>National Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mani Kumar Prateek, 4S1, 5 Distinctions - Lee Zi Wei, 4S1, 4 Distinctions <p>Jurong Pioneer Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bryan Ong Ren Hean, 4A1, 4 Distinctions - Don Lee Hong Hao, 4S1, 5 Distinctions - Lee Rui Xi, 4S1, 4 Distinctions - Chew Chian Hong, 4A2, 4 Distinctions <p>Catholic Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Koh Kai Jun, Kevin, 4S1, 4 Distinctions <p>St. Andrew's Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eugene Ng Yi Sheng, 4A1, 4 Distinctions <p>Anderson Serangoon Junior College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tee Jia Le, 4S2, 4 Distinctions <p>The annual Design Awards 2022 is back after 2 years of absence due to COVID-19. This year, the organisers, (Design and Technology (DT) Educator's Society and DT Unit, Curriculum Planning & Development Division, MOE) decided that design ideas that were conceptualised and realised between 2020 to 2022 would be considered for this year's awards. BBSS nominated Thaddaeus Tan's (4A6, 2021) LOKNSIT design, an A4-sized portable chair that can be used anywhere and kept in a standard backpack for ease of transporting for the Design Awards 2022. This unique chair was also exhibited during the Lighthouse Showcase in 2021. The design stood out amongst the keen competition and Thaddaeus was conferred the Creative Invention Award for his innovative efforts. He has certainly lived out the HOM disposition of Creating, Imagining and Innovating! We wish him all the best in his aspiration to become a designer.</p> <p>7 students participated in the TL Mother Tongue Languages and Cultural Fiesta held in 25 Oct 2021. The following students participated in the Quiz and Composition Writing competitions and did the school proud:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Prize (Team), Quiz Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4A7 - Sivakumar Hanish, Ganeshan Varshini, Govindarajan Nithya Kiruthik • 4A6 - Muhammad Amin S/O Abdul Kafoor • 2nd Prize (Individual), Composition Writing - Venkateswaran Gayathri, 3A7 <p>The artworks of Lau Zi Suan (4A5) and Rachel Chang (4A6) submitted to Live on Festival (LOF) 2021 will be displayed together with others at the Jurong Regional Library till the end of Mar 2022. They were awarded High Distinction and Merit respectively for their efforts in the School Category. LOF encourages participants, in particular youths, to express their thoughts on organ donation and transplantation through art and writing. Designed with the perspective to be consonant with the goals of the MOE's Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) curriculum, LOF serves to inculcate values of responsibility, compassion, empathy and altruism by providing insights into the delicate and emotive nature of the topic of organ donation and transplantation.</p>  <p>Over two Saturdays (19 and 26 Feb), our International History Bee & Bowl (IHBB) interest group participated in the IHBB Asia & Oceania Winter League 2022. In the Junior Varsity Bowl, our Team A, comprising of Akella Rama Santosh Srikar (4A7), Edmund Soh (3A6), Ang Solomon (3A6), and Irving Ng Xin Le (2A2) came in 5th. They won 3 out of the 4 matches they played and narrowly missed out on a semi-final place by one spot. In the Junior Varsity Bee, Akella Rama Santosh Srikar (4A7) was tied for 3rd at the end of the finals but lost in the tie-breaker to obtain 4th placing. Srikar joined the interest group in Sec 2 and has persisted over the last two years. Nevertheless, this is a commendable performance given the strength of the international competition.</p> <p>In 2021, 11 docents from our History Talent Programme participated in the Student Archivist Project. This is an oral history project organised by the National Museum of Singapore in which student interviewers collect personal stories from senior interviewees about the Battle</p>

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	<p>of Singapore and the Fall of Singapore to the Japanese on 15 Feb 1942. The recording of the interview conducted by three of our docents, Nur Faradila Binte Thahirudin (3A7), Choo Zhiyee (3A7) and Hani Nadia Binti Mohd Zin (3A5) was selected by the National Museum to be featured in the Museum's special exhibition, Dislocations: The Memory and Meaning of the Fall of Singapore, 1942, which will run from 29 Jan to 29 May 2022. The interview will be screened on the museum's AV screens that will allow visitors to listen to and view the interviews. The interview features Hani's grandmother, Mdm Supijah recalling her memories about the Battle for Singapore, such as what it was like during an air raid. Hani's uncle, Mr Darwish, helped to translate Mdm Supijah's responses and also shared the 'legendary' story of the artillery shell that landed unexploded in the family's pondok. Hani's father, Mr Zin, also assisted with the transcription of the interview. Thus, the interview showcases how the memories of the Japanese Occupation lives on through the transmission of stories across generations. Unfortunately, they could only feature 1 student interviewer and Hani was selected because she is the granddaughter.</p> <p>Hwa Chong Model ASEAN Summit (HCMAS) 2022 is an academic simulation of an actual ASEAN summit where leaders from the ASEAN nations gather to discuss prominent issues. As the delegate representing Brunei's Head of State, Lim Liang Chong, Ryan (4A8), deliberated on the topic of mitigating coups in ASEAN and the question of reforming ASEAN's non-interventionist attitude towards the South China Sea dispute. Through this experience, he has learnt to think flexibly, manage disagreements, and seek consensus. For his efforts, Ryan was named the Best Speaker, ASEAN Political-Security Council.</p> <p>The Anglo-Chinese Junior College (ACJC) Science and Mathematics Council in collaboration with the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and National University of Singapore (NUS), organised the 43rd International C. B. Paul Science Quiz 2022 to provide a platform for students to develop their aptitude and potential in the pure and applied sciences through critical thinking. Seven students participated in the C.B. Paul Quiz with the students listed achieving the following in the final result: Gold – Cheang Kai Ling, 4A7 Bronze – Aw Jun Le, 4A7 Merit – Lim Kai Yang and Ryan Tan Yi Ren, 4A7 Reflections from Kai Ling and Ryan showcased the application of HOM dispositions like persistence and remaining open to continuous learning during the quiz.</p>
CCA (UGs)	<p>Our Uniform Groups (UGs) continued to do consistently well and were awarded the following for efforts in 2021:</p> <p>Boys' Brigade (BB) – Gold Award (6th Consecutive Gold) NCC (Land) – Distinction Award (3rd Consecutive Distinction with 11 Golds) NCC (Sea) – Distinction Award (3rd Consecutive Distinction with 12 Golds) Girls' Brigade (GB) – Silver Award (13 Consecutive Golds) NPCC – Gold Award (2nd Consecutive Gold)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each year, only the top few percent of all graduating cadets in NPCC (Singapore) are awarded a pinnacle national award, the SPF-NPCC Badge for outstanding leadership performance and contributions to the Corps during the term of service. After clearing the first round of interviews, Si Lau Zi Xuan (4A8) and SSGT Chan Glenn (4A8) were ranked the top 2 cadets among all the 18 cadets nominated by 6 schools in Area 18. In the second round of interviews, they were interviewed by a panel of judges including NPCC Commandant of which they passed and were awarded with the SPF-NPCC Badge.
School	<p>Green Schools@South West CDC BBSS was accredited on the 3 following themes by South West CDC for our efforts in Environment Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Star; Environment Protection Star; and Junior Environment Ambassador Star

1. Major School Events/Activities (21 Mar, Term 2)

DATE	EVENT
Fri, 1 Apr	Principal's Talk & Subject Selection Briefing for Sec 2 students [7.15 pm – 8.45 pm] Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day (Sec 1) Multi-Level Activities Day (Sec 2 to Sec 5)
Fri, 8 Apr	Annual Awards Ceremony [3.00 pm – 6.00 pm] International Friendship Day
Fri, 29 Apr	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day
Fri, 13 May	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day (Sec 4/5) Multi-Level Activities Day (Sec 1 to Sec 3)
Thu, 19 May	Sec 4/5 Inter-Class Games (ICG) [3.00 pm – 6.00 pm]
Thu, 26 May	Student-Led Parent-Teacher Meeting for all students [3.15 pm – 5.15 pm]
Fri, 27 May	Student-Led Parent-Teacher Meeting for all students [8.00 am – 4.30 pm]
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (SAT, 28 MAY TO SUN, 26 JUN)	
Mon, 30 May to Tue, 31 May	GCE O-Level MTL Examinations
Mon, 20 Jun to Fri, 24 Jun	Sec 4/5 Coursework Intensive Prep

2. Oral Examination Schedule (21 Mar, Term 2)

Date	Time	Languages	Level/Class
Thu, 24 Mar	2.30 pm – 6.00 pm	EL	3E
Thu, 24 Mar	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	MT	2NT
Tue, 29 Mar	2.30 pm – 6.00 pm	EL	3E
Tue, 29 Mar	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	MT	3NA, 3NT
Thu, 31 Mar	2.30 pm – 6.00 pm	EL	3NA, 3NT
Thu, 31 Mar	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	MT	4HCL
Tue, 5 Apr	2.00 pm – 5.30 pm	MT	3E
Thu, 7 Apr	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	MT	3E
Tue, 26 Apr	3.00 pm – 6.30 pm	MT	1NA, 1NT
Fri, 29 Apr	8.00 am – 1.00 pm	MT	1E (Online)

Revised School-based Assessment schedule for the Sec 4 and 5 students

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Secondary 4 Express & 5NA	Class tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class tests MYE (O-Level MTL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timed Practices Preliminary Exam in Week 8 - 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Exams (Written) from Week 6 onwards
Secondary 4NA & 4NT	Class tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timed Practices MYE (O-Level MTL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary Exam in Week 5 & 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Exams (Written) from Week 1 onwards