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Open Letter from School Leaders 5/2025

Dear Parents,

1. We hope you have enjoyed quality family time during the June school holidays. Term 3 has begun with its familiar hustle and bustle, and we are delighted to welcome back our ever-energetic students.

2. Term 3 features several key events, beginning with our School Open House on 12 July. This will be followed by Non-Weighted Assessments (NWA) for P1 and P2, Weighted Assessments (WA) for P3 to P5, Preliminary Examinations and PSLE Oral Examinations for our P6 students.

New Staff to the Sembawang Family...

3. New Additions to the Sembawang Family. We extend a warm welcome to the following staff members who have joined our school:

- Miss Shirin Irfana Binte Iskander Shah (EL/SS Teacher)
- Miss Janelle Yap Jia Hui (EL/SS Teacher)
- Mdm Li Shuying (CL/CCE Teacher)
- Mr Putera Muhammad Faiez Bin Yazli (ML/CCE Teacher)

Important Information...

Safety, Emergency Preparedness & Student Well-Being

4. Emergency Preparedness Drills. The Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise was conducted on 9 July. During this exercise, students were responsible for taking their own temperature using their personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT). This exercise maintains our school's preparedness to reactivate the attendance and temperature taking regime should the need arise, while educating students about personal health responsibility.

5. As part of our emergency preparedness, the school plans to conduct an evacuation drill where our school population will practise the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for a school lockdown exercise, simulating an intruder incident. This will be followed by a fire-related scenario where the school population will assemble at the designated assembly area (AA). Your child's Form Teachers will provide detailed information about the drill via Parents Gateway (PG) in due course.

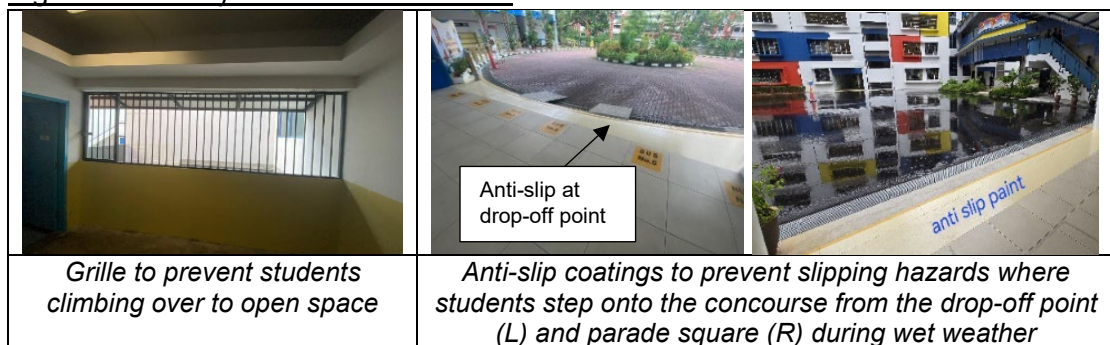




6. LTA and School Joint Road Safety Advisory. The school has collaborated with the Land Transport Authority (LTA) to issue a Joint Road Safety advisory via PG on 27 June. The advisory cautions against parking or waiting along Sembawang Drive during school arrival and dismissal times. It highlights various traffic offences and reiterates that authorities will take strict enforcement actions against offenders. We thank parents for your understanding and cooperation to ensure safety for all road users

7. Safety Measures. We have implemented necessary safety measures to address concerns arising from both infrastructure design and external factors. The school has successfully resolved one potential safety hazard from each of these circumstances (see Figure 1).

Figure 1 – Safety Enhancement Works



8. School Attire. In view of the current weather conditions and anticipated heat stress in July, students are permitted to wear their PE attire throughout the school day. We will review this arrangement towards the end of the month.

9. First Aid and AED Training. First aid knowledge and skills are essential for effective response during medical emergencies. Our staff maintain current certification in basic first aid and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) usage through biennial training (see Figure 2).

Figure 2 – First Aid and AED Training for Teachers



Student Matters

10. P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations. Our P6 students will sit for their Preliminary Oral Examinations on 28 and 29 July. The examinations will be conducted in the afternoon after



regular school hours. Normal lessons will continue for all students during this period. P6 students will be dismissed immediately after completing their examinations.

11. The World as Our School. Our overseas learning journeys to Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur in May 2025 provided selected P5 students with valuable opportunities through cultural visits and interactions with local students. These experiences helped them develop into confident individuals and active contributors while reinforcing our core values. Our students demonstrated adaptive thinking when navigating unfamiliar environments abroad and communicated effectively with their overseas counterparts despite language differences. Throughout the programme, students from different classes collaborated seamlessly as a team. We are proud of the maturity, empathy and open-mindedness they displayed during these learning journeys (see [Figure 3](#)).

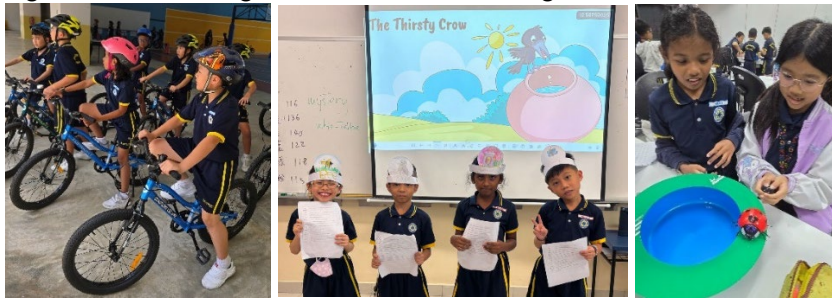
Figure 3 – Students on Overseas Learning Journeys (OLJ)



12. Experiential Learning Week (ELW). Running concurrently with the overseas learning journeys, ELW provided all students with opportunities to learn beyond the classroom through various activities and programmes. The knowledge and experiences gained during this week have contributed significantly to their personal growth and skills development. We thank parents for your continued support and trust in our programmes. See [Figure 4](#) for highlights of the activities.



Figure 4 – Learning is an Adventure during the ELW!



13. **Stay Drug Free!** The school continues to educate our students about the importance of saying 'no' to harmful substances and knowing how to seek help from trusted adults (see **Figure 5**). This is part of the continuous national drive to educate our young against the harmful effects of drugs and the negative impact not just to the individuals but to the community as a whole. We appreciate parents' support in reinforcing these vital messages at home as we work together to protect our children from the dangers of drugs.

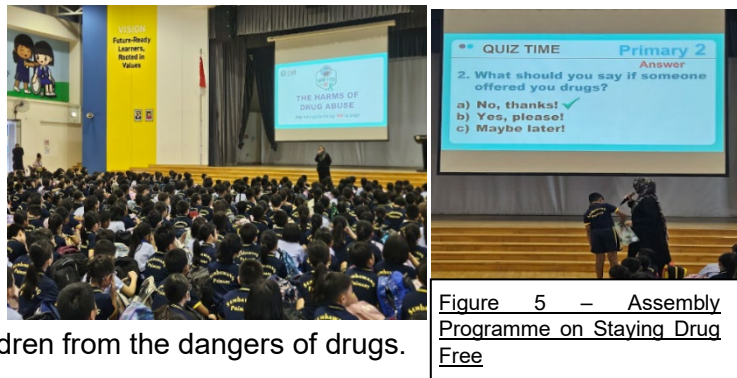


Figure 5 – Assembly Programme on Staying Drug Free

14. **NE Show 2025.** Our P5 students attended the SG60 National Education (NE) Show on 5 July (see **Figure 6**). Since 1997, NE Shows have been organised to provide each P5 cohort with the opportunity to experience the National Day Parade 'live'. The key objectives are to:

- Provide a unifying experience amongst each cohort of students on what it means to be a Singaporean and evoke in them a sense of pride and patriotism.
- Develop in students a sense of commitment towards the nation and the community.
- Provide learning opportunities for students to understand the significance of our National Day.

Figure 6 – P5 Students at the NE Show on 5 July



15. **Building Mental Resilience.** Mental resilience is crucial for student well-being, ensuring our students are well-prepared to face challenges, overcome obstacles and achieve their full



potential. We develop this through various engagements focusing on core values, competencies and student support. Our approach encompasses:

a. Nurturing a Growth Mindset: A Foundation for Resilience

Our teaching and learning programmes are built on the cornerstone of growth mindset, emphasising that abilities can be developed through dedication and effort. This mindset encourages students to view challenges and setbacks as opportunities for growth rather than indicators of fixed ability, enabling them to better cope with stress, persevere through difficulties and bounce back from setbacks.

b. FTGP: Equipping Students with Social and Emotional Competencies

The Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP) plays a vital role in supporting students' mental resilience. Through structured lessons and activities, students develop essential social and emotional competencies, including emotional management, positive relationships and coping strategies. FTGP provides a platform for addressing specific well-being issues, ensuring our students are well-equipped to navigate life's challenges.

c. One-to-One Interaction: Building Rapport and Support

Our twice-weekly One-to-One Interaction sessions provide dedicated time for teachers to build strong relationships with their students. These sessions create a safe and supportive environment that allows teachers to better understand their students' needs and concerns, fostering the trust and security essential for students' mental well-being.

16. Physical Well-Being. Physical well-being is a key domain of student development. We recognise that good physical health promotes better memory retention and increased energy levels. At school, we nurture our students' physical well-being through various activities, including Physical Education lessons and structured programmes such as SwimSafer, Co-Curricular Activities and Outdoor Education programmes, each tailored to different age groups. We are pleased to observe positive trends in our students' physical well-being and hope parents will continue to partner with us in supporting your child's physical development. Thank you for your support.

Celebration of Successes...

17. Singapore Youth Festival 2025 Art Exhibition. Our school proudly participated in the Singapore Youth Festival 2025 Art Exhibition this March with two teams of aspiring young artists. The theme 'Artist and Collaboration: Tiny Wonders, Big Ideas' challenged students to work together in discovering Singapore's unique character by observing subtle details in their surroundings and connecting these observations to broader visions for our future. We are delighted to announce that '*City in the Sky*', created by our Category B artists (from P3 and P4), has been selected as one of only 112 artworks to be showcased at the National Gallery Singapore this July (see [Figure 7](#)). Parents may visit the SYF website for more details. We congratulate these talented young artists on their outstanding achievement, which not only reflects their creativity and artistic vision but also brings honour to our school, demonstrating the remarkable potential of student collaboration.





Figure 7 – Student Achievement at Singapore Youth Festival 2025 Art Exhibition



18. Camp with Dad (P4-P6). Our father-child pairs bonded wonderfully during the two-day camp from 17 to 18 May through activities such as cooking, tent pitching and tele-match games (see Figure 8). The camp's success was made possible by the dedicated planning team of fathers, supported by teachers Mr Saidali and Mdm Subashini.

Figure 8 – Dad and Child Bonding at Camp with Dad



19. The Camp with Dad for P1-P3 levels is scheduled for August. The registration has since been closed. Parents, please look out for the upcoming updates and announcement.

20. North West Outstanding All-Rounder Student Award 2025. We are pleased to announce that Annabel Wong Yi Xuan, Vice-Head Prefect from the Class of 2024, has received the North West Outstanding All-Rounder Student Award (see Figure 9). This award recognises students who excel in Community Service, CCA, Leadership and Academics while embodying the spirit of giving back. Congratulations, Annabel!



Figure 9 – Annabel (2nd from left) with her parents (3rd and 4th from left). In attendance were MP for Sembawang GRC, Mr Ng Shi Xuan (1st from left) and Mayor of North West District, Mr Alex Yam



21. North West Volunteers' Award 2025. We are delighted to announce that our school has been conferred the North West Outstanding School Partner Award (Silver) 2025 for our active participation in Community Development Council (CDC) programmes throughout 2024 (see [Figure 10](#)). This recognition reflects our school's commitment to sustainability initiatives, which provide students with authentic learning opportunities while fostering social responsibility and environmental stewardship.



Figure 10 – VPA Mr Tan receiving the award on behalf of the school from Mayor of North West District, Mr Alex Yam

22. Celebration of Success (Semester 1 2025). On the last day of school in Semester 1, 28 May 2025, we celebrated the achievements of our students in both academic and non-academic areas. These achievements reflected our students' resilience and pursuit of excellence across different domains. We congratulate all award recipients and thank our teachers and parents for their unwavering support in nurturing our students' diverse talents. Parents can view photos of student recipients on our school website under the Photo Gallery section (www.sembawangpri.moe.edu.sg/our-school/photo-gallery/).

23. Partnership and Publicity. On 1 June, we collaborated with Sembawang Central Grassroots Organisation and HDB to host the MyNiceHome Roadshow for incoming residents of Sembawang Central Division (Sun Sails). This event provided an excellent opportunity to showcase our school and MOE Kindergarten to the new residents. We thank the organisers for involving us in welcoming these new members of our community (see [Figure 11](#)).



Figure 11 – MyNiceHome Roadshow at SBPS

24. School Open House 2025. The School Open House, held on 12 July, was successfully carried out and stands as a testament to the dedication and commitment of our students, PSG members and staff, and the participation of our parents and visitors. This year's theme, 'Learning Adventures @ SBPS', showcases how learning comes alive in our school through hands-on experiences in curricular subjects and Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), live performances by our performing arts groups and touring of facilities and spaces. See [Figure 12](#). Please visit our Instagram for the photographs. Thank you, parents for spending your morning with us.

Figure 12 – School Open House

Open House Theme	Parents' appreciation of the performance by our Chinese Orchestra	CCA try-out – Rugby Boys



Miscellaneous...

25. Calendar Of Events. Please visit our school website to view the Calendar of Events. For any clarifications or queries, please contact our General Office.

26. School Social Media. Stay connected with our school activities through our social media platforms. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook (see QR codes) for timely updates on school events, adventures, celebrations and student accomplishments!



27. Events by Canberra Grassroots Organisation (GRO). Canberra GRO has organised several events leading up to National Day. Please see Table 1 for details. These events offer excellent opportunities to join in the celebrations of our nation's 60th birthday.

Table 1 – SG60 Events by Canberra GRO

Date & Time	Activity Name	Venue	Invited GOH
1 Aug 25 (Fri) 7 – 9 pm	[SG60] One Canberra Movie Night 2025	Sembawang Hardcourt (Opp Sembawang MRT)	Adviser to Sembawang GRC GROs (Canberra) Mr Gabriel Lam
2 Aug 25 (Sat) 5 – 8 pm	[SG60] One Canberra Family Fiesta 2025		
3 Aug 25 (Sun) 8 – 11.30 am	SBGRC National Observance Ceremony 2025 + Bukit Canberra Dog Run Opening	Sembawang Hardcourt (Opp Sembawang MRT) & Bukit Canberra	Adviser to Sembawang GRC GROs (Naval Base) Mr Ng Shi Xuan
8 Aug 25 (Fri) 6.30 – 10 pm	[SG60] One Canberra National Day Dinner 2025	Sembawang Hardcourt (Opp Sembawang MRT)	

Concluding Remarks...

28. As Singapore celebrates its 60th birthday on 9 August under the theme "Building Our Singapore Together", we thank all parents, past and present, for your partnership in supporting your children's learning and helping them overcome challenges.

29. We look forward to an enriching and fulfilling Term 3 for our students. Please stay safe and healthy.

Yours in education,

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