



# EVERGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parent / guardian,

The Primary 3 (P3) level teachers would like to wish you a very happy new year! May 2018 be another year filled with love, joy and laughter. This year, your child will begin his/her P3 journey and as always, we will continue to work with you and your child in reaching his/her potential. We look forward to partnering you in this exciting journey with your child !

P3 is the start of many new things for your child. New friends, new teachers, a new classroom environment and even a new subject! As your child welcomes these changes, we are aware that it can be quite daunting as well. It is important that as adults we offer our continuous support and encouragement to our children. Some tips that you can incorporate in your interactions with your child are as follows:

- set reasonable goals with them • highlight their strengths • give importance to the learning process • praise your child for their efforts in all that they do • be present when conversing with your child
- look out for signs of distress especially in the first few weeks of school
- • make time for fun and play

Please continue to encourage your child to read widely, both in English and their Mother Tongue language. We also need to raise their awareness on the importance of time management as well checking their work upon completion. In addition, we should inculcate our children the habit of reflection as it allows them to better process their experience and learning outcomes thus enabling them to continuously improve themselves.

We need to ensure the children look forward to coming to school. Only with such passion, engaged learning can take place. I strongly encourage you to work hand in hand with our friendly teachers who will always be ready to work with you to ensure that positive and purposeful learning takes place for our children.

## Every Student, An Engaged Learner

### Level Theme and Motto

For this year, the theme for the P3 Level will be "Talents" and our motto is "Play Nice. Work Hard. Stay Kind". We aim to allow the children to explore different skills in the different subject areas and through such activities we hope inculcate the right moral values in them. Some activities include, experimenting with plants, exploring ways of taking care of animals, exposing them to drama, creating art pieces and others. Through such activities, the students work with others allowing them to hone their social skills.

I have included a snippet on Joseph Schooling. He is a good role model for children to look up to.

## Charting 15 years in the making of Singapore's finest swimmer

2001: Over family dinner, a six-year-old Schooling has a chat with his relatives about his grand-uncle Lloyd Valberg, a former national high-jumper who was Singapore's first ever Olympian at the 1948 Games. The chat inspires Schooling to go to the Olympics.

2008: The Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) quartet, which includes Joseph Schooling, sets a new "C" Division record of 1min 54.12sec in the 4x50m individual medley relay. A month later, he meets the US Olympic swimming team — which his parents help to host — including his idol, Michael Phelps for the first time. He subsequently makes the decision to train in the US.

2009: Swimming for ACS(I) at the National Inter-School Championships for the final time before he leaves for the United States, Schooling times 57.55s in the 100m butterfly to finish about two body lengths ahead of his nearest rivals. Schooling's time smashes the national under-14 record, and also the "A", "B" and "C" Division records. The 13-year-old subsequently leaves home for the Bolles School in Florida, US, to study and train.

2011: Schooling is part of a 4x100 yards medley relay team that times 1:28.09 to smash the US age-group (15-16 years) record by almost six seconds in April. However, this achievement is not counted as a US record as Schooling is not a US citizen. He then sets three new Singapore national records — 100m butterfly (54.19sec), 200m butterfly (2:00.05), and 200 individual medley (2:05.07) — when he returns to Singapore to compete in the National Swimming Championships.

2012: Schooling makes his Olympic debut in London as the youngest member of Singapore's contingent. Just before his 200m fly heats, his swim cap and goggles are rejected for failing to meet Olympic regulations. Flustered, he finishes 26th overall (1:59.18) in the heats and does not qualify for the semi-finals. He does not advance from the 100m heats either, finishing in 35th (53.61s) and 26th (1:59.18) spot respectively. A disappointed Schooling says "Champions don't make excuses" and vows to bounce back.

2013: In March, Schooling times 54.71s to win the 100m fly final at the Speedo South Sectional Championships in Florida, beating 11-time Olympic medallist American Ryan Lochte who comes in second (55.20). Seven months later, he becomes the first athlete to be granted long-term deferment from National Service, which allows him to pursue

his dream of winning an Olympic medal at the 2016 Olympic Games. Later that year, he wins six gold medals out of six events at the Myanmar SEA Games, setting four new Games records in the process.

Read his story: <http://www.todayonline.com/sports/schooling-story>

### Value for Term 1

"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence"  
Denis Waitley.

This term, the P3 level will focus on the importance of being responsible. As parents and teachers, we would like our students to take obligations seriously and to be accountable for their actions. We can inculcate responsibility in them by assigning age-appropriate tasks and to have teachable moments of responsibility. In addition, we should also affirm them when they have displayed acts of being responsible — no matter how small.

In our school, we advocate "Think Good, Do Good, and Speak Good" at all times. Students, must respect themselves, their peers, teachers and school property at all times. This is in line with our school motto, Pure in Act.

Birthday Celebrations at School

In view of ensuring that the well-being of all students are taken care of, the school will not allow individual birthday. celebrations in class or at the canteen. Some students have food allergies and also specific dietary requirements and hence such celebrations do pose a safety problem for our students. We also do not want to promote a class divide by giving out goodie bags and gifts as not all families can afford such practices. To cultivate a culture of simplicity and appreciation, students' birthdays will be marked through simple and meaningful practices in the class. As such, the teachers will guide the students in singing a birthday song with the class for the students celebrating their birthdays for that month, to acknowledge the students' birthdays and for their friends to be given the opportunity to wish them well. Your understanding and kind cooperation is much appreciated.

Primary 3: Multi-Modal Programmes (MMPI - Language Arts: Drama

As part of the school's Multi-Modal Programmes (MMP), all Primary 3 students will participate part in a Language Arts Module focusing on Drama in Term 1. The objectives of this module are to provide platforms for students to develop their communicative skills in authentic and varied situations and to use the English Language in different contexts. The module also provides opportunities for every student to perform in front of an audience in order to boost their confidence. At the end of Term 1, the students will come together as a level to put up a level performance. Parents will be invited to watch the performance. Details will be given at a later date. Please refer to the tentative schedule shown in the table below.

Term 1 (8wk)									
1	2		4	5					10
Orientation	1	1	2	3		1	2	2	Level Show
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	

Do refer to the principal's letter for more information with regard to MMP.

Every Parent, A Supportive Partner

Building on Trust, Partnering as One

Bringing up a child is like a voyage, and as a parent, you are the key navigator of your child's growth. His development is set primarily at home and in school. When these two environments are attuned to each other, your child benefits the most. A number of studies have connected home-school collaboration to better learning, healthy self-esteem, more positive attitudes and behaviour in life. Therefore, we need your involvement in your child's education journey. It is important that we work hand-in-hand to help maximise your child's potential in life.

To better our working relationship with each other, let's observe the following principles:

Trust is the foundation  
Remember the child  
Understand our shared responsibilities  
Seek common ground  
Together we work towards common goals How can you be involved?



Home • School • Community

You can help by:

- Reinforcing good thinking habits with your child at home
  - Providing a conducive learning environment at home for your child
  - Setting learning goals with your child
  - Monitoring and checking your child's work daily
  - Working closely with the teachers
  - Affirming and encouraging your child regularly
  - Being part of the Parents' Support Group as a Parent Volunteer
- \*PSG sign-up is required on a yearly basis as parents' availability changes with time.

### Every Teacher, A Caring Educator

At Evergreen Primary, we care. We want the best for our students and we wish to invite you to work hand-in-hand with us for the benefit of your child. The teachers supporting your child this academic year can be found in Annex A. Do feel free to contact or e-mail your child's form teacher should you require any clarifications. You can also contact me (Assistant Year Head P3) should you have any queries pertaining to the level. The e-mail addresses of the level and mother tongue teachers can also be found in Annex A.

The following annexes are attached for your reference.

Annex A: Form Teachers / Subject Teachers Contacts Annex B: General Information Annex C: Programmes / Events / Activities for Term 1
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Last, but not least, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a prosperous and joyful year ahead. With your support, we look forward to celebrating your child's achievements in the year.

Do keep this letter for the year as it contains information relevant for the whole year. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter and return the acknowledgement slip via your child to his form teacher by Wednesday, 17/1/2018.

Thank You. Yours

Sincerely,

Ms Aainoo

cc. Mrs Rabia Shahul (P), Mrs Pearlyn Wai (VP) and Mr Muhamad Nizam Abdullah (VP)

(Annex A)

## P3 Form Teachers / Subject Teachers Contacts

The emails of the level teachers are listed below. You can email the teachers for any clarification, if required.

Year Head (P3) : Ms Aainoo		
Class	Name	E-mail address
3 Care	Ms Aainoo (FT)	aainoo_a@moe.edu.sg
	Mdm Jin Pay (Co-FT)	pay_gim_hean@moe.edu.sg
	Mdm Chen Qi (Co-FT)	chen_qi_a@moe.edu.sg
3 Charity	Ms Rachel Tan (FT)	rachel tan shiya@moe.edu.sg
	Mr Amirul (Co-FT)	amirul asri hussin@moe.edu.sg
3 Faith	Mr Wong Kok Ching	wong_kok_ching@moe.edu.sg
	Mdm Hida (Co-FT)	nurhida sapiie@moe.edu.sg
3 Grace	Ms Nurul Huda (FT)	nurulhuda samsuri@moe.edu.sg
	Ms Siti Safura (Co-FT)	siti_safura abdul_rahim@moe.edu.sg
3 Hope	Ms Marilyn Tan (FT)	lim_ching_ching_marilyn@moe.edu.sg
	Mdm Norin (Co-FT)	norizawaty sulaiman@moe.edu.sg
3 Joy	Mdm Noor Hanim (FT)	noor_hanim abdul rahim@moe.edu.sg
	Mr Jyh Kae (Co-FT)	lee_jyh_kae@moe.edu.sg

(FT: Form Teacher, Co-FT: Co-Form Teacher)

## Subject Teachers

Class	English	Math	Science
3 Care	Mdm Jin Pay	Ms Aainoo	Mdm Hida
3 Charity	Ms Rachel Tan	Ms Aainoo	Mdm Hida
3 Faith	Mdm Jin Pay	Mr Wong Kok Ching	Mdm Hida
3 Grace	Mdm Salina	Ms Nurul Huda	Ms Marilyn Lim
3 Hope	Ms Marilyn Lim	Ms Jessica Tsang	Ms Marilyn Lim
3 Joy	Mdm Hanim	Ms Nurul Huda	Mdm Hida

## MT Teachers

Class Venue	Teacher	E-mail address
3 Care	Mdm Guan	guan minhang@moe.edu.sg
3 Charity	Mr Amirul	amirul asri hussin@moe.edu.sg
3 Faith	Mdm Liu Dan Dan	liu dandan@moe.edu.sg
3 Grace	Ms Siti Safura	siti safura abdul rahim@moe.edu.sg
3 Hope	Mdm Norin	norizawaty sulaiman@moe.edu.sg

3 Joy	Mr Lee Jyh Kae	lee_jyh_kae@moe.edu.sg
Teaching Lab	Mdm Chen Qi	chen_qi_a@moe.edu.sg
SBB	Mr Liew Ching Shyang	liew_ching_shyang@moe.edu.sg
SBB	Mr Tan Tek Hing	tan tek_hing@moe.edu.sg

(Annex B)

### Primary 3 (General Information)

General Information	Remarks
1.  4Ps (Present, Purpose, Passion & Perform)	<p>As a school, we would like to reiterate the Code of Conduct for our students for the academic year. The code of conduct is categorised according to the 4Ps: Present, Purpose, Passion and Perform. You can refer to the Student Diary 2018 (Pg12-15) for details on the school's expectations in these 4 areas.</p> <p>Please note that students should arrive in school by 7.20 am to enable them to settle down. <u>Students who arrive after the 7.30 am school bell has rung will be considered late.</u> Please make the necessary transport and child care arrangements to ensure your child is punctual for school.</p>
2. Absence from school	<p>We would like to appeal to you not to take your child out from school during term time so as to ensure that he/she is fully engaged in learning.</p> <p>If your child is absent from school during curriculum time because of medical or other valid reasons, please provide a <u>medical certificate</u> or a <u>letter</u> signed by parents explaining the reason for his/her absence from school. If your child misses any examination / assessment, a valid medical certificate has to be submitted. Medical certificate from Traditional Chinese Medical clinics will not be accepted. A zero grade will be given if a medical certificate is not submitted upon returning to school. The school will not have a make-up or reschedule the dates of Written and Listening Comprehension examinations / assessments.</p> <p>Do refer to <u>Student Diary 2018 (Pg 10)</u> for more information on this.</p>
3. Mode of Communication	<p>The Student Diary and e-mail will be used as the mode of communication between teachers and parents. Please make an appointment with the teacher if you would like to meet him / her personally. Teachers are not obliged to share their personal hand phone numbers. This is in line with the school's work-life harmony policy. (Meeting of teachers is strictly by appointment only and during the teacher's free periods or after school.)</p>
4. Homework Policy	<p>All homework will be recorded by students in their Student Diary.</p> <p>We would also like to seek your help to monitor your child's homework so that he/she has consistent practice and is able to manage time effectively.</p>
5. Whole-School Approach Reading Programme and Speak Internationally Acceptable English (IAE)	<p>Students are to read age-appropriate English storybooks and to speak in Internationally Acceptable English at ALL times to enhance their proficiency in English (except during MT periods). Please ensure that your child brings an age-appropriate English storybook to school every day.</p>

6. Snack Break	As part of ensuring that we always provide an environment that is conducive to learning, our school will implement "Snack Break" for our students. As dismissal is now at 1.45p.m., students will be able to have small bites and rest during this 15-min break. Students are encouraged to have healthy snacks during this break. This will take place daily from Monday to Friday at 12noon. Do note that students will not be allowed to go to the canteen during Snack Break.
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General Information	Remarks
7. Remedial	These will start from 15 January 2018 (Term 1 Week 3) for P3 to P6 students. Remedial Lessons are only for selected group of students who are very weak so as to keep the group small. Students who are selected for these lessons will receive a letter to inform them of the date, time and venue and to seek their parent's consent. Please ensure that your child/ward attends all remedial lessons.
8. Increase in food Pricing	<p>Due to increasing operating costs, this year, some of the canteen vendors have revised the pricing of their food. A student's main food set will include a portion of rice/noodles, served with vegetables and fruits. This is in accordance with HPB's guidelines on the 'Healthy Meals in Schools Programme' (HMSP). The portions are also more than before. The pricing for such sets have been pegged at \$1.20. Otherwise, the general increase is by 10 cents for some ala carte items on the menu.</p> <p>We would like to assure you that all request of price increase by the vendors have been subjected to the school's closed comparisons with previous years' pricing and have been moderated accordingly. Thus, we seek your kind understanding in the matter.</p>
9. Weekly Spelling Exercise	Your child has his / her weekly Mother Tongue and English spelling exercises on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively, starting from Week 3. If a public holiday falls on the spelling days, the spelling exercise will be held on the next school day.
10. GEP Exercise 2018	<p>We would like to inform all parents of the 2018 Primary 3 cohort, including parents of students on Leave-of-Absence from the school, about the tentative dates for the GEP Screening and Selection Exercises.</p> <p>a) GEP Screening Exercise - 24 August 2018 (Friday)  b) GEP Selection Exercise — 16 and 17 October 2018 (Tuesday, Wednesday)</p> <p>You will be furnished with more details on the exercise closer to the date.</p>

11. McOnline	<p>The students will be using McOnline and other ICT tools in the learning process. These tools serve as platforms for pupils to access information posted by their teachers, share their knowledge with their peers, as well as to engage in collaborative work with their group members. We strongly encourage all parents to allow their children to log onto the computer to access these tools so as to supplement their learning from Term 2 onwards. To access the portal, do log in to <a href="http://www.mconline.sg">www.mconline.sg</a></p> <p>Your child has been provided with the <b>LOGIN ID, PASSWORD</b> and <b>SCHOOL CODE</b>.</p> <p>For queries, please email your child's form teacher.</p>
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Primary 3 (Programmes | Events | Activities) — Term 1

Programme / Event / Activity	Date / Time / Duration	Remarks
1. P3 EL Drama Performance	Wednesday March 7, Arts Fusion	Details will be provided closer to the date
2. P3 LJ to HortPark	March 8, 9	During Curriculum Hours Details will be provided closer to the date
3. Total Defence Day	and 23 February 2018	During Curriculum Hours
4. CNY Celebration (Eve)	15 February 2018	7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
5. CNY holiday	16 to 19 February 2018	School Closed



Acknowledgement Slip  
Primary 3 Level Letter for Term One 2018

I have noted the contents of this letter.

Name of Child / Ward.Class: P 3 (

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Name of Parent / Guardian:

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E-mail Address:

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**Parents' Support Group (PSG) Sign-up**

Please tick (1) the appropriate box. (Sign-up is required on a yearly basis)

I am able to help out as a parent volunteer.

Availability (please tick):

I am available between 7.30 a.m. and 1.45 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_ (day/s)

I am available after school hours from 1.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_  
(day/s) I am a working parent (need to take leave)

I am available between 8.00 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. to help out during TGIF on Fridays.

I am unable to help out as a parent volunteer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent / Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date