



# ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL

8 March 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are pleased to furnish you with the following key information for the forthcoming Term 2:

1. Key Events in Term 2
2. Reinforcing Social Skills at Home
3. Strengthening School-Home Partnership

## 1. KEY EVENTS IN TERM 2

### 1.1 Education and Career Guidance Week (18 Mar, Mon to 21 Mar, Thu)

Secondary 4 and 5 students will be engaged with industry professionals through a series of career talks over a range of industries. Students will also be able to explore post-secondary possibilities via the eSAJC immersion programme and various Polytechnic booths during this period.

### 1.2 English Language Week (18 to 22 Mar, Mon - Fri)

The English Language and Literature department is celebrating our love for language through the English Language Week which will take place from 18 March, Mon till 22 March, Fri. The event will be filled with activities and programmes that are designed to help us develop our boys' language proficiency and connect with each other as a community. Some of the activities include a scavenger hunt that starts at the library, a book sale and a movie screening.

### 1.3 Art Jamming! (25 Mar, Mon)

On 25 March, Mon, there will be an Art Jamming session in school after school hours, where students and staff will have the opportunity to express their creativity through sketching, painting with watercolours, or using Procreate to draw the iconic Woodville House that has just re-opened after renovations. This engaging event aims to cultivate artistic talents while capturing the memories and unique design of the House.

1.4 **Issue of Personal Learning Device to Sec 1 (8 Apr, Mon)**

Secondary 1 students will be receiving their Personal Learning Device, the iPad, on 8 April, Mon between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Further details will be furnished via Parents Gateway closer to the date.

1.5 **Good Friday Holiday (29 Mar, Fri)**

As 29 March, Good Friday, is a public holiday, lessons will resume on 1 April, Mon.

1.6 **Vivace Concert (5 Apr, Fri)**

This year, the school is proud to be putting up a concert, titled Vivace, to reflect the St Andrew's spirit through dramatic and musical arts, showcased through the school's Concert Band, Drama and Choir and offering a diverse repertoire ranging from Romantic period pieces like Gustav Holst's First Suite to contemporary Pop hits from movies like La La Land and The Wizard of Oz. Notably, local composer and conductor Nelson Kwei will present his rendition of a Taiwanese folk song, adding a unique cultural dimension to the performance. Additionally, the concert serves as a platform for arts engagement, benefiting 30 individuals associated with Viriya FSC. The details are as follows:

**Vivace 2024: Keep the Flame Burning Brightly**

**Date:** 5 April 2024, Friday (TGIF)

**Afternoon Matinée:** 3.30 to 5.00 p.m.

**Evening Concert:** 7.00 to 8.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Lee Foundation Theatre (Campus 3), Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, 151 Bencoolen Street, (S)189655

As part of our school's Performing Arts-Based Learning enrichment programme, all **Secondary 2 students** who are not involved in Vivace as performers will be attending the afternoon matinée. The students are to report to Lee Foundation Theatre (Campus 3) at 2.30 p.m. for attendance-taking by Form Teachers.

1.7 **Hari Raya Puasa Holiday (10 Apr, Wed)**

As 10 April, Hari Raya Puasa, is a public holiday, lessons will resume on 11 April, Thu.

1.8 **2025 Sec 3 Course Briefing for Parents of Sec 2 Students (4 Apr, Thu)**

Parents of Secondary 2 students will be invited to attend an online briefing on the 2025 Secondary 3 course options on 4 April, Thu at 6.00 p.m. More details will be provided via Parents Gateway nearer the date.

1.9 **Weighted Assessment 2 (15 Apr, Mon – 10 May, Fri)**

Secondary 1 to 5 students will sit for Weighted Assessment (WA) 2 from 15 Apr, Mon to 10 May, Fri. A detailed schedule will be furnished in due course.

1.10 **NAPFA Test (18 Apr, Thu and 16 May, Thu)**

Secondary 2 students will take their NAPFA test on 18 April, and Secondary 4 and 5 students will take their NAPFA test on 16 May.

**1.11 Sec 4&5 Internal Oral Examination: Mother Tongue Languages (17, 18, 24, 25 & 26 Apr)**

The Mother Tongue Languages Department will be conducting the Internal Oral Examination for Secondary 4 and 5 students on 17 to 18 April, Wed – Thu, and 24 to 26 April, Wed – Fri. Results attained in the school's internal oral examination will be counted as part of the Preliminary Examination for Secondary 4N(A) and 4N(T) students. Sec 4Exp and 5N(A) students will use their GCE O-Level Mid-Year achievement as their MTL preliminary result. Attendance for the oral examination is compulsory and absence must be supported by a medical certificate.

**1.12 Labour Day Holiday (1 May, Wed)**

As Labour Day falls on 1 May, Wed, lessons will resume on 2 May, Thu.

**1.13 Vesak Day Holiday (22 May, Wed)**

Vesak Day falls on 22 May, Wed and lessons will resume on 23 May, Thu.

**1.14 Mother Tongue Languages Intensive Programme (20 – 24 May, Mon – Fri)**

An Intensive Programme will be conducted for 4N(A), 4Exp and 5N(A) students offering MTL at Express Level, including Chinese 'B' Syllabus, from 20 to 24 May to prepare them for the MTL O-Level Written Examination that will take place on 27 May, Mon.

S/N	Date	Time/Duration	Remarks
1.	20 May, Mon	0830-1300	Lessons and timed practice. Recess break from 10.00 to 10.40 a.m.
2.	21 May, Tue	0830-1300	
3.	23 May, Thu	1400-1700	Small group and individual consultation sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small group session for no more than 4 students: 30 minutes per session</li><li>• 1-to-1 session: 15 minutes per session</li></ul> Students are to book their sessions with the respective MTL teachers
4.	24 May, Fri	1400-1700	

**1.15 Saints Development Programmes (21 May, Tue and 23 May, Thu)**

Students will be involved in an array of activities in the last week of the term.

Level	Activities
Secondary 1	Learning Journey to Farms, Cultural Arts Experience
Secondary 2	Mental Wellness Workshops, Learning Journey to Heritage Sites, Subject Experience, Arts Fest

Secondary 3	Wet Market Trail, Learning Journey to Singapore Discovery Centre, Temasek Polytechnic Immersion
Secondary 4 and 5	Sports Fest

**1.16 Parent-Teacher Conference for Term 2 (24 May, Fri)**

Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) for Secondary 1 to 5 students will be held on **24 May, Fri, between 12.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.**

**1.17 Mid-Year School Holidays (25 May, Sat to 23 Jun, Sun)**

School holidays will begin on **25 May, Sat.** Students will return to school on **24 Jun, Mon,** for the commencement of Term 3.

**2. REINFORCING SOCIAL SKILLS AT HOME**

2.1 To support your child/ward’s growth, you may wish to reinforce two of the school values: Self-discipline and Excellence. You may wish to use the behavioural outcomes listed below to have a conversation with your son/ward or to guide them in their development.

<p><b>Exemplary Character (Leading Self) - WISE</b>  <b>Saints pursue wisdom through a passion for learning, having a healthy sense of wonderment about the world, and active reflection of God-centred values.</b>  <b>(Proverbs 2:10-12)</b></p>	
<p><b>Self-Discipline</b>  A Saint wants to be known for his self-control. He perseveres because he wants to finish well.</p>	<p><b>Excellence</b>  A Saint relentlessly strives to exceed personal best, celebrating high endeavour as its own reward.</p>
<p><b>Behavioural Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manages own feelings</li> <li>- Obeys school and class rules</li> <li>- Takes responsibility for own learning</li> <li>- Is punctual</li> <li>- Minds his language</li> <li>- Attends CCA regularly</li> </ul>	<p><b>Behavioural Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Works hard to achieve targets</li> <li>- Takes pride in his work</li> <li>- Assumes leadership in class, CCA &amp; student government</li> </ul>

**3. STRENGTHENING SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP**

3.1 Our children succeed when parents and schools work hand in hand. We have attached a parent kit containing some guidelines for better school-home partnership that you may find useful.

3.2 Parents may contact our teachers via email for non-urgent matters. The teachers' email addresses are available on the school website for ready reference. Should you need to contact them urgently, please call our school's office at **62851944**.

We look forward to a fruitful partnership with you.

Yours sincerely

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