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Dear Parents of P3 Pupils,

2017 P3 SEMESTER TWO ASSESSMENT PLAN AND OTHER CURRICULAR INFORMATION

(1) Semester Two Assessment Plan

The P3 Assessment Structure in 2017 is as follows:

Semester	Semester One (Terms I and II)	Semester Two (Terms III and IV)
Weighting	40%	60%

The P3 Assessment Plan for Term III and IV is attached in this letter.

(2) Attendance on Assessment Days

All pupils are expected to attend school on a daily basis. Pupils are to be punctual for school, all lessons and all activities. Pupils who are absent from school owing to illness are to present a Medical Certificate issued by a doctor.

On Assessment Days, we seek your understanding and cooperation in the implementation of the following guidelines:

- (a) Our pupils' health and wellness are our top priority. A pupil who is ill should not be in school for assessments. He/She should see a doctor and rest at home for the full duration stated in the Medical Certificate (MC).
- (b) If a pupil has fever or is visibly unwell in school, he/she will not be allowed to sit the assessment and his/her parents will be contacted to take him/her home.
- (c) If a pupil is absent for an assessment because of illness (e.g. fever, flu, headache, stomachache and diarrhoea), he/she needs to submit a Medical Certificate (MC). With the MC, the pupil will not get a '0' for the assessment and his/her overall marks will be pro-rated accordingly.
- (d) If a pupil is absent for an assessment for reasons other than illness, he/she is expected to produce the relevant documents.
- (e) There will be no make-up or resit for Listening Comprehension and Written papers.
- (f) For Oral assessment, resit can be arranged but must be done within the next 3 school days.

(3) Attendance during School Terms

The school expects pupils to be fully present during the school terms, including the year-end post-assessment period. There will be year-closure learning activities such as checking of assessment scripts and classroom discussion on common errors made. There will also be year-end school events such as the Learning Carnival, Promotion Day, Year-Closure Assembly and Riverside Celebrates. Pupils are expected to participate in these shared experiences together. We strongly urge parents not to take their child out of school before the school term ends.

(4) Homework Policy

The 2017 Homework Policy is enclosed with this letter. It can also be viewed from the school website. The highlights of the Homework Policy are as follows:

- (a) The estimated amount of time your P3 child would spend to complete his/her homework assignments on a typical school day is as follows:

Level/Day	P3
Monday	30 minutes for English per day
Tuesday	30 minutes for Mathematics per day
Thursday	30 minutes for Mother Tongue Language per day
Friday	30 minutes for Science twice a week
Wednesday	No Homework Day

- (b) For “No Homework Day” on Wednesdays, no homework assignments will be issued but pupils are expected to prepare for spelling and tests that have been scheduled on Thursday and complete the classwork and corrections that were not completed in school.
- (c) On a daily basis (including Wednesdays), pupils who are not able to finish classwork and corrections in school will need to complete them at home.
- (d) Homework assignments will not be given over festive periods during term time, e.g. Chinese New Year, Hari Raya Puasa and Deepavali. A spelling activity or a test will also not be conducted on the school day after the festive period.
- (e) English Spelling is conducted on Tuesdays for P1 to P5.
- (f) Mother Tongue Spelling is conducted on Thursdays for P1 to P5.
- (g) Science Spelling is conducted about three times per term for P3 to P5.
- (h) If there is a public/school holiday on Tuesday or Thursday, spelling will be postponed to the next school day.

(5) Academic Support Lessons for Selected P3 Pupils

We seek to provide academic support for selected pupils who will benefit from additional time and attention to better progress in their learning. The academic support lessons in English Language, Mathematics and Mother Tongue Languages for selected P3 pupils will commence in Term III Week 2. A separate letter has been issued on 29 June 2017.

(6) Science Supplementary Lessons for All P3 Pupils

Science as an academic subject is introduced at P3. There are 4 Science curriculum periods for P3 classes per week. To help pupils build a stronger foundation for Science learning, we will be conducting Science supplementary lessons for all P3 pupils on selected Tuesday afternoons. During the supplementary lessons, the Science Teachers will not teach any new concept. They will instead do re-teaching and reinforcement of taught concepts and engage pupils in extension activities.

(7) Academic Enrichment Modules for Selected P3 Pupils

The school will be conducting academic enrichment modules for selected P3 pupils to broaden and deepen their learning in the academic subject. For each module, a separate letter will be issued to parents of selected P3 pupils.

(8) P3 Semester Two Calendar

The P3 Semester Two Calendar is as follows, showing the Academic Support Lessons, Science Supplementary Lessons, CCA sessions and other curricular events:

Term/Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term III Week 1	26 Jun Hari Raya Puasa Holiday	27 Jun	28 Jun CCA Session – P3	29 Jun	30 Jun Temperature Taking Exercise
Term III Week 2	3 Jul Youth Day School Holiday	4 Jul MTL Academic Support Lesson (2.30pm to 4.00pm)	5 Jul CCA Session – P3	6 Jul MA Academic Support Lesson (2.00pm to 3.30pm)	7 Jul
Term III Week 3	10 Jul	11 Jul ICAS EL (2.30pm to 4.00pm for pupils who signed up)	12 Jul CCA Session – P3	13 Jul EL Academic Support Lesson (2.00pm to 3.30pm)	14 Jul
Term III Week 4	17 Jul	18 Jul SC Supplementary Lesson (2.30pm to 4.00pm)	19 Jul CCA Session – P3	20 Jul MA Academic Support Lesson (2.00pm to 3.30pm)	21 Jul
Term III Week 5	24 Jul	25 Jul ICAS Math (2.30pm to 4.00pm for pupils who signed up)	26 Jul CCA Session – P3	27 Jul EL Academic Support Lesson (2.00pm to 3.30pm)	28 Jul
Term III Week 6	31 Jul	1 Aug MTL Academic Support Lesson (2.30pm to 4.00pm)	2 Aug CCA Session – P3	3 Aug MA Academic Support Lesson (2.00pm to 3.30pm)	4 Aug
Term III Week 7	7 Aug	8 Aug National Day Celebration (8.00am to 10.15am)	9 Aug National Day	10 Aug National Day School Holiday	11 Aug
Term III Week 8	14 Aug	15 Aug	16 Aug CCA Session – P3	17 Aug EL Academic Support Lesson (2.00pm to 3.30pm)	18 Aug
Term III Week 9	21 Aug P3 EL Language Paper	22 Aug P3 MA Test 2 MTL Academic Support Lesson (2.30pm to 4.00pm)	23 Aug GEP Screening Exercise CCA Session – P3	24 Aug P3 MT Lang Use	25 Aug
Term III Week 10	28 Aug	29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug Teachers' Day School Holiday	1 Sep Hari Raya Haji
School Holidays	4 Sep	5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep	8 Sep
Term IV Week 1	11 Sep	12 Sep MTL Academic Support Lesson (2.30pm to 4.00pm)	13 Sep CCA Session – P3	14 Sep MA Academic Support Lesson (2.00pm to 3.30pm) Parenting Seminar (2.00pm to 4.00pm)	15 Sep

Term/Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term IV Week 2	18 Sep	19 Sep SC Supplementary Lesson (2.30pm to 4.00pm)	20 Sep CCA Session – P3	21 Sep EL Academic Support Lesson (2.00pm to 3.30pm)	22 Sep
Term IV Week 3	25 Sep Social Studies Performance Task & Quiz (Week 3 to Week 5)	26 Sep MTL Academic Support Lesson (2.30pm to 4.00pm)	27 Sep CCA Session – P3	28 Sep MA Academic Support Lesson (2.00pm to 3.30pm)	29 Sep
Term IV Week 4	2 Oct	3 Oct EL Writing MTL Listening Comprehension	4 Oct EL LC MTL Writing CCA Session – P3	5 Oct Assem: Children's Day Celebration	6 Oct Children's Day School Holiday
Term IV Week 5	9 Oct P3 Science Performance Task (Entire week) EL Oral (2pm-4pm)	10 Oct	11 Oct CCA Session – P3	12 Oct MTL Oral (2.00pm to 4.00pm)	13 Oct
Term IV Week 6	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct Deepavali	19 Oct PSLE Marking Exercise (Note: All pupils need not report to school.)	20 Oct PSLE Marking Exercise (Note: All pupils need not report to school.)
Term IV Week 7	23 Oct PSLE Marking Exercise (Note: All pupils need not report to school.)	24 Oct PSLE Marking Exercise (Note: All pupils need not report to school.)	25 Oct	26 Oct SA2: P5 HMT Dismissal @ 12.30pm	27 Oct SA2: Science Dismissal @ 12.30pm
Term IV Week 8	30 Oct SA2: English Language Dismissal @ 12.30pm	31 Oct SA2: Mathematics Dismissal @ 12.30pm	1 Nov SA2: Mother Tongue Language Dismissal @ 12.30pm	2 Nov	3 Nov
Term IV Week 9	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov CCA Session – P3	9 Nov	10 Nov Year-End Administration Day (Note: All pupils need not report to school.)
Term IV Week 10	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov Riverside Learning Carnival	16 Nov Promotion Day Spring Cleaning Year-Closure Assembly	17 Nov Riverside Celebrates!

(9) 2017 P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Exercise

The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education carries out the identification of pupils for the Gifted Education Programme (GEP). The identification exercise is conducted in two stages – Screening and Selection. For the Screening Exercise which will be held in school on Wednesday, 23 August 2017, all P3 pupils studying in Singapore government and government-aided schools are invited to participate. For our school, we strongly encourage all P3 pupils to participate in the GEP Screening Exercise to gain academic exposure and experience.

The GEP Screening Exercise will be based on what pupils would have learnt from P1 to P3 in the English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. The topics “Area and Perimeter”, “Geometry” and “Time” in the P3 Mathematics syllabus will be excluded.

(10) Supporting Your P3 Child

We seek your collaboration and partnership in supporting your child as he/she progresses in P3. We warmly invite you to use the SPARKLE Values (Strength of character, Perseverance, Adaptability, Responsibility, Kindness, Leadership, Enthusiasm and Sincerity), 3Ls (Listen, Learn, Love) and 3Ps for a Sustainable Future (Perspiration, Patience, Perseverance) to motivate and encourage your child in his/her learning and growth.

Please encourage your child to be consistently attentive and focused in learning in school and to diligently complete his/her homework assignments and revise his/her work at home. With these positive learning habits and good work ethics, we firmly believe that your child will be ready and confident for assessments.

We greatly appreciate your support and involvement in our home-school partnership to grow our Riverians as Joyful and Productive Learners and Connected Citizens of Good Character; and in realizing our school vision “The Best from Each, A Better Future for All”.

For Riverside and Riverians! From Good to Great!

Mrs Sharon Siew
Principal

Mdm Regina Khoo
Vice-Principal

RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
P3 ASSESSMENT: 2017 SEMESTER TWO PLAN

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Subject	Weighting			
	Term I	Term II	Term III	Term IV
English Language	0%	40%	20%	40%
Mathematics	10%	30%	20%	40%
Science	10%	30%	0%	60%
Mother Tongue Languages	10%	30%	20%	40%

The P3 Assessment Plan for Term III and IV is as follows:

TERM WEEK	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES
Term III Week 9	<u>Language Use</u> <u>Mon, 21 Aug 2017</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar • Vocabulary • Comprehension 	<u>Test 2</u> <u>Tue, 22 Aug 2017</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money • Length, Mass and Volume • Bar Graphs • Fractions 		<u>Language Use and Comprehension</u> <u>Thu, 24 Aug 2017</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (CL) Grammar, Vocabulary and Comprehension • (ML) Grammar, Vocabulary and Comprehension • (TL) Grammar, Vocabulary, Poem and Comprehension
Term IV Week 4	<u>Semestral Assessment Writing</u> <u>Tue, 3 Oct 2017</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture Composition (picture series with helping words) <u>Listening Comprehension</u> <u>Wed, 4 Oct 2017</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picture Matching • Picture Sequencing • Note-taking • Comprehension 			<u>Semestral Assessment Listening Comprehension</u> <u>Tue, 3 Oct 2017</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (CL) Picture Identification and Passage with Comprehension Questions • (ML) Picture Identification and Passage with Comprehension Questions • (TL) Picture Identification and Passage with Comprehension Questions <u>Writing</u> <u>Wed, 4 Oct 2017</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (CL) Write a paragraph with picture stimulus • (ML) Write a paragraph with picture stimulus • (TL) Write a paragraph with picture stimulus

TERM WEEK	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES
Term IV Week 5	<p><u>Semestral Assessment Oral</u> <u>Mon, 9 Oct 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Aloud • Stimulus-based Conversation <p><u>Note:</u> The Oral Assessment will be conducted in the afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.</p>		<p><u>Performance-based Assessment</u> <u>9 Oct to 13 Oct 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic on Matter 	<p><u>Semestral Assessment Oral Assessment</u> <u>Thu, 12 Oct 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (CL) Reading Aloud, Picture Description and Conversation • (ML) Reading Aloud, Picture Description and Conversation • (TL) Reading Aloud, Picture Description and Conversation <p><u>Note:</u> Oral Assessment will be conducted in the afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.</p>
Term IV Week 7			<p><u>Semestral Assessment</u> <u>Fri, 27 Oct 2017</u></p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification: Living and non-living things • Plants • Animals • Fungi and Bacteria • Diversity of Materials • Magnets • Life Cycles of Plants • Life Cycles of Some Animals • Matter 	
Term IV Week 8	<p><u>Semestral Assessment Language Use</u> <u>Mon, 30 Oct 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar • Vocabulary • Sentence Comprehension 	<p><u>Semestral Assessment</u> <u>Tue, 31 Oct 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All P3 Topics 		<p><u>Semestral Assessment Language Use and Comprehension</u> <u>Wed, 1 Nov 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (CL) Grammar, Vocabulary and Comprehension • (ML) Grammar, Vocabulary, Peribahasa and Comprehension • (TL) Grammar, Vocabulary, Poem and Comprehension

Conduct of P3 EL on Mon, 9 Oct 2017 and MTL Oral Assessment on Thu, 12 Oct 2017

We would like to highlight that the P3 EL Oral Assessment will be conducted on Mon, 9 Oct 2017 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and the MTL Oral Assessment on Thu, 12 Oct 2017 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Please take note of the following:

- There will be a lunch break for your child from 1.30pm to 2.00pm before the commencement of the EL and MTL Oral Assessment. The canteen stalls will be open. Do provide your child with some money to purchase food during the lunch break.
- For pupils who usually take the school bus home, there will be a specially arranged bus service departing at 4.10pm. There will be an additional charge and parents of pupils taking the school bus can contact the school bus company directly for more details.
- For pupils who are usually dismissed at Gate 1 or 4, parents can pick up their child at 4.05pm after the EL and MTL Oral Assessment.
- Pupils who are enrolled at the school-based Student Care Centre (Mercur Learning Point) will proceed to the Centre at 4.00pm after the EL and MTL Oral Assessment.