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Dear Parents,

1. SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is an annual global initiative which aims to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile devices among children and young people. The theme for this year is "Play Your Part for A Better Internet". The school will be observing Safer Internet Day on 12 February 2016 with an assembly programme and recess activities. During the morning Assembly, pupils will be exposed to how everyone can play their part for a better internet. P1 and P2 pupils will be engaged in pledging towards safer internet usage. P3 and P4 pupils will focus on preventing game addiction, managing cyberbullying and practising good netiquette. Through these activities, we seek to cultivate in Riverians the values of Respect, Responsibility, Empathy and Integrity as they learn actively and act responsibly in a technology-rich world.

2. TOTAL DEFENCE DAY

Annually, schools commemorate Total Defence Day (TDD) which falls on 15 February. TDD marks Singapore's fall to the Japanese in 1942 and serves to remind our students that Singapore is defensible and is worth defending and that we ourselves must defend Singapore. The theme of TDD 2016 is "Together We Keep Singapore Strong".

Events of 2015 demonstrate our fortitude, and how we can overcome all odds if we stand together. The next 50 years will have its share of security threats and challenges around the world and in the region. Some may wonder: Will our little red dot make it to SG100? Will we continue to be strong and united as we face the future? Total Defence involves every Singaporean playing a part, individually and collectively, to build a strong, secure and cohesive nation. When we are strong, we are able to deal with any crisis.

To commemorate TDD, the school will be holding recess activities from 15 to 19 February 2016 focusing on the 5 Pillars of Total Defence. There will also be a special assembly programme on 19 February 2016.

3. P1 AND P2 PROGRAMME FOR ACTIVE LEARNING (PAL): "3Cs THROUGH FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT" MODULE

As part of the Programme for Active Learning (PAL), P1 and P2 pupils will be engaged in the "3Cs (Confidence, Creativity, Cooperation) through Fundamental Movement" module. Pupils are required to be in their PE attire to participate safely and comfortably in the module's gymnastics-related and teambuilding activities. The "3Cs through Fundamental Movement" modules will be conducted on the following dates:

Module	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
P1 PAL "3Cs through Fundamental Movement"	Tue, 16 Feb	Tue, 23 Feb	Tue, 1 Mar	Tue, 8 Mar	Tue, 29 Mar
P2 PAL "3Cs through Fundamental Movement"	Mon, 15 Feb	Mon, 22 Feb	Mon, 29 Feb	Mon, 7 Mar	Mon, 28 Mar

4. P3 AND P4 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA)

P4 CCA

P4 pupils have participated in the 2016 CCA Option Exercise. Owing to resource constraints (e.g. limited equipment), some P4 pupils will not be allocated their first choice of CCA. The confirmed CCA allocation will be made known to P4 pupils by Friday, 12 February 2016. Your P4 child will be issued a consent form by the teacher-in-charge of the specific CCA. The completed consent form is to be returned to the teacher-in-charge latest by Tuesday, 16 February 2016 as a way of confirming your child's enrolment in the CCA. The first CCA session for P4 pupils will be held on Wednesday, 17 February 2016 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

P3 CCA

To induct our P3 pupils to CCA, we will be holding the P3 CCA Fair on Wednesday, 24 February 2016 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The P3 CCA Fair will provide our P3 pupils the opportunity to explore the CCAs offered in our school and be better informed to choose a CCA of interest. The P3 CCA Option Form will be issued to your P3 child on 24 February. All P3 pupils are expected to attend the P3 CCA Fair.

5. P4 SOCIAL STUDIES LEARNING JOURNEY TO "THE FUTURE OF US" EXHIBITION

We are pleased to organise the P4 Social Studies Learning Journey to 'The Future of Us' Exhibition on Thursday, 25 February 2016 during school hours. The exhibition is an immersive and multi-sensory experience that offers a glimpse into the possibilities of how Singaporeans can live, work, play, care and learn in the future. The exhibition will call on Singaporeans to share their hopes and dreams for themselves, their family and the nation, and to participate in steering the Singapore journey towards the future. Details on the things to bring and other arrangements will be provided in a separate letter along with an acknowledgement slip.

For Riverside and Riverians! From Good to Great!

Mrs Sharon Siew
Principal