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Dear Parents,

1. RIVERSIDE CELEBRATES! – STAR OF RIVERSIDE

The Star of Riverside Award seeks to celebrate Riverians who demonstrate the eight SPARKLE Values at a high level and in a sustained way. The recipients are recognised by their teachers and classmates as role-models of exemplary conduct and behavior. We are proud to have presented the 2016 Term I Star of Riverside Award to the following deserving Riverians! The focus was on Adaptability, Responsibility and Kindness.

2016 Class	2016 Term I Star of Riverside	2016 Class	2016 Term I Star of Riverside
P4-Strength	Teoh Wen Jia	P3-Strength	Choo Keng Jeoi Ansell
P4-Perseverance	Tejehsvaren S/O Marimuthu	P3-Perseverance	Mohamad Danish Rayfan
P4-Adaptability	Nur Emilya Irma Binti Waloyioh	P3-Adaptability	Sarah Hong Xin Ting
P4-Responsibility	Ewan Akku	P3-Responsibility	Cheah Juen Yee Queenie
P4-Kindness	Jess Lee Jie	P3-Kindness	Jilander Moh Jia Ying
P4-Sincerity	Eunice Lim Yu Hann	P3-Sincerity	Eunice Yong En Qi

2016 Class	2016 Term I Star of Riverside	2016 Class	2016 Term I Star of Riverside
P2-Strength	Nuryan' Insyierah Binte Nur'Asri	P1-Strength	Lim Jia Rong, Deon
P2-Perseverance	Lau Pei En	P1-Perseverance	Sheikh Raidi Fairoz Bin Sheikh Abdul Rahim
P2-Adaptability	Javon Wah Zi Cheng	P1-Adaptability	Cheng Zi Qin
P2-Responsibility	Lim Xuan Yi	P1-Responsibility	Reane Lua Xi En (Lai Xi'En)
P2-Kindness	Nuryan Irdyna Binte Mohamed Heikel	P1-Kindness	Jayden Ho Yu Cheng
P2-Leadership	Stella Yek Lin Yuan	P1-Leadership	Chai Zhi Shan
P2-Enthusiasm	Ahmad Aiman Bin Hasbullah	P1-Enthusiasm	Nicole Sim Shi En
P2-Sincerity	Chloe Lim Jing Yi	P1-Sincerity	Muk Shuen En

2. RIVERSIDE SPORTS AND GAMES DAY

Riverside Sports and Games Day will be held on Friday, 15 April 2016 from 7.45am to 11.00am at Woodlands Stadium. The House-based event seeks to promote a physically active and healthy lifestyle in a culture of respect, camaraderie and affiliation. We would like to thank you for your warm response and look forward to meeting with many of you at Woodlands Stadium on Sports and Games Day.

We have conducted a briefing for pupils on Tuesday, 12 April 2016. We would like to highlight some instructions and seek your support to remind your child:

- All pupils are to have a good night's rest before Riverside Sports and Games Day and a good breakfast before attending Riverside Sports and Games Day.
- All pupils are to be in their PE attire for Riverside Sports and Games Day. Pupils are to bring their filled water bottle for Sports and Games Day.
- Pupils who have opted to take the chartered bus from school to Woodlands Stadium are to report to school at 7.10am sharp. All other pupils are to report at Woodlands Stadium between 7.30am and 7.40am.

3. 2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS): SCIENCE

We would like to thank parents who registered their P3/P4 child for ICAS Science for their support. ICAS Science will be conducted on Tuesday, 19 April 2016 from 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

- a) Your child will need to have a 2B pencil and an eraser for ICAS Science.
- b) There will be a lunch break for your child from 2.00pm to 2.30pm. The canteen stalls will be open. Do provide your child with some money to purchase food during the lunch break.
- c) For pupils who usually take the school bus home, there will be a 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.
- d) For pupils who are usually dismissed at Gate 1 or 4, parents can pick up their child at 4.05pm.
- e) Pupils who are enrolled at the school-based Student Care Centre (Mercur Learning Point) will proceed to the Centre at 4.00pm.

ICAS Science assesses pupils' skills in key scientific areas of interpreting data, applying data and higher order skills (including investigating, reasoning and problem solving). It will cover content in areas such as Earth and Beyond (incorporating the Earth Sciences and Astronomy), Energy and Change (incorporating Physics), Life and Living (incorporating Biology and Ecology) and Natural and Processed Materials (incorporating Chemistry).

4. P3 AND P4 ORAL ASSESSMENT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE

As set out in the assessment plans, EL/MTL Oral Assessment will be conducted on Thursday, 21 April 2016 for P4 pupils and Friday, 22 April 2016 for P3 pupils, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. All P3 and P4 pupils are expected to sit the Oral Assessment.

Please take note of the following:

- a) There will be a lunch break for your child from 1.30pm to 2.00pm. The canteen stalls will be open. Do provide your child with some money to purchase food during the lunch break.
- b) For P4 pupils who usually take the school bus home, there will be a bus service departing at 4.10pm on Thursday, 21 April 2016. There will be an additional charge and parents of pupils taking the school bus can contact the school bus company directly for more details.
- c) For P3 pupils who usually take the school bus home, there will be a specially arranged bus service departing at 4.10pm on Friday, 22 April 2016. There will be an additional charge and parents of pupils taking the school bus can contact the school bus company directly for more details.
- d) For pupils who are usually dismissed at Gate 1 or 4, parents can pick up their child at 4.10pm.
- e) Pupils who are enrolled at the school-based Student Care Centre (Mercur Learning Point) will proceed to the Centre at 4.00pm.

5. A POSITIVE SCHOOL TONE OF CARE, RESPECT AND DISCIPLINE

We aspire always to foster a positive school tone of care, discipline and respect, this being of fundamental importance to a safe and conducive learning environment. We seek your support and cooperation in reminding your child of the following points and ensuring that your child complies with the rules and guidelines.

Attire and Appearance – Neat and Tidy Riverians with a Shared Identity

- a) Modification to the uniform is not allowed.
- b) Only white shoes and socks are allowed.
- c) Pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery. Only girls are allowed to wear small ear studs. Multiple ear studs on one ear are not allowed. Other than small ear studs for girls, all ornaments should not be seen on both boys and girls.

Attendance and Punctuality – Punctual and Present Riverians

- a) Pupils are expected to attend school on a daily basis.
- b) All pupils are to be in school for attendance-taking latest by 7.45 a.m. Pupils who arrive at the foyer after 7.45am will be considered late for school. Latecomers will have their names recorded at the foyer. Three counts of latecoming constitute one minor offence. Six minor offences on latecoming constitute one major offence.
- c) Pupils who are absent from school owing to illness are to present a Medical Certificate issued by a doctor. This is also applicable to assessment days.

We also need the utmost cooperation from all parents to foster and ensure a positive school tone of care, respect and discipline.

Responding to an Incident between Your Child and Another Pupil

As children grow up together, they may be involved in incidents and there may be issues that cause unhappiness among one another. We would like to emphasise that should there be a disagreement between your child and another pupil, please do not approach or confront the other child. Please also do not approach the other pupil's parents, as this may cause further misunderstanding and worry. Do contact your child's Form Teacher to highlight the matter and let the school look into investigation and resolution.

6. A SAFE AND HEALTH-PROMOTING ENVIRONMENT

Our pupils' safety and health are our topmost priorities. The school takes a vigilant and proactive approach to ensure a safe and healthy school environment for the whole school community. We seek your utmost support and fullest cooperation for the following measures.

Visitors to the School

Parents wishing to enter the school must register themselves at the security post. Each parent will be issued with a visitor pass which must be worn at all times when in the school. Parents are to approach the General Office for assistance and are not to move into the pupil activity areas (e.g. classrooms, library and canteen) in any way.

"No Entry" Period for Parents and Authorised Adults

To ensure the smooth and safe dismissal of pupils, there will be no entry of parents and authorised adults into the school between 15 minutes before dismissal and 15 minutes after dismissal. During this "No Entry" period, there will be no sale of items at the school bookshop or at the school uniform counter.

- "No Entry" Period on Monday and Tuesday: 1.45pm to 2.15pm
- "No Entry" Period on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 1.15pm to 1.45pm

Going Straight Home after Dismissal

We have pupils who walk or go home on their own after dismissal. We have reminded all pupils that they should go straight home after dismissal and not loiter around in public places. We have also reminded our pupils that they must first seek permission from their parents if they are not going straight home after dismissal.

Road Safety

We have observed some worrying instances of our pupils and the accompanying adults jaywalking outside our school gates and crossing the road without using the pedestrian crossings nearby. We have also observed pupil-cyclists cycling at a fast speed on pavements and ringing the bicycle bell incessantly. Such road behaviours are dangerous and compromise the safety of all road users.

- a) We will continue to remind our pupils to keep themselves safe on the roads. They are to cross the road at designated pedestrian crossings and are not to jaywalk. They are also to practise the kerb drill before crossing the road.

- b) We advise our younger P1 to P3 pupils not to cycle to and from school. If parents allow their child to cycle, they should ensure that their child knows safe cycling rules and is a competent and considerate cyclist.
- c) We urge all parents and adults to be positive role models for our children. Our pupils will be more motivated to demonstrate the right behaviours with the proper guidance and modelling.

Specific Medical Condition and Prescribed Medication

If your child has a specific medical condition, please:

- a) Share the information with the school through the Form Teacher.
- b) Ensure that your child brings the prescribed medication for the specific medical condition to school every school day.
- c) Ensure that the medication is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.
- d) Ensure that your child knows how to take the medication or use it on himself/herself.
- e) Note that the school and teachers are NOT to administer medication to your child. The school staff can help to supervise your child while he/she is taking or using the prescribed medication.

For Riverside and Riverians! From Good to Great!

Mrs Sharon Siew
Principal