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Dear Parents,

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

We are delighted to welcome Ms Karin Neo, our Vice-Principal (Administration) to Team Riverside! Ms Neo will work closely with our administration and operations teams to ensure a safe, health-promoting and conducive environment and to support the school experience in best ways possible. We look forward to Ms Neo's leadership, service and contributions to Riverside and Riverians!

2. RIVERSIDE CELEBRATES!

Star of Riverside Award

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 excellent conduct and behaviour. We are proud to have presented the 2016 Term IV Star of Riverside Award to the following deserving Riverians! The focus is on Responsibility, Kindness and Leadership.

2016 Class	2016 Term IV Star of Riverside	2016 Class	2016 Term IV Star of Riverside
P4-Strength	Ricthika D/O Suradren	P3-Strength	Nur Rushdiya Binte Rosdi
P4-Perseverance	Lye Quan Ler Ethan	P3-Perseverance	Eng Rui Yee
P4-Adaptability	Alena Sim Si Ting	P3-Adaptability	Arushi Ajay Deshpande
P4-Responsibility	Soong Yong Han	P3-Responsibility	Syifa Balqis Binte Sukhaizi
P4-Kindness	Woong Yixin Denise	P3-Kindness	Gan Xin Hui
P4-Sincerity	Shivani Kishore Nair	P3-Sincerity	Jaden Emmanuel

2016 Class	2016 Term IV Star of Riverside	2016 Class	2016 Term IV Star of Riverside
P2-Strength	Elias Jeff Kuruvilla	P1-Strength	Nur Maya Arianna Binte Mohamed Halmy
P2-Perseverance	Su Hongyu	P1-Perseverance	Haw Jing Xuan
P2-Adaptability	Marha Syaurah Binte Muhsin	P1-Adaptability	Javen Liang Ding Wei
P2-Responsibility	Timothy James Arendain Talam	P1-Responsibility	Li Yingqi Delphine
P2-Kindness	Laekeisha Boon Jia Xuan	P1-Kindness	Ang Charlesee
P2-Leadership	Than Zhen En, Tristan	P1-Leadership	Nurul Auni Iffah Binte Abdullah
P2-Enthusiasm	Amitav Poduval	P1-Enthusiasm	Terrance Neoh Seng Tze
P2-Sincerity	Thien Xiu Ji	P1-Sincerity	Woong Pize Jared

Sole Medal Winner in International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English

We are very proud of Heidi Wee of P3-Strength for her sterling performance at the 2016 P3 ICAS English. She was the Sole Medal Winner, topping the P3 level across participating schools in Singapore! Our heartiest congratulations to Heidi!

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS): English

302 pupils (145 P3 and 157 P4) participated in the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English conducted on 19 July 2016. We are proud to announce that 118 pupils received awards – 1 High Distinction, 21 Distinction, 62 Credit and 34 Merit. Congratulations to our Riverians!

Level	No. of Pupil-Participants	High Distinction	Distinction	Credit	Merit
P3	145	1	13	32	17
P4	157	0	8	30	17

The pupils who are awarded High Distinction and Distinction are as follows in alphabetical order of name:

Level	Award	Name and Class of Pupil
P3	High Distinction	1. Heidi Wee, P3-Strength
	Distinction	2. Andrew Htet, P3-Sincerity
		3. Chong Qi Tao, P3-Sincerity
		4. Elina Kaur Dev, P3-Sincerity
		5. Gladys Lee Yi En, P3-Sincerity
		6. Glynis Poon, P3-Strength
		7. Jordan Jason Paine, P3-Sincerity
		8. Kishan Chand Bhardwaj, P3-Sincerity
		9. Kwan Han Lu, P3-Strength
		10. Rachael Ong, P3-Sincerity
		11. Seri Erika Binte Mohd Fazil, P3-Strength
		12. Uma Devi Urmila, P3-Strength
		13. Wilson Siah Han Kai, P3-Sincerity
		14. Zakris Lim, P3-Strength
P4	Distinction	15. Anisha Nadine Ruchti, P4-Sincerity
		16. Eileen Teng Yee Lin, P4-Strength
		17. Eunice Lim, P4-Sincerity
		18. Gabrielle Lim Hong En, P4-Strength
		19. Hein Khant Aung, P4-Sincerity
		20. Koh Ler Bin, P4-Sincerity
		21. Lim En Xi, P4-Strength
		22. Zhang Yuheng, P4-Sincerity

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS): Mathematics

292 pupils (144 P3 and 148 P4) participated in the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Mathematics conducted on 2 August 2016. We are proud to announce that 90 pupils received awards – 4 High Distinction, 16 Distinction, 43 Credit and 27 Merit. Congratulations to our Riverians!

Level	No. of Pupil-Participants	High Distinction	Distinction	Credit	Merit
P3	144	2	5	26	17
P4	148	2	11	17	10

The pupils who are awarded High Distinction and Distinction are as follows in alphabetical order of name:

Level	Award	Name and Class of Pupil	
P3	High Distinction	1. Elina Kaur Dev, P3-Sincerity 2. Kishan Chand Bhardwaj, P3-Sincerity	
	Distinction	3. Glynis Poon, P3-Strength 4. Koh Ler Heng, P3-Sincerity 5. Kong Fanyi, P3-Strength 6. Suwanna Sunthon, P3-Strength 7. Wilson Siah, P3-Sincerity	
	P4	High Distinction	8. Davier Ong Su Lun, P4-Strength 9. Ian Ihtesham Kusuma, P4-Sincerity
		Distinction	10. Declan Lee, P4-Sincerity 11. Hein Khant Aung, P4-Sincerity 12. Koh Ler Bin, P4-Sincerity 13. Lee Shan Quan, P4-Strength 14. Lim En Xi, P4-Strength 15. Li Xuanyu, P4-Strength 16. Malcolm Chong, P4-Sincerity 17. Neo Rui Sha, P4-Sincerity 18. Paul David Talam, P4-Strength 19. Reyes Ang, P4-Sincerity 20. Toh Jun Hong, P4-Sincerity

3. THE YEAR 2016 IN REVIEW: YEAR-CLOSURE MATTERS

Promotion Day

Promotion Day has been conducted on Thursday, 17 November 2016.

- All P1 Classes are promoted en-bloc to P2, e.g. P1-Strength is promoted to P2-Strength. Staying together, learning together and growing together as a class with the same classmates for one more year serves to provide greater stability for our young pupils.
- The 8 P2 Classes are promoted to become 6 P3 Classes. Pupils are distributed across classes by gender, ethnic group and academic progress and performance.
- All P3 Classes are generally promoted en-bloc to P4, e.g. P3-Strength is promoted to P4-Strength.
- The 6 P4 Classes are promoted to 6 P5 Classes. The promotion takes into consideration the outcomes from the Subject Based Banding (SBB) Exercise and pupils are distributed into classes according to their academic progress and performance as well as gender and ethnic group.
- Pupils have been shown their new classrooms and have had the opportunity to familiarise themselves to the new classroom location and environment.

Your child has been issued a Class Allocation Slip that indicates the 2017 class he/she has been promoted to. You are reminded to acknowledge the receipt of the Class Allocation slip and insert it into your child's Report Book.

Your child has received the 2017 Booklist. The sale of P2/P3/P4/P5 books will be on selected days at the school bookshop. The sales dates are indicated in the booklist.

The "Checklist of Items to Bring on Opening Days" has been issued. Pupils are to pack their school bags according to the checklist for the first few school days of 2017.

The Pupil Arrival/Dismissal Arrangement Form is enclosed with this letter. The information will help the school to ensure the safety of pupils. The completed form is to be submitted to the Form Teacher on the first day of school on Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

We would like to inform parents that the 2017 Form Teachers and Co Form Teachers will only be announced at the beginning of 2017, as we will be welcoming new teachers to Team Riverside.

“Riverside Celebrates!” Year-Closure Celebration

“Riverside Celebrates!” is our annual year-closure celebration event. This event will be held on Friday, 18 November 2016 from 8.00am to 11.00am. We look forward to celebrating and closing the year 2016 together with the whole school community.

Submission of Travel Plans for the Year-End School Holidays

We would like to thank parents who have promptly submitted their child’s travel plans for the year-end holidays. If there should be changes to the travel plans during the holidays, please inform the school through the General Office at (tel) 63654490.

Report Books and Portfolio Files

We have issued the Report Books (i.e. Holistic Development Profile) and Portfolio Files to pupils on Thursday, 17 November 2016. Parents are to hold on to their child’s Report Book and Portfolio File throughout the year-end holidays and return the Report Book and Portfolio File in Week 1 of Term I in the new school year 2017. Please note the following:

- Report Book
 - a) Sign the 2016 SA2 result slip.
 - b) Return the whole Report Book with all contents intact to the school.
- Portfolio File
 - a) Remove all contents from the folders for English Language, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue Language.
 - b) Sign the Feedback Forms for Music, Physical and Health Education (PHE), Social Studies (SS) and Character and Citizenship Education (CCE). Leave all contents of the Non-Academic Subject Folder intact.
 - c) Return the Portfolio File with the emptied folders for EL/MA/SC/MT and the full folder for MUS/PHE/SS/CCE with all contents intact.

Parents’ Survey

We will be administering the 2016 Parents’ Survey through SNAC on Friday, 18 November 2016. The Survey will comprise 21 items and 1 comments section. The end-date of the Survey will be on Friday, 25 November 2016. We look forward to your participation in the Survey and to your feedback for our school’s journey of learning and improvement.

Keeping Healthy and Safe

Do continue to remind and encourage your child to stay healthy and safe and exercise personal and social responsibility during the school holidays. The following are some health and safety instructions for pupils.

Stay healthy and maintain high standards of personal hygiene at all times.

- a) Drink lots of water, eat well and rest well.
- b) Wash your hands before eating and after using the toilet.
- c) Exercise social responsibility at all times.

Be safe outside school and outside home.

- d) Know your home address, home contact number and parent's contact number.
- e) Ask your parents for permission if you are going out to play with your friends.
- f) Keep your parents informed of your whereabouts at all times.
- g) Stay close to your parents especially in crowded places to avoid getting lost.
- h) Alert your parents immediately if a stranger approaches you.
- i) Do not walk alone through dimly lit and secluded places.
- j) Do not take the lift alone with a stranger.
- k) Do not give information about yourself or your family to strangers.
- l) Do not respond when strangers approach you and try to speak with you or offer you things.
- m) Stay alert of what is happening around you.
- n) Take care of your personal belongings at all times.

Be safe on the roads.

- o) Cross the road at designated pedestrian crossings, overhead bridges, underpasses or zebra crossings. Do not jaywalk.
- p) Practise the kerb drill before crossing.
 - Look right, look left, and look right again.
 - Ensure all vehicles have stopped.
 - Raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly.
- q) Be alert for inattentive drivers even at signalized crossings.
- r) Use footpaths when possible.
- s) Stay focused on the roads and do not be distracted by any electronic device.
- t) Do not cycle on the roads unless allowed by your parents. Ensure that you know safe cycling rules and are a competent cyclist.

Be safe when playing.

- u) Take care of yourself and others when playing.
- v) Do not engage in rough and dangerous acts.
- w) Ask your parents for permission before accessing the Internet. Explore only the Learning Management System and other educational websites that enhance your learning. When communicating with your friends within the Learning Management System, practise respectful messaging.

4. THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2017

Weekly Schedule for 2017

The new school year will commence on Tuesday, 3 January 2017. We enclose the weekly schedule for the year 2017 for your reference. We hope that the early information will support you in planning after-school care and activities for your child.

All pupils are expected to be in school and report to their Form Teacher for attendance-taking by 7.45am. Pupils who arrive at the school foyer after 7.45am. will be considered late for school. The flag-raising ceremony will commence at 7.50am and the first lesson for the day will start at 8.00am.

Afternoon activities will be conducted on Tuesdays (P3/P4/P5 Academic Support/Enrichment Lessons), Wednesdays (P3/P4/P5 CCA) and Thursdays (P1/P2/P3/P4/P5 Academic Support/Enrichment Lessons).

2017 School Calendar for Term I, Weeks 1 to 5

The 2017 School Calendar for Term I, Weeks 1 to 5 is enclosed for your prior information. The full Term I Calendar will be issued at the beginning of the new school year.

Special Programmes for P3/P4/P5 in 2017 Term I

We would like to highlight a few special programmes for P3/P4/P5 that will be conducted in 2017 Term I.

- The P3 SwimSafer Programme will be conducted during curriculum hours over eight sessions starting from Wednesday, 11 January 2017. We are in the process of working out the programme details with the swimming instructors and swimming complex. We will provide parents with more information via a SNAC notification in December 2016 and a letter in the first school week of January 2017.
- P4/P5 CCA will commence on Wednesday, 11 January 2017.
- The P5 3-Days-2-Nights Residential Character and Leadership Development Camp will be held from Monday, 16 January 2017 to Wednesday, 18 January 2017.
- P3 CCA Fair will be held on Wednesday, 15 February 2017. P3 CCA will commence in Term II Week 1.
- The P4 2-Days-1-Night Residential "Sparkling for Life" Camp will be held on Thursday, 2 March 2017 and Friday, 3 March 2017.

2017 Academic Support and Enrichment Lessons

All P1/P2/P3/P4/P5 Academic Support Lessons will commence after Chinese New Year. The schedule will be announced next year.

2017 Assessment Plans

All weighted assessments will commence only after Chinese New Year. The Assessment Plans will be announced next year.

2017 P1/P2/P3/P4/P5 Parents' Seminars

We warmly invite you to set aside the date and time to attend the relevant 2017 Parents' Seminar. There will be Briefings on Curriculum and Assessment and Form Teacher's Meeting with Parents.

- P1/P2/P3 Parents' Seminar on Friday, 13 January 2017 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm
- P4 Parents' Seminar in February/March 2017 (The confirmed date will be made known in January 2017.)
- P5 Parents' Seminar in February/March 2017 (The confirmed date will be made known in January 2017.)

School Rule on Shoes and Socks

Our school rule states that "Pupils should wear low-cut white canvas shoes and plain white socks. Socks should be visibly seen above the ankles. Ankle socks are not allowed."

Please note the requirements when purchasing new school shoes and socks for your child. In addition, it is preferred that the shoes are entirely white in colour and do not prominently display any brand logo.

Drop-Off by Parents

If you are driving your child to school in the new school year, please note that the drop-off procedure remains the same.

- Between 7.00am and 7.45am, parents are to drive into our school premises and drop off their child at the school lobby.
- From 7.45am, all school gates will be closed and parents/guardians are to drop off their child at the security post (Gate 1).

Monitoring Your Child's Health and Wellness

When school opens for the new school year on Tuesday, 3 January 2017, please check if your child is well before he/she leaves for school. If he/she is having fever, showing flu-like symptoms and feeling physically unwell, please take him/her to see a doctor. Allow him/her to rest at home for the full duration indicated in the Medical Certificate (MC) and recover fully before returning to school.

Temperature Taking Exercise on Friday, 6 January 2017

In the new school year, the school will be conducting a temperature taking exercise on Friday, 6 January 2017. This is to ensure our continued preparedness in managing health situations. Please ensure that your child has a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) with him/her when he/she returns to school in January 2017. Do help us to cultivate in your child the habit of using the ODT to monitor his/her personal health and to check if he/she has fever. We seek your strong partnership in nurturing in your child a sense of personal and social responsibility.

5. APPRECIATION AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We would like to thank you for your warm support and strong partnership in making 2016 a joyful, enriching and fruitful year for Riverside and Riverians! We look forward to your continuing support in the year 2017 to provide holistic education and a quality school experience for all our pupils.

In the festive season ahead, we wish our Christian pupils, parents, staff and families Merry Christmas! May the year-end school holidays be a wonderful time of rest, renewal and rejuvenation for all! Happy Holidays!

For Riverside and Riverians! From Good to Great!

Mrs Sharon Siew
Principal

**RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
2017 WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Day/Activity	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Assembly	All pupils are to be in school for attendance-taking by 7.45am . Pupils who arrive at the school foyer after 7.45am will be considered late for school. The flag-raising ceremony will commence at 7.50am.				
Lessons	8.00am to 2.00pm	8.00am to 2.00pm	8.00am to 1.30pm	8.00am to 1.30pm	8.00am to 1.30pm
Recess	10.00am to 10.30am (for P1/P2) 10.30am to 11.00am (for P3/P4/P5)				
FTGP or Assembly Programme					8.00am to 9.00am
Programme for Active Learning (PAL)	P2 PAL 12.30pm to 2.00pm	P1 PAL 12.30pm to 2.00pm			
Afternoon Activities		P3/P4/P5 <u>Academic Support and Enrichment Lessons</u> 2.30pm to 4.00pm	P3/P4/P5 CCA 2.00pm to 4.00pm	P1/P2/P3/P4/P5 <u>Academic Support and Enrichment Lessons</u> 2.00pm to 3.30pm	
School Bus Departure Times	2.15pm	2.15pm 4.10pm	1.45pm 4.10pm	1.45pm 3.40pm	1.45pm

**RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TERM I, WEEKS 1 TO 5**

Note: Activities are conducted in the morning unless otherwise specified.

Week	Days & Dates	Activity
1	Mon, 2 Jan 2017	New Year's Day Holiday
	Tue, 3 Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Day of School Year 2017 P1 Induction Programme (Day 1 of 4) P2/P3/P4/P5 Opening Week Programme (Day 1 of 4)
	Wed, 4 Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1 Induction Programme (Day 2 of 4) P2/P3/P4/P5 Opening Week Programme (Day 2 of 4)
	Thu, 5 Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1 Induction Programme (Day 3 of 4) P2/P3/P4/P5 Opening Week Programme (Day 3 of 4) Year-Opening Assembly
	Fri, 6 Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature Taking Exercise P1 Induction Programme (Day 4 of 4) P2/P3/P4/P5 Opening Week Programme (Day 4 of 4)
2	Wed, 11 Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement of P3 SwimSafer Programme (Full details will be given in January 2017.) Commencement of P4/P5 CCA
	Fri, 13 Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1/P2/P3 Parents' Seminar (2.30pm to 4.30pm)
3	Mon, 16 Jan to Wed, 18 Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P5 3-Days-2-Nights Residential Character and Leadership Development Camp
4	Fri, 27 Jan 2017	Chinese New Year Celebration [Note: All pupils will be dismissed at 10.00 a.m.]
	Sat, 28 Jan 2017	<i>Chinese New Year Public Holiday</i>
	Sun, 29 Jan 2017	<i>Chinese New Year Public Holiday</i>
5	Mon, 30 Jan 2017	<i>Chinese New Year Public Holiday</i>
	Tue, 31 Jan 2017	<i>Chinese New Year Off-in-Lieu School Holiday</i>

RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
2017 PUPIL ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL ARRANGEMENT FORM

To be submitted to the Form Teacher on the first day of school on Tuesday, 3 January 2017

Name of Pupil: _____

2017 Class: Primary _____

In the morning, my child gets to school by ...

Please tick the relevant box.

- Walking Public Transport
- Car or Private Vehicle School Bus
- Others (please specify, e.g. Cycling) _____

At the end of the school day, my child will be ...

Please tick the relevant box.

- Taking the **SCHOOL BUS**.
Specify details if known, e.g. Bus Number. _____
- Picked up by parent or authorised adult with dismissal from **GATE 1** (at security guard post).
Specify who the authorised adult is, e.g. grandmother or helper. _____
- Picked up by parent or authorised adult with dismissal from **GATE 4** (outside school canteen).
Specify who the authorised adult is, e.g. grandmother or helper. _____
- Staying back at School-Based **STUDENT CARE CENTRE** (Mercu Learning Point).

Name of Parent: _____

Contact Number: _____

Signature and Date: _____