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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings from Haig Girls' School (HGS). We welcome all students and staff back to school this term. We hope you enjoyed the June holidays and had the opportunity to spend quality time together as a family.

Staff Updates

We warmly welcome our colleague, *Miss Isabel Han*, back to the HGS family. An alumna, *Miss Han* did her contract teaching and practicum at her alma mater and will be joining us as a permanent staff member from this term onwards. She will be teaching EL and Science and will be the form teacher for 5C.

We also welcome the following personnel who will be on attachment to HGS this semester:

- *Miss Chen Lijia* and *Miss Lim Ling Ern* – university teaching interns
- *Miss Wong Cheng Yi* - Chinese Language contract teacher

Celebrating Learning and Achievements

We are pleased to share the learning and achievements of our students in the language arts, Math & Science, performing arts, sports and uniformed groups with you. We are proud of our students who have given their best and demonstrated our school values, including students who have taken part in various competitions and have not won awards. We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our teachers and instructors for their dedication and hard work, and to all parents for their support and involvement. Highlights of our key achievements in Term 2, 2017, can be found in [Annex A](#).

Teachers' Professional Contributions

Our staff conducted professional sharing of our school's good practices and innovative programmes at national and international platforms. We are proud of our teachers' commitment to professional development and their contributions to the education fraternity. Details can be found in [Annex B](#).

We would like to congratulate the following teachers for achieving the 2016 Excellent Service Award (EXSA), in recognition of their commitment to service excellence:

STAR Award	GOLD Award	SILVER Award
Ang Siew Theng Grace Ang Yan Qing Clara Chan Lai Choo Leu Yifang Nikki Yeo Yu Nian Raihana Beevi Bte Mohd Yunoos Tan Khalidah Hani Tng Shoo Ling	Alice Tay Wee Teng Wee Jee Chen Charlotte	Cheong Long Xin Cindy Chiong Sin Ee Esther E Tzy Kwei Hairunnisa Bte Amzah Kwok Yao Tsuan Muhamad Ansar Bin Kamsan Norah Bte Nordin Norasiken Mohamed Noor Rasyidah Binte Mohamed Idrus Zamzam Sylvianne Devajothi Wong Yoke Lye

Cyber Wellness and Responsible Use of Social Media

We expect our students to be responsible digital learners and we have shared with them the following key principles to adhere to:

- demonstrate respect for self and others online - share appropriate content, accept diverse views and opinions and avoid sharing hurtful materials
- practise safe and responsible use - not to divulge personal information and to verify the reliability of information
- exert positive peer influence - advocate positive online behavior and report cases of cyber bullying to their teachers

We would like to seek all parents' cooperation to collaborate with the school to:

- ensure that students' use of digital devices and participation on social platforms are supervised
- role model good digital habits

Play@Recess

The school started Play@Recess from Tue, 16 May 2017 to provide our students with free access to the school's PE equipment. This is to encourage students to have unstructured play as being active is crucial for students' holistic growth. The field will be opened during recess time, from 9.40am to 10.40am, and Sports Leaders will be assigned to ensure responsible play. Equipment available for use includes different types of balls and racquets. The PE teachers have educated and will continue to guide our students on how to play safely during their PE lessons.

As the school has enhanced safety measures such as installation of additional CCTVs, the playground will be made available for unstructured play during recess time from this term onwards.

Health Measures and Temperature-Taking Exercise

Safeguarding the health and well-being of our students is our collective responsibility.

- All students are reminded to maintain good hygiene practices such as frequent hand washing, before handling food or eating, after going to the toilet, or after they have coughed or sneezed.
- The school will do our part to ensure sufficient washing facilities with soap and we would also like to seek the cooperation of all parents and guardians to reinforce good hygiene habits at home.
- If your child is unwell, she should not be in school and should see a doctor. Please ensure that your child has fully recovered with official clearance from the doctor before returning to school.

As part of nation-wide measures to maintain schools' preparedness in health matters, there will be a temperature-taking exercise on **Fri, 30 Jun 2017**. We would like to seek your assistance to ensure that your child brings her working thermometer to school on **Wed, 28 Jun 2017**.

HGS Open House

Our school's Open House will be held on Wed, 28 Jun 2017, and Thu, 29 Jun 2017, 8.30am - 12.00pm. If you know of parents who are seeking to place their child in our school, please encourage them to attend the Open House so as to gain a better insight into the Haig Girls' educational experience.

Primary One (P1) Registration Exercise – Phase 1

In Term 2, we issued registration forms to students who have a sibling eligible for Phase 1 of the P1 Registration Exercise.

- The dates for Phase 1 registration are Thu, 29 Jun 2017 and Fri, 30 Jun 2017. Please submit your completed registration form and supporting documents to the school through your daughter if you have not already done so. There is no need for you to come to school to register your child.
- If you have not received the registration form or have any query about the registration exercise, you can look for Ms Patricia Chan in the General Office or contact her at 63440293.

In-Conversation with School Leaders

As part of our school's efforts to engage parents and strengthen school-family partnership, you are invited to the annual dialogue sessions with the school leaders. Schedule of the sessions for parents of different year levels are as follows:

Levels	Date	Time
P5 & P6	Sat, 22 Jul	9.00am – 11.00am
P3 & P4	Sat, 29 Jul	9.00am – 10.30am
P1 & P2		11.00am – 12.30pm

More details will be shared with parents of the different levels nearer the date.

Language and Literacy Week

Week 3 of this term will be an exciting week as we celebrate Language and Literacy Week. Its main objective is to ignite the love for reading for pleasure in our students and staff. This year's theme is '*Heroes*'. During Language and Literacy Week, students will be learning about heroes of Society, Mathematics, Arts and Science through the daily recess displays and activities.

One of the highly anticipated events of the week is the *Book Characters Day* which will take place on Fri, 14 Jul 2017, 10.10 a.m. - 11.40 a.m. All are encouraged to use recycled materials to dress up as a real hero from a book.

Parents are invited to join in the fun by assisting in the creation of your daughter's costume or volunteering to help students put on their costumes between 10.10 a.m. - 10.40 a.m. Parents can contact your daughter's form teacher for further instructions and details. Parents who are interested in dressing up as a hero and taking part in the runway show during Book Characters Day can look out for an email which will be sent by the school in Week 2. Alternatively, you may show your support by being present in the hall during the runway show from 10.40 a.m. - 11.40 a.m. on Fri, 14 Jul 2017.

Change of Address or Phone Number

The school has a central database for all student information. Please notify the form teacher as soon as possible regarding changes or additions to home, office, emergency phone numbers, addresses and other relevant information. This is vital to ensure ongoing and prompt correspondence with parents.

Absence from School

Regular school attendance is critical to a child's learning. Hence students must be present on all school days and should not miss lessons unless there is a valid reason.

- Please write to seek school leaders' permission at least one week in advance should your child need to be excused due to official commitments such as external competitions and exams.
- If your child is ill, your child should submit a medical certificate or a note from you on your child's return to school.

Semester 2 Calendar of Events

Our Semester 2 Calendar of Events is found in [Annex C](#) for your reference. We would like to provide you with timely information so that you are able to take note of important dates and events. However, we do seek your kind understanding if changes are made during the year. We will keep you updated of such changes.

We look forward to your support as our partners-in-education in the holistic development of your daughters. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Lo Yen Nie
Principal

Celebrating Learning and Achievements (TERM 2, 2017)
Language Arts

Chinese	14 th Singapore Malaysia Bilingual Olympiad	Top 30 Winners	Cao Shiqi, 6 Grace
English	NewsMaker Awards Singapore 2017	Gold Award	Alexis Kwek Lexin, 4 Charity Zara Akbar, 4 Grace Lee Shi Jia, 4 Humility

Mathematics & Science

Mathematics & Science	Japan International Science & Math Olympiad (JISMO) 2017	Ruby Award	Asha Meredith Solomon, 5 Charity Zoe Ysabelle Crisostomo Agbayani, 5 Charity Park Claire, 6 Charity
		Emerald Award	Choo En Hui Danielle, 6 Charity Nicole Ka Ohu Viengkhou Li, 6 Charity
		Good Effort	Chan Woon Yee, 6 Charity Rena Kaur Bhullar, 6 Charity

Performing Arts

Piano	Brilliant Talent Discovery Awards	Gold Award	Chen Jing, 2 Kindness
Dance	Dancesport Competition 2017	7th Place, Under 10 Solo Jive Medalist	Felicia Lena Nadia Bernholtz, 4 Charity
		Semi-finals, Under 10 Solo Cha Cha Medalist	

Sports

Bowling	National Age Group Championship 2017	Under 12 Girls Doubles - Champion	Lim Sze Suan, Reine, 4 Grace Nur 'Iffah Binte Andy Azaly, 6 Grace
		Under 12 Girls Team Champion	
Gymnastics	2017 Prime Challenge Women Australian Gymnastic	Individual All- Around Level 2 - Gold Award	Putu Dhyana Prayascitta Sari, 5 Charity
		Individual All- Around Level 2 - Silver Award	Resham Rachhpal Singh, 5 Charity
		Individual All- Around Level 3 - Bronze Award	Lee Lay Mun Elizah, 5 Charity

Netball	East Zone Primary Schools Netball Championship 2017	1 st Runner Up	Desiree Christie Thng Shiqi, 4 Humility Chantal Nauli Setyoko, 5 Charity Iris Kok Yu Xi, 5 Charity Nobleza Mikayla Shae, 5 Charity Xie Enxi, 5 Charity Dasari Tanisha, 5 Grace Kovac Sophie Katie Yun, 5 Grace Maya Anne Haridas, 5 Grace Loggie Pippa Christina, 5 Humility Siti Aishah Siregar Binte Sahat Siregar, 5 Humility Putri Ally Fatin Binte Muhammad Faizal, 5 Joy
		Sportsmanship Award	Siti Aishah Siregar Binte Sahat Siregar, 5 Humility Sharifah Khadijah Binte Syed Mustafa Alsagoff, 6 Charity
Soccer	SPSSC/FAS National Primary School Football Championship Junior Girls 2017	1 st Runner-up	Sofi Syazwani Puteri Muhamad Sahlifi, 4 Grace Foo Jyh Quan Katheleen, 4 Humility Teh Huey Jin, 4 Humility Janet Tan, 4 Joy Tia Foong Po Shiun, 4 Joy Lee Lay Mun Elizah, 5 Charity Aira Lim, 5 Grace Dasari Tanisha, 5 Grace Kovac Sophie Katie Yun, 5 Grace Lau Hung Yeen Vanya, 5 Grace Aleeya Binte Zool Ihsan, 5 Humility Loggie Pippa Christina, 5 Humility
Squash	National Junior Squash Championships 2017	Under 11 Girls Category - 3 rd Place	Saiesha Ranjan, 4 Charity
	Ultimate Squasher Squash League #7	Level 2 Category 3 rd Position	Saiesha Ranjan, 4 Charity
Taekwondo	JH Kim Poomsae Festival 2017	1 st Place	Aleeysha Nur Samsara Abdullah, 3 Kindness

Uniformed Groups

Brownies	Puan Noor Aishah Honour Award	Gold Award	Brownies CCA
	Chief Commissioner Award	Individual	Amanda Lee Zhuo Xuan, 6 Humility Nuriya Fareed Kagda, 6 Charity Syayenne Binte Syariman, 6 Charity
	10th East Division Brownie Revel	Gold Award	Amanda Pao Yuen Teng, 6 Charity Calista Liow Kaili, 6 Humility
		Silver Award	Kira Macalister Creech, 6 Charity Oh Ethel Renee, 6 Grace Chen Kai Ling, 6 Joy

		Bronze Award	<p>Nur 'Alya Makkiyah Binte Sarifudin, 4 Charity Ng Yunqi Kaitlin, 4 Grace Ho Li Shuan, 4 Humility Shona Senthyl, 4 Joy Hannah Lee Ler Ying, 4 Kindness Sharifah Lu'Lu' Shakira Binte Syed Fauzee Alsagoff, 4 Kindness Wee An Li, 4 Kindness Nur Sofiah Firzanah Binte Mohamad Nazri, 5 Humility</p>
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Celebrating Teachers' Professional Contributions

1. *PE Untrained Contract Teachers Attachment to PESTA's Satellite School (HGS) on 6 and 12 April 2017*
Mrs Eileen Low, Head of Department/Physical Education & Co-Curricular Activities, and the PE teachers hosted a group of Untrained Contract PE Teachers (PE UCTs) on two days in April as part of the Preparatory Programme for PE UCTs started by the Physical Education and Sports Teacher Academy (PESTA), MOE in 2016 to provide upstream professional development support for PE teachers. The attachment was led by a PESTA officer and included structured dialogue sessions with the school's PE teachers and lesson observations. This helped the PE UCTs understand what quality PE looks like, as well as the planning considerations behind quality PE.
2. *PE Open Classrooms for E5 Cluster Primary Schools on 12 April 2017*
Mrs Eileen Low, Head of Department/Physical Education & Co-Curricular Activities, and Ms Ariel Goh, PE teacher, each conducted a PE Open Classroom for the PE teachers in the E5 Cluster Primary Schools on 12 April 2017. Both of them conducted Primary 3 Gym lessons with Mrs Low using thinking routines and Ms Goh combining learning objectives from Sports and Gym in their lessons.
3. *Arts Education Mentoring and Consultancy Session for Schools' Arts Teams by the East Zone Centre of Excellence for Creative Arts @HGS on 21 April 2017*
Our Principal and Mdm Anwara, Lead Teacher/Art, shared our arts education philosophy, policies and curriculum with the arts teams from schools in the East Zone. Participants found the sharing session useful and appreciated the insights shared by our school.
4. *Music Teaching Lab by the East Zone Centre of Excellence for Creative Arts @HGS on 27 April 2017*
Ms Long Peizhen, Music teacher, conducted a Music Teaching Lab for music teachers from EZ Primary Schools on 27 April 2017. Ms Long carried out a P2 Music Composition lesson demonstration, followed by a post-lesson discussion, facilitated by Master Teacher (Music), Mrs Li Yen See, from STAR. The Teaching Lab was well received by participants.
5. *Redesigning Pedagogy International Conference, 31 May – 2 June 2017*
Mdm Norah Nordin, Senior Teacher/Malay Language, and Miss Norasiken Mohamed Noor, Malay teacher, co-presented a paper titled '*Harnessing ICT to Improve Students' Cohesion in Writing*' with officers from Educational Technology Division on 1 June 2017. They shared the use of online annotation tools to support collaborative learning and improve students' ability to write cohesively.

Semester 2 Calendar of Events

Term 3

Date	Events	Remarks
Tue 27 Jun	Start of Term 3	
Tue 27 Jun	CCAs, D3T2 and P6 remedial lessons resume	
Wed - Thu 28 - 29 Jun	HGS Open House	8.30am - 12.00 noon For students of neighbouring pre-school centres and prospective students and their parents
Wed 28 Jun	ICAS Writing	2.10pm - 3.40pm (For students who have registered)
Fri 30 Jun	Temperature Taking Exercise	7.40am – 8.10am Whole school
Thu - Fri 29 - 30 Jun	P1 Registration: Phase 1	For parents of 2017 P1 students. (Registration for siblings of current students)
Mon 3 Jul	Day Off-in-Lieu for Youth Day	School Holiday
Wed 5 Jul	P1 Registration: Phase 2A1	
Wed 5 Jul	P2-5 remedial lessons resume	For selected students
Sat 8 Jul	P5 NE Show	2.00pm - 9.30pm For all P5 students
Mon - Fri 10 - 14 Jul	Language and Literacy Week	
Fri 14 Jul	Book Characters Day Runway Show	Parents are invited to help dress the students in their costumes from 10.10am -10.40am and to view the runway show in the school hall from 10.40am - 11.40am.
Tue - Wed 11 - 12 Jul	P1 Registration: Phase 2A2	
Tue 11 Jul	ICAS English Language	2.10pm - 3.40pm (For students who have registered)
Mon - Tue 17 - 18 Jul	P1 Registration: Phase 2B	
Fri 21 Jul	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	Dress code: Ethnic Attire
Sat 22 Jul	In-Conversation with School	9.00am - 11.00am

Date	Events	Remarks
	Leaders for P5 & P6 Parents	
Wed 26 Jul	P6 Prelim EL Oral	After curriculum time No remedial lessons for P2-P5 students
Thu 27 Jul	P6 Prelim MTL Oral	After curriculum time No remedial lessons for P2-P5 students
Wed - Fri 26 - 28 Jul	P1 Registration: Phase 2C	
Sat 29 Jul	In-Conversation with School Leaders for P3 & P4 Parents	9.00am - 10.30am
	In-Conversation with School Leaders for P1 & P2 Parents	11.00am – 12.30pm
Tue 1 Aug	ICAS Math	2.10pm - 3.40pm (For students who have registered)
Tue 8 Aug	National Day Celebration	Dress code: Red T-shirt and PE shorts/pinafore School dismissal at 10.00am. Parents are invited from 7.40am - 10.00am
Wed 9 Aug	National Day	Public Holiday
Thu 10 Aug	National Day	School Holiday
Tue - Wed 15 - 16 Aug	P1 Registration: Phase 2C Supplementary	
Wed - Thu 16 – 17 Aug	No remedial lessons for all levels	
Thu - Fri 17 - 18 Aug	PSLE Oral English Language (EL) and Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Exam	8.00am - 12.30pm P1 - P5 students need not report to school
Thu - Fri 17 - 18 Aug	E-Learning Days for P1 - P5 students	P1 - P5 students will do their learning at home.
Tue 22 Aug	P6 Prelim EL and Foundation EL (FEL) and MTL and Foundation MTL (FMTL) Listening Comprehension	
Wed 23 Aug	P6 Prelim EL & FEL Papers 1 & 2	
	GEP Screening Test (English and Mathematics)	During curriculum time (for P3 students)

Date	Events	Remarks
Thu 24 Aug	P6 Prelim Math (MA) & Foundation MA (FMA) Papers 1 & 2	
Fri 25 Aug	P6 Prelim MTL & FMTL Papers 1 & 2	
Mon 28 Aug	P6 Prelim Science (SC) & Foundation SC (FSC)	
	P1 Registration: Phase 3	
Tue 29 Aug	P6 Prelim Higher MTL (HTML) Papers 1 & 2	
Wed 30 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration	School dismissal at 11am
Thu 31 Aug	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
Fri 1 Sep	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
Sat - Sun 2 - 10 Sep	School Holidays	
Thu - Fri 7 - 8 Sep	P6 Focus Study Camp	

Term 4 (Pending further updates.)

Date	Events	Remarks
Mon 11 Sep	Start of Term 4	Remedial for P2 - P6 resumes
Fri 15 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P1 - P5 students need not report to school
Tue - Fri 19 - 22 Sep	HGS Art Exhibition	Parents are invited to view students' artworks
Thu 28 Sep	PSLE EL Papers 1 & 2 FEL Papers 1 & 2	
Fri 29 Sep	PSLE Mathematics Papers 1 & 2 Foundation Mathematics Papers 1 & 2	
Mon 2 Oct	PSLE MTL Papers 1 & 2 FMTL Paper 1	
Tue 3 Oct	PSLE SC PSLE FSC	
Wed 4 Oct	PSLE HMTL Papers 1 & 2	
Thu 5 Oct	Children's Day Celebration	Dress code: smart casual School dismissal at 11.00am All parents are invited from 9.40am - 11.00am
Fri 6 Oct	Children's Day	School Holiday
Wed 18 Oct	Deepavali	Public Holiday
Thu - Tue 19 - 24 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise	Students need not report to school
Thu - Fri 19 - 20 Oct	GEP Selection Test (English, Mathematics and General Ability)	Selected P3 students only
Fri 17 Nov	Last day of term	