

ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION JUNIOR

A Lasallian School of the De La Salle Brothers

Primary 3



Information Kit for Parents

2016

Dear Parents,

This Information Booklet has been crafted to give you a better understanding of the guiding framework, content, programmes and other learning activities of the various subjects. We have also included our Examination and Homework Policies.

Furthermore, the Booklet also contains information pertaining to discipline matters, E-Learning Day and the promotion exercise.

We believe that your son can look forward to an exciting year ahead with many opportunities for academic and non-academic learning and development. We look forward to working closely with you in partnership while supporting your son as he progresses in Primary 3.

Yours sincerely,

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Year Head

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Principal

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English Language

As part of the EL Curriculum, we have adopted the Marshall Cavendish Companion Booklets to complement the STELLAR Units Storybooks. In addition to the booklets, there are also supplementary booklets for each term.

Term	STELLAR Units & Marshall Cavendish Companion Booklets	Supplementary Booklet (Learning Sheets + Writing)	Supplementary Reading	Others
1	3	1 each per term		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Spelling • Bite-size tests (Terms 1 & 3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC Listening & Oral Book • Revision Exercises (Terms 2 & 4)
2	3			
3	2		Online Reading Portal *(Details will be given separately at a later date)	
4	1			

P3 Exam Format: SA1 & SA2

Component	Content	Item	Marks	Weighting
ORAL	Reading Aloud	Passage	6	16 %
	Stimulus-Based Conversation	Illustration with words	10	
LISTENING COMPREHENSION	E.g. Picture matching, sequencing, dictation, note-taking	MCQ, Fill-in-the-blanks	14	14%
COMPOSITION	Guided Writing	Picture Series with helping words	20	20%

Component	Content	Item	Marks	Weighting
Language Use & Comprehension (1h 15 min)	Vocabulary	MCQ	6	50%
	Grammar	MCQ	6	
	Grammar	2 Cloze Passages	8	
	Other Language Items	At school's discretion	12	
	Comprehension or Visual Text	MCQ, Checking, Sequencing	8	
	Comprehension	Open-Ended	8	

Details about the language items to be tested will be made known prior to SA1 & SA2.

In addition, there will be Topical Tests in Weeks 5 and 9. Topical tests serve as mastery tests. The results would give the teachers insight into their pupils' understanding of the content taught and enable them to distinguish areas of strengths and weaknesses of the students. Topical Tests are short tests (30 min) based on the content (units) they have learnt in the weeks prior to the Topical Test, mainly based on Spelling & Dictation, Grammar and Vocabulary, Reading & Understanding. The grades are **NOT** recorded in the Report Book.

Support from parents

The current EL STELLAR framework advocates the teaching and learning of English using more **speaking and listening** activities. Children learn **reading and writing** using rich and interesting books, with discussions led by the teacher.

You could revise with your child the booklets and supplementary materials that are used in our curriculum. Focus on the four skills by engaging in meaningful conversations and improving your child's command of Grammar and scope of Vocabulary.

For comprehension, insist on these strategies:

- a) Read the passage at least twice.
- b) Get your son to ask probing questions himself using the Techniques of 'Why, Who, When, Where, Which, How'.
- c) Highlight words that they are unfamiliar. Discuss its meaning and how it is used in a sentence / scenario.
- d) Discuss the story with your child to test for understanding, before he attempts the questions.
- e) When answering the questions, ensure that your child does so in a complete sentence. Check for Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation, Sentence Structure. These skills are taught in class but they need to be reinforced.

In general, encourage your son to read, both in fiction (a wide range of storybooks) and non-fiction (newspapers, magazine articles). Monitor his homework. Finally, promote the use of the dictionary and thesaurus especially if homework is on vocabulary. It would be good practice to start a Word Bank book.

Mathematics

Curriculum

The school has adopted My Pals Are Here! as the curriculum textbook and workbook for the P3 level. Besides these, topical worksheets will be printed as reinforcement practices for the boys. Speed Test booklets with emphasis on speed and accuracy on basic mathematical concepts will also be printed for the boys to do in class. These additional materials are to be filed into the Math file.

Good Practices

These are some of the practices that the teachers have been reminding the boys to adhere to:

- Draw model using pencil and ruler/template
- Corrections to be done in green
- Homework to be handed in the following school day

Assessment

There will be 2 formal assessments, SA1 and SA2 this year. The paper is broken up mainly into 3 sections;

Section A – Multiple Questions,

Section B – Short answer questions and

Section C – Word Problems.

In Section C, the boys have to show their working clearly using number sentences. Marks are awarded accordingly to correct methods shown.

More details will be provided nearer the examinations.

Strategy for solving word problems

The department has adopted the RULER strategy when teaching pupils how to solve word problems.

Step 1 : **R**ead questions carefully.

Step 2 : **U**nderline magic words.

Step 3 : **L**ook for clues.

Step 4 : **E**quations are a MUST!

Step 5 : **R**eady to check. (Use estimation to check the reasonableness of answers.)

Science

Topics Coverage

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Classification of Living & Non-living Things	Exploring Material	Human Body Systems	Revision
Animal Diversity	Magnets	Plant Systems	
Plants, Fungi & Bacteria			

- Parents and guardian to take note that completion of topics may vary slightly between classes due to interruptions by public holidays and school events.

Assessment

(1) Class Test

- Assessing the understanding of concepts
- As feedback for teachers so that they can adjust their teaching
- Marks noted by teachers but not keyed into exam system

(2) Exams

- SA1 (30%)
- SA2 (60%)

P3 SA1 Science Examination Format – 1h			
Booklet A	15 MCQ	2 marks each	30 m
Booklet B	6 Open-ended	3 or 4 marks	20 m
Total	21 Questions	-	50 m

P3 SA2 Science Examination Format – 1h 30 min			
Booklet A	24 MCQ	2 marks each	48 m
Booklet B	8 Open-ended	4 marks	32 m
Total	32 Questions	-	80 m

(3) Practical Test

- 10% of total
- In the middle of Term 3, the exact date will be given at the start of Term 3.
- Assessing skills e.g., following instructions, handling of equipment, collecting and processing of data.
- Tasks will be similar to an activity they have done before

Science Learning Journey

- Gallery Tour @ Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum
- To learn about diversity of plants and animals in Singapore
- Cost: \$15 + Transport
- In Term 1 Week 10

New initiatives for 2016

- Science Spelling replaced with Key Concepts worksheets
- Activity sheets, Key Concepts, Topical MCQs and Structured Qs – all in a booklet to put everything in one place for ease of revision and to cut down filing issues
- Textbooks are supplemented with Revision Guide (2017 new syllabus)
- Use of mindmaps to do topical summary

Tips for Parents & Guardians

- Watch science programmes with him and encourage discussion
- Do hands on activities at home
- Use “teachable moments” when going to the parks etc...

Mother Tongue

In line with the Mother Tongue curriculum, we aim to develop our students to be proficient language users who can communicate confidently and effectively in real-life situations. Authentic activities and ICT are infused into our teaching to strengthen our students' communication skills. Language use will be presented in its various forms, while continuing to expose our students to the rich culture and values embedded in the language.

Differentiated teaching approaches are adopted to cater to students with different starting points and language ability. We hope to build a good foundation in our students' Mother Tongue Languages and develop confidence in using these languages in their daily lives and develop to love the Mother Tongue Languages and its culture. It is also important for our parents and other stakeholders to partner us in nurturing our students' interest in their Mother Tongue Language.

Assessment

Pupils are assessed based on 4 components:

1. Picture Composition Writing
2. Oral
3. Listening Comprehension
4. Main Paper – Paper 2

Picture Composition

- 4 pictures
- 8 helping words will be given
- Dictionary can be used. (No bilingual dictionary allowed)
- Marking Breakdown
 - Content (8marks)
 - Language (7marks)

Requirements:

- Pupils have to write a composition of at least 60 words in 40minutes. Ideal length of a good composition around 100-150 words otherwise.
- Pupils should not only write what they see from the Picture Composition but
 - What would the character hear
 - What would the character think
 - How the character would feel.

Oral

- READING
- PICTURE DESCRIPTION
 - Places : Supermarket, library, field, beach etc
 - Events: Celebrations, carnival, art lesson, visits to home etc.
- CONVERSATION
 - Pupils are expected to talk on a given topic
 - The topic will be closely linked to the picture

Listening Comprehension

- 10 MCQ Questions
 - Picture Matching
 - Questions to short passages
- Listen carefully
- Check answer when passage is repeated

Chinese Language

Paper 2- Written Paper

1. 辨字测验 (Choose the Correct Word)
2. 词语选择 (Choose the Correct Phrase)
3. 词语搭配 (Word Match)
4. 造句 (Sentence Construction)
5. 短文填空 (Close Passage)
6. 阅读理解 (Comprehension – MCQ)
7. 理解问答 (Comprehension – Open Ended)

Tamil Language

Paper 2- Written Paper

Section	Item	Translation
1	வேற்றுமை	Case Signs
2	செய்யுள் பழமொழி	Proverbs
3	முன்னுணர்வுக் கருத்தறிதல்	Cloze Passage
4	தெரிவுவிடைக் கருத்தறிதல்	Comprehension MCQ
5	சுயவிடைக் கருத்தறிதல்	Open ended Comprehension

Malay Language

Paper 2- Written Paper

Section	Item	Translation
1	Imbuan	Affixes
2	Peribahasa	Proverbs
3	Melengkapkan Teks	Completing a sentence
4	Kefahaman Objektif	Comprehension Objective
5	Kefahaman Subjektif	Comprehension Subjective

Examination Policy

Punctuality

- The school takes a serious view of pupils' punctuality and attendance in all school examinations.
- Pupils are not allowed to take the examination at an earlier time. This is to ensure that the assessment is valid, reliable and fair, and to prevent leakages of the examination questions.
- All examinations will start and end at the stipulated time in our schedule or as announced by the Chief Presiding Examiner of the school.
- Any pupil who is late, will not be granted any time extension.
- Time extension will be considered when there is a disruption in bus or train services and other valid reasons. The school's decision will be final.
- Pupils who are late for more than half an hour, will not be allowed to sit for the examination.

Pupils who are unwell

- Pupils who are unwell should not sit for an examination. They should consult a doctor and rest at home.

Absence with Medical Certificate or with Valid Reason

- For **P2 HA and SA2** there will be **NO** make-up for all written papers.
- For **P3 to P6**, there will be **NO** make-up for all written papers for **SA1 and SA2**. Pupils who are absent for EL or MT Oral Examination will be tested during the designated Make-up Oral Examination days.
- Any pupil who is absent for an Examination, needs to produce a valid medical certificate from a medical doctor, to cover him for that day. Handwritten letters are not acceptable. There is no makeup for Listening Examination and the main written papers. Marks will be pro-rated accordingly and pupils will not be eligible for academic awards.
- Pupils who are absent for all written components of the paper, overall marks for the year for each subject will be computed accordingly, taking into account the absence from the examination with a valid reason. It will be reflected as "MC" (Medical Certificate) or "VR" (Valid Reason) recorded for the particular subject.

- For reasons other than medical reasons, the pupil must produce a letter to explain his absence (e.g. family bereavement), subject to school's approval.

Absence without Valid Reason

- Pupils who are absent without a valid reason, no marks will be awarded for the absent component(s). It will be reflected as "AB" (Absent) for the absent component(s).
- Examples of absence without a valid reason include:
 - Accompanying parents overseas
 - No transport arrangement
 - Going overseas for competitions,
 - External examinations such as piano exams

Pupils granted with Access Arrangement

- Pupils granted with access arrangement e.g. extra time, may be asked to sit for the paper in a separate room.
- Pupils who want to request for access arrangement must make an application and give supporting reports, by the end of Term 1. Any late application of access arrangement will only be considered for the next examination.

Award

- A pupil who is absent for any paper for the SA1 and/ or SA2, will not be eligible for any school-based award.
(Top 3 in Level for overall marks, and Best in Subject, Best Progress Award etc)

Physical & Health Education (PHE) & PAL

PE Department Vision

Nurturing boys to be Healthy, Wealthy and Wise

Student Outcomes

- ❖ *Healthy*: Physically fit
- ❖ *Wealthy*: Wealth of sports skills and knowledge of how to lead a healthy lifestyle
- ❖ *Wise*: Possess Values, 21CC, SEC, Leadership Competencies

Curriculum

The PE curriculum is organized into key learning areas across Primary 1 to Primary 6 as shown:

P1-P6: Gymnastics, Games & Sports, Dance, Outdoor Education, Physical Health & Fitness

P3-P6: Athletics

P3: Swimming (SwimSafer Programme run by Sport Singapore)

Swimming will be conducted at P3. Pupils will undergo the SwimSafer Programme run by Sport Singapore. The programme aims to teach the following:

1. Swimming proficiency
2. Water safety
3. Water survival skills to minimise drowning incidences

The school has scheduled 8 lessons of 1.5 hrs each with the qualified swimming instructor. These lessons will be conducted during curriculum hours and the schedule includes travelling and wash-up time. There is no payment required for the programme as it is co-funded by MOE. However, school subsidized transport cost is to be borne by the pupils.

Details of the SwimSafer Programme are as follows:

- Date: Term 3
- Time: During curriculum hours
- Venue: Jalan Besar Swimming Complex

Exemption from PE

All long term exemptions from PE must be accompanied by valid medical document(s) for exemption indicating length of exemption.

For short term exemption, pupils shall be excused from PE lessons if they have any of the following:

1. Valid Medical Certificate / Doctor's Memo
2. Parents' letter
3. Report that they are not feeling well
4. Pupils, who are unwell and excused from lesson, must provide a valid MC or a parent's letter the next day or lesson.

Assessment

PE Grading

Pupils will be graded to assess their competency in the different learning areas in Table 1. Their performance will be graded A, B or C, and reflected in the school report book at mid-year and end-year.

Signature Programmes

Track & Field Meet 2016

Pupils from P3 to P6 will participate in an inter-class Track and Field meet.

Swim Carnival 2016

Pupils from P1 to P6 will participate in an inter-class Swimming Carnival.

Sports Carnival

Pupils from P3 to P6 will participate in an inter-class Sports Carnival which will feature multi-sports mass games.

Health Matters

School Health Services (SHS) conducts health screenings at all Primary Schools. Doctors and nurses of the SHS will visit schools to conduct health screenings that detect common conditions among children. The following table provides details of the screening conducted in school:

Educational Level	Type of Screening Activity
Primary 2-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vision screening (Eyesight test)▪ Review of health conditions where applicable

Details of the SHS screening are as follows:

- Date: Term 3
- Time: During curriculum hours
- Venue: School

Music Education

Vision

To Attain and Achieve the **5Es** in Every SJI Junior Boy

1. Engagement
2. Expression
3. Exposure
4. Experience
5. Enjoyment



Enrichment Programmes

The Enrichment Programmes are in addition to the Music lessons conducted in school and will be provided at no charge.

Level	Programme
Primary 3	Angklung

Whole School Programmes

Activity	Date
Music Assembly programme	Once a semester
Josephian Talent	Semester 2
Recess Performance Programme	Last 2 weeks of each term
Year End Concert	November

Art Education

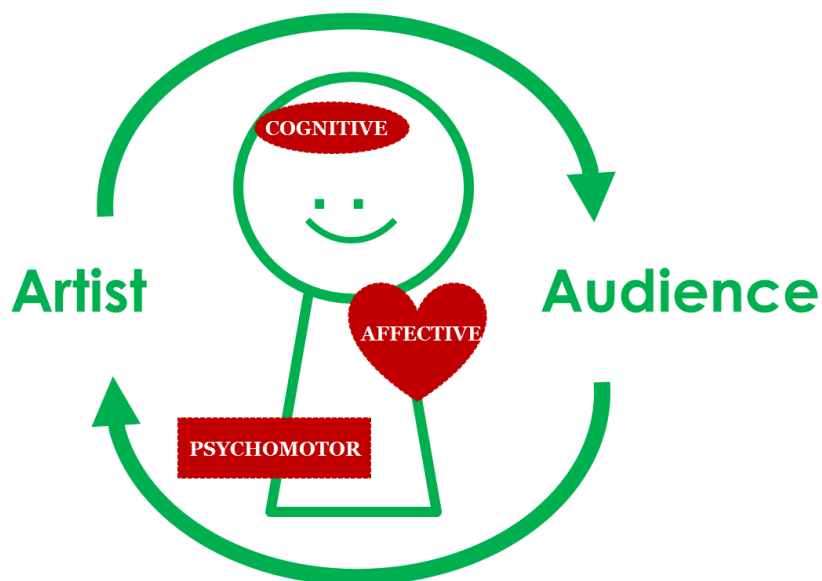
Vision

Every child has the opportunity to:

1. Explore and experience art through their senses
2. Express ideas, feelings and experiences in visual form with imagination, enjoyment and a sense of fulfilment
3. Articulate ideas, experiences, thoughts and opinions about art

Mission

To provide learning opportunities and platforms for each child to grow in the visual arts as both artist and audience



Student Outcomes

We aim to nurture our students to develop the skills to make connections. We provide opportunities for students to make connections:

- among the Arts
- with other subject disciplines within the core curriculum
- with art resources in the community
- with one another; family, school, public, immediate environment, the world
- within themselves; mind, heart

Our aim is to design meaningful learning experiences as well as provide opportunities and platforms through the following:

1. School-based Visual Art Exhibition
2. SJJ Art News Showcase during pre-Assembly & Assembly sessions
3. Student Art Docent for Visual Art Exhibition
4. Art Talk
5. Curriculum

Curriculum

Level	Projects	Additional References
Primary 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Observing Lines (Sensory → Visual)2. Observing Lines (Visual)3. Exploring Abstraction by Drawing with Scissors4. Basic Colour Theory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sensory Drawing• Drawing from 2D references• Personal Portraiture

Materials needed for the Art curriculum include:

1. Art Kit
2. A4-sized Sketchbook
3. 20-pocket slip File as a personal Art Portfolio

Art Kit

The Art Kit is a folder containing basic items needed for Art lessons. These include the following items:

1. Drawing pencils (2B / 4B / 6B)
2. Glue stick
3. Safe round-edged scissors (5")
4. Watercolour Palette
5. A packet of A4-sized coloured construction paper
6. An apron

Signature Programmes

Termly SJI Junior Art News Episode

Video Recording played on ART TV and Assembly Talks including:

1. Student Artist Talk Sessions (P1 to P6) leading to the School Art Exhibition
2. Student Art Learning Process Recording
3. Art Club Projects
4. School Art Events

2016 Permanent Art Showcase

Art Teachers will select unique pieces of process work from P1-P6 pupils:

1. Selected pieces to be framed and hung (Level 4 & Concourse Art Corner)
2. Selected pieces to be encased in display pedestal (Concourse Art Corner)

ARTS Carnival: Learning our ABCD!

This event provides an intra-school platform for the Aesthetics CCA groups to lead and facilitate an interactive session with the school cohort as practitioners of their respective Art forms.

2016 Annual Art Showcase

Art Teachers will select and curate final project artworks from all levels (P1-P6).

Character and Citizenship Education

CCE centring on life skills ensures that students acquire sound values and skills to take them through life as responsible adults and active citizens. It comprises the non-academic curriculum, i.e. National Education and Social Studies.

National Education

The school commemorates four core events – Total Defence Day, International Friendship Day, Racial Harmony Day and National Day.

Total Defence Day is held on 15 February every year to commemorate the fall of Singapore in 1942 to the Japanese. On this day, activities held in school serve to remind pupils that Singapore can be defended and is worth defending, and that as Singaporeans, we are responsible for the defence of Singapore.

International Friendship Day is celebrated in schools on the third Friday of Term Two. The day is dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with its neighbours, and to nurture the spirit of friendship and collaboration among different people in students.

Racial Harmony Day is commemorated on 21 July to mark the race riots that broke out in Singapore in 1964. It serves to remind students that social division weakens society and race and religion will always be potential fault-lines in Singapore's society. Students will reflect and celebrate the nation's success as a harmonious society, built on cultural diversity.

National Day on 9 August celebrates Singapore's independence from Malaysia and its emergence as a sovereign nation.

Social Studies

Primary Three students will undergo the Social Studies curriculum with the overarching theme "Understanding Singapore - How do we appreciate the country we live in?"

There are four components of equal weightage in Social Studies assessment:

1. Quiz
2. Class Participation
3. Reflection Journal
4. Performance Task

There will be one assessment grade for the year, reflected in the report book in the second semester.

DISCIPLINE

All pupils are expected to show high standards of behaviour, both in school and outside school. When pupils misbehave in school / class, they will be dealt with by the Form Teachers, subject teachers or referred to the discipline committee.

For the full list of school rules, please refer to the Student Handbook or school website.

Please take note that the consequences listed below will be carried out after the teacher's intervention to change the misbehaviour. The consequences may differ depending on the severity of the matter.

School Hours

The school hours from Monday to Friday are from 7.30am to 1.30pm. Pupils are to report for assembly in the School Hall by 7.20am.

Consequence: The names of latecomers will be recorded and consistent latecomers will be issued a verbal warning first and then, a written warning.

General Behaviour

Pupils have to complete work assigned including class work, homework, corrections, project work etc. by the given deadline. Parents are encouraged to monitor their son's homework via the student diary.

Consequence: Pupils may be suspended of privileges such as playtime or told to stay back after school to complete homework.

Pupils are NOT allowed to shout across the room, make noise, disturb their friends or eat and drink (except plain water) in class. They should not behave in any manner that will disrupt the flow of lesson or hinder anyone's learning.

Consequence: If repeated, the student will be asked to sit alone, suspended from participating in group work or suspended of privileges such as playtime. For consistent offenders, they can be suspended from school.

Pupils are expected to be courteous, respectful and considerate. They are also not allowed to engage in any rough play or cause hurt to another student. The school will also not tolerate any verbal or physical bullying.

Consequence: If repeated, the student will be asked to sit alone, suspended from participating in group work or suspended of privileges such as playtime. For consistent offenders, they may be told to make a public apology, caned or even suspended from school.

Pupils are only allowed to use their hand phone to contact parents/guardian after school hours. They are not allowed to use it for any other purpose before, during or after school hours.

Consequence: If the hand phones are used for any other purpose, it will be confiscated.

General Appearance

Hairstyle

- The hair length must not touch the ears and the shirt collar.
- The hair must be sloped at the back.
- The fringe must not touch the eyebrows and must not cover the eyes.
- Dyeing of hair, tinting of hair and punk hairstyles are strictly prohibited.

Uniform

- The school uniform comprises a white shirt and khaki shorts.
- School badges and name tags must be sewn onto the school shirt.
- Pupils must wear their school tie every morning for assembly. Shirt collars must be buttoned when ties are worn. Ties can be removed once they are in class. However, on days when they have PE, they can come to school in their PE attire.

PE Attire

- The PE attire consists of the school PE T-shirt and shorts. Name tag should be sewn onto the school PE T-shirt.
- All T-shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Pupils may wear PE or approved CCA t-shirts when coming to school on trainings or events held on Saturdays and during the holidays only.

Shoes and Socks

- Only school socks or plain white socks covering the ankles are allowed.
- Only all white canvas shoes are allowed.

Finger-Nails

- Fingernails must be clean and cut short.

Consequence: Pupils whose appearance is deemed inappropriate by the school will be issued a verbal or written warning.

Behaviour in the School Bus

- Pupils must wear their seatbelts at all times in the school bus/ van.
- Pupils are not allowed to walk around or misbehave in the bus.
- Pupils must not behave in an unruly manner or commit any offences in the school bus.

Consequence: Pupils who violate the above rules or found misbehaving in any manner in the school bus will face punishment such as suspension from school bus and/or be even told to seek other form of transportation.

Disciplinary Actions

The students' offences will be recorded into a school system by the teachers and monitored by the Discipline Committee members. For repeat offenders, the teacher will refer the student to the Discipline committee for further action.

The consequences will be meted out based on the severity of the matter and when the school deems appropriate.

Celebrate Learning Week

To end the term on an upswing mood, the school has initiated Celebrate Learning Week which will be from Tuesday to Friday, Week 10 of Term 1. All levels will take part in various activities such as learning journeys, camps and in-house programmes throughout the first 3 days, Tuesday to Thursday. The week will culminate in E-Learning Day which will be on Friday.

This is what P3 boys can look forward to:

1. Learning Journey to the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum
2. Learning Journey to the HDB Hub
3. Financial Literacy (in-school programme)
4. English Trail (in-school programme)
5. E-Learning Day (at home)

E-Learning Day

Technology is increasingly pervasive in our society and it is our belief that learning can be enriched by harnessing the right multimedia tools. Our school works with Marshall Cavendish Online to provide your child with a customized account so that he has a wide range of multimedia materials to help reinforce his learning via an online portal.

On E-Learning day, your child's teachers will plan for an e-learning package that uses materials from this online portal. Your child will need to access the learning materials via this portal from home. The learning materials are designed to help your child consolidate his learning from Term 1. Please take note that e-learning day is a non-school day. The boys need **NOT** come to school on that day.

E-Learning Day is on the last day of Term 1, **11 March 2016**.

P3 Financial Literacy Programme

The programme aims to educate our pupils about the importance of working together and of saving money. Pupils will better appreciate the real world concepts and skills. The hands-on experiences will help our pupils understand the economics of life and open their minds to the potential in them.

Specific Objectives of the programme for Primary 3 :

P3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify a variety of jobs in the community.• Recognize how people live and work in a community.• Become aware of a wide range of job opportunities• Define production.• Compare unit and assembly-line production methods.• Explain that different strategies are used to produce different types of products.• Recognize government jobs in the community• Understand why taxation is necessary.• Define choices• Use a decision-making model.• Recognize the need to make informed decisions.• Take personal responsibility for decisions.
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Homework Policy

The school seeks to ensure pupils' well-being by not overloading pupils with homework assignments. It adopts the following guidelines to manage the workload of pupils. The school and teachers have worked out an estimated amount of time that pupils would spend to complete their homework assignments weekly.

Level	Estimated Time Spent on Homework Weekly	Remarks
P3	9 – 10 hours	No more than 30 min of homework assigned per subject per day.

English and Mother Tongue Spelling will not be conducted on the same day. If there is a public or school holiday, teachers will inform pupils the make-up for Spelling on another day during the week.

Homework assignments will not be given over festive periods during term time, eg. Chinese New Year, Deepavalli and Hari Raya Puasa. A spelling activity or a test will also not be conducted on the school day after the festive period.

Teachers are mindful that pupils not be overloaded with homework and practice papers in the week before Semestral Assessments. Pupils are to use the time for revision.

E³ Programme

The 21st Century is very much a digital age. Education is now making enormous use of digital technologies and as part of that, more learning environments are now accessing the benefits of these advancements. In order to better prepare our students with the 21st Century competencies for their future world of work, our school has created the E³ programme.

The E³ Programme is a school-based programme for deepening learning with technology. This programme starts at Primary 4 and runs through to Primary 6. Each student in the programme will purchase their own personal device that they use at school and home which allows their learning to transit smoothly between the two locations.

The E³ Programme is an **opt-in** programme and parents of the current Primary 3 classes will be invited to choose if they would like their child to be part of the programme.

Promotion Exercise

At the end of P3, all boys will be promoted to Primary 4. They will be placed in mixed-ability classes of 40. Boys who have opted for E3 classes will be placed in E3 classes based on recommendation from teachers of the level. Classes will **NOT** be banded according to ability.

Gifted Education Programme

Screening Exercise

The Screening Exercise for the GEP will take place on Friday, 26 August 2016 in school. It will be held during school hours. The selection stage exercise will take place on either 18 or 19 October 2016.

School Procedures

School hours

1. School gate opening hours:
 - a. Main gate:
 - i. Monday – Friday: 6.30am to 6.30pm
 - ii. Closed between 12.30pm to 1.45pm to facilitate dismissal
 - iii. Saturday: 6.30am – 12.30pm
 - iv. Closed on Sunday
 - b. Moulmein gate:
 - i. Monday – Friday: 6.30am to 7.30am, 1.30pm to 2.30pm
 - ii. Closed at all other times
 - c. Derbyshire gate:
 - i. Monday – Friday: 6.30am to 7.30am, 1.30pm to 2.30pm
 - ii. Closed at all other times

2. **School general office operating hours:**
 - a. Monday – Friday: 7.00am to 5.00pm
 - b. Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays

3. **School hours:**
 - a. Monday – Friday: 7.30am to 1.30pm (Pupils are to report for assembly by 7.20am. Names of consistent latecomers will be recorded for disciplinary action.)

Early Dismissal

Pupils, who are unwell or with other valid reasons, are allowed to leave school before the official dismissal time. Pupils need to be accompanied by an adult. Pupils will **not** be allowed to go home early on their own.

Morning drop off

- School strongly encourages all vehicles to drop off pupils within the school compound. Please refrain from dropping your son/ward along Essex Road and Derbyshire Road.
- All vehicles must follow directions/instructions by Security Guards and Authorised School personnel when entering school compound.
- Drive towards the end of the lane; do **not** stop in the middle of the lane.
- To ensure a smooth and safe drop-off, parents please encourage your son to get ready before entering the school gate by:
 - Moving to the left side of the vehicle (if seated at back row)
 - Get ready all belongings such as bags, water bottles etc.
 - Open doors only after vehicle has come to a full and complete halt
- Parents are strongly discouraged from alighting from the vehicle to help your son to drop off. Teachers / school staff are available to assist with alighting.
- Once alighted, pupils are to proceed towards the nearest teacher who will guide with crossing the lanes.

Waiting during dismissal

- Parents/guardians are only allowed into the school to pick up their son / ward after 1.45pm. Waiting inside school compound is not permitted before 1.45pm.
- After 1.45pm, parents/guardians are allowed to enter to pick up their son / ward but must wait at the designated waiting area.
- Once your son /ward is on hand, you are strongly advised to proceed out of the school premise immediately.
- Refrain from roaming around the school premise.

Bringing of food into school

- All food must be consumed in the canteen.
- Parents/guardians are not to accompany their son / ward at the canteen.
- All home cooked food must only be handed over to pupils at the main gate during dismissal time.
- Pupils are strictly not allowed to consume fast food in school, school has the right to reject handing over of fast food at the main gate.

Bookshop

- Pupils are encouraged to make purchases personally at the bookshop instead of asking parents/guardians to do so on their behalf.
- Should there be a need for parents/guardians to make purchases at the bookshop, you are only allowed in after 1.45pm. Parents are to sign in as a visitor at the guard post.

Visitors

- All visitors must enter/exit the school via the main gate (kindly note main gate opening hours).
- All visitors (including parents/guardians of pupils) are required to sign in at the guard house and obtain a visitor pass before proceeding to the General Office. Visitor pass must be displayed at all times when in school compound.
- All visitors are required to report to the General Office before proceeding to any other parts of the school.
- No visitor, including parents/guardians are allowed to enter into classrooms or rooms reserved for teaching and learning without explicit permission from the school.
- Parents/guardians bringing pupils out from school before dismissal time must obtain an early release form at the General Office to be handed over to the Security Officer before exiting.

Parking in school

- Only authorized and/or permitted vehicles are allowed to park in the school premise.
- All vehicles shall follow traffic direction/parking instructions given by the Security Officers and school authorized personnel.
- Once vehicle is safely parked, visitors are required to return to the guard house to sign in and obtain visitor passes.
- Vehicles must leave the school compound after purpose of the visit is achieved. Vehicle owners are not supposed to park their vehicles and leave the school compound.
- Vehicles must comply with the speed limit of 15km/hr when moving within the school compound.

Parent Volunteers

- The Parent Volunteer (PV) Pass will only be issued upon successful application and approval from the school management.
- Once the application is approved, staff in charge of the activity/programme requiring support from PVs will be the liaison officers to their assigned PVs.
- The PV Pass is only valid for the current year.
- The PV Pass is strictly non-transferable.
- The PV Pass is for identification purpose as well as to allow the PV to gain access into the school. However, it is still mandatory for PV to register their attendance at the Security Post before proceeding for his/her respective duties.
- PVs are discouraged from parking their cars in the school beyond the duration of his/her area of service rendered.
- PVs are required to display PV Passes clearly at all times while in the school premises.
- The PV Pass allows a PV to purchase food and drinks from the school canteen on days when he/she is reporting for duties.
- PVs are discouraged from remaining in the school beyond the need of the area and time of service rendered.
- PVs who wish to terminate their involvement during the year will have to submit a withdrawal form to the staff in charge and return the PV Pass to the school.

The school retains the right to revoke any PV Pass as we deem fit.