

23 June 2023

Dear Parents / Guardian,

Update on School Matters

We hope that your child / ward had enjoyed a good break and spent quality family time with you as the June school vacation is coming to an end. As Term 3 is about to begin soon, we would like to provide you with some updates and gentle reminders so that we may start the term on a positive note.

1. CCA Achievements

We are happy to share with you the achievements of our CCA groups across the 3 categories of Uniformed Groups, Sports and Performing Arts as listed below. Please note that the C-Division sports groups will be having their competitions in Term 3.

Uniformed Groups		
NPCC	Unit Overall Proficiency (UOPA) Award	Distinction Award (2022)
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Boys' Brigade	JM Fraser Award	Gold Award (2022)
Red Cross Youth	Excellent Unit Award	Gold Award (2022)
Sports		
Speak Takraw	B Div Boys	NSG – 3 rd position (2023)
Floorball	B Div Girls	NSG – 2 nd Round (2023)
Badminton	B Div Boys	NSG North Zone – 2 nd Round (2023)
	B Div Girls	NSG North Zone – 2 nd Round (2023)
Performing Arts		
Malay Dance	Distinction Award (SYF 2023)	
Chinese Orchestra	Distinction Award (SYF 2023)	
International Dance	Accomplishment Award (SYF 2023)	
English Drama	Accomplishment Award (SYF 2023)	
Concert Band – Percussion Ensemble	Accomplishment Award (SYF 2023)	

We are also happy to share that the school has done very well in the 22nd Inter-School National Scrabble Championships 2023 across all categories in both B and C divisions. Congratulations to all Marsilians for doing the school proud!

2. MSS English Reading Programme

To foster the habit of reading in Marsiling Secondary School, the English Language (EL) & Literature Department has several reading programmes for our students at various levels. One of the initiatives that the department has initiated this year is Read@MSS where students are engaged in a sustained silent reading every Friday from 7.45 a.m. – 8.00 a.m., after the morning flag raising ceremony.

Our observation of this initiative has led us to conclude that students will benefit from an extended sustained silent reading session. To capitalize on this initiative, we are intending to extend the silent reading for 30 minutes from 7.30 a.m to 8.00 a.m., every Wednesday starting from Term 3 Week 2. With this new duration and day of the Read@MSS programme, students will be reminded by their EL teachers to bring a physical copy of an English story book of their choice every Wednesday. The department will also be distributing a free copy of EL story book (limited to one per student) in Term 3 Week 1, should the students choose to have one. These story books are curated and collected from our school library collection, in the department's effort to replenish and restock new collections.

We seek your support in encouraging a positive reading habit in your child / ward by reminding him / her of the new reporting time to school every Wednesday.

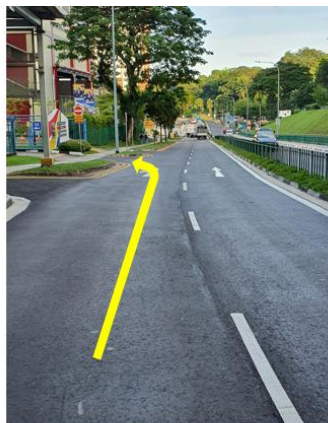
3. Attendance and Punctuality

To help our students start the semester on the right foot, we would like to remind all students to take their attendance and punctuality seriously, not just because it is a school rule, but because we want all our students to be responsible individuals who practise self-discipline in managing their own time. All students are expected to report in the school hall by 7.45am everyday when school reopens.

Please be informed that from Term 3 Week 2 onward, all students are expected to report in the school hall by **7.30am on every Wednesday** for the Read@MSS programme as explained earlier. Students reporting after 7.30am on Wednesdays will be considered late for school.

4. Road Safety

Safety continues to be the school's top priority and emphasis. We would like to remind all parents who are driving your child / ward to the school to keep to the left lane before turning into the school via the main gate. Please see pictures below for clarity.





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5. School Uniform

Please note that all students are to be in their prescribed full school uniform when they attend school. However, they are allowed to come in half-uniform (school polo T-shirt and pants / skirt) on days when they have PE lessons. Both the school shirt or polo T-shirt must be tucked in and worn neatly at all times. No modification to the school uniform is allowed. Students who have altered their uniform (e.g. shortening or tapering the school pants) may be asked to purchase a new set of uniform.

6. Conclusion

We appreciate your partnership and support, in journeying with your child/ward through the first semester in school. We would like to continue working with you to support him/her as we look forward to another meaningful and enriching semester ahead.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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