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CAPS NEWS

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Highlights of Term 4:

🌀 P4 ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

Date: Thursdays,
14 & 21 September

🌀 PSLE EL/FEL/MT/FMT LISTENING COMPREHENSION (FOR P6 STUDENTS ONLY)

Date: Friday, 15 September

P1 to P5 students are to remain at home for home-based learning.

🌀 P5 SOCIAL STUDIES LEARNING JOURNEY TO INDIAN HERITAGE CENTRE (FOR P5 STUDENTS ONLY)

(CLASS BY CLASS)

Date: Thursdays,
21 & 28 September

🌀 P2 PAL LEARNING JOURNEY TO PASIR RIS PARK (FOR P2 STUDENTS ONLY)

Date: Wednesday,
27 September

During curriculum hours

From the Vice-Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Term 3 has been marked by a series of noteworthy events and programmes both at the national and school levels. Last July, our school successfully conducted its inaugural Lockdown Drill, a critical exercise aimed at ensuring the safety and preparedness of our students and staff in the event of a security-related incident. We take pride in the fact that our students adeptly followed safety and evacuation protocols, demonstrating their ability to stay safe and composed.

On a different front, we have been actively collaborating with MOE HQ and appointed contractors to ensure the timely completion of our MOE Kindergarten (MK) facilities. Our school grounds will also undergo construction to create the MK Outdoor Playground and KCare Outdoor Education facilities. All construction activities will be conducted within approved timeframes to ensure proper management of noise and dust levels, guaranteeing the safety and comfort of both our students and staff. These facilities are expected to be fully operational to welcome our Kindergarten 1 (K1) students at the beginning of the Academic Year 2024.

To top it off, we are also enhancing our students' learning environment to promote innovation, collaboration, and digital competencies. Our Computer Lab has been reconfigured to facilitate collaborative learning whilst our makerspace is currently being spruced up and equipped with tools and resources to provide students with a platform to express their creativity while honing design-thinking skills.

We extend our gratitude for your unwavering support and welcome your valuable feedback as we strive to provide an enriching, safe, and vibrant learning environment for our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mdm Hafsa Binte Abdullah

(Vice-principal Administration)

CYBERWELLNESS WEEK



The annual Cyber Wellness Week aims to educate our students on cyber wellness matters and promote a positive cyber culture in Casuarina Primary School.

For a week in July, students had the chance to try out the interesting activities conducted at the four interactive stations that were set up in the foyer to learn more about how to Be Safe, Be Smart and Be Kind.

Students also enjoyed the informative videos screened during the recesses. They had an enjoyable and engaging time collecting stamps upon the completion of each activity and exchanging them for tokens.



**CHILDREN'S DAY
CELEBRATION AND**

LOWER PRIMARY GAMES DAY

Date: Thursday, 5 October

School functions as per normal

**P1 CHINESE LANGUAGE
LEARNING JOURNEY**

TO A PLAY

(FOR P1 STUDENTS TAKING
CHINESE LANGUAGE ONLY)

Date: Friday, 13 October 2023

During curriculum hours

PSLE MARKING

Date: Monday to Wednesday,
16 to 18 October

**P5 students will be in school
P5 Project Work in school**

**P1, P2, P3, P4 & P6 students
are to remain at home for
home-based learning.**

**P1 EL & AESTHETICS
LEARNING JOURNEY**

TO A PLAY

(FOR P1 STUDENTS ONLY)

Date: Tuesday, 24 October
2023

ADMIN DAY

Date: Monday, 6 November

**All students do not need to
report to school.**

General Office will be open
from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

PIMARY 5

NATIONAL EDUCATION SHOW



An unforgettable journey of appreciation and pride took place for our Primary 5 students on Saturday, 8 July 2023. Under the open sky, the students were treated to a spectacular showcase that included the awe-inspiring Red Lions, the dignified Presidential Gun Salute and the solemn Parade Ceremony. The Total Defence Parade took them on a journey through the new assets of SAF, RSAF, SPF, RSN, and SCDF, highlighting the collective strength that keeps our nation safe and secure.



As the evening unfolded, familiar National Day songs filled the air and the Primary 5 students sang along proudly. Throughout the parade, they cheered enthusiastically as the performers danced amidst the magnificent backdrop.

The highlight of the evening was the fireworks display which brought the students to their feet. The Primary 5 National Education Show marked a significant milestone for the students as it is a shared celebration of our nation's achievements, instilling a love for Singapore and fostering a strong sense of pride.



PRIMARY 4

SWIMSAFER PROGRAMME



The Primary 4 students took part in the SwimSafer 2.0 programme in Term 3 this year. The programme was conducted over a total of eight sessions at two different venues, namely, HeartBeat@Bedok Swimming Complex and Our Tampines Hub Swimming Complex.

The programme is part of the Physical Education curriculum and it has enabled our students to attain the necessary water safety knowledge, basic swimming proficiency as well as fundamental water survival skills through practical and theory components.

The Primary 4 students enjoyed the experience tremendously and displayed the school GREAT values throughout the programme.



☯ P3 ARTS BONANZA

(FOR P3 STUDENTS ONLY)

Date: Tuesday & Wednesday,

7 & 8 November

During curriculum hours

☯ P6 GRADUATION DAY

(FOR P6 STUDENTS ONLY)

Date: Thursday,

16 November

☯ ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

(FOR AWARD RECIPIENTS AND PERFORMERS ONLY)

Date: Friday, 17 November

☯ END OF YEAR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Date: 18 November 2023 to

1 January 2024

Term 4 Holidays

☯ CHILDREN'S DAY

(SCHOOL HOLIDAY)

Date: Friday, 6 October

**General Office will
be open**

from 7.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

☯ DEEPAVALI

(PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN LIEU)

Date: Monday,

13 November

VALUES IN ACTION PROGRAMME



At Casuarina Primary School, we believe in nurturing our students to become resilient leaders and concerned citizens who demonstrate school values and have global awareness.

Hence, as part of our Values in Action (VIA) programme, we have partnered kindergarten schools to create opportunities for our student leaders to engage the preschoolers in a variety of learning activities. On 13 July, our student leaders visited three pre-schools and another one on 20 July.

The student leaders taught the pre-school students how to make a bookmark and played interesting games with them. Both the pre-school students and our student leaders had a great time interacting with one another.



RACIAL HARMONY DAY



On 20 July 2023, our school commemorated Racial Harmony Day with the theme, "Singapore: our Multicultural Mosaic." The day was filled with meaningful activities designed to foster a sense of unity and understanding among the students.

In the school hall, the students enjoyed an engaging music performance by yIN Harmony, a fusion music ensemble, who skilfully played local and famous folk songs using multicultural musical instruments. A foyer display showcasing various musical instruments from different cultures and the interactive booths further reinforced their knowledge about the different cultures in Singapore.

Additionally, a special book display was set up at the library. Students were encouraged to explore and appreciate the diversity of our world through literature as the display was dedicated to different races and religions. The enthusiasm of our students was heartwarming as seen through their active participation and interaction in the various activities. The students earned tokens once they completed each task.



PRIMARY 4 PEN PAL PROGRAMME



At the start of Term 2, a group of 20 Primary 4 students embarked on a Pen Pal programme with students from Metta School. The programme aims to provide students with an authentic experience of writing for a specific purpose, context and audience.

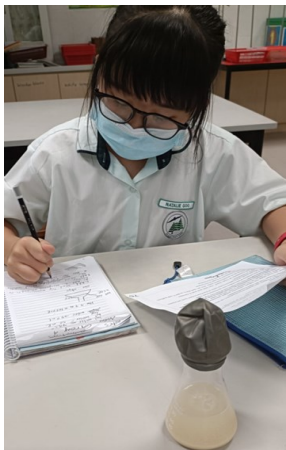
Our students' experience as pen pals started off with self-directed learning on what being a pen pal entails via the Student Learning Space. Our students had two rounds of email exchanges with their pen pals before they had an opportunity to meet and celebrate Racial Harmony Day (RHD) at Metta school in July.



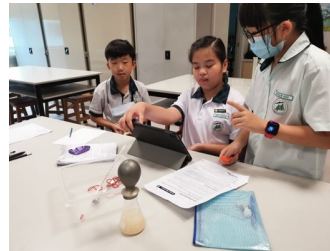
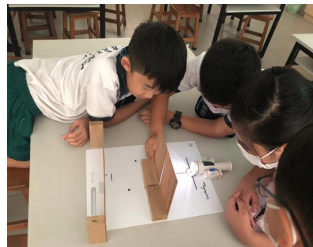
Prior to the start of the celebrations, there was a Pen Pal reveal session during which the student pen pals were introduced to each other. Then, together with the rest of the students from Metta school, they watched videos and participated in a quiz during the RHD assembly, put up by the teachers of Metta School. The celebrations ended with a small tea break. Student pen pals had the opportunity to share a meal of traditional pastries together and get to know each other better.



PRIMARY 4 E2K SCIENCE



The Primary 4 E2K Science programme provides identified students with the opportunity to plan and conduct experiments like young scientists. By applying observational and logical thinking skills, the students are closely guided to analyse results and offer plausible explanations for natural phenomena. This transformative experience nurtures budding scientists, inspiring a deeper appreciation of the wonders of the Science realm.



NDP MASCOT: AUGUST @CAPS

On 26 July 2023, students were treated to a memorable visit from none other than August, the National Day Parade (NDP) Mascot. As the students were performing the Dance of the Nation (DOTN) in the school hall, August appeared on stage to join them. The cheers and excitement felt during the DOTN became even more meaningful as they danced alongside this iconic figure. The heartwarming moments continued as our Primary 1 and 2 students enthusiastically shared their #PLEDGESG cards with August. The visit by August left an indelible mark on our school community, filling both students' and staff's hearts with joy and a renewed sense of national pride.



NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

On 8 August 2023, CAPS celebrated our nation's National Day. The enthusiasm leading up to this day was infectious, filling our school with joy and the spirit of Singapore. Inspired by the 2023 theme song "Shine Your Light," 161 students took part in the National Day Artwork Challenge@CAPS and their creative masterpieces were proudly displayed at the school foyer.



On the morning of August 8, the observance ceremony filled the air with a sense of unity and purpose. The students recited the pledge and sang the national anthem, embodying the values that bind our nation. Fun art activities in the classrooms added a touch of creativity to the day.



The hall came alive as Minister Chan Chun Sing's National Day video message for schools resonated through the air, setting the tone for the festivities. Amidst the cheers of the audience, the Concert Band, Choir, and Modern Dance performances showcased the students' talents and enthusiasm. As the concert progressed, the students sang along to their favourite National Day songs, filling the air with a harmonious chorus. The celebrations culminated with a rousing cheer for Singapore, echoing this year's theme: "Onward as One!". Together, let's continue to shine our light for Singapore!

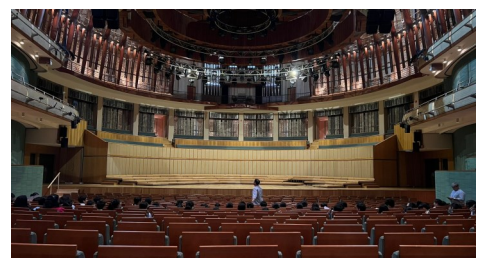


LEARNING JOURNEY TO THE ESPLANADE

Selected students from various performing arts CCAs as well as those in our Talent Development Programme (TDP) were selected to attend a show at Esplanade with tickets fully subsidised under their Adopt-a-School programme. The performance, *O/Aural Waves - Red Hill*, at the Esplanade allowed students to discover oral storytelling through immersive auditory and visual experiences, designed to encourage deep listening.

Our students learnt about Singapura's historical past as the legend of attacking swordfish was brought to life with art and technology. They also tried their hand at being Foley artists, experiencing sound-making, and visual projections through hands-on participatory methods that encouraged them to become co-creators of the story.

To top it all off, our students were treated to a tour of the Esplanade after the performance. They had a wonderful time learning about Singapore's folk story through this interactive performance.



PRIMARY 4 SOCIAL STUDIES LEARNING JOURNEY



Exciting educational adventures unfolded as our Primary 4 students embarked on a captivating museum-based learning journey to the Kreta Ayer Heritage Centre. Designed to complement their Social Studies curriculum as a cohort learning journey, this immersive experience delved into the rich multicultural heritage that defines Singapore.

Students stepped into the vibrant world of Chinatown at the Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery. Through interactive activities, historical artefacts, and heartwarming community stories, they discovered how the Chinese community has woven its contributions into Singapore's tapestry. Taking on the role of junior reporters, students explored teahouses, opera theatres, and traditional cultural forms like *Nanyin* music, Chinese puppetry, and calligraphy.



The learning journey brought learning to life with engaging demonstrations and activities. Students actively participated, embracing history, culture, and diversity with enthusiasm. Their Student Activity Booklets provided additional information as they made their way through each station, enhancing their understanding and enjoyment.



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MALAY LANGUAGE COMPETITION



Our school collaborated with three Pasir Ris Malay Activity Executive Committees (MAECs) to organise Sayembara Bahasa, a Malay Language Competition for Primary 1 to 6 students of six schools in Pasir Ris.

The competition, which was held at Pasir Ris Elias CC, was very well received and attracted many to witness the performances of the students from all schools. All students did their best to showcase their talent and proficiency in using Malay Language.

Our students put up a commendable performance in the competition. The achievement of our students in the respective categories are reflected in the table below:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
Primary 1	Singing	Second	Primary 2	Malay Folktale	First
Primary 3	Book Promotion	Consolation	Primary 4	Malay Folktale with a twist	Second
Primary 5	Malay Language Rap	Second	Primary 6	Malay Language Quiz	First

Well done to our students and teachers!

PRIMARY 4 PROJECT WORK

The Primary 4 Project Work (PW) took place from 25 to 30 August 2023. With the PW focus primarily on Science, the Primary 4 students were divided into groups to build solar ovens using recycled materials. Applying their knowledge on heat energy, the students explored, experimented, and tested their solar ovens, fostering creativity and scientific acumen. The engaging and novel hands-on experience promotes collaborative learning and innovative thinking.

