



Be The Best We Can Be

CAPS NEWS

TERM 1 2022

30 Pasir Ris Street 41, Singapore 518935 Tel: 65837132 Fax: 65836227

E-mail: casuarina_ps@moe.edu.sg

School Website: <http://www.casuarinapri.moe.edu.sg>

Highlights of Term 2:

🌀 P5 LEARNING JOURNEY TO
NEWATER VISITOR CENTRE
(FOR P5 STUDENTS ONLY)

Date: 22 to 31 March

🌀 MOTHER TONGUE
LANGUAGE (MTL) FORTNIGHT

Date: 28 March to 8 April

🌀 INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDSHIP DAY (IFD)

Date: Monday, 11 April

Students are strongly
encouraged to come dressed
in their International
Costumes on
11 April.

🌀 ARTS ABLAZE

Date: Monday to Thursday,
11 to 14 April

🌀 P4 LEARNING JOURNEY TO
SCIENCE CENTRE

(CLASS BY CLASS)

Date: Thursday, 26 May

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your understanding and support which have enabled our school to remain open for teaching and learning. We remain vigilant in ensuring that all prevailing Safe Management Measures (SMMs) are adhered to. With a high vaccination rate among our students, we are able to resume activities, such as CCA, this term and hope to resume more in Term 2. For parents who have yet to sign your child up for vaccination, you are encouraged to do so sooner rather than later to protect your child, your family and the wider community. We would like to thank our Parent Support Group (PSG) for arranging parent volunteers to support our students at the various recesses, thus ensuring that they are able to have their recess safely in adherence to SMMs.

Since last year, CAPS News has been published at the end of each term to share in greater detail the programmes and activities that have taken place during that term allowing parents to know more about what their children have experienced in school. Please refer to the Term 2 Calendar for upcoming key events. Other announcements and letters will be sent via the Parents Gateway (PG). Thank you for your partnership in providing an enriching and holistic education for all our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pek Kwee Lan

START RIGHT PROGRAMME

The new academic year was off to a great start with a string of interesting and interactive activities for our students on their first two days of school. There were bonding activities where students and teachers got to know one another.



Students penned down their goals for the year and created their very own name plaques. The students' creations were used to decorate the classrooms, instilling pride and ownership of their very own classrooms. The teachers also spent time understanding their students' feelings and addressing the students' fears and concerns about the evolving Covid-19 situation. Time allocated for these activities enabled students to be more comfortable and helped ease them into the routines for the new school year.



Term 2 Holidays

☯ GOOD FRIDAY
(Public Holiday)
Date: Friday, 15 April

☯ LABOUR DAY
(Public Holiday In Lieu)
Date: Monday, 2 May

☯ HARI RAYA PUASA
(Public Holiday)
Date: Tuesday, 3 May

☯ VESAK DAY
(Public Holiday In Lieu)
Date: Monday, 16 May

PARENTS' E-SEMINAR & NETWORKING@CAPS

Parents' Seminar & Networking@CAPS is an annual event, as part of our school's efforts to reach out to parents at the start of each academic year. Details pertaining to the various school programmes and pertinent information specific to each level were shared with parents during the level-based seminars. The networking segment provided parents and form teachers with the opportunity to meet in a group context. We believe that this first touchpoint with parents in the new school year helps to strengthen home-school collaboration.

This is our second year using the digital platform to meet parents online. We would like to thank parents for their presence despite their busy schedules. We are also heartened to receive very positive feedback from parents and appreciate the suggestions given.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) in May where form teachers would meet parents to discuss about the progress and development of each child. More details will be provided via the Parents Gateway (PG) in Term 2.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



The Chinese New Year (CNY) celebrations took place on Monday, 31 January. There was a festive air with students dressed in their ethnic traditional costumes as they had fun engaging in interesting activities such as the making of Chinese New Year decorations. Videos on how Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world were screened and the various



classes had a blast testing their knowledge through the Kahoot quizzes. The celebrations ended on a high note with students and school personnel offering their warm festive greetings and well wishes via videos and Zoom.



PRIMARY 5 CODE FOR FUN (CFF)



The Primary 5 Code for Fun (CFF) programme plays an important role in MOE's Computer Science Education roadmap. The aim of this programme is for students to develop an appreciation of core computational thinking and coding concepts through simple visual programming-based lessons and exposure to emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. Computational thinking is a problem-solving process that allows us to understand a problem and tell the computer the exact instructions needed to solve the problem. In this CFF programme, students will partake in various activities that involve the application of computational thinking for example by programming a Sphero Bot to carry out challenges which include serving as a traffic light or performing a dance.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (EL TDP)



The main objective of the EL TDP is to nurture Casuarinians who consistently excel in the English Language and/or have demonstrated the aptitude for the language and show precocity in effective oral communication skills. Primary 4 to 6 students identified for the EL TDP are mentored by teachers to develop and harness their talents in word fluency, writing and speaking.

The EL TDP sessions which began in February saw students honing their skills in vocabulary-building, creative writing, theatrical performance, and news broadcasting.



KIDSREAD PROGRAMME



In collaboration with the National Library Board (NLB) and Hai Sing Catholic School, our school has embarked on the KidsREAD programme this year. KidsREAD is a nationwide reading programme that aims to promote the love of reading and cultivate good reading habits among children.

Selected Primary 1 and 2 students will attend a total of 23 KidsREAD sessions and participate in specially curated STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) activities that are book-related.

Each session includes a tuning-in activity, storytelling session, STEAM activities and an independent reading session, conducted via Zoom. In addition, the children are each given an enriching KidsREAD@Home booklet to engage in more reading and learning experiences with their parents.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally on Tuesday, 8 February this year. With the theme 'Together for a Better Internet', Casuarinians celebrated the day by taking part in activities that promote responsibility and discernment. Our Cyber Wellness student ambassadors shared on how to stay safe online during the school assembly. After the



assembly, students recited the Cyber Wellness Pledge as a class after which the pledge is displayed in the classroom. The students were also encouraged to take part in the Cyber Wellness Pledge colouring and design competition. Through these engaging activities, we hope to raise our students' awareness on the importance of playing their part in creating a better Internet for everyone.



TOTAL DEFENCE DAY (TDD)



The school commemorated Total Defence Day (TDD) on 14 February 2022. In line with this year's theme, 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong', the Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) Department planned meaningful activities to engage students and extend their learning of the six pillars of Total Defence.

The TDD assembly was held in the classroom on 14 February via Zoom during which students learnt about the importance of Total Defence. Students also engaged in classroom discussions based on the SG Secure e-books. A foyer display was set up featuring



the good work of our students done during their CCE lessons.

TDD posters by Singapore Discovery Centre and a display about National Service were also put up. The Primary 6 students played the 'SG Unite!' card game which aims to sensitise them to the threats and challenges that we face today as well as the role everyone has to play in the Total Defence of Singapore.

The Porridge Rationing Exercise was carried out during the students' respective recesses on 15 February. This provided students with the opportunity to understand the concept of food rationing. An Electricity

Shutdown Exercise was held on 16 February, enabling students to go through the experience of a power shortage during an emergency.

Students were excited to participate and engage in the different activities. We hope that all parents would reinforce the message that 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong' and encourage their child to contribute to our nation's defence.



CCA E-OPEN HOUSE

CCA e-Open House was organised for our P3 and new P4 to P6 students. The eCCA Open House provides a platform for students and parents to find out more about the various CCAs and enables them to make an informed decision about their preferred CCA choices.



The CCA e-Open House, made available on the school website, <https://casuarinapri.moe.edu.sg/>, was conducted for a period of 1 week, from Friday, 11 February to Friday, 18 February 2022.



Interactive presentations on the various CCAs in each category provided students and parents with comprehensive information on the CCAs offered namely CCA details, learning outcomes as well as participations and achievements. In addition, students and parents were provided with the opportunity to get a glimpse of the activities conducted during CCA sessions.

SS VIRTUAL LJ TO ASIAN CIVILISATION MUSEUM



A virtual museum-based Learning Journey (LJ) to the Asian Civilisation Museum (ACM) has been specially curated to complement the Primary 6 students' learning of Social Studies (SS). Through this virtual LJ, students learnt about the cultural and historical ties that have influence on the countries in Southeast Asia. They explored how Singapore's cultural heritage has evolved over time and how it has been influenced by the diverse mix of cultures.



Students were guided by the inquiry question, 'What was life in Southeast Asia like in the past?' as they journeyed with the mythical *Makara* to discover stories about objects in the Asian Civilisations Museum. This online learning experience has been specially aligned to the Primary 6 CCE and SS syllabi.



Students had an enriching learning experience with the Museum Educators on the ZOOM platform. They had the opportunity to view ACM's artefacts through short videos and demonstrated curiosity about the stories behind them. They also engaged in lively conversations with our Museum Educators.



STUDENT LEADERS' INVESTITURE



In Casuarina Primary School, students who demonstrate strong leadership qualities are carefully selected to be part of the Student Leadership team where they are given roles and opportunities to serve, lead and set good examples for their fellow peers. The Student Leadership team comprises prefects and CCA leaders. During the Student Leaders' Investiture, which was held on 11 March 2022, we formally welcomed the Primary 4 prefects



as well as announced the appointment of our Primary 5 and 6 Executive Committee members. The event began with the Principal and Vice-Principals presenting the Primary 5 and 6 Executive Committee members with their badge and tie and this was followed by the second part which saw all the other Primary 4 to 6 prefects and CCA Leaders presented with their badge and tie by the Key Personnel in their respective classrooms.

INSPIRING TEACHER OF ENGLISH AWARD 2022

The Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2022 is a national award for English teachers in Singapore schools that acknowledges teachers who ignite a love for the English Language and are effective in helping their students speak and write accurately. Nominations for the annual Inspiring Teacher of English Award are now open. Presented by the Speak Good English Movement (SGEM) and The Straits Times with the support of the Ministry of Education, the Award has two categories – the Teaching Award and the Leadership Award. Nomination forms for the Teaching Award can be downloaded from <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>. All students, their parents, and teachers are invited to send in nominations by **28 March 2022**.

THE MOST INSPIRING TAMIL TEACHER AWARD 2022

The Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher Award 2022 is jointly organised by Tamil Murasu, Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union and the Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee. This award serves to recognise the stellar performance of Tamil teachers in their role in educating and promoting Tamil Language among their students.

All students, their parents, fellow teachers and school leaders are invited to send in nominations.

Nominations can also be made online at <https://go.gov.sg/mitt-tl-2022-tl> and <https://go.gov.sg/mitt-2022-form-el>.

Do note that the online nomination closes on **29 April 2022**.

ARIF BUDIMAN MALAY LANGUAGE TEACHER AWARD 2022

The Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award (AGAB) 2022 is jointly organised by the Malay Language Council, Singapore (MLCS), Malay Language Teachers' Association (PGBM), Berita Harian (BH) and Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC). The award recognises the contributions of Malay Language teachers in the teaching and learning of the Malay Language.

All students, their parents, fellow teachers and school leaders are invited to send in nominations.

Nominations can be made online at <https://go.gov.sg/agab2022>.

Do note that the online nomination closes on **1 April 2022**.

Calendar of Events

Date	Activity	Remarks
21 Mar (Mon)	Start of Term 2 2022	First day of Term 2.
22 – 31 Mar	P5 Learning Journey to NeWater Visitor Centre	For P5 students only. Letters will be issued to parents.
28 Mar – 8 Apr	Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight	During curriculum hours.
5 Apr (Tue)	P4 & P6 SA1 EL/FEL Listening Comprehension	During curriculum hours. CAPS Assessment Circular has been issued to parents via Parents Gateway.
6 Apr (Wed)	P4 & P6 SA1 MT/FMT Listening Comprehension	
11 Apr (Mon)	International Friendship Day (IFD)	All students are encouraged to come to school in their international costumes.
11 -14 Apr (Mon – Thu)	Arts Ablaze	During curriculum hours.
13 & 14 Apr (Wed & Thu)	P6 SA1 EL/FEL/MT/FMT Oral	After curriculum hours. CAPS Assessment Circular has been issued to parents via Parents Gateway. More details pertaining to the Oral will be given nearer to the date.
15 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday	Public Holiday
18 Apr (Mon)	P4 SA1 EL Oral	After curriculum hours. CAPS Assessment Circular has been issued to parents via Parents Gateway. More details pertaining to the Oral will be given nearer to the date.
19 Apr (Tue)	P4 SA1 MT Oral	
25 Apr (Mon)	P4 & P6 SA1 EL/FEL Composition	During curriculum hours. CAPS Assessment Circular has been issued to parents via Parents Gateway.
26 Apr (Tue)	P4 & P6 SA1 MT/FMT Composition	
2 May (Mon)	Public Holiday in lieu of Labour Day	Public Holiday

Date	Activity	Remarks
3 May (Tue)	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
9 May (Mon)	P4 & P6 SA1 Science/FScience	During curriculum hours. CAPS Assessment Circular has been issued to parents via Parents Gateway.
10 May (Tue)	P4 & P6 SA1 EL/FEL Paper 2	
11 May (Wed)	P4 & P6 SA1 Maths/FMaths	
12 May (Thu)	P4 & P6 SA1 MT/FMT Paper 2	
13 May (Fri)	P6 SA1 HMT Composition and Paper 2	
16 May (Mon)	Public Holiday in lieu of Vesak Day	Public Holiday
17 – 19 May (Tue - Thu)	P3 Project Work	During curriculum hours. More details will be given nearer to the date.
20 – 24 May (Fri – Tue)	P5 Project Work	
26 May (Thu)	P4 Learning Journey to Science Centre (Class by Class)	<u>For P4F students only.</u> More details will be given nearer to the date. Note : The LJs for the remaining P4 classes will be conducted in the course of the year.
28 May – 26 Jun	School Holidays	The General Office will be open from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm on weekdays during the school holidays. School reopens on Monday, 27 June (Term 3).
30 May – 1 Jun (Mon – Wed)	P6 Supplementary Classes	For P6 students only. More details will be given nearer to the date.