



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardian

2023 P5 AUGUST CIRCULARS

We would like to wish all a Happy National Day on 9 August.

In this set of circulars, you will find the information on the following programmes. Please refer to the table below for a list of circulars which you will be receiving. We seek your cooperation to follow up accordingly and adhere to the submission dates.

If you require any clarifications, you may contact the General Office at 6468 4377 or email the teacher-in-charge as indicated accordingly.

S/N	Item	Remarks
1	Traffic Advisory	
2	National Day Celebration	8 August 2023 School hours: 7.30am to 10.30am
3	RGPS CCA Selection Exercise	CCA Selection/Audition Dates: 17-24 August 2023 CCA Selection/Audition Results: Term 3 Week 10 CCA Online Registration: Term 4 Week 3 (tentative)
4	Odd Socks Day	Students to bring along odd socks on 17 August 2023.
5	Teachers' Day Celebration	31 August 2023 School hours: 7.30am to 10.30am
6	E-Waste Collection Drive	Period of collection: 28 to 31 August 2023
7	2024 PSLE Survey on Request for Special Arrangements/Consideration	Submit reports/medical letter to General Office by 30 September 2023.

Thank you.

Your Partner in Education
Mrs Elaine Quek
Principal

1. Traffic Advisory

Recently, it was brought to our attention that the cars parking/waiting along Hillcrest Road prior to the 3.00pm dismissal is affecting the smooth flow of traffic. As our students will be dismissed at 3.00pm, we appeal to parents, caregivers and guardians to arrive at the school after 2.50pm. Gate 1 is open at 3.00pm for cars to come into the school to pick up their children.

LTA is aware of the situation and their enforcement officers will be on site to ensure that cars do not park/wait along Hillcrest Road before 2.50pm. We seek your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

2. National Day Celebration

We will be celebrating National Day on Monday, 8 August 2023, with the theme “Onward As One”. The theme “Onward As One” calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people. “Onward” reflects a nation that is **forward looking** and **resilient** to any challenges that lie ahead. “As One” underscores the **collective ownership** of Singapore’s future and the importance of **inclusivity** and **unity**.

As part of the celebration, students are encouraged to come to school in red T-shirts underneath their pinafores. They are expected to come in their white school shoes. If your daughter/ward prefers not to wear a red t-shirt, she is required to wear her school uniform.

School hours are from 7.30am to 10.30am. Please make the necessary transport arrangements to pick your child/ward. The staggered dismissal timing at Gate 1 is as follows:

- P1 – 10.20am
- P2 & P3 – 10.25am
- P4, 5, 6 – 10.30am

Private vehicles will be allowed to drive into the school at about 10.40am, after the school buses leave.

Students are required to bring the following materials for the class-based activities:

1. Pencil case with basic stationery
2. Colouring materials (eg. Colour pencils)
3. Glue & scissors
4. A story book (for silent reading in the morning)
5. Student’s Handbook

Time will be provided for a snack break, so please make sure your child/ward brings her own snack and water for the day.

9 and 10 August 2023 are scheduled public and school holidays. School will resume on Friday, 11 August 2023.

For any enquiries, please contact Subject Head/CCE, Ms Cassandra Quek at quek_sock_cheng@schools.gov.sg.

3. RGPS CCA Selection Exercise

The CCA Registration Exercise for 2024 CCA is coming up soon. There are many activities planned for the students leading up to the Registration Exercise. These activities are:

- CCA Selection/Audition Week (mainly for P2, unless otherwise stated)
- CCA Offering Exercise (results of selection)
- CCA Registration (only for students who did not participate in the earlier phases)

A. CCA Selection/ Audition Week

If your daughter/ward is interested to join the selection team for any of the below mentioned CCA, please have her attend the selection trial/audition on **ONE session (3.00pm-4.00pm or 4.00pm -5.00pm)** of the respective days. Students attending the selection trials are to report to the respective venues for the day and session they have selected. Please refer to the schedule:

CCA Selection / Audition dates

	CCA	Level/s eligible for selection	Date	Time*	Venue	Teacher in-charge
1	Badminton	P2 to P3	17 Aug (Thur)	3.00pm to 4.00pm Or 4.00pm to 5.00pm	Hall	Ms Victoria Chua
2	Basketball	P2	17 Aug (Thur)		ISH	Mr Yeo Eng Wee
3	Table Tennis	P2 to P4	14 Aug (Mon)		Hall	Ms Teo Siew Huai
4	Softball	P2	24 Aug (Thur)		Field	Ms Lee Shiao Huai
5	Rhythmic Gymnastics*	P2 to P5	17 Aug (Thur)		Hall	Mrs Claresta Chee
6	Chess Club	P2 to P4	22 Aug (Tue)		Banding Room Level 4/4	Ms Shaheena Kandoth
7	Dance	P2 to P5	23 Aug (Wed)		Seminar Room	Mdm Chong Lay Khim
8	Concert Band	P2 to P4	21 Aug (Mon)		Band Room	Ms Khoo Wai Ling
9	Strings Ensemble*	P2 to P5	21 Aug (Mon)		Music Room 5 (PARTS level 4)	Ms Ng Beiyu

*Prerequisite to be met before going for trial. (Refer to the sign up link for more details.)

To sign up for the session(s), please use the following link:

<https://forms.moe.edu.sg/forms/vEP2We>

or



B. CCA Offering Exercise (results of selection)

Should your daughter/ward be successful in the trial(s), she will be given an offer letter in Term 3 Week 10. Students are to acknowledge the offer and can **only accept 1 CCA** even if they are successful in more than 1 trial.

C. CCA Online Registration

The Online CCA Registration is for students:

- who are **not successful** in the selection trial
- students who want to continue with their current CCA (The membership will be open to new registrants should a current member choose not to continue with her CCA.)
- students who want to register for a new CCA

The CCA Registration will be in Term 4 week 3 (tentatively). Further details and the link will be sent via September PG notification.

For any enquiries, please contact HOD/PE & CCA, Mdm Sharifah Maznah at sharifah_maznah_salim_bamasri@schools.gov.sg.

4. Odd Socks Day

Our school will be commemorating Odd Socks Day again! As a recap, this is in line with our school's initiative 'That's Not Cool' which aims to perpetuate a caring and enabling school environment. 'That's Not Cool' is an upstream effort to increase awareness on what are cool (e.g. kind, well-meaning or gracious) and uncool behaviours (e.g. hurtful, mean or impolite).

On Odd Socks Day, it is an opportunity to encourage students to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. Students can bring a combination of any sock colour or design. We strongly encourage the students to bring their unique socks and they will be wearing it together as a class at the start of the day. At the end of the school day, students will put on their white school socks before dismissal.

This term, Odd Socks Day will be held on **17 August, Thursday** (Term 3 Week 8). We seek your assistance to remind your child/ward in bringing her unique socks to school on that day. We will be sharing relevant resources via SLS at the start of Week 8 on how our students can do their part to extend care and compassion through this meaningful activity. We strongly encourage you to view these resources together with your child/ward.

For any enquiries, do contact Ms Shaheda Salim (shaheda_salim@schools.gov.sg) or Ms Victoria Chua (victoria_chua_pei_chern@schools.gov.sg).

5. Teachers' Day Celebration

We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 31 August 2023. School hours are from 7.30am to 10.30am. Please make the necessary transport arrangements to pick up your child/ward. The staggered dismissal timing at Gate 1 is as follows:

- P1 – 10.20am
- P2 & P3 – 10.25am
- P4, P5, P6 – 10.30am

Private vehicles will be allowed to be driven into the school at 10.40am, after the school buses leave.

There will be no lessons conducted but students are required to bring rags for cleaning their classrooms. As the canteen will not be open, please pack snacks for your child/ ward.

We would like to advise your child/ward not to buy gifts for her teachers. A simple card or something that she has made will suffice in showing appreciation to her teachers.

This year, we are allowing our ex-students to come back to school to visit teachers. They can visit their teachers from 11.15am to 1.00pm.

Students will not attend school on 1 September due to Teachers' Day holiday. This is followed by the September holidays from 2 to 10 September.

6. E-Waste Collection Drive

We will be holding an E-Waste Collection Drive @ RGPS during the above stipulated period, in partnership with WeCare, We Recycle @ North West 2023. This is in alignment with our school's direction to Get Green & Love Earth.

Students can deposit their E-waste items at a designated area near the canteen drop-off point **before morning assembly from 28 Aug (Mon) to 31 Aug (Thu).**

We accept only **non-bulky regulated E-waste** such as :

- Printers with weight of 20kg or less
- Computers and laptops
- Mobile phones
- Desktop monitors
- Network and set-top boxes

Please note that we do not accept bulky items (such as television, refrigerator, washing machine, dryers and E-mobility device) and non-regulated E-waste will also not be accepted.

Should you miss this period of E-Waste collection drive @ RGPS, you are encouraged to continue to support the nation's E-Waste recycling programme. To locate the nearest recycling /collection point, please refer to NEA's map of E-Waste collection points :
<https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/waste-management/3r-programmes-and-resources/e-waste-management/where-to-recycle-e-waste>

Thank you for your support in our environmental efforts.

For further enquiries, please contact Ms Ning Fanye (Ning_Fanye@schools.gov.sg) or Mdm Lim Sok Yen (Lim_Sok_Yen@schools.gov.sg).

7. 2024 PSLE Survey on Request for Special Arrangements/Consideration

In the PSLE, candidates with physical or learning disabilities that may affect their performance in the examination may request for special arrangement/consideration during the examination.

Candidates with learning disabilities (e.g. Dyslexia, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder etc) who wish to apply for special arrangements (e.g. extra time) for 2023 PSLE are required to have their applications accompanied by:

- (a) A psychological report that:
- States clearly the specific learning disability, as diagnosed by qualified professionals*;
 - Is current i.e. the evaluation of learning needs arising from the disability should be completed within three years prior to the date of the PSLE;
 - Provides relevant information pertaining to medical, developmental and educational history;
 - Describes the comprehensive testing and techniques used to arrive at the diagnosis, including evaluation dates and test results with subtest scores from measures such as cognitive ability, academic achievement and information processing;
 - Describes the functional limitations supported by the test results;
 - Describes the specific special arrangements requested and provides a rationale for the candidate's need for special arrangement.

*(*Note: Professionals include educational psychologists, child/clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists.)*

- (b) A photocopy of the student's school exam results (from Primary 1 to 5).

Candidates with **physical disabilities** (e.g. hearing impairment, visual impairment, speech impairment, physical impairment – cerebral palsy, Tourette syndrome) who wish to apply for special arrangement for the 2024 PSLE are required to have their applications accompanied by:

Medical report from qualified professionals (which include registered medical practitioners, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists). The medical report must state the following:

- When the disability was diagnosed;
- How the disability may affect the candidate's performance during the exam;
- The type of special arrangement(s) that is/are required by the candidate during exam.

A medical certificate from the doctor is NOT acceptable.

For candidate who require special arrangements, teacher-in-charge will fill in the Special Arrangement application form with the Principal's recommendations. Together with the stated documents, it will be submitted to the Singapore Examination and Assessment Board (SEAB) for approval.

If approval is granted for special arrangements or special considerations, annotation symbols accompanied with explanatory statements will appear on the PSLE certificate.

Annotation of PSLE Certificates could be listed for:

- Extra time allowance
- Use of word-processor facilities and other computer aids
- Modification of examination papers in terms of size of exam paper
- Exemption of satisfying the full range of assessment objectives in a subject (e.g. exemption from oral, listening comprehension etc.)
- Use of Readers
- Use of Scribes
- Use of Prompts

If you are considering applying for special arrangements / consideration, do **submit** your reports/ medical letter to the General Office, attention to Ms Lee Yi Lin. The last date for submission is 30 September 2023.

For clarification, please contact our SEN Officer, Ms Lee Yi Lin at lee_yi_lin@schools.gov.sg.