

RGPS/N24/P5/019

3 April 2024

Dear Parents/Guardian

### 2024 P5 APRIL CIRCULARS

Extending our warmest wishes to all those who celebrated Good Friday during the recent long weekend and Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri to all who are celebrating this joyous occasion.

In this set of circulars, you will find 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	Temporary Adjustment to School Uniform Policy	Till further notice
2	P5 Prefect Outreach	From 12 April to
		19 April
3	Invitation to Participate in Student Handbook Cover Design 2025	By 5 July 2024
4	Invitation to Participate in Children's Day Design 2024	By 3 May 2024
5	65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations 2024	
6	School of the Arts (SOTA) Open House	
7	Hwa Chong International School (HCIS) Open House	

Thank you.

Your Partner in Education Mrs Elaine Quek Principal

### 1. Temporary Adjustment to School Uniform Policy

As we continue to experience unusually hot weather, we are writing to inform you of a temporary adjustment to our uniform policy. We understand the importance of ensuring the comfort and well-being of our students during these warmer days.

Effective immediately and until further notice, students will be permitted to wear their PE attire to school instead of the full school uniform. This decision has been made in consideration of the warmer than usual temperatures and the need to provide a more comfortable learning environment for our students.

We would also like to remind students to maintain the same level of respect in their appearance and behaviour while in their PE attire. Please do remind your child/ward to continue to adhere to school rules regarding appearance, hairstyles and keeping short, clean nails as stated in the Student Handbook.

Here are some important points to note regarding this temporary arrangement:

Guidelines for wearing of PE attire:

- PE attire should adhere to the school's dress code policy as stated in the Student Handbook.
- PE T-shirt must be tucked in when worn at all times.
- Please ensure that PE attire is appropriate, modest, and in good condition.
- Students should still wear appropriate footwear for school activities.

This temporary permission for wearing PE attire will remain in effect until the weather conditions improve and a return to the full school uniform is deemed appropriate. We will monitor weather forecasts and keep you informed of any changes to this arrangement.

Students should understand that this temporary permission is a privilege and should not be abused.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will continue to provide updates as needed regarding uniform policies and any changes to school procedures.

Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we navigate these challenging weather conditions together. Our primary concern is the well-being and comfort of our students, and we believe this temporary adjustment will contribute to a more conducive learning environment.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

### 2. P5 Prefect Outreach

The RGPS P5 prefects have come together to initiate a donation drive for Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home and Thye Hua Kwan Nursing Home. Information about the following two beneficiaries is included below followed by a list of items requested by them.

The Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home was established in the mid-1960s by the late Madam Lee Ah Mooi who opened the doors of her Kampong Chong Pang residence to retired Samsui women and former Amahs who wanted a trained nurse to help care for them during their twilight years. Their philosophy now is to cater to the sandwich class of elderly – those who do not qualify for government-funded homes but also cannot afford the more expensive, profit-driven private

homes with top priorities on affordability and personalised eldercare. Their mission is to provide affordable, professional and personalised eldercare services for the needy and sick in Singapore regardless of race, language or religion.

The Thye Hua Kwan Nursing Home in Hougang serves 285 residents at the moment and at least 114 of these are patients with dementia. The Nursing Home believes in providing quality of life for aging Singaporeans. Thye Hua Kwan endeavours to assist anyone who needs help in every way possible with full respect to their race, creed, language, culture and religion.

We hope that through this activity, pupils will be able to show empathy, gratitude for the food they have been provided and graciousness towards others, especially those who are not as healthy or privileged as they are. We also hope that this will help to highlight the plight of the groups of society being helped by these two organisations. We also hope that our pupils can become more aware of some of the issues our elderly and those with dementia may face.

Pupils and their families can participate in this collaboration by donating any of the household or medical consumables listed below:

# **Thye Hua Kwan Nursing Home:**

S/N	Description
1	Adult Diapers (TENA Brand – Sizes S, M & L)
2	Ensure Milk (Vanilla) powder for elderly to gain weight
3	Glucerna Milk Powder for elderly with diabetes
4	Tissue Boxes
5	Disposable razors for male residents
6	Toothpaste and toothbrushes

### Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home

S/N	Description
1	Colgate Toothpaste
2	McVities Digestive Biscuits
3	Milo 3 in 1 (16 x 27g) packs
4	Coffee 3 in 1 individual packs
5	Assure Face masks

Please note that expiry date of food items must be at least 6 months away from April 2024.

Pupils can deposit their food items at the canteen pick-up point. Items can be dropped off **before morning assembly** from **Friday**, **12 April to Friday**, **19 April 2024**. You may also refer to the poster below for items which the P5 Prefects are collecting for this donation drive.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mdm Jane Woon wei\_yien\_jane@schools.gov.sg) or Ms E-Lynn Goh (goh\_e-lynn@schools.gov.sg) should you require any further information.



# 3. Invitation to Participate in Student Handbook Cover Design 2025

If your child/ward has an interest in art, do encourage her to take part in the design activity below:

### Requirements:

Event	Design Theme	Deadline for design	Size of Artwork	Medium
Student Handbook 2025 (front & back cover)	<ul> <li>Glow from within</li> <li>Grow through learning</li> <li>Get green &amp; love earth</li> <li>Go forth &amp; strive towards our goals</li> </ul>	5 July 2024	A4 Portrait	Artist's choice (including digital)

There are no restrictions to the number of designs students can submit. Students are to submit the hardcopy of their designs to their Art Teachers or to the General Office, attention to Ms Ho Soo Peng. Students are to remember to include her **full name and class**, together with her design.

### Important notes:

- This event is not a competition. Only suitable designs will be selected. A
  certificate/letter of acknowledgement will be awarded to students whose designs are
  selected. Only shortlisted participants will be notified.
- Late submissions will not be entertained and judges' decision will be final.

- By submitting their artwork, students agree to assign the copyright of their artworks to the school, even if the artworks are not selected for use. All copies of the artworks would be retained by the school.
- Should you have any queries, please email Ms Ho Soo Peng at: ho\_soo\_peng@schools.gov.sg

Thank you and we look forward to your child's/ward's participation!

# 4. Invitation to Participate in Children's Day Design 2024

If your child/ward has an interest in art, do encourage her to take part in the design activity below:

#### Requirements:

Event	Design Theme	Deadline for design	Size of Artwork	Medium
Children's Day 2024	Glowing Memories Growing Together (In line with RGPS' 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	3 May 2024	A4	Black outline drawing only, with a black marker or digital (in black & white)

The selected design will be printed on the Children's Day 2024 souvenir.

There are no restrictions to the number of designs students can submit. Students are to submit the hardcopy of their designs to their Art Teachers or to the General Office, attention to Ms Ho Soo Peng. The participant should include her **full name and class**, together with her design.

#### Important notes:

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# 5. 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations 2024



- 1. This year marks a significant milestone for Raffles Girls' Primary School. We are delighted to share that RGPS is celebrating 65 years as a primary school. Our theme for this joyous occasion is "Glowing Memories, Growing Together".
- 2. At RGPS, we take immense pride in our unity as one RGPS community, cherishing each moment as we strive forth together facing challenges with unwavering strength and dedication. As we continue in our journey of growth in character and wisdom, we are excited to share this remarkable journey with you. We look forward to create more glowing memories as we navigate this special year together.
- 3. To celebrate this special occasion, there will be fringe activities through the year like dedication of well-wishes, tree-planting and celebrations on Children's Day. More details will be provided nearer the date of these events.
- 4. A key highlight would be the return of Fantasia 2024: A Magical Journey Through Soundscapes, a celebratory showcase of the talents of our school's performing arts groups. We would like to invite you to be part of this happy occasion.

#### **Concert Details**

Date	21 May 2024, Tuesday
Venue	Agape Concert Hall Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' Secondary School (PLMGSS) 296 Lor Ah Soo, Singapore 536742
Time	7.00pm - 9.15pm
Featured performances	Band Chinese Dance Choir Drama (P6 girls) Indian Dance Modern Dance Strings Ensemble P5 VIA students in conjunction with seniors from NTUC Eldercare Centre

There will be an intermission of 20 minutes during the concert. We invite you to view the exhibitions featuring the milestones of RGPS as a primary school as well as artworks done collaboratively by our P5 students and Seniors from NTUC Senior Day Care Centre (Bukit Batok West) during their VIA sessions this year. These will be located in the foyer of the concert hall.

Please note that all students will remain at home during school hours on 21 May 2024 for Home Based Learning.

### **Purchase of Tickets**

Tickets are priced at \$35 each and will go on sale from 9 April 2024. The window period for priority sales is from 9 to 22 April 2024. Parents/Guardian of performers will receive the link to

purchase tickets in a separate PG sent by the teachers-in-charge on 8 April 2024. The rest of the school population will receive the link from 23 April 2024 onwards. Please also note that babies in arms will not be admitted to the concert hall. All children, regardless of age, will need a ticket to attend the concert.

# Photography/ Videography

We seek your cooperation and understanding that photography or taking of videos **will not be allowed** throughout the concert performance.

# **Parking**

Do note that parking within PLMGSS is strictly not allowed. You are encouraged to take public transport or park at the neighbouring HDB carpark lots near Maplewood Park at Lor Ah Soo or Hougang Avenue 1.

#### Queries

You may email your queries on the purchase of tickets to:

seah\_nam\_sin@schools.gov.sg ang\_kai\_mei@schools.gov.sg lim\_zi\_hui@schools.gov.sg

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the concert.

# 6. School of the Arts (SOTA) Open House

SOTA Open House 2024 will be happening on **Saturday**, **6 April 2024** from **9.00am to 3.00pm**. It will be a physical event held at the **SOTA campus**.

At the Open House, your child can:

- Find out more about SOTA's six-year integrated arts and academic education and the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum:
- Go on a guided tour around the school campus;
- Interact with the SOTA students as they share about their school life and SOTA journey;
- Experience their arts and academic curriculum.

Details of their Open House can be found in the publicity poster and flyer below. More information can also be found on their website <a href="mailto:sota.edu.sg/oh2024">sota.edu.sg/oh2024</a>.





### 7. Hwa Chong International School (HCIS) Open House

HCIS would like to invite you to join them at their **#ExperienceHCIS Open House 2024** on 06 April (Saturday).

HCIS will be hosting an Open House at their school campus for prospective families who are interested in knowing more about their school. Get to meet their school leaders, teachers, students & alumni, and discover more about their integrated curriculum and vibrant campus life that can shape your child's future with them. Experience HCIS through their faculty showcases, talks, guided tours, hands-on activities and exciting performances by their students.

**Date:** 06 April 2024 **Time:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sign up link: https://forms.gle/58hF2DVN93nBo6qh8

Find out more at <a href="https://www.hcis.edu.sg/experiencehcis-open-house-2024">https://www.hcis.edu.sg/experiencehcis-open-house-2024</a>.

Details of their Open House can also be found in the publicity letter below.

