



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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RGPS/N24/P5/028

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Dear Parents/Guardian

2024 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	R U OK? @ RGPS	On 29 August
2	Teachers' Day Celebration	On 29 August
3	Invitation to Participate in RGPS Sticker Design Activity	Deadline: 13 September
4	Parenting Support Services- Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P)	
5	End-of-Year Parent-Teacher Conference	Booking starts on 28 August
6	CCA Selection Exercise	
7	Survey on Request for 2025 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION (PSLE) Special arrangements/ Consideration	Deadline: 30 September 2024

Thank you.

Your Partner in Education
Mrs Elaine Quek
Principal

1. R U OK? @ RGPS

Our school will be having a day of celebrations for R U OK? @ RGPS and Mental Wellness Day on 29 August in conjunction with Teachers' Day Celebration. This programme, which has been ongoing since Term 1, aims to inspire and empower our girls to connect with their peers who may be feeling down or facing challenges and be a good friend and listener. The students have been involved in awareness presentations, bunting making, SLS activities as well as recess activities in Semester 1.

Students are to come to school in their school uniform and encouraged to put on something yellow such as a yellow hairclip, yellow hairband, yellow hair tie or yellow socks (no headgear allowed) as they celebrate together with their teachers on 29 August. If you require further details, please do drop an e-mail to kavitha_selvananthan@schools.gov.sg

2. Teachers' Day Celebration

We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 29 August 2024. School hours are from 7.30 am. to 10.30 am. Please make the necessary transport arrangements to pick up your child/ward. The staggered dismissal timing at Gate 1 is as follows:

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

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

There will be no lessons conducted on that day but students are required to bring coloured markers and colour pencils for the classroom activities. As the canteen will not be opened, 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 former students to come back to school to visit teachers. They can visit their teachers from 11.00 am. to 12.00 pm.

Students will not attend school on 30 August due to Teachers' Day holiday. This is followed by the September holidays from 31 August to 8 September.

3. Invitation to Participate in RGPS Sticker Design Activity

If your child/ward has a flair for drawing, do encourage her to take part in the RGPS Sticker Design Activity.

Name of Activity	Design Theme	Deadline for all designs
<p>Design Activity: Stickers for Magic Journal 2025</p> <p>Purpose: Students can use the stickers on gratitude/encouragement notes for their peers or parents and sibling(s).</p>	<p>Expressions of Gratitude and Encouragement</p>	<p>Friday 13 September 2024</p>

- Size of Artwork : about 8 cm by 4 cm for each sticker
Medium : Artist's choice, including digital
Requirement : a. Design 4 stickers to form a set. Stickers must be in colour
b. Each sticker must feature an RGPS school girl.
c. Each complete set must consist of the 4 different phrases
"I am grateful for you!"
"Thank You!"
"You can do it!" or
"You are amazing!"

Important Notes:

- This activity is not a competition. **Only suitable designs will be selected.** A certificate/letter of acknowledgement will be awarded to students whose designs are selected.
- Participants are to submit the original hardcopies of their artworks through their art teachers by the deadline stated. Late submissions will not be entertained and the teachers' decision will be final.
- By submitting their artwork, participants 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.

For any queries, please contact Ms Ho Soo Peng at ho_soo_peng@schools.gov.sg or Ms Eng Lee Na at eng_lee_na@schools.gov.sg .

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

Samples of stickers for Magic Journal 2024



4. Parenting Support Services- Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P)

As we have reached the second half of your child's/ward's school year, we would like to bring to your attention once again the various parenting programmes delivered by our parenting support partner Families for Life@Community (Lakeside Family Services).

The Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) is an evidence-based programme that equips parents with techniques to promote their children's (aged up to 16 years) psychological, social, and emotional competence. It is built on a tiered system that provides different degrees of parental support.

In the attached flyer, there is a link to indicate your interest in the various programmes and receive the appropriate level of support - <https://go.gov.sg/lfs-nqform2024>. The same link may be accessed via the QR code below:



Your responses will be kept strictly confidential, and any further consultation with Lakeside Family Services will not be shared with the school without your consent.

On top of parenting support, Lakeside Family Services can also channel you to other relevant community resources to support your family more holistically. All the services are fully sponsored by MSF.

For any enquiries about the programmes, do contact fflc@lakeside.org.sg.

5. End-of-Year Parent-Teacher Conference for P1 to P5

- i. The school believes in the importance of maintaining a close working partnership with our parents/guardian for the growth of our students and has established different channels to communicate with you.

We have organised Parent-Teacher Meetings at the beginning of the year to brief you on school matters. Subject teachers also used Parents Gateway (PG) to update you regularly on subject matters. Form and subject teachers will also call or email you to discuss about your child's/ward's growth and progress in school.

We will continue to leverage on the strong partnership with parents/guardian in our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) on Friday, 20 September 2024, from 8.30am to 3.30pm. All parents are invited to meet the **Form Teacher** in the upcoming PTC. All students need not attend school on that day.

- ii. The focus of the upcoming PTC is your child's/ward's wellbeing as the welfare of our students is of paramount importance. During this conference, you will have the opportunity to interact and dialogue with the Form Teacher about your child's/ward's holistic development. The Form Teacher is a key figure in our pastoral system who takes the class for weekly CCE/FTGP lessons, conducts termly check-in surveys and

engages in one-to-one dialogue session(s) with your child/ward. The Form Teacher will also share your child's/ward's character strengths to help you better support her in developing her social and emotional resilience.

- iii. You will receive an invitation via PG from your child's/ward's Form Teacher on **27 August** to book an appointment with him/her via PG from **28 August (8.00am) to 13 September (11.30pm)**. We appeal to parents/guardian to keep the discussion to a maximum of **15 minutes** to allow other parents/guardian to meet the teachers punctually. Please note that the Zoom session will end at 3.30pm on 20 September.
- iv. PTC will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom). If you are unable to set up Zoom or meet via video conferencing, please email the respective Form Teacher to make alternative arrangements.
- v. Lunch break for teachers will be from **11.30am to 12.30pm** on 20 September.

6. CCA Selection Week and CCA Registration

The CCA Registration Exercise for 2025 CCA is coming up soon. There are several activities planned for the students leading up to the Registration Exercise. These activities are:

- CCA Selection/Audition Week (*for the level/s indicated*)
- 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/school team** for any of the below mentioned CCA, please have her attend the selection trial/audition on **ONE session (3.00 pm to 4.00 pm or 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm)** on the respective days. Students attending the selection trial(s) are to report to the specified venue(s) for the day(s) and session(s) 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 P4	22 Aug (Thu)	3.00 pm to 4.00 pm or 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm	Hall	Ms Victoria Chua
2	Basketball	P2 to P3	20 Aug (Tue)		ISH	Mr Yeo Eng Wee
3	Table Tennis	P2 to P3	19 Aug (Mon)		Hall	Ms Teo Siew Huai
4	Softball	P2 to P3	20 Aug (Tue)		Field	Ms Farhani
5	Rhythmic Gymnastics*	P2 to P5	15 Aug (Thu)		PARTS	Mrs Claresta Chee
6	Dance	P2 to P4	21 Aug (Wed)		Seminar Room	Mdm Chong Lay Khim
7	Concert Band	P2 to P4	19 Aug (Mon)		Band Room	Ms Khoo Wai Ling

8	Strings Ensemble*	P2 to P4	15 Aug (Thu)		Music Room 5 (PARTS level 4)	Ms Liu Chun Yan
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*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/Jb0qQZ>

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 queries, please contact,

Mr Yeo Eng Wee at yeo_eng_wee@schools.gov.sg or

Mdm Sharifah at Sharifah_maznah_salim_bamasri@schools.gov.sg

7. Survey on Request for 2025 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION (PSLE) Special arrangements/ consideration

- I. 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.
- II. 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 2025 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 pupil's school exam results (from Primary 1 to 5).

III. 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 2025 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.

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

V. 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 Prompters
- VI. 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, SEN Officer. The last date for submission is 30 September 2024.
- VII. For clarification, please contact, Ms Lee Yi Lin at lee_yi_lin@schools.gov.sg