



SENG KANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Vibrant Community of World-Ready Learners

<http://www.sengkangpri.moe.edu.sg>

21 Compassvale Walk, Singapore 545166; Tel: 6384 0809; Fax: 6384 0839

SKPS/2014/P / VP/001

3 January 2014

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome to a new academic year. We believe that your child / ward has had a good December break and is ready to begin the new school year connecting with his / her peers and teachers. We look forward to him / her setting realistic and yet, challenging targets for himself / herself in both the academic and non-academic areas in 2014.

In 2012-2013, we had worked with the theme, "Let's Build the School Together". This theme has certainly reaped positive outcomes as we have witnessed the strong collaboration between school, parents and stakeholders efforts in coming together to put in our individual efforts to bring out the best in our pupils.

With the completion of PRIME, we now have more space and facilities to provide a holistic education and continue developing better learning experiences to engage our children in their learning so as to attain even better outcomes in 2014 for the pupils. Our 2013 PSLE results have continued a positive trend of improvements in the overall results and passes and the percentage of pupils progressing to the Express stream have consistently increased.

You would have read in our SPARKS 2013 magazine, all our achievements for 2013; both staff and pupils. We have always been focussed on our processes in developing our pupils to have an excellent mind set in everything that we embark on. All these achievements would not have been possible without the close partnership and support between the school, parents and pupils.

As we move on to the next lap in our journey, we will want to ride on what we have already built in 2012-2013 and move on to greater focus on moulding the character, values and competencies of our pupils. Thus, the school's theme for 2014 is **"Our School, Our Pride – Creating a N.I.C.E School"**.

Nurturing Relationships

Internalising Values

Connecting with the Community

Empowering Learners

We will engage you further on this theme through our various letters and websites, throughout the year.





SENG KANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Vibrant Community of World-Ready Learners

<http://www.sengkangpri.moe.edu.sg>

21 Compassvale Walk, Singapore 545166; Tel: 6384 0809; Fax: 6384 0839

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Vice Principal, Mrs Winefrede Loo to the Seng Kang Primary School family. Mrs Loo is an experienced VP, having served in 2 other primary schools. We are sure that her presence will help the school in its strategic directions.

As we begin the new academic year, we would like to bring your attention to the following housekeeping matters:

1. Important Information to Remember

Information regarding visiting the school, early dismissal, temperature taking exercise and purchase of the 2014 Pupil Companion has been included here for your attention.

Please refer to "School information" in our school website <http://tinyurl.com/skps-general-information> for details regarding school hours, recess and lunch schedules, opening of the school gates, overview of the vehicle movement if you are dropping or picking your child /ward before / after school and the locations of the school gates, car parks and void decks for the waiting areas.

The information is to facilitate sending and fetching of your child / ward without compromising their safety and security. Please also refrain from parking along the road outside the school to ensure smoother traffic flow during these times. Drive within the speed limit allowed within school compounds and avoid over taking. Please do understand that safety of every pupil is more important than convenience.

a. Visitors to the School

All visitors to the school are to report at the Security Post. Visitors are not allowed to proceed to any part of the school building without a Visitor's Pass which is issued by the security guard. This is for the safety and security of our pupils and we appreciate your cooperation.

Except in special cases, visitors are not allowed to make appointments with teachers during curriculum time. Parents / Guardians are requested to make prior appointments via the school's General Office at 6384 0809 during office hours (8 am to 5.00 pm) from Mondays to Fridays, if they would like to meet teachers regarding their child / ward. Otherwise, please connect via e-mail or call up the GO and leave a message for the teachers concerned.

To ensure the work-life balance of my teachers, teachers are not required to give their personal contact number to parents with the exception of pupils with special conditions. While my staff will attend to you and assist you to their best ability, I would like parents / guardians to treat the staff with due respect. If there is any oversight on our end, please be patient and allow us to rectify the mistake so that we can do the best for our pupils.



SENG KANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Vibrant Community of World-Ready Learners

<http://www.sengkangpri.moe.edu.sg>

21 Compassvale Walk, Singapore 545166; Tel: 6384 0809; Fax: 6384 0839

On any issue, our school stand is that it is not important to assess who is right or wrong but more so how we can come together to help our pupils better. Hence, your feedback and suggestions are important to us and we will review our own processes, and if possible, we will implement your suggestions after careful evaluation. If we take this approach, our pupils will also learn good social-emotional habits from us.

b. **Early Dismissal of Pupils**

Parents / Guardians who wish to take their child / ward home before dismissal shall seek permission from the General Office. Upon approval, they must fill in the required details in the Early Dismissal File before leaving the school with their child / ward.

c. **Temperature Taking**

We seek parents' / guardians' co-operation by ensuring that your child / ward brings along his / her thermometer on **Tuesday, 7 January 2014**, for the temperature taking exercise.

d. **Purchase of 2014 Pupil Companion Book**

The 2014 Pupil Companion Book was distributed to pupils on 2 January 2014. The book includes information on key school policies for you to go through with your child / ward. It also serves as a key communication tool between you and the teacher. Please ensure that your child makes the payment of \$5.00 to the respective Form Teachers on **Monday, 6 January**.

2. **Co-curricular Activity (CCA) every Friday, 7.30 – 9.30 a.m.**

CCA will be conducted every Friday from 7.30 to 9.30 a.m. This will be implemented with the intent to give every pupil in the school an opportunity to take part in one CCA and optimise the use of the additional facilities after the PRIME upgrading. As CCA is part of the school curriculum, all pupils from P1 to P6 are expected to report to school as per normal on Fridays. P1-P3 will have a customized programme running concurrently for them during this period. CCA will begin from 24 Jan 2014 and dismissal time on Fridays will be at 3.00 pm.

However, do take note that on the following Fridays, 3 Jan, 10 Jan and 17 Jan 2014, all pupils will be dismissed at **1.30 pm**. Subsequently, we will notify you in advance the Fridays where we will dismiss the pupils early.

3. **2013 PSLE Performance**

Congratulations to all our 2013 P6 pupils for their good effort! We have consistently been performing well in our PSLE and have continued to make improvements in our overall pass rates and results. We have more pupils being enrolled in schools of their choice. As we extend our appreciation to our teachers for their hard work and sincere dedication, we would also like to thank all the parents for giving the school the needed support to achieve our children's learning outcomes. You have trusted us and we will continue to deliver the best for our pupils.



SENG KANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Vibrant Community of World-Ready Learners

<http://www.sengkangpri.moe.edu.sg>

21 Compassvale Walk, Singapore 545166; Tel: 6384 0809; Fax: 6384 0839

4. New School Uniform

In 2012, we launched a new school uniform to enable our pupils to develop a stronger sense of school identity. Concluding a phasing-in period of two years, 2014 will be the official year where all our pupils will report to school in their new school uniform. Please note that from 2 Jan 2014, all pupils are to come to school in school uniform every Monday. Coming to school at the beginning of each week in their school uniform will enable the school to establish a stronger school identity in our community and set the school's expectations of **A**ttendance, **A**ttire, **A**ttitude and **A**chievements (4As) clearly to our pupils. Pupils are also expected to be in school uniform during school examinations, formal school functions and certain competitions when they represent school.

To facilitate this transition, there will be no PE lessons on Mondays. Please note that only P1 to P3 pupils will be allowed to wear their current PE attire to school on days when they have PE and will not be required to change back to school uniform after PE. As part of developing personal responsibility towards hygiene and social etiquette, P4 to P6 pupils will be taught by their PE teachers to change in and out of their school uniform for PE lessons in Term 1, week 1. This was communicated to parents last year. Hence, we would like parents to teach their child to pack their PE attire in clear plastic bags that can be sealed so that pupils can easily retrieve and pack. Pupils must take responsibility for their uniforms at all times.

The new school attire, as depicted in the 2014 Pupil Companion Book, will go with the black school shoes and the school socks with the school acronym, "SKPS", embossed on them. These can be purchased from the appointed school vendor on Wednesdays at the school canteen. Please refer to the Pupil Companion for school rules on hairstyle and hair accessories for girls.

5. Meet-The –Parents (MTP) Session

We will be having the MTP for P1 and P4 to P6 as follows:

Date	Level	Time	Venue
22 Jan 2014 (Wed)	Primary 1	8.00 am – 9.00 am	Classroom
07 Mar 2014 (Fri)	Primary 4	4.30 pm – 5.30 pm	Multi-Purpose Hall
07 Mar 2014 (Fri)	Primary 5 & 6	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Multi-Purpose Hall

Please set aside the date in your calendar to attend the session as information on important areas to note for those levels will be shared with you so that you can better prepare your child. You will also have the opportunity to engage the respective Form Teachers in the classroom / hall to learn more about classroom procedures and expectations. We will furnish you with more details nearer the date.



SENG KANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Vibrant Community of World-Ready Learners

<http://www.sengkangpri.moe.edu.sg>

21 Compassvale Walk, Singapore 545166; Tel: 6384 0809; Fax: 6384 0839

6. Parental involvement and support

As parents play an important role in their child's growth, your child will benefit the most when we put your child at the heart of what we do, and when we understand our shared responsibilities for your child and work together to bring out the best in your child. Having a close partnership with us will help you to better understand your child's learning experience in school, so that you could provide your child the necessary family care, support and reinforcement at home.

We encourage you to join the school's Parent Support Group so that you can get involved with the school's activities and get to know other parents and your child's friends in school. You can sign up for activities that suit your schedule. We would like to partner you to develop your child to be the best that he or she can be. More information on how you can be involved in your child's education can be found at:

<http://parents-in-education.moe.gov.sg/parents-in-education/how-can-parents-be-involved>

<http://parents-in-education.moe.gov.sg/parents-in-education/how-can-parents-be-involved/learning-at-home/create-a-positive-home-learning-environment-for-your-child>

As the school has the best interests of our pupils at heart, we will continue to involve all our staff, pupils and parents in developing and nurturing our pupils into good individuals and concerned citizens that we can be proud of. We will need your continued support, encouragement and understanding in this journey. As we prefer to engage our parents directly, if you would like to give us your feedback and suggestions please contact the office at 6384 0809 or drop us an email at skps@moe.edu.sg.

On behalf of my staff, here's wishing one and all a Blessed and Fulfilling New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rabia Shahul
Principal

c.c Mr Albert Chia, Vice-Principal
Mrs Winefrede Loo, Vice-Principal