



# ST. HILDA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

ESTABLISHED IN 1934

*A Dynamic Learning Community that nurtures loyal citizens with global outlook and Godly character*

*Serve Humbly ▪ Lead Wisely ▪ Live Responsibly ▪ Love Sincerely ▪ Learn Continuously*

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **A. Upcoming Events in February 2019**

### **1. Chinese New Year Celebrations**

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **Monday, 4 February 2019**. All students including those who are non-Chinese are encouraged to come to school in their ethnic attire (no headdress or accessories are allowed for safety reasons) with **school shoes** for the celebration.

There will be classroom activities and students will need to bring the items detailed below:

<b>Level</b>	<b>Items to bring</b>
Primary 1 to 6	Storybook, Song Book , Pencil Case, Colour Pencils, Chinese New Year (CNY) related pictures (to decorate Greeting Card), Scissors, Glue & Water Bottle

School dismissal for all students on 4 February will be at **10.30AM**.

### **2. School Closure during the CNY Festive Period**

The school will be closed from Monday, 4 February 1.00PM to 6 February 2019. Students are to report back to school on Thursday, 7 February 2019.

During the festive period, the following school-based vendors' outlets will be closed as indicated below:

<b>Vendors</b>	<b>Closure Dates</b>
BeauVoix Uniform Pte Ltd	7 February 2019
Pacific Bookstores	4 , 5 & 6 February 2019

### **3. Total Defence Day**

Friday, 15 February 2019 is Total Defence Day and the theme for this year is "*Together We Keep Singapore Strong*".

During the week leading up to Total Defence Day, there will be recess activities to help students better understand how they can play their part to keep Singapore strong. On Thursday, 14 February, there will also be a programme during the weekly assembly session for students to commemorate together, Total Defence Day.



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## 4. Parents' Briefing Session (P2 to P4)

Parents/Guardians are invited to the sessions for P2 to P4 to be held on Friday, 15 February 2019. You are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions to learn more about your child's class and level programmes for the year. The schedule is as detailed below:

Level	Date	Time
P2 to P4 (GEP included)	Friday, 15 February 2019	7PM to 9.30PM

Carnival coupons (\$10 per coupon card) will be on sale during the P2 – P4 Parents' Briefing Session.

Venue: Foyer & School Hall.

## B. General Information

### 5. 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carnival

Support the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carnival to be held on Saturday, 9 March 2019. The aims of this mega event are to celebrate our rich heritage and contribute as a family to meet the needs of the community. Proceeds from the carnival will be donated to the:

- Singapore Anglican Community Services
- St Andrew's Mission Hospital
- St Andrew's Community Hospital

Carnival coupons (\$10 per coupon card) are sold from Mondays to Fridays at the SHPS Foyer between 09.00AM to 11.00AM & 1.00PM to 03.00PM.

The Carnival will be chockful of fun entertainment, games, and lots of food. The student body of both the Primary and Secondary schools will be driving these activities in the common mission to serve the community as a Hildan family. We are aiming to raise at least \$85,000 for our beneficiaries. Please support your child's efforts and buy generously.

### 6. Leaving During School Hours

Students are not permitted to leave the school on their own during school hours. Upon the school's approval and before the student is released for early departure, parents or authorised care-givers are required to **furnish their particulars at the school's General Office upon arrival to fetch the student.** This is to ensure the safety and well-being of the student concerned.

### 7. Gifts to School Staff

From time to time, especially during festive occasions such as the forthcoming CNY period, some parents/guardians have taken the opportunity to gift tokens of appreciation to teachers and staff to thank and affirm their efforts in caring for students. In general, our staff are required to decline unsolicited gifts on account of their status as public officials. As such parents/guardians are reminded to refrain from gifting expensive items.



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## 8. Health and Hygiene Reminder

Parents/Guardians are reminded to be on the lookout for signs of infections in your child such as those associated with Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD), Chicken Pox, etc., and to cooperate with the school by helping us to prevent the spread of such infections: Please ensure your child's personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility by not sending your infected child to school. Some information on HFMD and Chicken Pox indicators are appended here for your reference:

### HFMD

#### a) Cause and Characteristics:

- HFMD is a viral infection caused by a group of Enteroviruses, most commonly the Coxsackie virus.
- Incubation period is 3 to 5 days (with a range from 2 days to 2 weeks).
- Young children below 5 years old are more susceptible.
- Usually mild and self-limiting with treatment focused on relief of symptoms

#### b) Common Signs and Symptoms:

- Fever
- Sore Throat
- Mouth ulcers on the inside of the mouth or sides of tongue
- Rash or small blisters on palms of hands, soles of feet, and/or buttocks
- Lethargy
- Poor appetite

### Chicken Pox

#### a) Cause and Characteristics:

- Chickenpox is a contagious disease caused by the varicella zoster virus (VZV).
- It usually occurs in children less than 10 years of age though it may happen to older children and adults.
- The incubation period is between 14 and 21 days. An infected person can spread the disease 1 to 2 days before the development of rash until all the chicken pox blisters have formed scabs (5-7 days).

#### b) Common Signs and Symptoms:

- A rash that turns into itchy, fluid-filled blisters that eventually turn into scabs
- Fever
- Tiredness
- Loss of appetite
- Headache

### Head Lice

#### a) Cause and Characteristics:

- Young school-aged children and their caregivers are at highest risk for developing head lice.



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- Sharing of clothing, combs, hats, hair brushes, and other hair-related items are often integral to spreading the infestation.
- When an individual is affected, family members will also be infected, and hence the home should be treated.

## b) Common signs and Symptoms

- Itchy and irritation of scalp
- Crawling feeling
- Visible eggs
- Fever and Swollen Lymph Nodes
- Difficulty sleeping
- Mood swing
- Infected classmates
- Skin breakdown

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daphne Yeoh".

Mrs Daphne Yeoh  
Principal