

20 March 2017



Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are now in the 2nd term of the school year. We hope to have your continual support and partnership with us in encouraging your child to participate in the school activities planned for them.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

1) National Library Board Molly Bus Monthly Visit

Please remind your child to bring his/her library membership card to enjoy the borrowing of interesting books during curriculum hours on the following dates:

Tuesday	Thursday
21 March / 18 April / 16 May	23 March / 20 April / 18 May

2) National Special Schools Track & Field Championships/Swimming Championships

We are glad that our students have been selected for the following national games and competitions:

Day/Date	Event	Participants
Sun, 12 Mar	Akira/ Swift Annual Track and Field Championship 2017	5
Fri, 31 Mar	Haw Par National Youth Para Athletics Championships 2017	28
Thu, 13 Apr	Haw Par National Youth Para Swimming Championships 2017	4
Fri to Sun, 19 to 21 May	9 th Special Olympics Singapore National Games 2017	30

3) Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will be held on **Friday, 7 April**. Please refer to the Sports Day's parent letter (page 7) for more information.

4) Learning Journeys

Learning Journeys are planned for students as an extension of their learning beyond the classroom. Students from the respective levels will participate in the following learning journeys:

Day/Date	Time	Topics	Classes	Curriculum Links
Wed, 19 Apr	9.30am	Banking Services	Glory 1 & 2	DLS & ICT
Thu, 11 May	9.30am	Health and Nutrition	Victory 4 to 7	Science (Nutrition) & DLS (Nutrition)
	2.30pm	World of Tools	Hope 1 to 4	Science (Lesson Enrichment) & English
Mon, 15 May	9.30am	Pizza Pizzazz	Kindness 4 to 6	Science (Respiration) & Math (Fractions)
	9.30am	Bacteria and Health	Victory 1 to 3	Science (Microbes) & DLS (F&B Prep)
Wed, 17 May	9.30am	The Science of Making Candy	Kindness 1 to 3	Science (Changes in state) & Math (Measurement)
Mon, 22 May	12.45pm	Visit to Mandai Zoo	Joy 1 to 3 & Love 6 to 8	English (Learning Extension) & ICT

5) **Vocational Education – For AM Session Students Only**

The following classes will go for their site visit as part of the Vocational Education curriculum:

Day/Date	Time	Classes	Site Venue
Thu, 13 Apr or 27 Apr	1.00pm – 4.30pm	Kindness 1 to 3	SP Services
Fri, 21 Apr	1.30pm – 4.30pm	Kindness 4 to 6	Gardenia Foods

6) **Outward Bound Singapore (OBS)**

OBS is a learning organization that specialises in developing resilience and character in young people through outdoor activities and adventure. All prefects from the AM Session, aged 14 and above, will be attending this 4D3N camp **from Monday, 17 April to Thursday, 20 April** at the OBS campsite in Pulau Ubin. The camp will be specially customised for our student leaders to enhance their learning experience through a series of outdoor challenges and confidence-building activities.

7) **English / Mathematics – Semestral Assessment**

ENGLISH	Assessment Dates: Tuesday & Wednesday / 2 and 3 May
Session	Assessment Coverage
AM	Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing
PM	Essential decoding skills based on the Direct Instruction curriculum

MATHEMATICS	Assessment Dates: Thursday & Friday / 4 and 5 May	
Session	Assessment Coverage	
	Written Assessment (except for Joy classes)	Practical Assessment (All classes)
PM	JFM 2,3	Numbers
Junior Functional Mathematics	JFM 4,5,6	Numbers and Fractions
AM	SFM 2	Numbers, Money
	SFM 3,4	Numbers, Fractions & Money
	SFM 5	Numbers, Fractions & Decimals, Money

8) **Values-In-Action (VIA) Programme**

The VIA Programme is one of the main experiential learning components of the Character and Citizenship Education curriculum. All Victory classes (excluding V2 class which has completed their VIA in Term 1) will be guided in planning and conducting activities or performing for the elderly at the centres listed below. More information will be given to parents/guardians at a later date.

Classes	Day/Date	Time	Homes
Victory classes	Tues, 16 May or Fri, 19 May	1.30pm – 3.00pm	NTUC Health Silver Circle (Jurong Central)
			St Luke's Eldercare (Clementi Centre)
			Sarah Seniors Activity Centre

9) **Youth Hub – For AM Session Glory, Victory and Kindness Students Only**

The Youth Hub provides a safe environment for our students to relax and engage in meaningful leisure activities with their schoolmates after school. There will be pastoral care staff-on-duty to supervise and befriend the students. Do encourage your child to join the Youth Hub activities if he/she is not required to attend any other after-school programme. If your child is taking school bus transport and wants to join the Youth Hub activities, please inform the school bus drivers and ensure that alternative transport arrangements are being made. The opening hours of the Youth Hub are as follow:

Day	Date			Time	Targeted Classes
Mondays	27 Mar	3, 10, 17, 24 Apr	8, 15 May	1.00pm to 4.00pm	All Kindness
Tuesdays	28 Mar	4, 11, 18, 25 Apr	9, 16 May		Kindness 4 to 6, All Victory & Glory
Wednesdays	29 Mar	5, 12, 19, 26 Apr	17 May		All Kindness & Victory 4 to 7
Thursdays	30 March	6, 13, 20, 27 Apr	11, 18 May		Victory 1 to 3 & All Glory

ORGANISATIONAL & PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

1) Parent-Teachers Conference (PTC)

We would like to invite all parents/guardians to attend the PTC for your child on the respective day as listed below. More information on the PTC timing will be provided at a later date.

Semester 1 PTC Schedule (8.00am – 3.00pm)	
Monday, 22 May 2017	Victory classes Glory classes
Tuesday, 23 May 2017	Joy classes PM Love classes
Wednesday, 24 May 2017	Hope classes AM Love classes
Thursday, 25 May 2017	Kindness classes
Friday, 26 May 2017	Peace classes

2) Sale of Uniform in School

The school uniform supplier (Jeep Sing Fashion) will be selling the uniform on the following days:

Dates (Mondays)	Time	Sale Venue
27 March / 24 April / 22 May	11.30am – 1.30pm	School Canteen


3) Signposts for Building Better Behavior (Workshop for Parents/Guardians)

The Signposts training programme for parents/guardians who have registered for this workshop in Term 1 will commence on **Tuesday, 4 April**. Signposts is an evidence-based programme developed by Parenting Research Centre (PRC), Australia. Surveys have shown that Signposts strategies have been used successfully by families to deal with a wide range of behaviors. Parents/Guardians who have registered for the programme, please be reminded of the following details:

Dates (Tuesdays)	4 April / 11 April / 18 April / 25 April / 2 May
Time / Venue	6.30pm to 8.30pm @ Grace Orchard School
Facilitated by GOS Allied Professionals	Ms Sharon Su – Senior Social Worker Mr Whelan Foong – Social Worker Mr Weng Rong – Social Worker

We look forward to work closely with you for your child's learning and development in this new term.

Thank you.


Mrs. Lisa Goh
Principal

2017 TERM 2 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT / ACTIVITY	REMARKS
21 March	NLB Molly Bus in school	Students need to bring their library membership card to borrow books.
23 March	NLB Molly Bus in school	
27 March	Sale of School Uniform	11.30am to 1.30pm
7 April	Sports Day – Combined event from 8am to 1.30pm	All students must report to school by 7.30am
13 April*	Site visit to SP Services	For Kindness 1 to 3 *Visit may be changed to 27 April
14 April	Public Holiday – Good Friday	
18 April	NLB Molly Bus in school	Students need to bring their library membership card to borrow books.
20 April	NLB Molly Bus in school	
17 – 20 April	Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) Camp	For Prefects aged 14 & above
19 April	Learning Journey: Banking Services	For Glory 1 & 2
21 April	Site visit to Gardenia Foods	For Kindness 4 to 6
24 April	Sale of School Uniform	11.30am to 1.30pm
1 May	Public Holiday – Labour Day	
2 and 3 May	English Semestral Assessment	
4 and 5 May	Mathematics Semestral Assessment	
10 May	Public Holiday – Vesak Day	
11 May	Learning Journey: Health and Nutrition	For Victory 4 to 7
	Learning Journey: World of Tools	For Hope 1 to 4
15 May	Learning Journey: Pizza Pizzazz	For Kindness 4 to 6
	Learning Journey: Bacteria and Health	For Victory 1 to 3
16 May*	CCE - Values-in-Action school project	For Victory classes (except V2) *Date of activity may be changed to 19 May
16 May	NLB Molly Bus in school	Students need to bring their library membership card to borrow books.
18 May	NLB Molly Bus in school	
17 May	Learning Journey: The Science of Making Candy	For Kindness 1 to 3
22 May	Learning Journey: Mandai Zoo	For Joy 1 to 3 & Love 6 to 8
	Sale of School Uniform	11.30am to 1.30pm
22 May	Parent-Teacher Conference 1	For Victory & Glory classes
23 May	Parent-Teacher Conference 1	For Joy & PM Love classes
24 May	Parent-Teacher Conference 1	For Hope & AM Love classes
25 May	Parent-Teacher Conference 1	For Kindness classes
26 May	Parent-Teacher Conference 1	For Peace classes
27 May to 25 June	Term 2 School Holiday	NO School for students
26 June	Public Holiday – Day after Hari Raya Puasa	NO School for students

Term 3 will begin on 27 June 2017.

2017年第二学段校历

日期	事项 / 活动	备注
3月21日	国家图书馆 Molly 借阅巴士到校	学生须带图书馆会员卡以借阅图书。
3月23日	国家图书馆 Molly 借阅巴士到校	
3月27日	校服销售	上午 11.30 至下午 1.30
4月7日	运动会-上下午班联合 上午 8.00 到下午 1.30	所有学生必须于上午 7.30 前抵达学校
4月13日*	职能教育职场参观 – SP Services	Kindness 1, 2 & 3 班级 *参观可能改期至 4月27日
4月14日	公共假日 – 耶稣受难日	
4月18日	国家图书馆 Molly 借阅巴士到校	学生须带图书馆会员卡以借阅图书。
4月20日	国家图书馆 Molly 借阅巴士到校	
4月17-20日	新加坡外展学校营会	供 14 岁以上学生巡查员参与
4月19日	学习之旅: 银行服务业	Glory 1 & 2 班级
4月21日	职能教育职场参观 - Gardenia Foods	Kindness 4, 5 & 6 班级
4月24日	校服销售	上午 11.30 至下午 1.30
5月1日	公共假日 – 劳动节	
5月2-3日	英文学期考核	
5月4-5日	数学学期考核	
5月10日	公共假日 – 卫塞节	
5月11日	学习之旅: 健康与营养	Victory 4, 5, 6 & 7 班级
	学习之旅: 工具世界	Hope 1, 2, 3 & 4 班级
5月15日	学习之旅: Pizza Pizzazz	Kindness 4, 5 & 6 班级
	学习之旅: 细菌与健康	Victory 1, 2 & 3 班级
5月16日*	品格公民教育- 价值观行动计划	所有 Victory 班级参与 (V2 班级除外) *活动可能改期至 5月19日
5月16日	国家图书馆 Molly 借阅巴士到校	学生须带图书馆会员卡以借阅图书
5月18日	国家图书馆 Molly 借阅巴士到校	
5月17日	学习之旅: 制作糖果之科学	Kindness 1, 2 & 3 班级
5月22日	学习之旅: 新加坡动物园	Joy 1, 2 & 3 和下午 Love 6, 7 & 8 班级
	校服销售	上午 11.30 至下午 1.30
5月22日	家长教师见面会 1	所有 Victory 和 Glory 班级
5月23日	家长教师见面会 1	所有 Joy 和下午 Love 班级
5月24日	家长教师见面会 1	所有 Hope 和上午 Love 班级
5月25日	家长教师见面会 1	所有 Kindness 班级
5月26日	家长教师见面会 1	所有 Peace 班级
5月27日至6月25日	为第二学段学校假期。	学生没有上课
6月26日	公共假日 – 开斋节补假	学生没有上课
第三学段于 6月27日开学。		

Kalender sekolah untuk penggal kedua 2017

TARIKH	ACARA / ACTIVITI	CATATAN
21 Mac	NLB Molly Bas akan berada di sekolah	Kad perpustakaan diperlukan jika murid mahu meminjam buku.
23 Mac	NLB Molly Bas akan berada di sekolah	
27 Mac	Jualan pakaian seragam sekolah	11.30 pagi - 1.30 petang
7 April	Hari Sukan – Acara digabungkan bagi sesi pagi dan petang dari 8.00 pagi - 1.30 petang	Semua murid laporkan diri ke sekolah sebelum jam 7.30 pagi.
13 April*	Lawatan ke SP Services	Untuk Kelas: Kindness 1 – 3 *Tarikh lawatan mungkin akan bertukar kepada 27 April
14 April	Cuti Umum – “Good Friday”	
18 April	NLB Molly Bas akan berada di sekolah	Kad perpustakaan diperlukan jika murid mahu meminjam buku.
20 April	NLB Molly Bas akan berada di sekolah	
17 – 20 April	Sekolah Outward Bound (OBS)	Untuk pengawas, 14 tahun keatas
19 April	Perjalanan pendidikan: Perkhidmatan bank	Untuk Kelas: Glory 1 & 2
21 April	Lawatan ke ‘Gardenia Foods’	Untuk Kelas: Kindness 4 – 6
24 April	Jualan pakaian seragam sekolah	11.30 pagi - 1.30 petang
1 Mei	Cuti Umum – Hari Perkerja	
2 dan 3 Mei	Ujian Semester Inggeris	
4 dan 5 Mei	Ujian Semester Matematik	
10 Mei	Cuti Umum – Perayaan Hari Vesak	
11 Mei	Perjalanan pendidikan : Kesihatan dan Nutrisi	Untuk Kelas: Victory 4 – 7
	Perjalanan pendidikan : Peralatan dan pertukangan sedunia	Untuk Kelas: Hope 1 - 4
15 Mei	Perjalanan pendidikan: ‘Pizza Pizzazz’	Untuk Kelas: Kindness 4 – 6
	Perjalanan pendidikan: Bakteria dan Kesihatan	Untuk Kelas: Victory 1 – 3
16 Mei*	CCE – Projek Sekolah “Values in action”	Untuk Kelas: Victory 1,3,4,5,6,7 *Tarikh aktiviti mungkin akan bertukar kepada 19 Mei.
16 Mei	NLB Molly Bas akan berada di sekolah	Kad perpustakaan diperlukan jika murid mahu meminjam buku.
18 Mei	NLB Molly Bas akan berada di sekolah	
17 Mei	Perjalanan pendidikan: Membuat manisan gula melalui ilmu Sains	Untuk Kelas: Kindness 1 –3
22 Mei	Perjalanan pendidikan: Mandai Zoo	Untuk Kelas: Joy 1 – 3 & Love 6 - 8
	Jualan pakaian seragam sekolah	11.30 pagi - 1.30 petang
22 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru (PTC 1)	Untuk Kelas: Victory & Glory
23 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru (PTC 1)	Untuk Kelas: Joy & PM Love
24 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru (PTC 1)	Untuk Kelas: Hope & AM Love
25 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru (PTC 1)	Untuk Kelas: Kindness
26 Mei	Persidangan Ibu Bapa – Guru (PTC 1)	Untuk Kelas: Peace
27 Mei hingga 25 Jun	Cuti Sekolah Penggal kedua	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
26 Jun	Cuti Umum – Selepas Hari Raya Puasa	Tiada sekolah untuk semua murid
<i>Cuti Sekolah Penggal ketiga akan bermula pada 27 Jun 2017.</i>		

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sports Day 2017

This year, Grace Orchard School Sports Day will be held on **Friday, 7 April** instead of 13 April as printed in the Student Diary. We will be having it at an external venue as indicated below. Besides the regular track events, this year's Sports Day will also feature game skills events to showcase skills our students have learnt during their PE lessons.

We would like to extend our invitation to parents/guardians to join us in this event (note – limited to TWO persons per household). We apologize for not being able to include more parents/guardians due to space constraints. You may want to sign up for a parent-child telematch on that day, on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Please note the following:

Date	7 April 2017 (Friday)
Time	8am to 1.30pm (All students are to assemble in school by 7.30am)
Venue	Academy of Singapore Teachers (AST). 2 Malan Road, Singapore 109433 (Nearest Car Park: Gillman Barracks)
Important Note	1. No cars are allowed to park inside AST 2. Parents will be issued entry permits for security checking purpose

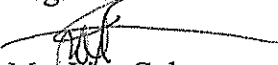
- ALL students are to assemble in school **by 7.30 a.m.**
- The school will provide bus transport to bring all students to the stadium.
- **NO Transport** will be provided for parents to and from the stadium.
- Parents may, however, fetch their child directly from the stadium at the parents' pick-up point at the stadium during dismissal. Please indicate your intention in the Reply Slip.

In addition –

- Students who joined GOS after April 2016 will be issued a House T-shirt at a subsidised cost of \$4/shirt this year. (Please attach the payment of \$4 with the Reply Slip).
- Other students who need to re-order a new House T-shirt will have to pay \$10 per piece. (Please attach the payment of \$10 with the Reply Slip). Due to limited stock, we will accept the order on a first-come-first serve basis. The House T-shirts may also be worn during PE periods.

We look forward to seeing you at our Sports Day!

Regards,


Mrs Lisa Goh
Principal

REPLY SLIP – SPORTS DAY 2017

<p align="center">Please return this Reply Slip to the Class Teacher by Friday, 24 March 2017</p>
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I, _____ of _____ from _____
(Name of parent/guardian) (Name of child/ward) (Class)

would be able / would not be able* to attend the school's Sports Day on **7 April 2017**. I have also noted the following information:

- My child needs to be in school by **7:30am**
- Transport to the stadium will be provided for GOS students ONLY.

* Please delete as accordingly.

A. Parents'/Guardians' Attendance and Participation

Please "✓" to indicate the number of family members attending the event:

1 person 2 persons

Would you like to participate in the telematch event with your child?

Yes No

B. Dismissal of Child

Please "✓" to indicate the dismissal arrangement for your child on that day:

I will fetch my child directly from the stadium.

I will **not** fetch my child from the stadium.

C. Payment of House T-Shirt

Please "✓" to indicate the order and payment for the House T-shirt:

I have enclosed \$4 for the co-payment of the House T-shirt.
(Only for new students enrolled after April 2016.)

I have enclosed \$10 for the payment of the re-ordering of the House T-shirt.
(For students who are enrolled before April 2016.)

➤ Size of House T-shirt: _____

 Parent's / Guardian's Signature

 Contact Number



Please return this Acknowledgement Slip to the Class Teacher by Friday, 24 March 2017

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP – LETTER TO PARENTS (TERM 2–2017)

Dear Class Teacher,

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____ of
(Name of parent/guardian) *(Name of child/ward)*

_____ have received and read the letter given by the school on 20 March 2017.
(Class)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

