

## WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Through the Principal, Mrs Chandler Jay Siva

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Dear P5 Parents/Guardians,

#### Welcome back to West Grove Primary School!

We hope you have had a rejuvenating and meaningful March holiday with your child,

As we embark on our exciting journey this term, let us focus on **student outcomes**. While it is important that the children achieve good academic grades, it is equally important for children to be of **good character** and be equipped with social emotional competencies that help them achieve their personal goals.

Research shows that the **psychological factors** encapsulated in PROSPER are critical for achieving positive learning outcomes and ongoing academic success. Such psychological factors can include children's **perception**. Children may view their intelligence as a fixed quantity that they either possess or not (**fixed mindset**) or a malleable quantity that can be increased with effort and learning (**a growth mindset**).

A growth mindset is having the belief that we can actually improve our intelligence and strengthen our skills by putting in effort and facing challenges. Students with a **fixed mindset** believe their intellectual ability is a limited entity that can lead to destructive thoughts, negative feelings (e.g. humiliated) and negative behaviour (giving up). In contrast students with a **growth mindset** will often perceive the same challenge or setback as an opportunity to learn. They respond with constructive thoughts (e.g. maybe I need to change my strategy or try harder); positive feelings (excited by the challenge) and positive behaviour (e.g. persistence). Children who have a growth mindset have been shown to be happier, healthier, and achieve more in life.

Instilling principles of a growth mindset in your child from a young age can set them up for a life of success by encouraging him or her to:

- Take risks.
- Welcome new experiences.
- Enjoy the process and understand the value of learning.
- Face challenges with a positive attitude.
- Work hard.
- Learn from his or her mistakes.

#### Nurturing Wisdom & Grace Report

There will be a series of formative assessments conducted to help students understand their level of understanding and achievement for each subject so as to identify the learning gaps and close them. In addition, teachers will also feedback on the students learning dispositions through the school's Nurturing Wisdom & Grace Report.

These are positive behaviour and attitudes towards learning. They are important for children in their journey as life-long learners and they support children's learning and development in various learning areas. There are 4 learning dispositions that WGPS seeks to develop in every child. Students will be Active Learners with a Resilient Mindset; who are Reflective and Community-Minded.

These learning actions are aligned to our **school vision** - Active Minds, Gracious Hearts and our **school values** - Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Commitment and Kindness. The learning actions describe some **21st century behaviour attributes** and **Social Emotional Competencies** that we hope to develop in our students. The Learning Dispositions will be issued twice a year.

### P5 Cohort Camp

The Primary 5 Camp will be a 3 Day and 2 Night residential camp at Sariumbun Scout Camp on **May 17th**, **18th and 19th** (Wednesday to Friday). The objectives of the camp include developing their values such as resilience and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) through team-based activities and communal living experiences. More details of the camp will be made available on a later date through Parents' Gateway.

Do leave your name and number at 6267 9234 if you have any queries. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Warm regards,

Mr Chong

Year Head (P5 & 6)

# Schedule of Key Events for Term 2

Date	Activity	Remarks
7 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday	No school for all students
17 Apr	P5 English WA1 Oral	2.00pm – 5.30pm (To be confirmed)
	2	5A, 5B, 5C & 5E students
*	P5 Mother Tongue Oral	2.00pm – 5.30pm (To be confirmed)
		5D, 5F & 5G students
18 Apr	P5 English WA1 Oral	2.00pm – 5.30pm (To be confirmed)
		5D, 5F & 5G students
	P5 Mother Tongue Oral	2.00pm – 5.30pm (To be
		confirmed) 5A, 5B, 5C & 5E students
21 Apr	Early Dismissal for Muslim Students	
22 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa Public Holiday	
24 Apr	School Holiday in lieu of Hari Raya Puasa	No school for all students
26 Apr	P5 & 6 WA1 Higher Mother Tongue	P5 & 6 only
27 Apr	P3 - 6 WA1 Science	P3 – 6 only
28 Apr	P3 – 6 WA1 Mother Tongue	P3 – 6 only
1 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	No school for all students
3 May	P3 – 6 WA1 Mathematics	P3 – 6 only
4 May	P3 – 6 WA1 English	P3 – 6 only
17 – 19 May	P5 Camp	Details to be released later
17 – 26 May	Annual Health Screening for Students	During Curriculum
23 May	P5 Innovation Day	During Curriculum
24 May	P1 to P6 E-Parent Teacher Meeting	8am to 4pm
	(E-PTM)	No school for all students
25 May	P1 to P6 E-Parent Teacher Meeting	2pm to 5.30pm
	(E-PTM)	School as usual for all levels
26 May	Fitness Fiesta	During Curriculum
	June School Holidays (27 May t	