



# South View Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We would like to thank all staff, pupils and parents for the success of the key events held in school last week. The P1 Character Trail provided an excellent opportunity for parents and pupils to bond through the learning of simple life skills. Many parents came up to us to share that they were exhausted from spending an entire school day with their child but they enjoyed doing the activities together. During the Parents' Briefing, we encouraged parents to reiterate the skills learnt and I was glad to see a parent asking her child on their way home what he was supposed to do when they reached a zebra crossing. I was so proud when he answered her correctly! We would like to thank the staff organizers of the event, SVPA and all parents who spent time to be with their children.



Before the P5 pupils left the school for their P5 Adventure Camp at the MOE Jalan Bahtera Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre on Wednesday, I told the pupils that they would enjoy the camp so much that when the camp was over, they would tell me that they wished they could have a longer camp. True enough, when we went for the campfire on the second night, many pupils came up to us and said that a 3D2N camp was not enough and they wanted more. We are pleased that the pupils enjoyed the camp and learnt a lot during the camp. As



shared last week, the memories of the camp will be with them for a long time. We were so pleased to see so many parents at the campfire despite the great lengths they had to take to get to the campsite. We are sure the pupils appreciated the time their parents took to participate in the campfire with them. I am sure the parents enjoyed the campfire, reminiscing their school days. We are one of the few schools who run the P5 camp on our own. Kudos to our teachers and staff who worked very hard to ensure a successful camp!

Last Saturday was another exciting event for parents, pupils and staff. The SVPA-organized Let's Make a Difference event provided an enjoyable time for the South View family to come together to do something meaningful for the community. Bonding through this meaningful activity provided the opportunity for parents, pupils and staff to get to know one another. We learn a lot about one another: where we usually shop at, what we do on Saturday mornings, and their favourite breakfast spots. As the adults scrutinized the prices of biscuits and cereals at the supermarket, the children helped to place the items in the shopping carts. Of course, they



kept asking if we should include this and that as they walked down the supermarket aisles. It was such a beautiful sight when the parents, pupils and staff got down on the floor in the school hall to pack everything they bought into the baskets and tape the cellophane wrap so tightly that nothing could drop out of the baskets. The sense of accomplishment was felt when we placed all our love hampers at the front of the stage to take a group photograph. We would like to thank SVPA for organizing the event and all parents, pupils, staff and ex-pupils for participating in this meaningful cause.



### **Gratitude**

The sense of gratitude was felt throughout the whole of last week and we felt that we must share about it to everyone. Gratitude is about being thankful and ready to show appreciation and return kindness to others. At the Let's Make a Difference event, we were pleasantly surprised that the children really wanted to do something nice for the elderly. Despite the many "distractions" at the supermarket, the children focused on looking for items that would be useful and suitable for the elderly. When the adults were packing the love hampers, the children sat at the tables and wrote kind words for the elderly so that they would feel appreciated. At the P5 Adventure Camp, we saw our pupils thanking the teachers serving each dish at dinner. We brought them brownies as a treat and despite the tiny size of the brownie, many pupils thanked us and came back to share that the brownies were delicious and they appreciated the treat. At P1 Character Trail, as we were waving goodbye to the parents and pupils on their way home, many parents came up to us to express their gratitude to the school for organizing the event so that they could bond with their children.

Gratitude is not something we are born with; it is nurtured and grows over time. By being grateful, we learn to appreciate what we have and appreciate others. We can cultivate gratitude in our children in many ways. Children learn by observing the actions of adults. As adults, we can role model gratitude, for example, by saying "Thank you" to them and others around us. We should also encourage our children to say "Thank you" to others. Once, I was in a lift at my flat and as the door was closing, I caught a glimpse of people approaching. I held the door open for them and a mother and her two young children stepped in. The moment they stepped in, the mother asked her children "Girls, what must you say?" and both the children said "Thank you" to me. I am sure that soon enough, the children would remember to say "Thank you" without being prompted. We do not have to show gratitude only when we receive something. We can teach our children to be grateful for the things they already have. Encourage them to be grateful for the family and friends they have, the love that they get, and the moments they get to experience. When your child reads or comes across others who may not have these, ask him/her how he/she feels. We tend to simply tell him/her that he/she is so fortunate but consider getting your child to realise himself how he/she should be grateful. Ask questions about what he/she can do to show appreciation for the things he/she has. When someone gives something to your child or does something nice for him/her, no matter how small these are, ask him/her how he/she can return the kindness to the person.

As our children develop the sense of gratitude, they will become happier individuals, make more friends, be less self-centred and able to bounce back from setbacks quickly. For more tips on this, you may read <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/raising-grateful-children-not-just-polite-ones>.

Thank you.

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Principal

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## 1) Event Calendar

### Term 2 Week 5: 16 - 20 April 2018

Date	Day	Time	Target Group	Description
16 Apr	Monday	After School	P3 pupils	SA1 EL Oral
			P5 pupils	SA1 MT Oral
18 Apr	Wednesday	Curriculum Time	P1 pupils	MA HA Performance Task
18 Apr	Wednesday	After School	P4 pupils	SA1 MT Oral
			P6 pupils	SA1 EL Oral
19 Apr	Thursday	Curriculum Time	P2 pupils	EL HA Topical Test 1

## 2) Teaching & Learning and Co-curriculum - Supplementary/Remedial Classes and CCA

Please note that all supplementary/remedial classes and CCAs will be suspended for T2W5.

## 3) Curriculum – Absence from Examinations and Tests

The assessments for the upcoming week can be found in the event calendar table above. More details can be found in the assessment letters issued in Week 2. Please ensure that your child/ward is present and punctual for the assessments.

As informed in our earlier communications, there will be no make-up for the assessment task if he/she is absent. If your child/ward is unable to take the assessment, please inform his/her form teacher of the reason for absence and provide a medical certificate that indicates the diagnosis, if unwell. They will not be assessed, even if they turn up, unless a doctor has certified that they are medically fit to sit for the assessment. Marks for these absentees will be computed accordingly.

For pupils whose external competition/exam dates clash with the internal school examination dates, please re-schedule their external competition/exam dates.

## 4) Student Well-Being - Direct Schools Admission

All P6 pupils have received a brochure with information on Direct Schools Admission (DSA). A letter for parents will also be issued to the pupils this week. Parents and pupils should refer to the MOE website <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec/overview>, which would be updated by May 2018 for further details. In addition, parents and pupils may also refer to the secondary school websites to find out more about the talent development programmes offered by the respective schools.