2 January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians of Sec 3 Students

INFORMATION SHEET (TERM 1 2018)

1 Happy New Year and a warm welcome to our Deyi family! We hope your child/ward has settled into school and is ready to start the New Year with discipline and determination.

GCE 'N' Level Results 2017

We are delighted to share with you that our students performed well in the 2017 GCE 'N' Level Examination with many subjects and overall passes exceeding national averages. We wish our graduands success in their future endeavours as they continue to bring pride to the Deyi community.

Homework Policy

The school believes that homework, when used appropriately, can reinforce students' learning, provide feedback on their progress and cultivate a healthy disposition towards continual learning. The school's Homework Policy guides teachers in setting well-designed homework to bring about intended learning outcomes, moderating the amount of time students spend on homework and providing timely feedback on marked assignments. The school management committee coordinates the homework load across departments by determining the weekly homework load for each subject. A "Homework Board" is available in every classroom for teachers to write down the homework given to the class as well as scheduled tests so that students can keep track of them. Your child/ward will also be instructed to write down details of homework and tests in the Student Handbook, for your reference as well. We seek your understanding and support as our partners in education to ensure that homework works for your child/ward.

Common Test

4 Common Tests will be conducted between Weeks 6 to 9 of Term 1. English and Mother Tongue Language Tests will be conducted in Weeks 6 and 7 followed by other subjects in Weeks 8 and 9. Details will be provided through your child.

School Hours & Timetable

5 School starts at 7.30 am every day, except for Wednesdays (8.30 am). Your child/ward is required to assemble at the quadrangle by 7.25 am on all days, except on Wednesdays when he/she must assemble by 8.25 am. Please note that the class timetable will run on different schedules on Odd and Even weeks. The week of 2-7 January is considered as Week 1, an odd week. Please refer to your child/ward's class timetable for the details.

Chinese New Year Celebration

On Chinese New Year's Eve, 15 Feb (Thursday), students are to report to school at 7.25am. School will be dismissed at 11.00 am. Your child/ward will be participating in various activities to celebrate the occasion. The principal and staff would like to wish students and parents.

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Co-Curricular Activity (CCA)

A holistic education provides students with a broad and deep foundation for lifelong learning. This includes learning not just in the academic areas. Equally important is the development of values and life skills in each child. This will equip the child to handle the challenges in life later on. Co-curricular programme also supports students to discover their strengths, interests and talents. Hence, CCA participation is compulsory at the secondary school level. Our school's CCA days* are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each session will last about 2.5 – 3 hours. The above information is presented in each student's timetable. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the PM Recess is from 2.10pm to 3.00pm. Students will have their lunch in the school canteen. They will then report to their CCAs at 3.00pm sharp.

*Schedule might vary due to competition/SYF requirements and other special activities.

8 Co-Curricular Day will be held on 13 Jan (Sat) which will showcase our school's range of cocurricular programmes and CCA groups. These programmes inculcate sound values in our students, build strength of character and foster camaraderie. They also provide opportunities for students to develop leadership qualities. Our Values-in-Action programme helps students develop qualities such as care, concern and respect for others in society. Booths are set up for students to interact with their seniors to discover what each CCA is about.

Inter-class Games

The Inter-Class Games kicks off in the month of February with **Futsal** tournaments for the Sec. 3s. The Inter-Class Games forms a vibrant backdrop to our intra-school competition sporting landscape. Let the Battle begin as the classes battle it out for the title of BEST SPORTS CLASS OF THE YEAR for the level. The details are as follows:

Date: 7 Feb 2018 (Wednesday) Time: 2.45 pm - 5.30 pm Venue: Field/Futsal Court

All Sec 3 students are strongly encouraged to participate as well as cheer on their classmates!

Track Meet

The traditional rivalry between the various level classes forms a vibrant backdrop to our intraschool competition sporting landscape. The Inter-Class Track Meet is a key annual Inter-Class event. The details are as follows:

Date: 9 Mar 2018 (Friday)

Time: 7.20 am - 11.30 am (estimated)

Venue: Toa Payoh Stadium (Uniformed Group ushers will be placed on route between Toa Payoh MRT

and Toa Payoh Stadium) Participants: All students.

Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight

As part of the Mother Tongue Language Fortnight activities, the MTL Department is organising workshops and competitions for the students in the month of January and February. These enrichment activities serve to enthuse students in the learning of their MTL Culture. Details of the workshops and competitions will be made known to the students by their respective MTL Teachers.











Use of Mobile Phones

- In order to maintain a conducive environment for learning and deter potential distractions, students are allowed to bring their handphones to school only under the following conditions:
 - (i) The phone must be switched off during curriculum time. Putting the phone in silent mode will not suffice as it will still serve as a potential distraction to students
 - (ii) The phone can only be used at 4 designated areas, i.e. the canteen, sports area (courts, fitness area and field), study pavilion and foyer. This condition applies to recess and after curriculum time.
 - (iii) The phone must not be used to take photos or videos in school, unless permission is given by the school authorities.
- Please note that students who do not comply with the above conditions on the use of handphone would have the privilege withdrawn.
 - (i) The handphone will be retained by the school for <u>1 week</u> for 1st violation of handphone rules, 2 weeks for 2nd violation and 3 weeks for 3rd violation.
 - (ii) Parent/Guardian are required to collect the handphone personally <u>after 1 week</u> for the 1st violation, 2 weeks for 2nd violation and 3 weeks for 3rd violation.
 - (iii) The privilege to bring any handphone to school will be withdrawn from recalcitrant offenders.
- Please take note that students are responsible for their own handphones. The school will not be held responsible for any loss or theft of the handphone.

MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (MOE FAS)

Leaflets from MOE showing the criteria, benefits and application procedure for MOE FAS have been placed outside the General Office for Singaporean students if they require financial assistance. Please submit the completed application form, together with supporting documents, to the General Office.

Camp Conquest

The objective of the camp is to provide experiential learning through which students can put in practice the school's core values – Integrity, Care, Dedication, Diligence, Determination, Discipline, with an emphasis on Dedication.

This 3D2N residential programme is held at Sarimbun Scouts Camp over the following days:

Report to School: 3 Jan (Wed) 7.25 am Dismissal from School: 5 Jan (Fri) 12.30 pm

MOE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS - THE GROWING YEARS PROGRAMME

- Sexuality Education (SEd) in schools is about enabling students to understand the physiological, social and emotional changes they experience as they mature, develop healthy and rewarding relationships including those with members of the opposite sex, and make wise, informed and responsible decisions on sexuality matters.
- SEd is premised on the importance of the family as the basic unit of society. This means encouraging healthy, heterosexual marriages and stable nuclear family units with extended family support. The teaching and learning of SEd is based on respect for the values and beliefs of the different ethnic and religious communities in Singapore on sexuality issues.
- 19 Parents who wish to opt their child/ward out of the Growing Years Programme will need to submit an opt-out form, which is downloadable from the school's website under "For Students > Holistic Education Links > Sexuality Education". Please submit a hardcopy of the signed form to the Form Teacher by 19 January 2018.













Temperature Taking Exercise

The temperature taking exercise aims to maintain our preparedness in health-related matters and is part of our continued efforts in safeguarding the well-being of Deyians. The exercise will be conducted on Friday, 5 Jan during the level camp.

Student Handbook

21 Every student is given a Deyi Secondary School Student Handbook 2018. In the student handbook, there is detailed information on all school matters. Rules and regulations are listed clearly in the school diary to help students identify acceptable and positive behaviours.

Mathematics Ace-Learning Portal

- The use of this Mathematics portal will enrich students' learning experiences and allow them to practise independent learning using the online, interactive resources and do self-remediation on Mathematics concepts. The cost that your child/ward will need to pay for this portal after subsidy from school is \$10.
- 23 We look forward to your continued support and partnership.

With Warm Regards,

Mrs Lim Ai Poo Principal Secondary) Mrs Joanne Gan Assistant Year Head (Upper









