

25 June 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians of Sec 1 Students

1 We welcome our students back for the new semester and are happy to share with you the updates on our activities in Term 3.

Accolades

2 Our Deyi Military Band shone with brilliance at the 2018 Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation with their 'Trial of Fire' musical piece, held on 14th April 2018 at Singapore Indoor Stadium, winning both the Certificate of Distinction as well as the Best Drum Major Award. Congratulations to all staff and students who worked so hard to bring pride to Deyi!

3 The show started off with a rousing opening from Game of Thrones, arranged by Jay Bocook followed by 'The Tribal Affect,' composed by Ian Grom and John Mapes. 'Trial of Fire' aptly encapsulates the Band's journey as every members learnt to work together and strived for a common purpose towards excellence. The 'Trial of Fire' also symbolises the challenges, failures and obstacles that our students have to face in their future. Just like steel after being tempered in extremely hot fire, they achieve greater resilience and emerge victorious in their respective areas in life. This spirit is very much in line with Deyi's persevering spirit of 4Ds that is reflected in our school crest, ie, Dedication, Determination, Diligence and Discipline.

Successful Concluding of SERVE Day 2018

4 Deyi's SERVE Day 2018 which consisted of the Youth Social Entrepreneurship Programme (YSEP) Carnival and a food donation drive was held on 2 June 2018. SERVE Day is a platform where Deyians can demonstrate the school values of determination, dedication and their care for the community.

Thanks to the generous support and active participation of our students, parents, alumni as well as residents of the community, we successfully raised \$14,220. These proceeds will go towards beneficiaries adopted by the classes, which are National Kidney Foundation (NKF), TOUCH Home Care and HCA Hospice Care. All food items collected are donated to Food From the Heart for distribution to the needy in the community.

Temperature Taking Exercise

5 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 Thursday, 28 June. Students are expected to have their Oral Digital Thermometer for the exercise.

No CCA on 17 July

6 There will be no CCA on Tuesday 17 July due to the GCE O Levels MTL Listening Comprehension. All students are to leave school immediately after the last period.

Racial Harmony Day

7 Racial Harmony Day will be celebrated on Thursday 19 July 2018 to deepen our students' appreciation of racial and religious harmony in Singapore. We hope to imbue a more matured and well-rounded global outlook in all our students with the activities planned during the CCE lesson prior to the celebration.

Term 3 Inter-class Games - Sec 1

8 The Inter-Class Games series continues with the Frisbee Tournament for Sec 1. This initiative aims to build class spirit, encourage healthy-living and create a vibrant intra-school sports competition climate. Classes will vie for the title of "Best Sports Class". All Sec 1 students are strongly encouraged to participate in the tournament or to cheer for their classmates! Details of the events are as follows:

Date: 25 July 2018 (Wednesday)
Event: Frisbee Tournament
Time: 2.55 pm – 5.30 pm
Venue: School Field

National Day Celebration

9 The National Day Celebration will be held on Wednesday, 8 August. All students are to report to school by 7.30 am and will be dismissed at 10.30 am.

10 The theme for this year's celebration will be in line with the National Day Parade which is 'We Are Singapore'. We are called to celebrate our people, our nation and our home and it is also a pledge of unity and togetherness among our diverse cultures. "We" in this year's theme emphasises the collective, where regardless of our origins and wherever we are, Singapore is our way of life and will always be our home.

Common Test

11 Common Tests will be conducted between Weeks 6 to 8 of Term 3. English and Mother Tongue Language Tests will be conducted in Weeks 6 and 7 followed by other subjects in Week 8. Details will be provided through your child.

ACES Day, Lower Sec Dance Challenge & Teachers' Day Celebration

12 ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) Day, Lower Sec Dance Challenge & Teachers' Day Celebration will take place on Thursday, 30 August. All students will report to school in full PE Attire by 7.25 am and they will be dismissed at 10.30am.

13 The celebration will start off with ACES Day, followed by the Dance Showcase by the Sec 1s and Dance Challenge by the Sec 2s. Next, all Students and Staff will be treated to a concert led by our Student Leaders, culminating with the Staff Award Presentation to honour teachers for their hard work and *heart* work.

Dance-in-curriculum

14 In term 3, all Secondary One students will attend dance lessons during curriculum hours as part of the school's continuing effort to promote love for arts among the students. The dance programme is also geared towards improving motor skills, stamina, flexibility, musicality, rhythm and overall strengthening of the body. The programme is fully subsidised

by school and a certificate of attendance will be issued to all students who fulfil at least 90% of the overall attendance.

Coding Enrichment Programme

15 All Secondary One students will participate in a Coding Enrichment Programme in semester 2. The programme exposes students to coding and computational thinking which helps to develop their problem-solving skills as well as creative thought processes. They will be exposed to block-based Scratch programming software and mBot robot kit.

2018 Direct School Admission (DSA) Exercise

16 Starting from the 2018 DSA Exercise (for the 2018 P6 cohort), secondary schools will be able to take in up to 20% of their intake through the DSA. This expansion allows more students to be admitted directly into schools that can better nurture their strengths and interests through specific programmes.

The following are the various specific talent areas offered by Deyi for the DSA exercise.

Visual and Performing Arts	Broadcast Journalism	Leadership	Sports and Games
Visual Arts Dance Drama Music (Band) Music (Choir)	Broadcast Journalism	Student Leaders Uniformed Groups	Basketball (Girls) Volleyball (Boys)

We invite all stakeholders to partner us in our publicity effort and alert friends and neighbours with P6 children to apply to Deyi through this DSA exercise. For more information, please visit <http://deyisec.moe.edu.sg/dsa>

17 Please note that Friday, 31 August is a scheduled school holiday for Teachers' Day.

18 We look forward to your continued support and partnership.

With Warm Regards,

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Principal