



# UNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

As we welcome our students back to a new term, do take note of the following information.

## 1. New staff

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Jasmine Tan Rodrigo, Vice-Principal (Administration), who joined the school in February.

## 2. Key Activities in Term 2

Day / Date	School Holidays / Celebrations
Sat, 15 Mar 25 – Sun, 23 Mar 25	Term 1 Break (School Holidays)
Mon, 31 Mar 25	Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)
Fri, 18 Apr 25	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Thu, 1 May 25	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Mon, 12 May 25	Vesak Day (Public Holiday)
Mon, 26 May 25	Home-Based Learning (HBL) (No School for P1 – P6) e-Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) 2
Sat, 31 May 25 – Sun, 29 Jun 25	Term 2 Break (School Holidays)
Mon, 30 Jun 25	Start of Term 3

## 3. Calendar Of Events (COE)

Please refer to this link [School Calendar \(moe.edu.sg\)](http://School Calendar (moe.edu.sg)) to access live and updated information on the school website. Do take note of the dates for weighted assessments for the level your child is in.

You may click on this link [https://calendar.google.com/coe\\_ups](https://calendar.google.com/coe_ups) and add the school's COE to your personal google account for ease of retrieval.

## 4. Eat With Your Family Day (EWYFD)

Eat With Your Family Day (EWYFD) is a nation-wide initiative led by the Centre for Fathering and supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time that day to bond with their families. Through the simple practice of having a family meal, this initiative serves as a reminder for families to eat and spend time together regularly.

MOE supports all four EWYFD on the last Friday of each of the school term where officers leave work on time to enjoy a meal with their family. As such, we would like to encourage **parents to pick up their children earlier from Big Heart Student Care Centre to have a family meal together.**

## **5. Student Well-Being & Safety**

We appeal to parents to continue exercising social responsibility and not send your child to school should he/she be unwell or experience any flu-like or infectious symptoms (even mild ones). You are advised to take your child to seek medical attention and he/she should only return to school when he/she has fully recovered.

## **6. Student Health Matters**

E-vaporisers are illegal in Singapore. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components. Any person convicted of such offences is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000 or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence. All prohibited tobacco items will be seized and confiscated.

MOE takes a firm stand against vaping. Vaping is categorised as a serious offence. When students are caught using or in possession of e-vaporisers, the prohibited product will be confiscated and their parents will be informed. The school will report the offender to HSA and manage vaping-related offences through existing disciplinary framework. These include taking school-based disciplinary actions such as suspension or caning (for boys). Students caught vaping will also be placed on cessation support programmes where counsellors will guide them through their cessation journey to effect long-term behavioural change.

Parents have an important part to play in your child's education. Parents are encouraged to have a serious conversation with your child about vaping to prevent it from becoming a life-long habit. More information about the harms of vaping is available on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>. There are resources and relevant information that parents can access on Parent Hub.

### Source:






*MOH-HSA press release on 'Multi-Agency Effort to Step up Vaping Enforcement and Education', dated 19 Dec 2023*

## **7. Physical Education Messages**

We are delighted to share a new initiative aimed at strengthening home-school partnership in Physical Education (PE) as part of MOE's ongoing efforts to enhance students' holistic development. Throughout the year, you will receive regular messages about your child's PE learning journey, including key movement skills being taught, fitness concepts explored and suggestions for family-based physical activities. These updates will enable you to engage meaningfully with your child about their PE experiences and reinforce their learning at home.

We believe that this collaborative approach will not only enhance your child's physical literacy but also foster a lifelong appreciation for an active and healthy lifestyle. Your involvement and support will be invaluable in helping your child develop positive attitudes towards physical activity and wellness.

You may click the hyperlink or scan the QR code to access the resources for each level.

<a href="#">P1 Term 1</a>	<a href="#">P2 Term 1</a>	<a href="#">P3 Term 1</a>	<a href="#">P4 Term 1</a>	<a href="#">P5 Term 1</a>
				

## 8. Cyber Wellness (CW)

In today's digital age, unrestricted access to the internet can expose children to inappropriate content and influences. This highlights the need for Cyber Wellness (CW) and Digital Resilience - the ability to navigate the online world safely, think critically and recover from digital challenges.

At UPS, the Cyber Wellness Awareness Initiative (CWAi) equips students with the skills to protect themselves, make responsible decisions and build resilience in the digital space. Throughout the year, students will learn to manage online risks and develop healthy digital habits, e.g. during Safer Internet Day, the school launched the CWAi Challenge 2025 where students will engage in interactive learning about Cyber Wellness, responsible online behaviour and ways to strengthen their digital resilience through an all-year online SLS challenge.

Parents play an essential role in supporting these efforts. When home and school environments work together, children are better prepared to make safe and informed choices online. To support your child's digital well-being, we encourage you to:

- ✓ Activate parental controls on household devices.
- ✓ Set clear guidelines for internet use and screen time.
- ✓ Model positive digital habits and responsible online behaviour.
- ✓ Engage with your child's online activities to guide them in making safe choices.

In line with this year's Safer Internet Day theme, "Empowering a Safe & Resilient Online Community", we invite parents to participate in a Screen-Healthy Weekend together with your child. Embrace the benefits of balanced screen time by intentionally stepping away from devices and enjoying meaningful offline activities as a family. Replace your usual online time with something that you want to do offline together.

By working together, we can empower our children to become digitally resilient and responsible users of technology. Learn more about online safety and screen time management through these resources:

- ✓ <https://go.gov.sg/moe-raising-a-digitally-smart-child>
- ✓ <https://go.gov.sg/screentimeadvisory-7to12>

## 9. Parents Gateway (PG)

This is a reminder that Parents Gateway (PG) is a one-stop portal and channel for school-home communication. To download PG or for its FAQ, visit <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/>.

**Kindly turn on the PG notification in your phone setting so that you can be alerted to PG updates from the school and MOE in a timely manner.**

With the PG App, parents can access all school announcements and consent forms, give consent for your child's activities anytime and anywhere. **Please read and retain such information so that you can keep abreast of the details such as date, duration, dismissal time, venue of your child's school activities, etc. To avoid inconveniences, we seek your co-operation to convey such pertinent information within your household so that the caregivers/ helpers do not have to call our staff/ teachers to enquire unnecessarily**

Thank you for your kind attention. We wish you a very fulfilling and rejuvenating break this March holiday and to our Muslim families, Selamat Hari Raya.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Lee-Koh SC  
Principal