



10th Dec 2020

Dear parents and students,

Today is the last day of Term I AY 2020-21, a day that every year in the past is full of laughter, excited and happy faces dressed in their best looking Christmas attire. We have always ended Term I with a Christmas Carnival or Tanarata's Got Talent Competition in the years gone by, events that are impossible to move online. We can only hope that the next year will be better and we can slowly but surely regain some semblance of normalcy.

Malaysia has slowly begun to relax its lockdown and with the interstate travel re-opening before the year end holiday season, we can hope that students will be allowed to return to school in January. We will keep you updated as and when we hear from MOE on this. I understand that some Intl Schools have received their approval to reopen physically for students on 5 January.

Why in-person school is best—when it is safe

For sure, Schools provide more than just academics to children and adolescents. In addition to reading, writing and math, students learn social and emotional skills, get exercise, and have access to counselling from teachers and other services that cannot be provided with online learning. The goal of having children attend school in person is only safe when a community has the spread of the virus under control.

We at Tanarata are a small community having less than 400 students and about 80 odd staff members. So, if any child or family is affected, the entire school gets affected. It is imperative that the school is kept updated about the Covid-19 health status of our community, especially when the students are back physically in school.

Parents Teachers Meet Term I

We have been testing our students' academics via online tests. As you can imagine, when learners are asked to stay home all day, attend school via logging on to laptops and being told to learn and absorb information through staring at a screen, motivation sinks to an all-time low. But as a school, we still need to measure how much a learner has 'learnt'!

We hope that combined with internet and computer glitches, this exercise was not too exhausting.

PTM is scheduled to be on 8 January. If we return to school with physical lessons, then we hope to see you, the parents and guardians in school for this. Alternately you may organise meet sessions with your child's class teachers to discuss the progress. We will keep you updated of our plans. All will be dependent on the MCO status of the country.

Inter House Debate Div A and Christmas Online Assembly

Interhouse Debate for Div A will be held online next week from Monday till Wednesday @ 10:00 am. Google meet links will be sent to participants and audience by the teacher organising the debate.

Christmas Online Assembly will be on 21 December. We will start uploading these via our YouTube channel and later link it to our fb page. I do hope students have planned some interesting and creative routines for the viewers. Please send these to us via your music teachers.

Bookshop Timing Before school opens for Term II

Tanarata's Bookshop on campus that is managed by UBSM will be open for the next term on 30th and 31st Dec between 9 am till 2:30pm. If Term II starts with students being in school, then the bookshop timings will be as mentioned on our website.

That is all for now. Have a good and safe break.

Regards,

Barnali Guha

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

- 11th Dec - Selangor Sultan's Birthday
- 14th Dec - Term I Holidays
- 21st Dec - Christmas Online Assembly
- 25th Dec - Christmas
- 5th Jan - AY 2020-21 Term II Commences



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