



**10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019**

Dear Parents and Students,

As we begin week 2 of our 13th academic year, we are engulfed as a nation by the 'HAZE' which according to the Department of Environment is *likely to persist until the end of this month in view of the low chances of heavy rains and the possibility of uncontrolled open burning.*

This has become a yearly feature of our lives in this part of the world. But life has to go on. We have decided that,

- We will continue with regular lessons for all classes unless the Air Pollutant Index rises to dangerous levels. If parents are concerned that their children may be adversely affected by the haze, they may keep them at home. All outdoor activities are being suspended till the air quality becomes better.
- I would request all parents to invest in a good face mask for their children especially those who are suffering from respiratory or other such related diseases. Please drink loads of water to keep yourselves hydrated and to remove of the hazardous particles from our system.
- ECAs are due to begin next week. If the haze situation persists, then ECAs such as soccer, basketball, tennis and swimming will be cancelled till the API reading comes under control.

### **History for Year 3 to 9 and Poetry from Year 7 to Year 9**

Parents of children from year 3 to Year 9 would have noticed that the History books are missing from the book list. Our teachers have complied and revised the relevant material for all classes from Year 3 till Year 9 and have produced it in the format of tastefully done up book. We are now ready to distribute the reference material to all classes from Year 3 till 6. The books for most of classes will be ready this week. Cost of production of these books range from RM 55 to RM 70. Poetry books will be costing about RM 45/-. Please send the amount with your child for these books as per the teachers instructions. These books are also being uploaded on teamie so that they may be accessed in the eBook format.

## **ECA Schedule for Term I AY 2019-20**

The Activities schedule after school is as attached. We would encourage all students to take up at least an activity from this list. Year 1 students are exempted from attending these activities till the time they get used to being in school for longer hours. Qualified coaches from outside will be invited to conduct these activities. Students are required to return the completed form together with the payment to the class teacher. All ECA's will run through the term and will stop the week before the term examinations.

We have introduced Ms Yeoh's Fun with Art as a new ECA this term. All activities will commence on the week beginning **17<sup>th</sup> September 2019**.

**French ECA** at a cost of RM 200/- from Year 5 onwards is compulsory for all the new students who never had French before and for those who are weak and must catch up on their grammar foundation. Basically, if the language foundation is not strong, students get discouraged from start and won't enjoy learning a new language! Please see Ms Julie if you have opted for French and she will guide you accordingly. She is looking at having the classes either on Tuesdays or Wednesdays

### **School Counsellor in Tanarata**

Talking things over with someone, listening to their problems, helping to find solutions and supporting them through the bad times, is what counselling is all about. Families and friends often take on counselling roles for each other. But sometimes the problems are within the family or with close friends and it is hard to get the help that you may need. We realised that the present generation of young adults are more comfortable talking to a third party.

We are continuing with our the services of *Enrich Counselling & Therapy Centre* for another year. A professional counsellor will be coming to school for two hours every week, every Tuesday from 1:30 pm till 3:30 pm. Students, please feel free to seek her out should you feel the need to.

As we begin this year, please remember that this is your school and we welcome your involvement. Since we recognize that parents are their children's first and most important teachers, we need your cooperation to provide your child with the best education possible. Take time to review and/or talk with your children about their school experiences. Your interest and concern in their school progress will motivate them to do their best. Maintain contact with your child's teachers and related staff members to establish a successful home/school connection.

That's all we have for now. Thank you.

**Barnali Guha**  
*Principal*

*Dates to Remember !*

6)	10-12 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Meet the Parents (Year 2 to Year
	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Thurs	First House Meet during assembly
	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon	Holiday in Lieu (Malaysia Day)
	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tues	ECA Starts/TCC Coffee morning