



28th Aug 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the New Academic Year 2018-19!

Welcome back to returning students and welcome to students and parents who are new to Tanarata! Another exciting school year is just around the corner and we look forward to seeing you on the first day of school **on Tuesday, September 4th**.

As you enter the school campus, you will notice that the main campus road has been substantially widened, thus allowing two cars to go past easily. The entrance to the SILK highway cannot be alerted as yet. We are still in discussions with the highway authorities on that matter.

IGCSE Results

Let me begin by sharing with you the happy news of excellent results by our outgoing class of 2017-18. We had 110 students from Year 9, 10 and 11 sitting for a total of 384 papers in 21 subjects of which 58.3% scored either an A* or an A ! A more detailed analysis of the results has been posted on our face book (fb) page. There is a slight dip in the overall number of As compared to last year's 71.7%. There could be multiple reasons for that, the most important being that the average band by CIE might have been reduced this year. What makes this year's result outstanding is that we have 5 students have perfect A* in all the subjects that they sat for! This class is especially close to me as this is the group that started with the school 11 years ago, when Tanarata was born...

Congratulations to the parents and students for your excellent achievements and personal growth.

Sale of Books for the New Academic Year

Books and uniforms for the coming academic year have been and will be on sale at the school bookshop as per the schedule below. Please ensure that your children have bought all their textbooks by the end of first week. The students will be provided with the class timetable and calendar on the first day of school when they meet their new class teachers. You may pre-order the books through the UBS website and ask them to

deliver it to the school. *Secondary school students also have the option of using the eBooks which already available in the library server.*

Aug 27 - 30: **Open Daily, 9am-2pm**

Aug 31 = Public Holiday

Sept 3 - 7: **Open Daily, 7:30am-3pm**

Books may be purchased from our online store too. Here is the link.

<https://www.ubsm.com.my/tis>

Note to New Students and their parents

1. Orientation for all new Year 1, 2 and 3 students

Date: **3rd September 2018 (Monday)**

Time: **10: 00 am till 12 noon**

Venue: **School MPH**

We would like to pay a little extra attention to you as it is the first day for your child's in a new schooling atmosphere. **As such, all new students are requested to gather in the school multi-purpose hall along with their parents at 10 am on 3rd September.** This is to ensure that the teachers have a little extra time to understand the children's needs and apprehensions.

2. **All new students are to wait at the 'Watersides' cafeteria on 4th September.** They will be guided by the teachers into their respective classes after the existing students have settled in.
3. To enhance the security aspects and minimize the likelihood of unauthorized person/s entering the campus, we have been issuing school **car security stickers**. Each family is entitled to two such stickers which should be collected personally from the security guard house after providing your vehicle registration number/s for school records. It is mandatory that every car entering the school premises to drop off or to pick up students have the car sticker clearly visible on the vehicles' windscreen.
4. Parents visiting the campus on the first day may also wait at the café.

Parking and Traffic Flow Reminders

As you may know, traffic congestion during the peak times during the start of school and dismissal causes a gridlock at the entrance to the school. We ask again that parents and students obey traffic laws, demonstrate common courtesy, comply with our guards and parking attendants, and think SAFETY FIRST.

We encourage parents to choose to drop off and pick up their children from the parking area in the campus. Proper use of this area will decrease traffic congestion in the parking lots and reduce headaches. Above all, please be courteous, considerate and patient.

Parents wanting to walk into the campus to help their children into the classrooms will be allowed to do so only during the first week. After this period, parents are advised to walk with them only till the green gate closest to the old building and not beyond that into the classrooms. We would like to encourage students to become independent and responsible.

Shifting of Classes /Teachers

In the new academic year you might find that your child has been moved to a different class. This shifting and movement is done randomly. Requests for shifting of class from A to B or the other way around will not be honoured. Once your child has been placed in a classroom, they will remain there for the remainder of the year, barring extenuating circumstances. All our teachers are qualified and prepared to teach both classes. If you should have questions, please check in with your child's teacher regarding their progress or send me an email.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) and Clubs

All ECA will be restarted after school hours between 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm every day from 3rd week onwards. Every student is encouraged to enrol in at least one activity. We have introduced some new exciting ECAs. More information will be given on this during our school assemblies and the next notice which will go out when school starts.

An approximate cost of RM 150.00 per student per term will be charged for all activities.

Involvement in School

As it is so important that teachers and parents work together in making a child's school year a happy and a successful one, it is hoped that you will be able to spend some time during the school year helping in the classroom or at home. Please discuss with your child's teacher, ways that will work within your schedule. Home/School partnership is the reason TiS continues to excel academically.

Meet the Parent Week

We will be organising sessions with the parents and teachers of primary classes (Year 2-6) after school during the first two weeks. All queries about activities, curriculum and such may be discussed with the subject and class teachers here. This would also be a good opportunity to know your child's classmates' parents. Please check the schedule below. All briefings will be in the MPH from 2 pm to 3 pm.

5th Sept 2018 (Wed) - Year 2 A and B

6th Sept 2018 (Thurs) - Year 3 A and B

7th Sept 2018 (Fri) - Year 4 A and B

12th Sept 2018 (Wed) - Year 5 A and B

13th Sept 2018 (Thurs) - Year 6A and B

The teachers and staff are looking forward to get to know you as parents and your child over the next few weeks. Lastly, throughout the school year, your child's teacher(s) and I

will be making a specific effort to stay in touch with you. You will be informed of your child's progress and of school activities on routine basis. Look for papers coming home, newsletters, email updates, tips and reminders. Each and every student and parent is a special part of our school community. Your communication with the school and your support for our programs is very important to us.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me whenever you have a question, a concern, or need information.

Thank you.

Barnali Guha

Principal

Calendar

Dates to Remember !

3 rd Sept	Mon	Orientation for new students
4 th Sept	Tues	Start of new Academic year!
5 th -13 th Sept		Meet the parent week
10-11 th Sept	Mon-Tues	Public Holidays
13 th Sept assembly	Thurs	First House Meet during
17 th Sept (Day)	Tues	Holiday in Lieu (Malaysia)
18 th Sept	Tues	ECA Starts



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