

# In Touch - Term 4 2017

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Zhonghua Primary School – 13 September 2017

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## Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we approach the last term of 2017, my teachers and I continue to reflect on our School Mission to “**Ignite Passion for Learning, Nurture Strength of Character**”. Our contemplations revolve around questions like: Are we using the right pedagogy to bring the **Joy of Learning** to our students? Are we creating the right kind of environment in our curricular and co-curricular programme to foster **Entrepreneurial Dare**? Are we doing enough to **Strengthen the Singapore Spirit** in our young charges? Our reflections started way earlier at the beginning of the year and filled us with “Divine Discontent” (to borrow the words of the Prime Minister at his ND rally speech 2016) to not be so readily satisfied with what we are doing but to look at how to do things better.

I am happy to say that my staff and I have embraced this challenge of bringing **Change** to our Teaching and Learning endeavours so as to be in sync with Singapore's Vision of being **A Smart Nation** where people are empowered by technology to improve living, create economic opportunity and build a closer community. Your children, I hope, would have shared with you how technology is widely used in their classrooms to activate their learning, make their thinking visible, to encourage sharing of views and allowing them to demonstrate their understanding of the lessons. This is part of our strategy to ignite passion for deep learning and to build mind-sets for our students to be future-ready.

As we move towards the end of the year, we take this opportunity to once again thank all parents and guardians for your partnership, support and understanding. At times we get diverging feedback from parents, for example on “More Homework vs Less Homework” or request for “More activities for holistic development vs less afternoon activities” etc. We take all this feedback and suggestions in our stride as a positive indication of parents willingness to be engaged and to work with us towards your children's continued progress and development. Let us continue to forge ahead together to do what is right and best for our children.

In this fourth and last edition of **In Touch** for the year 2017, we continue to chronicle our efforts and programmes at making Zhonghua Primary School a place where your children will find joy and meaning in learning. We hope the information we have shared throughout the year has been useful and has given you deeper insights into our school beliefs and directions. We hope for your continued support in our endeavour to build our pupils to be **Learners, Thinkers and Leaders** ready for the Future

Mdm Rostinah Mohamad Said

Principal

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## **Administration Information for Parents**

### **Cyber Wellness Issues Needing Parents' Attention**

On a few occasions, we have received feedback that some of our pupils had carried out unnecessary video-taping of their school mates without permission and circulating the videos on social media to other school mates. Some pupils had also formed Whatsapp chat groups and are active on Facebook. While we acknowledge that curiosity and experimentation may be fuelling their on-line interaction, we appeal to parents to work with us to monitor their children's use of social media and to guide them carefully in the proper use of technology so that they will not bring harm to themselves or others.

### **Good Behaviour on Public Buses**

The school seeks parents' support to help our pupils to be responsible users of public transport who show respect to other commuters on public buses. It is important that all our pupils follow the following guidelines while commuting on public buses:

- Respect self and others
- Be safe and responsible

For safety reason, they are strongly encouraged to remain seated at all times whenever seats are available. Loud noises and acts (e.g. walking along the aisle and playing in the bus) that may distract the driver or disturb other commuters are strictly not allowed. Pupils are also expected not to eat or drink on public buses to avoid dirtying the bus and causing inconvenience to other commuters.

### **Update on Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) Facilities Upgrading**

We are in the final stages of our PERI Upgrading and expect works to be completed by the end of Term 4. So far, the contractor is largely on schedule. Progressively, we have started using new facilities (e.g. Learning and Behavioural Support and the Programme for Active Learning Rooms) as the contractor hands them over to us.

We recently also received good news that funding has been approved for a slab-over project over the rear sloped area leading to the PUB canal. This will create more playing and facilities space at the same level as our rear backyard space now. The project is now in the planning, finalisation and approval of design stage. We look forward excitedly to having this extra playing space for our pupils.

### **External Safety Validation (ESV)**

On 20 Jul 2017, an external safety validation team came and reviewed our safety and security processes and efforts. This team with their specific expertise and knowledge, provided us the benefit of fresh perspectives and helped ensure that we did not have any safety or security blind spots. The ESV, further contributed to the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff.

## Improvement to School Uniform

Based on our review, we have made some modifications to the boy's uniform shirt and the unisex school PE/CCA T-shirt. The girl's pinafore and blouse remain the same. The 2018 Primary 1 cohort will be the first level wide group to use it.

1. The new boy's shirt is designed to not be tucked-in and comes with a 4 cm band at the bottom, with two fastening buttons on the sides of the band.
2. The new PE/CCA T-shirt comes with solid colour sleeves and a broad shoulder strip to the collar in the colour of the respective sports houses. The sides on the front also has a broader vertical house coloured strip.

***Do note that even though the stocks are already available, the 2017 Primary 1 to 6 pupils can continue to use the older version of both the boy's shirt and the unisex T-shirt until they graduate or when replacements are needed.***

## New School Vendor for School Uniform/PE Attire and Bookshop Operator

The sale of school uniform and PE attire and the Bookshop Operator are managed by the new vendors. The contact is as follows:-

<b>Bookshop Operator: BL Marketing Pte Ltd</b>			
Tel: 6281 9274	Fax: 6284 8785	blmarketingpteltd@gmail.com	School Term - Mon to Fri 8.30am to 3.30pm
<b>School Uniform/ PE Attire Vendor: Asencio Pte Ltd</b>			
Tel: 6764 3102	Fax: 6764 1032	uniforms@asencio.com.sg	(Same as above) Items are on sale at the school bookshop

## **ST1: Fostering the Joy of Learning and Entrepreneurial Dare**

### **Curricular Innovation**

<b>P3 Sail-Boat Making</b>	Pupils had to design and build a boat using recycled materials that is able to move on water without sinking. They applied concepts they have learnt in the chapter 'Materials' to decide on the materials to use for the different parts of their boat.
<b>P4 Fun with Shadows</b>	Pupils attended an activity on the topic of "Light" at the Singapore Science Centre where they learned to create cut-outs to make silhouettes of plants and animals. They were taught how to use LED lights to bring out stories using their silhouettes and to create a mood on the screen. Following this activity, the pupils composed and presented their own stories at school using shadow play to demonstrate their creativity and their understanding of the concepts on light.

<b>P5 Pass it On Activity on Heredity</b>	Pupils constructed a family tree using recycled materials to trace the characteristics that are passed down from their grandparents to them. They then carried out a presentation on their family tree to their peers to share on the various characteristics they have inherited and to appreciate the diversity of characteristics that they possess.
<b>P2 Fun with Maths</b>	Pupils used the concepts and skills learnt from the topic of Money to play various roles as the cashier and customers in a shop. They had a lot of fun deciding on what to buy and how to use the “cash” to pay for their purchases.
<b>P4 Fun with Maths</b>	Based on the topics of Decimals and Fractions, pupils made cup-cakes and applied their knowledge of fractions, mixed numbers and decimals when they measured the ingredients to roll out their cupcakes. In teams, they had great fun preparing and savouring their cupcakes.
<b>Mother Tongue Language Fortnight</b>	Held in in Term 3, Week 3 and 4, a wide range of activities related to Chinese, Malay, and Tamil languages were conducted to help our pupils build a deep interest in language-learning and to gain insights into the associated culture. The CL pupils enjoyed activities like Chinese Tea Appreciation, Chinese painting, story-telling, paper-cutting, cross-talk and language games. The ML pupils took part in traditional games like congkak, capteh and bola lubang. They also attended workshops on Batik Painting, Angklung, Dikir Barat and Seni Khat. The TL pupils took part in activities like Lamp designing, Clay Craft, Henna Painting, Kolam, Traditional Indian Games, Language Games, Story-Telling and Drama.

### Curricular Enrichment

<b>EL Enrichment Programmes</b>	In our effort to promote the joy of learning English Language, the following enrichment activities were organised in the hope that pupils would be able to develop language skills through fun and engaging activities. P1 – Speech and Drama P2 – Speech and Drama P3 – Poetry Appreciation P4 – Poetry Appreciation P5 – Effective Public Speaking
<b>EL Support Programme</b>	To support our struggling readers in P1 and P2 who are on the FAS, a Reading Programme was organised with the aim to develop pupils’ confidence in reading by strengthening their phonemic awareness, equipping them with strategies to decode using phonics and to recognise sight words.

## Recognition for Our Pupils

<b>Media Resource Library Top Borrowers (May to August)</b>	<p>The school recognises pupils' efforts to improve themselves through reading. We commend the following pupils for being the top borrowers for the months of May to August:</p> <p>Primary 1: Brieana Lee, Deekshant Gurung, Yug Thapa Magar, Gerlyn Chan, Amelie Koh , Aavash Subba, Chew Jasper</p> <p>Primary 2: Jovin Yeo, Kevin Gurung, Anuja Begha, Feyvien Kee Jun Bo</p> <p>Primary 3: Xanthus Liew, Nicole Lim, Samhavya Gurung</p> <p>Primary 4: Jasmita Pal, Mahi Arya, Sim Yu Xuan, Yulove Gurung</p> <p>Primary 5: Areefa Begam, Ryan Ilhan, Ng Xin Hui, Leanne Gui, Vijay Anand Anvita, Garbuja Brinda, Pavin Saengthong, Liew Josslyn</p> <p>Primary 6: Aashish Rana Magar, Li Duanlannan, Mohamad Hilmi, Sudip Pun</p>
<b>Primary School Debate Open 2017</b>	<p>Cheah Zong Heng, Chung Wei Hong, Vijay Anand Anvita and Zoe Josephine Tiah Hui Ting from P5 Diligence took part in the Primary School Debate Open 2017, Division 2. They did their best and won 2 out of 3 rounds. Good effort Team!</p>

## ST2: Strengthening the Singapore Spirit

### Physical Education / CCA / Outdoor Education / Health Education

<b>P5 Adventure and Leadership Camp 2017</b>	<p>The P5 pupils experienced a 3 day-2 night camp at Changi Coast Adventure Centre from 27 July till 29 July 2017. The theme for this year's camp was 'DARING BELIEVERS, RESILIENT ACHIEVERS'. The pupils went through challenging activities like challenge rope course, abseiling, rock wall, flying fox and team building activities. They persevered throughout the challenges and managed to reinforce the learning of school values, helping them to imbue the qualities of a learner, a thinker and a leader. Throughout these 3 days, the pupils also built stronger bonds with their peers and teachers.</p>
<b>P3 Outdoor Learning Experience</b>	<p>On 4 Aug 2017, Primary 3 pupils participated in the Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE) Programme at Bedok Reservoir. Activities included scaling high elements, building tents and working in teams. Pupils displayed a spirit of entrepreneurial dare as they ventured out of their comfort zone and conquered their own fears. Kudos to P3!</p>

## Pupil Leadership

<b>Prefects Investiture 2017</b>	The Prefects Investiture ceremony was held on 25 July 2017 to appoint prefects for the year of service July 2017 to June 2018. The investiture symbolises the handing over of duties and responsibilities from the current to the new EXCO Committee of the Prefectorial Board. P6 prefects were given recognition for their contributions as pupil leaders to the school for the past years. Mdm Rostinah gave out the ties and commissioned our newly appointed head and assistant head prefects, heads of committees as well as the junior and senior prefects. The ceremony ended with an inspiring speech by the new head prefect, Cheah Zong Heng, and the prefects pledging their commitment to their roles and responsibilities as prefects of the school.
<b>Teachers' Day Celebration</b>	The school held its Teachers' Day Celebration on 30 August 2017 with a meaningful concert conceptualised by the P5 prefects. The theme "Angels" and the slogan "Teachers, You're Our Guiding Angels" were chosen. During the concert, teachers were treated to a video, games and a series of song and dance performances by our P3 to P5 pupils and were also presented with specially packaged tokens in the form of angels by the P5 prefects. The celebration ended with the singing of the Teachers' Day song written by a former teacher of the school and a loud "Happy Teachers' Day" that reverberated throughout the hall.
<b>P3 Pupil Leadership Training</b>	A pupil leadership training, held concurrently with the Outdoor Education Programme, was organised for the P3 pupils on 4 August 2017. The focus for the pupil leadership training was to develop our P3 pupils to be confident leaders who are able to lead themselves first. Through experiential learning, the P3 pupils were introduced to the concept of leadership and taught time management and organisation skills. This year's training also aims to develop the spirit of entrepreneurial dare in our P3 pupils through Design Thinking. In groups, pupils designed values mascots to promote school values to the P1 pupils.

## Character and Citizenship Education (CCE)

<b>Racial Harmony Day</b>	The school commemorated Racial Harmony Day on 21 July 2017 to remind pupils of the importance of maintaining a harmonious multi-cultural society that Singapore has built over the past 53 years. With the theme 'The Singapore Way', pupils were given the opportunity to experience and appreciate cultural activities other than their own through activities such as playing of a Malay Kompang, decorating their own Rangoli and making of the Chinese rice dumpling.
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<p><b>P5 NE show</b></p>	<p>An annual privilege for every P5 pupil, the NE Show was held at The Float @ Marina Bay on 15 July 2017. This year's theme for National Day Celebrations, #OneNationTogether aimed to urge all Singaporeans to stay united, stay alert and stay strong in the face of diversity in our country and challenges ahead of us. Our pupils and teachers had a close-up view of the Red Lions' entrance from the sky and the line-up of military resources to defend the country. As a post-NE show activity, pupils created a photo montage to share their experience and thoughts on what they could do to ensure that Singapore stay united as one nation together.</p>
<p><b>School National Day Celebration</b></p>	<p>We celebrated Singapore's 52nd birthday on 8 August 2017. Staff and pupils came in red and white to celebrate the occasion with the theme #OneNationTogether. The celebrations started with the Observance Ceremony helmed by parade commander, Andy Koh, an ex-pupil of Zhonghua Primary School. A mini-musical was put up next by our teachers to highlight the challenges that Singapore faces and how these challenges could be overcome by Singaporeans if we stay united as one nation together.</p>
<p><b>Values in Action: School-wide VIA</b></p> <p><b>P1 VIA – Welcome to Zhonghua!</b></p> <p><b>P2 VIA – I'm a Great Helper!</b></p> <p><b>P3 VIA – Interacting with Seniors!</b></p> <p><b>P4 VIA – Fun Hour @ St Luke's Eldercare</b></p> <p><b>P5 VIA – ABC Environmental Conservation Trail</b></p>	<p>This year, we managed to raise a total of \$4,770.30 for St Luke's Eldercare to help them continue developing their services such as hospital dementia care, hospital palliative care, eldercare services and eldercare programmes.</p> <p>Our P1 pupils made bookmarks for the next year's P1 cohort to welcome them to the school and to practise showing care to the people around them.</p> <p>P2 pupils were given a Great Helper card before the start of the June holidays and tasked to complete basic chores at home and to show care to their families. Through this activity, the school hopes that pupils will continue to take the initiative to help out with basic household chores.</p> <p>P3 pupils will learn skills on how to interact with the elderly during CCE lessons. They will then carry out activities of spending time with their grandparents or elderly neighbours and completing tasks with them. With this activity, we seek to inculcate in pupils the value of respect and care for the elderly.</p> <p>(Already reported in In touch Term 2 2017)</p> <p>The P5 pupils went on a learning journey to Marina Reservoir, on 22 May 2017 to learn about water pollution and water conservation. As part of their Project Work and VIA activity, the pupils will work on a presentation to educate their juniors in</p>

<p><b>P6 VIA – Micro:bit FIESTA</b></p>	<p>P1 on the importance of water conversation. With this activity, the school aims to inculcate the value of responsibility among our P5 pupils.</p> <p>Our P6 pupils will be working on a Micro:bit project to design toys that would be used in an Entrepreneurial FIESTA for pupils of all levels at the end of term 4. We hope to develop our pupils to be socially responsible individuals with the compassion and desire to serve the school community.</p>
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### Recognition for Our Pupils

<p><b>Model Pupils of the Month for May and July</b></p>	<p>The school is proud to celebrate the achievement of pupils who have shown exemplary behaviour and positive attitude in the months of May and July. Monthly Model Pupil Award Certificates were presented to them at the school pre-assembly to affirm their good demonstration of values.</p> <p><b>Model Pupil Awardees for May</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="547 927 1436 1435"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="547 927 842 965">Primary 1</th> <th data-bbox="842 927 1161 965">Primary 2</th> <th data-bbox="1161 927 1436 965">Primary 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="547 965 842 1182">Teo Rui En Ashlynn Yeo Shao Zhi Shawn Anuska Kaucha Gharti Lee Ming Hao Isaiah</td> <td data-bbox="842 965 1161 1182">Aldric Neo Le Jun Elizabeth Feng Jia Xin Mohd Danial Md Fadli Madhumitha Raghavan Genista Gurung Liu Fanfei</td> <td data-bbox="1161 965 1436 1182">Jerlynn Yau Kai En Kwok Zung Han Darriel Chan En Matheo Chng-Petit Rosy Pun Caiden Khoo Qi Yang</td> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="547 1182 842 1220">Primary 4</th> <th data-bbox="842 1182 1161 1220">Primary 5</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1182 1436 1220">Primary 6</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="547 1220 842 1435">Ahamed Aadil Laffir Wang Yi-Syun Melvin Yeo Wei Liang Iskandar Joekarnine Shireen Natalia Md Nizar Muhd Fais Mohd Latiff</td> <td data-bbox="842 1220 1161 1435">Zefanya Loretta Sarianna Sianipar Charmaine Toh Jia En Nursakinah Zailudin Kolanchimani Tharuna Tina D/O Siva Kumar</td> <td data-bbox="1161 1220 1436 1435">Eddula Jyotsna Reddy Ang Hong Anh Lee Zhi Wei Sudip Pun Sreejana Rai</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Model Pupil Awardees for July</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="547 1509 1436 2033"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="547 1509 842 1547">Primary 1</th> <th data-bbox="842 1509 1161 1547">Primary 2</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1509 1436 1547">Primary 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="547 1547 842 1765">Sulaksha Pun Nur Fitri Rahayu Binte Mohd Nizar Shivenitha Jayachandran Muhd Rendy Qusyairi Bin Kamal</td> <td data-bbox="842 1547 1161 1765">Bihon Gurung Ace Wong Zhin Sang Sreenatha Shreshta Koh Yue Jia Jas Goh Tian Ci Glenson Kilat Kencana Bin Mohd Kamal</td> <td data-bbox="1161 1547 1436 1765">Daphne Chua Lwin Thuya Naing Geesal Gurung Boey Michelle Govindaraj Keerthika Tay Kai Rui Ashton</td> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="547 1765 842 1803">Primary 4</th> <th data-bbox="842 1765 1161 1803">Primary 5</th> <th data-bbox="1161 1765 1436 1803">Primary 6</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="547 1803 842 2033">Shruti Sardar Lee Boon Hsuan Yeung Ler En Ruth Tan Zhan Yi Syafinaz Ayu Binte Hamzah Putra Al-Etihad Mahsuriz Bin Masri</td> <td data-bbox="842 1803 1161 2033">Subiksha Sunthari Shanmuga Sunthar Maya Cheah Xiao Wen Safin Pun Wira Suryanto Bambang Surya Wijaya Muhammad Adrian Shukry</td> <td data-bbox="1161 1803 1436 2033">Nyein Su Thar Harine D/O Sugumaran Lim Ke Er Fleur Leon Tay Xian Qin Sreejana Rai</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3	Teo Rui En Ashlynn Yeo Shao Zhi Shawn Anuska Kaucha Gharti Lee Ming Hao Isaiah	Aldric Neo Le Jun Elizabeth Feng Jia Xin Mohd Danial Md Fadli Madhumitha Raghavan Genista Gurung Liu Fanfei	Jerlynn Yau Kai En Kwok Zung Han Darriel Chan En Matheo Chng-Petit Rosy Pun Caiden Khoo Qi Yang	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6	Ahamed Aadil Laffir Wang Yi-Syun Melvin Yeo Wei Liang Iskandar Joekarnine Shireen Natalia Md Nizar Muhd Fais Mohd Latiff	Zefanya Loretta Sarianna Sianipar Charmaine Toh Jia En Nursakinah Zailudin Kolanchimani Tharuna Tina D/O Siva Kumar	Eddula Jyotsna Reddy Ang Hong Anh Lee Zhi Wei Sudip Pun Sreejana Rai	Primary 1	Primary 2	Primary 3	Sulaksha Pun Nur Fitri Rahayu Binte Mohd Nizar Shivenitha Jayachandran Muhd Rendy Qusyairi Bin Kamal	Bihon Gurung Ace Wong Zhin Sang Sreenatha Shreshta Koh Yue Jia Jas Goh Tian Ci Glenson Kilat Kencana Bin Mohd Kamal	Daphne Chua Lwin Thuya Naing Geesal Gurung Boey Michelle Govindaraj Keerthika Tay Kai Rui Ashton	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6	Shruti Sardar Lee Boon Hsuan Yeung Ler En Ruth Tan Zhan Yi Syafinaz Ayu Binte Hamzah Putra Al-Etihad Mahsuriz Bin Masri	Subiksha Sunthari Shanmuga Sunthar Maya Cheah Xiao Wen Safin Pun Wira Suryanto Bambang Surya Wijaya Muhammad Adrian Shukry	Nyein Su Thar Harine D/O Sugumaran Lim Ke Er Fleur Leon Tay Xian Qin Sreejana Rai
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<p><b>Commendation from the Public</b></p>	<p>We are proud of our pupil Ashok Kumar Moanish of P5 Discipline for his civic-conscious act and for displaying the school value of Responsibility. Moanish was commended on 18 July 2017 by a member of the public through an email.</p> <p><i>Dear Principal, I wish to commend your pupil, Moanish of Primary 5 for his kind and thoughtful and considerate act. At about 4 o'clock this afternoon, I saw a boy push an o-bike that was left on the grass verge along upper Serangoon road near Nex, to a nearby parking area. After that he went back to push another one to the parking area, too. I asked him why he did it. He said that he did it so that the selfish act of only 2 persons would not cause others not to be able to use o-bikes again. I'm impressed with him and wish to commend him on his kind and thoughtful actions.</i></p> <p><i>Regards Mrs Jane See</i></p>
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### **ST3: Valuing Staff Innovation and Engagement**

#### **Staff Learning and Development**

<p><b>Singapore Teaching Practice (STP)</b></p>	<p>Launched by our Director-General of Education at NIE's Redesigning Pedagogy International Conference on 31 May 2017, the Singapore Teaching Practice (STP) is a model that makes explicit how effective teaching and learning is achieved in Singapore schools. Anchored on the notion that teaching is a profession, the STP draws on Singapore educators' beliefs about how students learn and teachers teach. Our school leaders, selected key personnel and teacher leaders have undergone training on STP. We will cascade the training to all our teachers at our year-end review and planning week so that all of us are equipped with the necessary knowledge and competencies on STP to deliver engaging and efficacious lessons.</p>
<p><b>Use of ICT in Counselling project</b></p>	<p>Our School Counsellor Ms Elisha Sze will be participating in a study with MOE Guidance Branch to explore the use of technology to enhance social and emotional competencies in school counselling sessions.</p>
<p><b>PE Edulab Project: Active Learning in PE through Self-Assessment enabled by Similarity Analysis Technology and Collaborative Learning - (SASA-CoL).</b></p>	<p>The school is embarking on a 2-year Physical Education Innovation project with the Edu-Lab Unit (MOE) and NIE. The purpose of the project is to design and study active learning with the use of similarity analysis technologies and provide students with learning conditions that incorporate self-assessment and collaborative learning mediated by computer-enabled similarity analysis. By incorporating ICT-mediated self-assessment and collaborative learning, the project ultimately aims to develop self-directed learning in students.</p>

<b>Augmented Reality (AR) Project with NUS</b>	<p>A team of our Primary 5 Science teachers led by a Science Senior Teacher and our HOD ICT are initiating a collaboration with researchers from NUS to co-design Science lessons leveraging on Augmented Reality technologies.</p> <p>These collaborative effort presents learning opportunities for our teachers to try innovative teaching practices using emerging technologies. During the iterative process from this year to next year, our teachers would have a number of opportunities to learn and work with NUS researchers. The completed project would allow our Primary 5 students to visualise how the complex human body systems work.</p>
<b>Cluster School-based Leadership Team (SBLT) Sharing on Active Learning</b>	<p>On 13 July 2017, our Science teachers had the opportunity to share how we at ZPS design for active learning empowered by technology with fellow educators from the South Zone S6 Cluster. This event provided an opportunity for participants to learn from each other on how to design learning experiences that promote thinking and discussion between students using technology like tablets and web-app facilitated by teachers.</p> <p>Through such learning platform, our teachers become better equipped to use technology to monitor students' learning and provide timely feedback to help them improve.</p>
<b>Math Cluster Sharing</b>          <b>ICAN Sharing of Good Practices</b>    <b>Upcoming ICAN Sharing Sessions</b>	<p>Mrs Sharon Seah, our Cluster Math Mentor, co-conducted an ICAN workshop for S6 Cluster Schools on ICAN Principles and Analysing Errors in Fractions with School Math Mentor of Yangzheng Primary School on 21 July. Participants learnt how to apply the ICAN principles in their teaching and learning as well as to identify and address pupils' errors in Fractions.</p> <p>Ms Liang Lifang shared on her experience as a KP involved in the ICAN Project during the Moving Forward Session for KPs and SMMs at AST on 29 August.</p> <p>Mr Lee Cher Kiak will be sharing on his experience as a teacher involved in the ICAN Project during the Network Session for SMMs and teachers involved in the 2017 ICAN Project at AST on 12 September.</p> <p>There will be an ICAN Symposium on 1 November 2017 at St Hilda's Primary School. Mrs Sharon Seah will be sharing at the Symposium on an ICAN project with South Zone CMMs on Mathematics Reasoning. Ms Liang, Mrs Wendy Ng, Mr Lee Cher Kiak and Ms Rozianah will also be sharing at the same ICAN Symposium on Leveraging videos to improve teaching.</p>
<b>Sharing at the Physical &amp; Sports Education (PSE) Conference</b>	<p>Mr Abdul Mutalib was given the opportunity to share his Innergy Project on Physical Education Assessment &amp; Teaching Tool (PEAT2) at the Physical &amp; Sports Education (PSE) Conference 2017 in September.</p>

<b>Sharing at the Singapore International Science Teachers' (SISTC) Conference 2017</b>	Mrs Joan Benjamin and Mdm Fatimah will be presenting a paper entitled "ICT infusion to MAKE Science Thinking Visible (iMASTV)" at the SISTC in November. We wish them all the best.
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### Staff Health and Wellbeing

<b>Teachers' Day Dinner</b>	<p>On 30 August 2017, the teachers and staff of Zhonghua Primary celebrated Teachers' Day with a sumptuous dinner hosted by our School Advisory Committee. The celebration was held at a restaurant at Hotel Miramar.</p> <p>The theme for the evening was 'Mafia Night' and many participated sportingly by putting on 'Mafia-looking' attire. The non-teaching staff assisted in the logistics preparation for the evening and with the great help from Staff Wellbeing Committee, everyone had a very enjoyable and wonderful evening celebrating together as one big Zhonghua family!</p>
<b>MOE Health Screening Programme for Staff</b>	The school will be participating in the MOE Health Screening Programme for MOE staff. The objective of the programme with MOE subsidy is to encourage staff to take greater ownership of their health. A large number of our school staff will be joining the health check programme which is scheduled on Fri 10 Nov 2017.

### Staff Recognition

<b>National Day Awards 2017</b>	The Singapore National Day Awards are a means of recognising various forms of merit and service to Singapore. We congratulate Mdm Elaine Lee Nyuk Lin who received the Commendation Medal and both Mrs Kavinchelvam Kalaivani and Mdm Sarah Binte Salim who received the Long Service Medal 2017.
<b>Commendation for services rendered at the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN School Games</b>	Mr Abdul Mutalib served as Assistant Coach for the Singapore Schools Sepak Takraw team which participated at the 9 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN School Games in Singapore from 13 to 21 July 2017. He received a letter of appointment and commendation from the Chef de Mission.
<b>Welcome to our New Staff</b>	We warmly welcome IT Support Officer Mr Perweez Neqqi S/O Mohamed Shahad who has joined us this term and look forward to having him in Team Zhonghua.
<b>Congratulations on birth of new-born baby</b>	We congratulate Mr Abdul Mutalib on the birth of his baby son on 10 September and wish him and his family all the best.

## **ST4: Engaging and Collaborating with Partners in Education**

### **Collaboration with Parents**

<b>School Open House 2017</b>	<p>The School Open House was held on 8 July 2017. More than 100 pupils from various kindergartens attended the event with their teachers and parents. Fascinating performances were put up by ZPS Dance Clubs and Choir to entertain our guests. After the presentation and dialogue session by our school leaders, the children and their parents got to know our school better by participating in various activities, such as Eco-garden Outdoor Experience, Classroom Experiences Parent Child Bonding activities and Games Carnival.</p> <p>Through the Open House, we hope to reach out to parents of the potential P1 pupils to promote the unique strength and programmes offered by our school.</p>
<b>School National Day Celebration</b>	<p>The school extended an invitation to all parents and guardians to join us in our National Day celebrations. The support was tremendous. Many parents in their red and white attire joined the school in the observance ceremony and also in the celebration. We hope to have more parents joining us at our various school events and to get to know our programmes better.</p>
<b>Parent Workshop – “Screamfree Parenting – Parent Nurture”</b>	<p>This interesting workshop was held for parents on 8 July 2017. It helped parents find the calmest ways to manage and navigate through the greatest storms with our kids. The learning of Screamfree Parenting is achieved through a process which takes into consideration the cognitive, affective and psychomotor factors of Bloom’s Taxonomy of Learning.</p>
<b>Father-Child bonding Activity – Scrapbook Making</b>	<p>We conducted our first father-child bonding activity on 22 July 2017 for parents of P1 to P3 pupils. Fathers and their children bonded through fun and educational hands-on activity. This scrapbook making activity aimed to enable fathers and children to spend quality time together and interact with each other to help in fostering strong familial relationship.</p>
<b>Parent workshop – “Parenting in Tandem with Personality Workshop”</b>	<p>In this workshop” on 12 August 2017, parents learnt to understand themselves and their children’s personalities so as to embrace better bonding and help in understanding each other. Parents had a very fruitful session by discussing and sharing their thoughts and experiences with each other.</p>

### **Collaboration with ZEST Parent Volunteer Group**

<b>Parent Volunteers Appreciation Lunch cum Workshop</b>	<p>On 30 June 2017, the school hosted a buffet lunch for parent volunteers in appreciation of their services rendered to the school. The school really values the services of our ZEST members as they step in as the extra manpower for our various learning journeys, school events and programmes.</p> <p>After the lunch there was a parent-child bonding activity. It was an activity which involved the use of "Jumping Clay". ZEST members and their children used the clay to create the theme "Our Garden".</p>
<b>ZEST Support for our School Events</b>	<p>We would like to extend our appreciation to the Parent Volunteers for their services rendered during the following school events/Learning journeys:</p> <p>ZPS Open House on 8 July 2017 Racial Harmony Day on 21 July 2017 Tea Appreciation Learning Journey to Tea Chapter on 10 July 2017 &amp; 24 July 2017 Chinese Drama Appreciation to SOTA on 17th July</p>

### **Collaboration with School Advisory Committee**

#### **Hosting of Teachers' Day Dinner by School Advisory Committee**

On 30 August 2017, all the staff were invited to the Teachers' Day Dinner hosted by our School Advisory Committee at a restaurant at Hotel Miramar. The SAC had generously supported and sponsored the cost of the event which included a sumptuous 8-course dinner as well as 40 lucky draw gifts. All the teachers and staff together with the SAC members had an enjoyable time celebrating the Teachers' Day 2017 together.

The school would like to express our appreciation and thanks to our SAC Committee for their continuous and generous support.

### **Collaboration with the Community**

<b>Youth Guidance Outreach Services (YGOS) Mentoring Programme</b>	<p>The programme aims to build and strengthen social and emotional resilience in our pupils through the playing of Tchoukball. The thirteen P3 to P6 boys identified for this mentoring programme are currently preparing for the 2017 Singapore Press Holdings Foundation Zonal Primary Schools Tchoukball Championship which will be held on 9 November 2017. We wish them all the best.</p>
<b>MENDAKI Youth-In-Action Programme</b>	<p>Funded by Yayasan MENDAKI, the Youth-In-Action Programme is conducted by external trainers during a total of</p>

<b>(MENDAKI YIA)</b>	fifteen 1-hour sessions. The programme aims to harness pupils' potential through the principles of Positive Youth Development (PYD). Forty of our P4 to P6 pupils completed the programme on 16 August 2017 which provided the opportunities to enhance their interests, skills and abilities through sports-based activities and reflective and motivational sessions with the mentors. The programme will benefit another sixteen P1 to P3 pupils who embarked on the programme at the start of Term 3.
<b>Food From The Heart (FFTH)</b>	<p>The school partners FFTH to support needy pupils through the following programmes:</p> <p><u>Food Goodie Bag</u> 34 FAS families are supported with non-perishable basic food provisions such as rice, cooking oil, biscuits, beverages and canned food, etc. for 11 months per year.</p> <p><u>I CAN Award</u> The primary objective of 'I CAN Award' is to motivate pupils under FFTH to strive for their highest potential and inculcate in them the 'I CAN' spirit when encountering various obstacles in life. We are pleased to inform that the following three pupils under FFTH have been awarded the 'I CAN Award' this year:</p> <p>Nur Faiqah Dayana Binte Mohamad Jufri Syifa 'Afiyah Binte Sa'at Hairul Irfan Bin Samad</p>
<b>Heartware Network Tuition Programme</b>	The school collaborated with Raffles Institution (JC) in Term 3 to support pupils in the academic area. The community tuition session held on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 5.30 pm is conducted by 8 pupils from RI (JC) in support of 10 of our pupils.
<b>Immersion Programme for pupils from Global Prestasi School, Indonesia</b>	30 pupils from Global Prestasi School, Indonesia chaperoned by their Principal and 2 teachers joined us on a 3-day immersion programme from 11 Sept to 13 Sept 2017. 30 of our P5 pupils were given the honour and opportunity to be their buddies. During the 3-day visit, our pupils had lots of interaction, sharing of ideas and learning experiences with these visitors. Our visitors put up two concert items sharing their culture with the pupils via a traditional Indonesian dance and an angklung performance during our assembly period on Tue 12 Sept 2017. Our visitors, in turn, benefitted from the learning experience in a typical primary 5 Singapore classroom.

## 2017 PSLE Examination Timetable

### A. Listening Comprehension Examination

Date	Paper
Friday, 15 September	Chinese / Malay / Tamil Foundation Chinese / Foundation Malay / Foundation Tamil English Language / Foundation English

### B. Written Examination

Date	Paper
Thursday, 28 September	English Language Paper 1 English Language Paper 2 Foundation English Paper 1 Foundation English Paper 2
Friday, 29 September	Mathematics Paper 1 Mathematics Paper 2 Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 Foundation Mathematics Paper 2
Monday, 02 October	Chinese / Malay / Tamil - Paper 1 Chinese / Malay / Tamil - Paper 2 Foundation Chinese/ Foundation Malay/ Foundation Tamil - Paper 1
Tuesday, 03 October	Science Foundation Science
Wednesday, 04 October	Higher Chinese / Higher Malay / Higher Tamil - Paper 1 Higher Chinese / Higher Malay / Higher Tamil - Paper 2

**Zhonghua Primary School - Calendar of Events  
2017 Term 4**

<b>Date</b>		<b>Description</b>
Fri	15 Sept	<b>PSLE Listening Comprehension (P1 to P5 pupils need not attend school)</b>
Thur	28 Sept	<b>PSLE – English</b> (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Fri	29 Sept	<b>PSLE – Mathematics</b> (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Mon	2 Oct	<b>PSLE – Mother Tongue Language</b> (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Tue	3 Oct	<b>PSLE – Science</b> (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Wed	4 Oct	<b>PSLE – Higher Mother Tongue Language</b> (Lessons as usual for P1 to P5 pupils)
Fri	6 Oct	<b>School Holiday – Children’s Day</b>
Mon to Tue	9 Oct to 10 Oct	SA2 - P5 Oral
Wed	11 Oct	SA2 – P4 Oral SA2 – P5 Higher Mother Tongue (Paper 1)
Thur	12 Oct	SA2 – English (Paper 1)
Fri	13 Oct	SA2 – Mother Tongue Language (Paper 1)
Fri	13 Oct	P6: Secondary School Fair (Parents of P6 pupils are invited to attend)
Mon	16 Oct	SA2 – P3 Oral SA2 – Listening Comprehension (English & Mother Tongue Language)
Wed	18 Oct	Public Holiday – Deepavali
Thur to Tue	19 Oct to 24 Oct	<b>School Holiday – PSLE Marking Days (All Pupils need not attend school. Home-based Learning for P1 to P5 will be administered. Arrangements will be made for pupils who need to use the school computer or who need to attend support programmes)</b>
Fri	27 Oct	SA2 – P5 Higher Mother Tongue (Paper 2)
Mon	30 Oct	SA2 – English (Paper 2)
Tue	31 Oct	SA2 - Mathematics
Tue	31 Oct	P6 Day Trip to Johor Bahru (for Group 1 Classes)



Wed	1 Nov	SA2 – Mother Tongue Language (Paper 2)
Wed	1 Nov	P6 Day Trip to Johor Bahru (for Group 2 Classes)
Thur	2 Nov	SA2 – P2 Oral SA2 - Science
Fri	3 Nov	P6 Graduation Night (P6 pupils will report to school at 5pm)
Tue	7 Nov	P6 Project Work FIESTA Fair
Wed	8 Nov	P6 Post-PSLE LJ to Singapore Discovery Centre P3 Science Lesson Butterfly Close-up
Thur	9 Nov	P1 and P2 Talent Day (P1 and P2 pupils only need to report to school at 2pm)
Fri	10 Nov	<b>Mark Processing Day (All pupils need not attend school)</b>
Tue	14 Nov	Use Your Hand Campaign
Wed	15 Nov	P5 LJ to Singapore Discovery Centre
Thur	16 Nov	Promotion Day
Fri	17 Nov	Prize Giving Cum CCA Appreciation Day (morning) P1 Orientation Day (afternoon)
Mon	20 Nov	Start of Term 4 School Holidays

**Notes to Parents/Guardians:**

1. The information given in the calendar is correct at the time of printing. Should there be any changes to the dates above, a letter will be issued to inform parents of the changes.
2. Parents are kindly reminded not to take their children out of school during term time including the days after PSLE and SA2. This is to ensure that your children will benefit from the whole term programme that has been planned for them including the Post-PSLE programme for P6 pupils. Approval will not be granted for pupils applying for leave during term time unless the application is for valid reasons.
3. Should there be any CCA or remedial lessons and other school activities which are carried out during the school holidays, parents will be informed of such arrangement in advance. The school will also ensure that pupils are given protected time to rest and enjoy the holidays with their families.