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Dear Parents,

Re: Welcome Back! An Exciting Term 2 Awaits

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a refreshing break with your loved ones. As we step into another exciting term at Marsiling Primary School, we warmly welcome back our students and staff. We are delighted to have everyone return, and we eagerly anticipate the learning experiences and achievements that lie ahead.

Celebrating Our Term 1 Highlights

Before we look forward, let us take a moment to celebrate some of the memorable moments and accomplishments from Term 1. Our Marsilians demonstrated remarkable growth, dedication, and enthusiasm across various events and activities. Here are some key highlights:

Total Defence Day (TDD)

This year, our students commemorated Total Defence Day under the theme *Together We Keep Singapore Strong*. They engaged in meaningful activities, including an energy disruption simulation where electricity was switched off for an hour, helping them appreciate the importance of self-sufficiency and resilience. Our male teachers proudly donned their National Service uniforms and shared their personal experiences, enriching students' understanding of the contributions made towards national defence. A highlight of the event was the exciting collaboration with the Singapore Police Force, where students got an up-close look at the New Generation Fast Response Car (NGFRC). They also had the opportunity to interact with police officers and explore interactive exhibits, including trying on bulletproof vests!

Chinese New Year Celebration

The theme for Chinese New Year celebrations 2025 was *A Time for Celebration: Togetherness (Reunion) & Appreciation*. Our Chinese New Year festivities were a vibrant celebration of culture and tradition! Our Marsilians enjoyed a spectacular Lion Dance performance and engaged in hands-on activities such as mask-making, card-making and lantern design. The celebration not only brought joy but also deepened students' appreciation of cultural heritage.

For more glimpses of these wonderful moments, we invite you to follow our official Instagram account at <https://go.gov.sg/mpsinstagram>, where we regularly share updates on school events and achievements.

Looking Ahead: Exciting Events in Term 2

As we embark on a new term, our Marsilians can look forward to enriching experiences through upcoming school events such as Hari Raya celebrations, International Friendship Day, and Earth Week. These activities aim to develop 21st-century competencies, fostering adaptive and critical thinking, communication skills, and civic literacy in our Marsilians.

Celebrating Our Students' Achievements

At MPS, we encourage our students to *Aspire, Believe* in themselves, and have the *Courage* to give their best in all that they do. We are pleased to announce that our Brownies CCA students and teachers achieved a Gold Award in the prestigious Puan Noor Aishah Award 2024! This is a commendable improvement from last year, reflecting the dedication and teamwork of our Brownies, CCA leaders and teachers in-charge.

Our Scouts CCA students represented the school at the Founders' Day Carnival. The theme was *Singapore Past, Present and Future*, and the event aimed to foster fellowship, leadership and creativity among the Scouts. We are pleased to announce that our Scouts clinched the Silver Award at the Carnival Games Booth Competition! We celebrate these achievements and look forward to more successes in academics, sports, arts, and music!

Partnering with Parents

Ensuring the well-being and safety of our students remains a top priority. We appreciate your support in reinforcing good road safety habits, such as using zebra crossings, overhead bridges, and designated pedestrian crossings at traffic junctions. Together, through consistent guidance and positive role modeling, we can instill lifelong safe practices in our children.

Similarly, we encourage parents to play an active role in promoting healthy digital habits at home. Monitoring screen time, setting clear boundaries, and having open conversations about online safety will help guide children towards responsible and balanced technology use. Your partnership is invaluable in shaping a safe and nurturing environment for them.

Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) – A Time to Connect

We are excited to invite you to our Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) for P1 to P6 students, scheduled for **29 May (Thursday, PM) and 30 May (Friday, Full Day), in Term 2, Week 10**. This is a special opportunity to strengthen the parent-child bond, gain insights into your child's learning journey, and hear directly from them about their experiences and reflections from Semester 1. More details on booking appointments with Form Teachers will be shared closer to the date.

Thank you for your continued support and for partnering with us in your child's education. We look forward to another fantastic term filled with growth, learning, and shared successes!

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Heather Thio
Principal