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17 November 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians.

### Re: End-of-Term Letter

As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support and partnership throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work with you and your children, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of their learning journey.

This year, we have covered a lot of ground and witnessed incredible growth in our Marsilians. We have seen Marsilians improve their reading confidence, with entire classes showing remarkable teamwork during class-based and school-based events. Your encouragement at home has been the foundation for their success, and your active involvement in their education has made a world of difference. Our school's strength comes from the powerful collaboration between our dedicated staff and our students' families. Thank you for all the ways you have contributed to our positive classroom community, whether it was through helping with homework, having conversations with your child about their school experiences, attending school events and parent-teacher meetings; or sending supportive notes. Your dedication has not gone unnoticed. It is this united effort that truly enriches our Marsilians' journey and supports their growth in meaningful ways.

To our Parents Support Group (PSG), thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Your active presence and support throughout the year have been the backbone of so many successful school activities. Our Marsilians truly felt your enthusiasm and commitment, and we could not be more grateful for everything you do. You are an invaluable part of our community!

As we look ahead to the year-end school holidays, I encourage you to spend quality time together and keep the learning fresh in fun ways, such as reading together daily or visiting our local museums and national libraries

#### (A) Highlights for Term 4

The Arts Fiesta cum Children's Day celebrations in Term 4 were a much-anticipated highlight for all Marsilians. This year's theme, "Famous People...", invited students to embark on an inspiring journey through the lives of renowned figures such as Vincent van Gogh, J.K. Rowling, Lionel Messi, and Taylor Swift. Through their stories, students discovered how these icons persevered through challenges to achieve greatness. The event featured a rich array of engaging activities — from lively presentations to books and videos — that encouraged students to learn, imagine, and create together. It fostered camaraderie and self-expression in the Arts, inspiring students to showcase their creativity and talents with confidence. Beyond nurturing a love for the Arts, the celebrations also gave students meaningful opportunities to take pride in their achievements and develop a deeper sense of accomplishment.

To celebrate Deepavali, the Festival of Lights, all staff and students came together and took part in the various activities planned with much warmth and enthusiasm. The event provided Marsilians with meaningful opportunities to learn about the cultural and historical significance of this important festival. Through engaging activities such as stories, performances, and art

sessions, students gained a deeper understanding of the values that Deepavali represents — the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. The celebration also fostered appreciation for cultural diversity and strengthened the spirit of unity within our school community.

### (B) 2025 PSLE Results Release

The 2025 PSLE results will be released tentatively between 24 Nov 2025 (Mon) to 26 Nov 2025 (Wed). More information regarding the arrangement for the release of results will be shared with the P6 parents via Parents Gateway nearer the date.

### (C) Programme for Term 4, Week 10 and School Holidays

Please note that the school's prize giving day – Aadmirable 2025 will be held on 20 Nov 2025 (Thu). Only P6 students, prize winners and performers will need to report to school on that day. P1 Orientation for 2026 Primary 1 cohort will be held on 21 Nov 2025 (Fri). The current students (P1 to P6) need not report to school on 21 Nov 2025 (Fri). Hence for most students, the last day of school would be 19 Nov 2025 (Wed). The table below shows a summary of programmes in week 10:

Day and Date	Programme	Remarks
Monday - Wednesday 17 - 19 Nov 2025	Lessons in school as per usual	P1 to P6 students are required to attend school as per normal.
		Note: Promotion day – P1 to P5 students will be shown their classrooms for the 2026 school year, before dismissal.
Thursday 20 Nov 2025	Aadmirable 2025 (morning)	P1 to P5 students who are <b>not</b> involved in Aadmirable do not come to school.
		Note: Only P6 students and the prize winners and performers involved in Aadmirable 2025 would be required in school.
Friday 21 Nov 2025	P1 Orientation for P1 2026 Cohort	P1 to P6 students do <b>not</b> come to school.
		Note: Only students who are performing and helping out during P1 Orientation would be required in school.

# (D) Travel Declaration for Nov-Dec School Holidays

The school refers to the Parents Gateway (PG) notification sent out on 21 Oct 2025 (Tue) regarding travel declaration. We would like to remind parents of student who are going to travel during the year-end school holidays with your child, to submit the travel declaration for your child via PG. There is no action required for those who are not travelling out of Singapore for the entire school holiday period. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school. For ad-hoc travel during the school holidays, you can continue to access PG to provide the latest information.

## (E) Safety During School Holidays

Safety outside the school premises is of utmost concern during the school holidays and we would like to remind all our students to be vigilant in the following areas:

- Road safety; cross roads in a safe manner and to always use designated road crossings such as overhead bridges, underground passes and zebra-crossings, and never to be distracted with gadgets and online content
- Personal belongings; stay alert of what is happening around them and take care of their personal belongings
- Personal safety; avoid walking through dimly lit and secluded places or taking the lift with a stranger; and arrange for an adult family member or trusted friend to escort them home when returning alone late at night. Remind your child also not to accept items, gifts or packages from strangers and to inform you or a trusted adult immediately when approached by strangers.
- Cyber safety; students to always be vigilant to making friendships online and must never meet strangers whom they have befriended online. In addition, they must not divulge personal information to strangers whom they are acquainted with online.

It is important for our students be alert and take preventive actions so that they do not become victims of crime. Parents play a key role in shaping our children's behaviour in online space and managing their online exposure. We would like to share the following cyber wellness tips with you:

- balance your child's/ward's internet use with physical and social activities to develop your child/ward holistically and
- be vigilant and provide close guidance to their online experiences.

### (F) CCA Conducted During Curriculum Hours in 2026

To ensure clarity regarding Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) in the coming year, we want to inform you of some important changes for 2026. We would like to update all parents that starting 2026, all CCAs will be conducted during curriculum hours. This initiative is part of MPS's commitment to holistic education, aiming for 100% student participation as CCAs provide a pivotal platform for developing talents and interests.

All CCA sessions will commence on Term 1, Week 4, specifically on **Tuesday mornings**. Please note that only students in competitive-based CCAs will have a second session on Thursday afternoons. A more detailed schedule and further information will be provided when school reopens.

### (G) Important Matters for 2026 School Re-opening

Similar to arrangements in previous years, only Primary 1 students of 2026 will report on the first day of school on 2 Jan 2026 (Fri). **Primary 2 to Primary 6 students will start their first day of school on 5 Jan 2026** (Mon).

Our teachers will be having their protected vacation time from 27 Nov 2025 (Thu) to 29 Dec 2025 (Mon). We seek your understanding that they may have limited access to their emails during this period and may not be able to respond to your queries as promptly. For urgent matters, please contact the school's General Office at 6269 6193 or send an email to marsiling\_ps@moe.edu.sg.

As we look ahead to the next school year in 2026, I would like to encourage you to continue your active involvement in your child's/ ward's education. We look forward to collaborating with you to make the next school year even more rewarding and successful.

Once again, thank you for entrusting MPS with the education and well-being of your children. I wish you all a safe, happy, and restful year-end holiday. Take care!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Heather Thio Principal

## Annex: Students' Achievements in Term 4

In MPS, we strongly encourage our students to 'Aspire', 'Believe' in themselves and have the 'Courage' to do their best in all the domains that they undertake. We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to our Marsilians for their excellent performance and affirm the efforts of our students who participated in the following:

Subject/CCA	Competition/Programme	Achievement	No. of students
English Language	Trinity College London Speech and Drama Examination 2025	Trinity College Grade 1 Exam Distinction	10
		Trinity College Grade 1 Exam Merit	8
		Trinity College Grade 1 Exam Pass	5
		Trinity College Grade 2 Exam Distinction	11
		Trinity College Grade 2 Exam Merit	12
		Trinity College Grade 2 Exam Pass	1
Chinese Language	Best Progress in Chinese Award 2025	Best Progress in Chinese Award	3
	Publication of Model Essay on Chinese Magazine XiaoMuZhi	Article Contribution	1
	National Text Recital Competition	Silver Medal	3
		Bronze Medal	4
		Certificate of Participation	4
	16th National Inter- Primary School Chinese	Excellence Award	1
	Poetry Writing Competition	Certificate of Participation	11
	National Bilingual Creative Writing Competition 2025	Certificate of Participation	2
Malay Language	Lumbuba MTSP 2025	Third Place Award	1

		Consolation Award	4
	Juara Si Cilik 2025 (Singing Competition)	Third Place Award	1
		Certificate of Participation	1
Mathematics	National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore	Certificate of Gold	1
	2025	Certificate of Silver	2
		Certificate of Bronze	3
		Certificate of Honourable Mention	8
Science	Singapore Primary Science Olympiad 2025	Bronze medal	2
		Certificate of Merit	7
Scouts	North Area Online Cub Scout Model Pioneering	Gold Trophy	1
	Competition 2025	Certificate of Gold	4
		Silver Trophy	2
		Certificate of Silver	6
		Bronze Trophy	1
		Certificate of Bronze	4
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