



DUNEARN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the start of Term Two.

I am happy to have met many of you at the Meet Parents Sessions, Parent Support Group meetings and other school events, conducted in Term One. Many of you agreed that the sessions had been helpful to you and would like to see them being held regularly.

One key event in Term One was the 52nd Annual Speech and Prize Giving Day on 7 March 2014. It was an evening of celebration as we commended the good performance of our students in the GCE 'O' and 'N' Examinations, as well as students who had done well in the school examinations.

The theme for the event was LEAD: Leading Excellence; Aspiring Dunearnites. This is in line with our school's Learning for Life Programme, through which every student is given opportunities for leadership development. Our valedictorian, Ms. Cha Chao Jing personified the theme for Speech Day. She was from the Normal Academic stream in Secondary One, but through her hard work and ardent support from the teachers, she graduated with 7 distinctions in the 'O' Level Examinations in 2013.

Dunearn Secondary School is committed to guiding and supporting each student to reach his/her full potential. Through a student-centric and values-driven approach, the school continues to provide the holistic education that will help our students to achieve high standards in the academic and co-curricular domains.

Academic Matters

From Term 1 Week 5 to Term 2 Week 6, our school has implemented Small Group Consultation Programme. The objectives of this programme are as follows:

1. To provide a platform for meaningful Teacher-Student academic engagement; and
2. To level-up students' academic competencies and address gaps in subject mastery.

The subject teacher(s) will contact you to provide you with the relevant details if your child/ward is selected for this consultation programme.

As the school and national examinations draw near, I urge you to closely monitor your child's work and revision schedule so that he/she will be well-prepared for the examinations.

Co-Curricular Matters

Secondary Four and Five students will stand down from Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) after 17 April 2014. It has been evident that through active involvement in CCA, our

students have grown to be more mature and have sharpened their leadership skills and socio-emotional competencies.

At this point, let me provide you with a brief update on activities that have taken place in Term One and our students' achievements.

I am pleased to report that our Uniformed Groups continue to excel, clinching the following awards: NPCC - Unit Overall Proficiency Award (Gold), Scouts – Frank Cooper Sands Award (Gold), NCC – Best Unit Competition (Silver), Boys' Brigade – J M Fraser Award (Bronze), and SJAB – Corps Achievement Award (Bronze).

The school's active effort in environmental education was reaffirmed when we were presented with the Lotus Sustained Achievement Award this year. An example of our school's involvement in environmental programmes with partners includes the event on 25th of February 2014. During that day, a group of students (Environment Champions) and volunteers from the Standard Chartered Bank collaborated to carry out bottle gardening with tree saplings for Bukit Batok Nature Reserve (BBNR).

In February 2014, our Infocomm Club students participated in the Sony's Emerging Youth Excellences (EYES) Competition and did very well to clinch two awards: Merit and 2nd Runner-up.

Key Events in Term Two

As we move into Term Two, you may like to note the following key events and activities in the school calendar:

- Annual Cross Country: 17 April, Thursday @ 7.30 a.m.
- Mid-Year Examinations: 30 April to 19 May
- Parent-Teacher Meeting: 30 May, Friday

Details of the above events and activities are posted on the school website. We will also write to inform you regarding the relevant details.

I will like to take this opportunity to inform you of the MOE ExCEL Fest 2014 on 12 April 2014. It is an annual event that celebrates and shares exciting and innovative practices in schools. It is also a platform for parents and members of the public to find out more about the latest developments in our education landscape. More information can be found at <https://www.excelfest.com/home>.

Indeed, I appreciate the support from you and I believe in the need for continual collaborative effort between parents and school to nurturing our students. I encourage you to visit the school website (<http://www.dunearnsec.moe.edu.sg/>) for regular updates on school matters.

I wish you and your child/ward a meaningful and rewarding Term Two.

Yours sincerely

Mr Boo Hian Kok
Principal

RESPONSE SLIP

(To be returned to Form Teacher by Wednesday 28 March 2014)

To: Principal
Dunearn Secondary School

I acknowledge receipt of Principal's Termly Letter dated 25 March 2014.

Name of Student: _____ Class: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Feedback / Queries (if any):
