

054/2024/T4/YHPS/PG

4 November 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we conclude another purposeful school year, we would like to extend our gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support and involvement in our school's programmes and events. Whether it was supporting us through being a part of our Parent Support Group (PSG), attending school events, volunteering your time, or cheering on our children from the sidelines, your presence has made a significant difference in enriching our children's school learning experiences.

The partnership between parents and the school is critical to the holistic development of our Yuhualites. Your encouragement and cooperation in fostering a positive learning environment at home and in school, coupled with our efforts in the school and classroom, have created a conducive environment to grow the hearts and minds of our Yuhualites. Together, we have nurtured not only a growth mindset in their academic pursuits, but also responsible student leadership, empathy, and a passion for lifelong learning to help all our Yuhualites ACHIEVE. This trust, support and partnership have been instrumental in helping our Yuhualites navigate challenges and grow into confident, well-rounded individuals.

As we look ahead to 2025, we remain hopeful and excited for the opportunities it will bring. We are committed to continuing this meaningful partnership, working hand-in-hand to support our children's growth and development. With your ongoing trust and support, we believe we can make the coming year even more enriching, helping every Yuhualites to flourish.

On another note, we would also like to inform that our Vice-Principal (Admin), Mr Noah Ong, would be retiring from service by the end of this year. Mr Ong has led a very illustrious career in the education service, and has positively impacted many students' lives who have had the blessing to come under his fold. We wish him the very best in his future endeavours and register our deep appreciation for all his contributions to the service and Yuhua Primary School.

Important Information to note to close the school year well:

1. Return of Students' Report Books

Your child/ward's report book will be distributed to him/her on **Friday**, **8 November 2024**. Kindly return the report book to your child/ward's form teacher by **Monday**, **11 November 2024**. The *2025 booklist will also be given to your child/ward with their report book.

*P4 level will receive their 2025 booklist on Wednesday, 13 November 2025 upon confirmation of their Subject-based Banding (SBB) combinations.

2. Last Day of School for 2024 (P1 to P5) and P6 Graduation Day

A gentle reminder that the last day of school for all P1 to P5 students will be on Thursday, 14 November 2024. All students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm.

Kindly make the necessary home transport arrangements for your child/ward. The school bus provider and Student Care Centre have already been informed of the dismissal time of 1.30 pm for that day.

For the **P6 Graduation Day**, a PG announcement was sent to inform P6 parents/guardians about it. **This event will be held for our P6 Yuhualites on Thursday**, **14 November from <u>9.30 am to 12.30 pm</u>**. Please refer to the PG sent on Thursday, 17 October 2024 for the details.

3. Important Information to note for the new school year in 2025:

a. [New] Piloting later reporting time at 7.45 am for all students in 2025 (Sem 1)

A PG announcement was sent by the school on Wednesday, 9 Oct 2024 informing you that the school will be **piloting a later reporting time of 7.45 am for all students in 2025, Semester 1.** This change in reporting time will take place for all P1 to P6 students **from Friday, 3 Jan 2025, next year**.

We seek your support to help ensure that our students are ready and punctual for school and the Flag-raising ceremony daily. We **strongly encourage all Yuhualites to arrive in school at least 10 minutes before the flag-raising ceremony that commences at 7.40 am sharp in the school hall/classrooms**. The first teaching period will begin punctually at 7.45 am. There will be **no change in our staggered dismissal timings** for our Yuhualites.

We will review and update if the pilot will continue into Semester 2, nearer the end of Term 2, 2025. We hope that with a later reporting time, we can jointly better look into the general well-being of our students and develop positive habits such as punctuality with them.

b. [No Change] Staggered Recess & Snack Break Timings

Recess and snack break timings for the different levels are as below. Having a common recess time provides students with the opportunities to have more positive interactions with other students from across the levels. The common timings will also facilitate the implementation of our Peer Buddy Programme where we will be pairing our lower primary with our upper primary students. The programme aims to create a supportive and positive culture with interactions among students of different levels.

Levels/Recess/Snack Break	Timings
All Levels Snack Break 1	9.00 a.m.
Primary 1 & 4 Recess	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Primary 2 & 5 Recess	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
Primary 3 & 6 Recess	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
All Levels Snack Break 2	12.00 p.m.

c. [No Change] <u>Staggered Dismissal Timings</u>

To ensure that there will not be any congestion at the different dismissal points, we will dismiss our P1 to P3 students slightly earlier than the rest of the levels.

Levels	Timings/Days	
Primary 1 to 3	1.25 pm (Mondays to Fridays)	
Primary 4 to 6	1.30 pm (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays)	
	2.30 pm (Thursdays)	

d. [No Change] <u>Dismissal at 2.30 pm ONLY for All P4 to P6 Students on Every</u> Thursday, with effect from 9 January 2025 (Full school week in Week 1)

Kindly note that all our P4 to P6 students will continue to have their curriculum hours extended to 2.30 pm on every Thursday, with a lunch break included for them as stated in their class time-table.

This extension was made in view of the revised Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) Curriculum for P4 to P6 that started this year. With an additional period of CCE (Form Teacher Guidance Period), the school will be able to provide stronger pastoral care, socio-emotional learning, and also support the expanded scope of teaching content for CCE lessons. If your child/ward takes part in our After-School-Programme (ASP), their ASP will still end at 4 pm on Thursdays to ensure our students' overall well-being while we continue to provide the additional support for their learning.

A Parent Consent form will be sent via PG in 2025 Week 2, before the commencement of the 2025 ASP remedial or supplementary classes nearer to Week 3.

If your P4 to P6 child/ward is taking the school bus and does not have to stay for ASP

on Thursdays, the school bus company will still be able to make the transport provision for your child/ward at 2.30 pm during dismissal. Kindly contact the school bus company, Chitson Transport, at 6765 0262 if you have queries about the school bus arrangements for next year. The school bus transport arrangements for P1 to P3 students at school dismissal timings remain unchanged.

e. [Adjusted] P4 to P6 Lunch Break Timings for Thursdays (Long Day)

As all P4 to P6 students will only end at 2.30 pm on Thursdays, with the inclusion of the additional CCE period as stated in Part (d) above, they will be provided with a lunch break on Thursdays.

Based on general feedback from our P4 to P6 students, they have shared that they would prefer to have an earlier lunch due to the longer curriculum hours on Thursdays. After considering their inputs, we will be shifting Thursday's lunch break earlier by half an hour for all P4 to P6 levels. The 12 noon snack break will still remain as an option for students who may prefer a light lunch following the snack break.

Please note the adjusted timings for the lunch breaks as shown below for 2025:

Levels	Timings
Primary 4	12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Primary 5	1.00 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.
Primary 6	1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.
Dismissal Timing at 2.30 p.m. for all P4 to P6 students on Thursdays.	

f. First Day of School for all P2 to P6 students

First day of school for <u>all P2 to P6 students is on Friday, 3 January 2025.</u> The Thursday, 2 January is reserved for our new P1 cohort of students to help them better assimilate into the new school environment.

We wish you and your family a restful and good time of family bonding over the November/December school holidays.

Thank you.

Your Partners-in-Education,

Mrs Ruth Tai Mrs Zoey So Mr Noah Ong Principal Vice-Principal Vice-Principal (Admin)