



# Da Qiao Primary School

A Flourishing School with Happy and Confident Learners

## COMMUNIQUE TERM 3

27 June 2017

### School Leaders' Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Semester 1 ended on a resounding note with the success of our inaugural symposium for Positive Education in Singapore (SymPosEd 2017) on 24 March, the plethora of customised programmes and learning journeys for every student cohort, our VIA Day involving parents as well as the inaugural trip to Dabu, China for student leaders at the end of Term 2. This year, we embark on providing our students with new and unique holistic experiences apart from our signature programmes. One such notable experience is the series of Aesthetics Learning Journeys. Every level is given an opportunity to watch a play, attend a concert or visit an Art museum/exhibition. The aim of such learning journeys is to provide our students with exposure to the Arts scene in their early school years and we have received positive feedback from the students, teachers and parents. More meaningful learning experiences are designed for our students in semester 2.

Through the Breakfast Dialogues with School Leaders and the recent PTM, we have listened to and noted the concerns of parents regarding the merger and will continue to do our best to work towards a seamless merger for students and staff, so that no learning will be compromised. We look forward to more conversations and collaboration with parents in our endeavours to make an impact on our students' holistic development.

Cheers to another exciting semester ahead!

Mrs Joyce Ang (Principal)  
Mr Azhar (Vice-Principal)

### Important Dates

#### Common Test 2 for P3 to P5

16 Aug Higher MT Paper 1 & 2 (P5)  
21 Aug English Paper 1 & 2  
22 Aug Mathematics Paper 1 & 2  
23 Aug Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2  
24 Aug Science

#### P6 Preliminary/PSLE Examinations

27 July Prelim Oral Exams Day 1  
28 July Prelim Oral Exams Day 2  
07 Aug Prelim Listening Comprehension  
16 Aug Prelim Higher MT Paper 1 & 2  
17 Aug PSLE Oral Exams Day 1  
18 Aug PSLE Oral Exams Day 2  
21 Aug Prelim English Paper 1 & 2  
22 Aug Prelim Mathematics Paper 1 & 2  
23 Aug Prelim Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2  
24 Aug Prelim Science

### Highlights

#### Values in Action Day 2017

VIA Day was held on 19 May this year. To reiterate DQ's Feel Good Do Good philosophy, our students were brought through a variety of interesting activities. This ranged from crafting pledges to care for animals for the lower school, making towel teddies and badges for our middle school as well as litter-picking and bin-painting for the upper school. Our parent volunteers were also spotted actively working hand-in-hand with their children. The students then reflected on the importance of helping and serving others both within the school and in their external environment as members of the community.

All these activities were carefully-planned to ensure that students could put their values into action. The beneficiaries of these meaningful tasks included the Society for Prevention of Cruelty towards Animals (SPCA), Singapore Bus Service (SBS), Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS), Institute of Mental Health (IMH), AMK Town Council and the school community itself. It was a meaningful and positive way for the school to end term 2.

### Announcements

#### **Temperature-Taking Exercise**

Please remind your child and ensure that he/she has a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) for the temperature-taking exercise on **Friday, 30 June**. He/she will have to bring his ODT to school for checking on 28 June and 29 June. New ODTs can be purchased from the school bookshop at \$4.50 each if their current ODTs are not working.

#### **National Education (NE) Show for P5 students (8 July)**

To impart the significance of National Day, all Primary 5 students will be given the opportunity to attend a preview of the 52<sup>nd</sup> National Day Parade. The NE Show will be held at The Float @ Marina Bay on Saturday, 8 July. A separate letter with further details will be issued to P5 parents.

#### **Racial Harmony Day (21 July)**

The school will be celebrating Racial Harmony Day on Friday, 21 July. It is a day for students to reflect on, and celebrate our success as a harmonious nation and society built on a rich diversity of cultures and heritages. Students are encouraged to put on their ethnic costumes with their usual white school shoes on that day. Normal school hours apply.

#### **National Day Celebrations (8 August)**

We celebrate Singapore's 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Tuesday, 8 August. **School hours on that day will be from 7.30am to 9.30am.** Students are strongly encouraged to come to school dressed in red and white with their usual white school shoes. Please ensure that the necessary transport arrangement is made for your child. Lessons will resume on **Friday, 11 August**.

#### **Teachers' Day Celebrations (30 August)**

Teachers' Day Celebrations will take place on Wednesday, 30 August. Normal school hours apply.

#### **School/Public Holidays**

Please be informed that students do NOT need to report to school on the following days:

<b>Day / Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Applicable to</b>
Mon / 3 Jul	Youth Day	All students
Wed & Thurs / 9 & 10 Aug	National Day Holiday	All students
Thurs & Fri / 17 & 18 Aug	PSLE Oral	P1 – P5 students
Thurs /31 Aug	Teachers' Day	All students
Fri/1 Sept	Hari Raya Haji	All students
Sat – Sun / 2 – 10 Sep	Term 3 School Holidays	All students (except P6 students scheduled for supplementary classes)
Fri / 15 Sep	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P1 – P5 students