



LET'S CONNECT!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to all of you! On behalf of all my staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Primary One students, newly transferred-in students and their parents who are new to Xingnan. We are thrilled to have them join our big Xingnan family! We are also delighted to see the familiar faces of our existing Xingnians beaming with smiles as they returned to school after a long year-end break. I hope you had a restful holiday season filled with precious family moments. Our students have settled in well after one week of school.

Shared Vision

To realise our shared vision of developing every Xingnian into a **Confident Person**, a **Self-directed Learner**, and a **Compassionate Leader**, we are committed to providing **meaningful experiences that nurture minds and build character**. We believe in creating a holistic learning environment that goes beyond textbooks and examinations, instilling in our students a passion for lifelong learning and a strong sense of student agency, moral and civic responsibility. It takes a village to raise a child, and we believe that our Xingnians thrive best when parents and guardians work hand in hand with us to support them.

Communication with Parents/Guardians

We value strong partnership with parents. We urge parents/guardians to be familiar with the different platforms that the school will use to communicate with you. An infographic welcome letter will be sent out today to inform you of some key school information and your child's/ward's Form Teachers and subject teachers' email addresses. Should you need clarification about any school programmes or have queries about school administrative matters related to your children, you can contact the school at 6791 3679 or email us at xingnan_ps@moe.edu.sg

- **LET'S-CONNECT! Letters**

We will cease the termly digital newsletter publications starting from this year as we provide timely updates on social media. At the start of each term, I will be sharing with you updates of the term through a LET'S-CONNECT letter.

- **Social Media Platforms**

Since 2024, we have harnessed social media platforms – [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) – to update parents on school programmes and activities in a timely manner. We encourage

more parents to like and follow us on these platforms. Please click on the links above to follow us.

- **Student Diary**

Every student will have a Student Diary specially designed by the school. The theme for 2025 is “Future-Ready Learner”. We would like all Xingnanians to acquire the right values and dispositions to navigate through the various challenges that they may face in their journey to explore and learn, not only by themselves, but with the support of their peers, teachers and family members. The diary is a useful tool for students to practise the 7 Habits and learn how to manage their daily lives. Students will have to bring their diary daily to record important information and their homework. Please take time to go through it with your child daily. You may also use the diary to communicate with your child’s teachers. Kindly advise your child to alert the teachers if you have written some notes for their teacher in the diary.

- **Parent-School Communication App – Parents Gateway**

Parents Gateway is a mobile app that provides a one-stop portal to keep parents informed about key administrative matters. The school will use Parents Gateway to provide timely announcements regarding school’s events and activities. Parents will also be able to perform administrative functions using this mobile app, such as providing consent for their children to participate in school activities. For more information on Parents Gateway, please visit: <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/faq>

- **School Website**

Please visit our school website at www.xingnanpri.moe.edu.sg to access the school information, updates and important announcements. LET’s CONNECT! letters are also available online on the school’s website <https://www.xingnanpri.moe.edu.sg/let-s-connect-letters/>

Parent Engagement Sessions

To keep you informed of the school's key directions, programmes and how you can support us, we conduct Parent Engagement Sessions each year. We hope that you will take time off from your busy schedule to attend these sessions. We are currently exploring the possibility of having the sessions online for your convenience. You will receive more information closer to the date of the Parent Engagement Sessions. Here are the tentative dates:

| Levels | Day/ Date |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Primary 5 & 6 | Fri 24 January 2025 |
| Primary 2 | Wed 5 February 2025 |
| Primary 3 & 4 | Fri 7 February 2025 |

Student Matters

The school is committed to nurturing our students into confident, self-directed and compassionate leaders. Together, in partnership, we will be able to provide the best possible learning experience for your children.

- **Importance of Regular Attendance**

We seek your strong support to ensure that your child/ward reports to school every day and on time. Wilful absenteeism will affect the conduct grades of the students. We seek your cooperation to send your child/ward earlier to school, especially if you are driving them, to avoid peak hour traffic congestion which may result in late arrival.

We strongly urge all parents/guardians to avoid travel during term time. Presence in school during term time ensures that your child/ward is not disadvantaged by missing out on curriculum content taught. In the event of his/her absence, a medical certificate from a doctor or letter from parents/guardians would need to be submitted promptly via Parent Gateway (PG).

- **Punctuality**

We emphasise the importance of being punctual when reporting to school and lessons. This practice is consistent with Habit 1: Being Proactive. While all students are expected to be in school for the flag-raising ceremony at 7.30 a.m., they are encouraged to reach school earlier to settle down and take part in pre-assembly activities which starts at 7.15a.m. Students are to report to their classrooms on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, while reporting to the Hall on Mondays and Fridays. In line with our School Value: Respect, let us all ensure that these respectful practices are adhered to. Similarly, recalcitrant late-coming without valid reasons will also affect their conduct grade.

- **Cultivating the Reading Habit**

To encourage our students to read widely, students are required to bring an English Language book on Mondays and Tuesdays and a Mother Tongue Language book on Thursdays and Fridays. The choice of books should be age-appropriate and vary across genres and content. Through this, we aim to develop a reading culture and a strong passion for reading in our students.

- **2025 Class Timetable**

Students would receive their class timetables on **Friday, 10 January 2025**, and we encourage our students to pack their bags based on the subjects indicated in their timetables. This ensures that your child/ward will have the necessary books and materials

for his/her daily lessons and activities. In addition, this practice also results in students' school bags being maintained at a manageable weight.

- **Term 1 Learning Plans**

Every term, Learning Plans are uploaded on our school's website for students and parents to refer and plan their revision at home accordingly. Learning Plans serve as a resource for students to take charge of their learning in school and at home. The Learning Plans help students to manage their time and proactively be ready for lessons every term. Parents are welcome to use the Learning Plans and work with children at home to provide appropriate support for learning to continue at home. Term 1's Learning Plans will be up by next Friday.

- **Snack Time**

Snack Time provides students who have a long wait between their recess and lunch with the opportunity to have a snack in the interim. Students can have a healthy snack (e.g., a piece of fruit or a sandwich) which can be consumed in class within 10 minutes.

- **Co-Curricular Activity (CCA), Programme for Active Learning (PAL) and SwimSafer**

Co-curricular activities provide our Primary 3 to 6 students with the platform to develop their interest and talents, along with the opportunity to forge friendships and build character. Feedback from the students have shown that they enjoy the CCA sessions as they get to bond with their peers from other classes, teachers and coaches/instructors. Students will get the opportunity to showcase their talents and strive for excellence through various competition platforms such as the National School Games (NSG), external competitions as well as performances in school and external venues. More details will be provided by the CCA teachers during their CCA sessions.

The Programme for Active Learning (PAL) aims to deliver a greater emphasis in non-academic programmes for all Primary 1 and 2 students, through the exposure to varied and fun learning experiences in the four domains: Sports and Games, Outdoor Education, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. Students also learn socio-emotional competencies such as respecting others and responsible decision making. PAL nurtures confidence, curiosity and cooperation skills in students. PAL lessons are also time for students and teachers to foster deeper Teacher-Student Relationships (TSR). This is done so through the effective facilitation on sharing of feelings and discussions on self-awareness and relationship-management.

In alignment with our PE curriculum and equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge in water safety, we will be having SwimSafer for our Primary 4 students this year. For more details, kindly refer to the separate letters that have been sent out earlier last week.

We would like to thank all parents and guardians for supporting your child's/ward's holistic development through our programmes.

- **Usage of Photographs on School Official Platforms**

Photograph(s) or video recording(s) of your child/ward captured during any school events/programmes may be published within the school website, the school's official social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram), as well as the school's official publications or publicity collaterals (e.g., yearbook). From time to time, some photographs would also be reposted on MOE's social media platforms (e.g., Facebook and Instagram) as part of MOE's effort in sharing good school practices. Should you have any concerns regarding the use of your child's/ward's photographs on school official platforms, you may send in writing to our school's generic email xingnan_ps@moe.edu.sg.

- **Chinese New Year Celebration on Tuesday, 28 January 2025**

The school will be having a Chinese New Year Celebration on Tuesday, 28 January 2025. The reporting time for the students will be as usual at 7.30 a.m. and dismissal time will be at 10.30 a.m. on that day. Students may come to school dressed in Chinese ethnic attire with school shoes. Please note that Wednesday, 29 January 2025, and Thursday, 30 January 2025 are public holidays. All students will report back to school on Friday, 31 January 2025. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Chinese students and families a happy and prosperous Lunar New Year.

- **Photo-taking for Primary 1 and Primary 6 Students for School SMART Cards on Thursday, 13 February 2025**

Primary 1 and Primary 6 students will have their photos taken on Thursday, 13 February 2025. Students are to don clean school uniforms with name tags.

Staff Matters

Staff Appointment

Please join me in congratulating our staff on their new appointments:

- Our former HOD/Mathematics, Mr Philip Chiu, has been appointed as the Vice-Principal of Ai Tong School with effect from 15 December 2024. We wish him all the best in his new role.

- Mr Jason Chua, Ms Aremae Ng, and Ms Mirna have been formally appointed as HOD/Student Management, Assistant Year Head and Subject Head/Character & Citizenship Education respectively with effect from 1 January 2025. We look forward to their continued contributions to the school.

Welcoming New Staff

This year, we welcome the following new staff to the Xingnan family:

| Staff | Role |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mdm Intan | HOD/English Language |
| Mrs Jerica Koh | HOD/Mathematics |
| Mr Joseph Lim | HOD/Character & Citizenship Education |
| Mrs Leong Kaibin | Level Head/Mathematics |
| Mrs Agnes Oon | English & Mathematics Teacher |
| Mdm Sulastri | English & Mathematics Teacher |
| Mdm Priscilla | English & Social Studies Teacher |
| Mrs Katherine Leong | English, Mathematics & Social Studies |
| Ms Syafiqah | Malay Language & CCE Teacher |
| Mr Jonathan Wee | Mathematics & Science Teacher |
| Ms Chun Yanzheng | Mathematics & Science Teacher |
| Ms Nahfisah | Art Teacher |
| Mdm Juliana | Adjunct School Counsellor |
| Ms Durgkashini | Administrative Executive |
| Mr Yeo Chin Guan | Operations Support Officer |
| Mdm Esther Tang | Operations Support Officer |
| Mr Lee Chee Hua | Operations Support Officer |

In addition to the above, we are also hosting 11 teachers from Pioneer Primary School for Teacher Work Attachment in Semester 1. With this strong team of educators joining us this year, we are well-resourced to cater to the different needs of our students.

Retirement

Our Senior Teacher/Malay Language, Mdm Tuminah, will be retiring on 12 January 2025. We thank her for her 21 years of valued service to Xingnan and the education fraternity.

We bade farewell to our two Operations Support Officers, Mr Abu Bakar and Mdm Chan Mooi, who retired from the school at the end of 2024. We wish them all the best in their retirement.

Farewell

We also bade farewell to our previous HOD/English Language, Mr Irwan, and Teacher, Mr Pierre, as they embarked on the next phase of their career development. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Safety and Security at Xingnan

- **Physical Wellbeing**

We seek parents' support to keep schools a safe environment for students. If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions with big groups). We appreciate your support and will continue to work with you closely. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.

- **Road Safety**

In the interest of student safety, the school will continue educating students about good road safety practices. We appeal to parents/guardians to reiterate the importance of road safety practices and be good role models of these practices to your children. Parents are permitted to drop off and pick up their children at the school foyer. During dismissal, the vehicular entry gate will only be open when the school buses have departed the school. Do maintain the "Stop, Drop and Go" practice when alighting or picking up your child at the foyer. Do not park and wait at the foyer. This will inconvenience other parents. Should you need to park your car, car parks can be found at the neighbouring carparks. We encourage parents to turn off your car engine instead of leaving it idling while waiting for your child/ward.

- **Renovation of the General Office and Visitor Management**

Since December 2024, our General Office has been temporarily relocated to an interim location on Level 2 (our old library) to facilitate renovation. To ensure effective visitor management and student safety, we advise parents/guardians to call the General Office at 6791 3679 to make an appointment before coming to school. All visitors wishing to go to the General Office will be required to register at the security post and sign out before leaving the school. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by this relocation.

Calendar of Events

Please refer to the attached annex for Calendar of Events for Term 1. You may also refer to the Google calendar found on the school website

<https://www.xingnanpri.moe.edu.sg/school-calendar/> for school events. We are confident that you will be active partners with the school by supporting your child/ward in the school's activities.

We look forward to another great year of partnership to bring out the best in our Xingnanians.
Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cindy Ong

Principal

Calendar of Events for Term 1, 2025

| Dates | School Events | For |
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| Week 0 Thu, 2 Jan | Parents' Engagement Session | Parents of Primary 1 students |
| Week 1 Thu, 9 & Fri, 10 Jan | P4 Group 1 & 2 Cohort Learning Journey to Kreta Ayer | Primary 4 students |
| Week 1 | Commencement of CCA | Primary 3 to Primary 6 |
| Week 2 Wed, 15 Jan | Temperature-taking Exercise | All students To bring their Oral Digital Thermometers (ODTs). P1 students will be issued with an ODT by their Form Teachers. |
| | Commencement of SwimSafer Programme | Primary 4A-4D |
| Week 3 Friday 24 Jan | Parent Engagement Session | Primary 5 & Primary 6 Students and Parents |
| Week 4 Tue, 28 Jan Wed, 29 & Thu, 30 Jan | Chinese New Year Celebrations | All students Early dismissal at 10.30a.m. |
| | Chinese New Year Public Holidays | All students |
| Week 5 Mon, 3 Feb – Wed, 5 Feb | P5 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp | All Primary 5 students |
| Week 5 Wed, 5 Feb | Parent Engagement Session | Primary 2 Students and Parents |
| Week 5 Fri, 7 Feb | Parent Engagement Session | Primary 3 & Primary 4 Students and Parents |
| Week 5 Sat, 8 Feb | Parent Support Group (PSG) Welcome & Networking | All PSG members |
| Week 6 Thu, 13 Feb | Photo-taking for SMART Cards | Primary 1 & Primary 6 students |
| Week 7 Mon, 17 Feb | Total Defence Day Commemoration | All students |
| Tue, 18 Feb – Sat, 22 Feb | Trip for Internationalisation Experience to Jakarta | Selected Primary 5 students |
| Tue, 18 Feb & Wed, 19 Feb | P4 Group 3 & 4 Cohort Learning Journey to Kreta Ayer | Primary 4 students |
| Week 7 Fri, 21 Feb | Visit by Cherngtalay Municipal School from Phuket | Primary 4 & Primary 5 students |
| Weeks 9 & 10 | Level Reviews | Primary 3 to Primary 6 |
| Week 10 Fri, 14 Feb | Parent-Pupil-Teacher (PPTM) 1 | All levels Students and Parents |

Details of event/activity will be given closer to the event date.

Please note: Events listed here are accurate as of Friday, 10 January 2025. Should there be any change or cancellation of events due to unforeseen circumstances, the school will inform you through writing and updated on the school's website.