

Let's Connect



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back from the June term break! I hope your children are well-rested and looking forward to another exciting term of learning and growth. I would like to thank the PSG EXCO for organising the Parent-Child Bonding Day on 24 May for our lower primary students and parents. In today's fast-paced, digital age, it is easy to get caught up in screens and schedules. I am heartened to see parents supporting the event—your presence and support mean the world to your children. I hope most of you had quality time with your children/ward during the June break. Term 2 has been remarkably eventful, and I am delighted to share some highlights of our students' achievements and experiences.

Developing Confident Persons

At Xingnan, we are committed to developing our students into confident individuals ready to face future challenges. Our signature Applied Learning Programme, IXORA (Inspiring Xingnanians with Opportunities to be Responsible Advocates for Sustainable Living), has been instrumental in equipping our students with emerging 21st century competencies. For the second year, we collaborated with Hong Leong Asia and The Possible Class on the Youth4Challenge programme. Throughout Term 2, our Primary 6 students took on the role of urban planners, designing prototypes for a sustainable future city in Jurong Lake District, supported by our teachers and facilitators from The Possible Class. During the programme finale, they confidently pitched their proposals to a distinguished panel including Hong Leong Asia's CEO and Executive Directors, Mr Stephen Ho and Ms Kwek Pei Xuan respectively, alongside our school leaders. These authentic learning experiences enhanced our students' collaboration, communication, and adaptive thinking skills—essential capabilities for navigating an increasingly complex world.

Nurturing Self-directed Learners

Our Primary 6 students participated in the STEM Playground 2025 Challenge, organised by Singapore Science Centre and MOE. Working collaboratively, they designed and built boats powered by chemical reactions, demonstrating their inventive thinking skills. I am proud to share that our school ranked 7th among 121 participating primary and secondary schools in the primary school category.

Developing Compassionate Leaders

Our Primary 5 and 6 student leaders designed and conducted engaging activities for 22 senior citizens from NTUC Health Active Aging Centre (Boon Lay) under the SPHERE+ programme, demonstrating leadership in creating a more compassionate society.

During the June holidays, our Prefects' Executive Committee organised and led a Leadership Camp for fellow student leaders. Through purposefully designed activities, the camp developed 21st century competencies and empowered students to contribute meaningfully to school improvement.

20 Primary 5 students who demonstrated strong interest in sustainable living participated in an overseas immersion programme to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (20-23 May 2025). They participated in the STEM Festival at Inspire School, sharing knowledge about Hawksbill Turtle conservation and leading recycling games such as 'Recycle Right' and 'Karang Guni Trail' with their Vietnamese friends.

Home-School Partnership

As we begin the new term, I would like to remind all parents of several important school policies:

- Our <u>no-mobile phone policy</u> remains in effect within the school compounds. <u>Smart watches</u> with recording, internet access, or communication capabilities are <u>not permitted</u>. Devices used inappropriately will be retained and returned only to parents/guardians.
- Grow Well. Eat Well. We have noticed students consuming unhealthy snacks during their 5-minute break. Please provide healthy
 options (such as fruits or sandwiches) in reusable containers, supporting the Grow Well SG initiative to Eat Well.
- Fostering Student Responsibility. To develop our students' independence and problem-solving abilities, we will no longer accept deliveries of forgotten items (homework, lunch boxes, water bottles, or money) to school from Term 3 onwards. Only essential items such as medication and spectacles will be passed to students. Students who forget their belongings should approach their form teachers for assistance. We encourage parents to guide children in packing their own bags, using forgotten items as teachable moments rather than rushing to school with forgotten items. This approach, while initially challenging, will help build crucial life skills and personal responsibility in our students.
- <u>School-based Assessment</u> A gentle reminder to refer to the detailed Term 3 Learning Plans that include topics, learning outcomes, and reference materials for weighted assessments. They are available on our school website (<u>Xingnan Primary School Learning Plans</u>). We encourage you to use these resources to engage your child in sharing their learning progress and developing effective revision strategies with you. Keeping in mind children's well-being, doing daily revision in bite-size will help reduce stress in learning.

Staff Appointments

I am pleased to share the following new appointments:

- 1) Mdm Sumitha will be appointed as HOD/Science on 30 June 2025.
- 2) Mdm Shanice Tan will be appointed as Senior Special Educational Needs Officer on 1 July 2025

Calendar of Events

Please refer to the attached calendar for Term 3 key school events. The school website's Google calendar on the school website https://www.xingnanpri.moe.edu.sg/school-calendar/ is also available for reference. We look forward to your active partnership in supporting your child's school activities. To stay updated on our school's programmes and activities, please follow us on social media.





Thank you for your continued support of our school community. I look forward to another productive term ahead. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cindy Ong

Principal