

24 June 2024

2024 AMKP TERM 2 LETTER – TERM 3

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope the June holidays have provided you with some time for family bonding. As we begin the new term, we would like to update you on some school matters and other relevant information.

2. Recap of Term 2 Key Activities

We had an eventful Term 2 with carefully-curated activities to expose our students to experiential learning in holistic education, developing them to be inquisitive learners and creative thinkers. Some examples include:

- a. Fostering the joy of learning through a variety of exploratory and hands-on activities, ranging from dance and gymnastics activities to drama workshops and a learning journey to National Gallery Singapore, conducted during our 'Beyond Books and Classrooms' programme.
- b. Appreciating the different Mother Tongue cultures through our annual 'Mother Tongue Fortnight' programme where our pupils participated in various language-based and traditional cultural activities.
- c. Developing and applying inventive thinking skills through the Code-For-Fun Programme as our Primary 5 pupils learnt coding concepts and tested out their new skills by designing a simple coding sequence using Sphero bots and iPads.
- d. Developing our P5 pupils to be caring citizens as they organised a terrarium-making workshop for Ang Mo Kio residents. They also put their organisational skills to good use by planning the workshop, designing the posters and organising interactive games for the residents of Ang Mo Kio to foster community spirit.

For more information on the Term 2 programmes and activities, please follow us on our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/amkp203/>

3. Welcoming New Staff

We would like to welcome the following staff who have joined the AMKP family:

| Name of Staff | Designation |
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| Miss Juliarti Junidi | Teacher (Art & ASPIRE Programme) |
| Miss Tiffany Sarah Sebastian Ravi | Teacher (Art) |
| Mr Yap How Joo | Teacher (Music) |
| Ms Preeti Prasad Kale | MK Educator |

4. Term 3 Calendar of Events and Activities

We have posted the **Term 3 Calendar of Events and Activities** on our school website:

<https://www.angmokiopri.moe.edu.sg/resources/parents/letters-n-circulars/>

Detailed information on our school programmes and events will be issued to you at a later date. We would like to request parents and guardians to turn on the 'notifications' button on the Parents Gateway app so as to receive timely information on school activities.

5. Attendance and Punctuality

Regular student attendance will have a positive impact on your child's/ward's learning. A child who is absent frequently will miss out on the learning experiences in school. It will also affect the bonds he/she forms with their classmates. Thus, we would expect our pupils to be in school during school term unless he/she has taken ill or needs to be excused from school for important private reasons. Please ask your child/ward to submit the medical certificate or any other valid documents to the form teacher when they return to school after their day of absence. You may wish to refer to our Student Handbook (page 7) for the details.

Punctuality is a good habit that we would like to cultivate in our pupils. **Hence, all pupils are expected to be in school by 7.30 a.m. Pupils who come to school late (reporting after 7.30 a.m.) will be booked for late-coming** and issued with a late-coming slip for every incidence of late-coming. A notification letter will be issued to parents for pupils who are late for school for 5 times within 5 weeks. **We seek your help in ensuring that your child/ward comes to school punctually. Please note that recalcitrant late-coming will affect the overall conduct grade of your child/ward.**

6. Semesterly Temperature-Taking Exercise on 3 July 2024

To maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate the temperature-taking regime should there be a need to do so, a temperature-taking exercise will be conducted for all staff and pupils in Term 3 Week 2 on **Wednesday, 3 July 2024**. All pupils will be screened when they arrive in school. Pupils who are unwell will be required to seek medical attention and they can only return to school when they recover fully.

7. 2024 Class Photo-Taking Session

There will be a class photo-taking session for your child/ward in Term 3 on **25 June and 26 June 2024** during curriculum time. To better prepare your child/ward for the photo-taking session, please ensure that your child/ward adheres to the attire and appearance guidelines as outlined on pages 8 and 9 of the Student Handbook. On the day of the photo-taking, your child/ward must **wear his/her school uniform**. He/She should bring his/her P.E. attire if there are P.E. lessons that day. If your child/ward is a Student Councillor, he/she must put on a tie and badge. We will provide more details regarding the sale of the class photos later in Term 3.

8. School Attire

With Singapore continuing to experience warm weather, the pupils can continue to come to school in their PE attire (except on the days of the class photo-taking sessions) until further notice. P4 to P6 female pupils should wear the PE shirt and skorts to school and change into the PE shorts only during PE lessons. Teachers will continue to give the pupils regular hydration breaks and keep a lookout for pupils who show discomfort or are unwell.

9. Digital Safety and Security

Studies have shown that digital safety and security lead to improved mental health and well-being. Parents can enhance digital safety and security for your child/ward by making the online space a safe space for your child and managing their screen time. Do encourage your child/ward to spend time on other activities such as reading, exercising and spending quality time with family members. We have provided a web link below from 'Digital for Life', which provides guides to help parents set up the recommended settings on your family's digital devices and choose the right parental control apps:

<https://www.digitalforlife.gov.sg/home/learn/resources/all-resources/parents---parental-controls>

10. Partnership with Local Artist

We are thrilled to partner with local artist Ms Tan Zi Xi, also known as MessyMsXi, for an exciting Artist-In-School Scheme project. The project commenced in Term 1 2024 with Ms Tan introducing her life as an artist and Art educator to our pupils, and sharing her creative ideas and artistic processes. In Term 2, Ms Tan collaborated with our Art teachers to guide our Primary 3 pupils in developing their own mural designs.

The theme of the mural is deforestation, focusing on how humans can change our ways to coexist harmoniously with nature. By the end of the module, selected pupils' works were integrated into a final mural design by Ms Tan. During the first week of the June holidays, our pupils had the opportunity to bring the mural to life by painting it under Ms Tan's guidance. We are pleased to share this creative and meaningful mural with you. As our pupils see this mural daily when they pass by the classroom block at Block E, level 1 on the way to the canteen, we hope that it will spark the creativity in our pupils.



This partnership also inspired Ms Tan to feature our pupils' illustrations in her latest showcase, ChildISH, currently on display at the Punggol Regional Library. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.singaporeartmuseum.sg/art-events/exhibitions/childish>

11. **Enhancements to the AMKP Environment**

Over the next few years, we will be renovating more than 30 toilets in phases. During the June school holidays, the toilet renovation works, including hacking and replacement of the sewage pipes and refurbishing the toilets with new tiles, sink and toilet seats, commenced for the Primary 2 classroom block. As the renovation works is extensive, the toilets for the Primary 2 classroom block will be completed in phases in July and August 2024. In the meantime, our Primary 2 pupils will be using the toilets at the adjacent block.

We are also in the process of installing new rain breakers to better protect our buildings and walkways from heavy rain to enhance the safety of our school community.

12. **Parent Support Group (PSG)**

We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Parent Support Group Executive Committee (PSG EXCO) and parent volunteers who have been supporting us. Your partnership and support for the various school programmes and activities have enabled us to run the events smoothly for our students. Feedback from our pupils have been very positive as they had meaningful engagement with the parent volunteers during the activities.

Moving forward, as we continue to plan purposeful activities for our pupils, we welcome all parents to be active members of the PSG. We look forward to your positive response to our calls for support and participation. Interested parents can sign up to be a PSG member by completing an online form available at:

<https://www.angmokiopri.moe.edu.sg/resources/parents/parents-support-group-psg/>.

13. **Communication Channels**

Please continue to reach out to us via the following communication channels so that we can better respond to your needs and queries in an efficient manner:

| Communication Channels Available for Parents/Guardians | |
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| Student Handbook | Parents can use the Student Handbook to write short messages to teachers. |
| AMKP Office Telephone No. | 6452 0794 Parents can contact the school for general queries and to make appointments with teachers or school leaders. |
| Parents Gateway | Parents are advised to check your Parents Gateway (PG) accounts frequently or turn on the 'notifications' button on the PG app on your mobile devices. Kindly ensure that the PG app is the latest version so that you can receive the notifications promptly. |

| Communication Channels Available for Parents/Guardians | |
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| AMKP Website | www.angmokiopri.moe.edu.sg Parents can visit the school's website for termly letters and other information. |
| AMKP Facebook | Parents can follow us on Facebook for timely updates at https://www.facebook.com/amkp203/ . |
| Teacher's Email Addresses | All teachers' emails are available on the school's website for parents to correspond with them. |
| School's Generic Email Address | amkps@moe.edu.sg Parents can also contact us at the email address above. |
| Making appointments | Do call up the office for an appointment with a staff at least one day in advance . |

On behalf of everyone at AMKP, thank you for working in close partnership with the school.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs May Wong
Principal



Ms Tan Siew Khim
Vice-Principal (Edu)



Ms Alethea Liew
Vice-Principal (Admin)