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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents /Guardians,

How time flies and we have now come to yet another new month ahead! Thank you once again for all your support and partnership thus far.

As we prepare to wrap up this special term, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that from 8 March 2025, our Vice-Principal, Ms Jamie Ong, will be away from school and attending the full-time seven-month Leaders in Education Programme (LEP) at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University. We thank Ms Ong for all her contributions in Yu Neng over the last many years as Vice-Principal, and I would like to express my deepest appreciation for all the hard work and care she has put in to serve and support all in the Yu Neng family. Together with Vice-Principals Mr Ong and Mr Satiish, my school management team and I will continue to work closely with all to prepare for new term ahead and beyond.

With your strong belief and unwavering support for us, I am confident Yu Neng will scale greater heights as we continue to grow as a vibrant connected community. We hereby wish Ms Ong all the very best in her future endeavours and a most enriching learning journey ahead. As we approach the end of Term 1 and moving into Term 2, I would also like to share with you some updates and upcoming events at Yu Neng.

1. ACHIEVEMENTS

1.1 Words and Wits

Our debaters participated in the Wits and Words competition on Saturday, 22 February 2025. Facing a strong competitor school and a challenging topic, they showed great determination and put up a spirited fight. While Li Jiayao of 6 RP was named the Best Speaker, unfortunately, the team did not win the round. Commendations to our debaters for their resilience and confidence!



2. UPCOMING EVENTS

2.1 Primary 6 Learning Journey to Asian Civilisations Museum

The Primary 6 students will embark on a field-based learning journey to the Asian Civilisations Museum on Tuesday, 11 March 2025, and Wednesday, 12 March 2025, from 1.45p.m. to 5.15p.m. This journey aims to help students understand the cultural and historical ties influencing Southeast Asia and explore Singapore's evolving cultural heritage. The experience will also connect with topics they have studied in the classroom.

2.2 FAME@YN

FAME@YN is a platform for students to showcase their talents and build confidence. All Primary 4 to 6 students are invited to indicate their interest to perform in April 2025 during their respective recesses, where they can perform a dance, song, or instrumental piece with the theme “Cheers to Friendship”. More details on FAME@YN will be posted via a SLS assignment on Monday, 10 March 2025. The period to indicate your interest is from Monday, 10 March 2025 to Sunday, 23 March 2025. We look forward to witnessing lively and engaging performances put up by our students! Wishing all a most enriching learning indeed as you unleash your creativity!

2.3 Celebration Friday

The last Friday of each term, known as Celebration Friday, is a special occasion to celebrate the collective achievements of our students. On **Friday, 14 March 2025**, we will be presenting the Termly Character Awards and Star Class Awards, recognising them for their commitment to the school values and class spirit. **All students are to be in full school uniform and tie.** We look forward to having all students look their best on this special day.

2.4 Primary 3 Virtual Chess Programme

We are excited to launch the Primary 3 Virtual Chess Programme, starting in Term 1, Week 9 and running through till the Mathematics Week in Term 3. Integrated into the Math curriculum and aligned with math concepts such as geometry, logic, and pattern recognition, making learning engaging and interactive, chess will be used to develop critical thinking, concentration, and problem-solving skills. Throughout the duration of the programme in Term 2 and Term 3, students will participate in several intra- and inter-class chess competitions, showcasing their strategic skills while fostering sportsmanship and resilience. We invite your enthusiastic support for this initiative to contribute to your child's holistic development and inspire a passion for learning. We look forward to active participation by our students!

2.5 P4 SwimSafer Programme

The SwimSafer 2.0 is a national water safety programme designed to teach students swimming proficiency and water survival skills. In Term 2, Primary 4 students will participate in this programme from **Monday, 24 March 2025, to Tuesday, 27 May 2025**. The lessons will be conducted within curriculum hours (during PE periods), and further details will be provided in a separate letter.

2.6 Class Photo Taking

Class photos-taking sessions will be held over two days on **Tuesday, 1 April 2025 and Wednesday, 2 April 2025**. The schedule for each class will be shared closer to the dates. Please ensure that your child/ward is in their **full school uniform and tie**, even if there is PE lesson on the day of their scheduled session as PE lessons for these classes will be held in the classroom. There is no make-up session for students who miss the allocated date for the class.

2.7 Primary 3 Learning Journey to the Zoo

As part of the Science Department's efforts to broaden students' exposure to real-life sciences and develop the skills, habits of mind and essential scientific inquiry attitudes, all Primary 3 students will participate in a learning journey to the Singapore Zoo on Wednesday, 2 April 2025, from 9.00a.m. to 12.00p.m. Students will be attending a talk on "Body Covering" and participating in an ICT-infused learning trail. As a post-programme activity, which is part of the P3 Science Explorer Programme, students will be engaged in a project to design animal enclosures. This

seeks to reinforce the students' understanding of the major groups of living organisms and the habitats of various animals to foster their critical and adaptive thinking skills. Additionally, an integrated Education Career Guidance (ECG) component is also incorporated to allow students explore and appreciate the career opportunities within the zoo.

2.8 Primary 4 Scratch Game Creation

The Primary 4 students have embarked on a journey of creativity by exploring Scratch Games during their scheduled Art lessons, from Term 1, Week 6 and will continue till the Mathematics Week in Term 3. This programme integrates computational coding skills with mathematics concepts and digital art to promote creativity, problem-solving, and logical thinking. The innovative winners of the inter-class contest in Term 3 will represent the school in the prestigious Primary Mathematics Project Competition (PMPC), a competition jointly organised by the Gifted Education Branch and NUS High School of Mathematics and Science.

2.9 Gifted Education Programme Identification Exercise 2025

All Primary 3 students will be invited to take part in the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2025. The GEP Screening Exercise will take place on Thursday, 21 August 2025, and the GEP Selection Exercise will occur on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 and Wednesday, 15 October 2025. More details will be shared closer to the date.

3. IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

3.1 School Safety Messages

We would like to remind you to observe the recommended speed limits and park only in designated lots when dropping off or picking up your child at the nearby public HDB carpark. We seek your understanding and cooperation to ensure the safety of everyone around the school.

3.2 Update on Gate 3 Operating Hours

To further keep our students safe and our school secure, Gate 3 will be kept closed during school hours, from 7.45a.m. to 1.30p.m. Do reach out to our Security Officer on duty at the guard post if you need to enter the school via Gate 3 during these hours.

3.3 School Holidays & Public Holidays

The March school holidays will commence from **Saturday, 15 March 2025 to Sunday, 23 March 2025**. There will be no lessons for students during this period. School will resume on Monday, 24 March 2025. If your child is travelling during this period, please fill out his/her travel plans via Parents Gateway. The public holiday for **Hari Raya Puasa falls on Monday, 31 March 2025**. There will be no lessons for students on that day. School will resume on Tuesday, 1 April 2025.

4. In Closing: YN90 Celebrates

This year, Yu Neng celebrates our 90th Anniversary, as part of SG60 nation building. As a school and nation, we have indeed come far and as a strong local community, we continue to aspire, lead and care. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your confidence and trust in all we do. To kick-start our commemoration, we are grateful for a gala lunch organised for our Yu Neng Alumni and key stakeholders, with kind sponsorship from our School Advisory Committee.

As a school, we will also be having a whole-school celebration on 2nd October, as part of this year's Children's Day celebration. A special YN90 concert will also be held for P4 students, and

we would like to invite parents of P4 students to be part of this evening get-together to share in the joy of the vibrant dance items put up by them. We are honoured to have Mayor Desmond Choo to grace the occasion as our Guest-of-Honour. And to top it all, on that evening, we are organising our bi-annual Homecoming Mid-Autumn celebration and opening this event to all P1 and P2 students and parents. We will share more details nearer the time, and we trust that you will look forward to commemorating this special year with us together!



As Term 1 draws to a close and the March holidays approach, I encourage you to spend some quality time bonding with your child. My staff and I look forward to welcoming your child back to school, recharged and ready for Term 2. Wishing you a wonderful and restful March holiday!

Yours-in-Education

Mr Ng Yeow Ling
Principal