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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from NBPS and Happy New Year to you!

Firstly, a warm welcome to our new students and staff joining the Naval Base Family. We hope that 2016 has been a fruitful one for every Navalite ; one that was filled with enriching learning experiences and cherished time with family. As always, our school will continue to provide a nurturing and inclusive learning environment centred on maximising our students' potential and holistic development. We will continue to emphasise on values education, anchoring on our school programmes with the school's core values of Self-Discipline, Integrity, Respect, Compassion and Learning.

Staff News

We bid farewell to our Vice Principal Mr Daniel Wong, who has been posted as VP of Casuarina Primary School. NBPS wishes him all the best and thanks him for his years of commitment and contributions as a teacher, Head of Department and Vice-Principal.

I would also like to thank the following staff for their services to the school and wish them the very best in their next posting:

- Mdm Koh Kha Tiang
- Mr Hor Yoke Keong Edmund
- Miss Ong Ban Teng

Welcome to NBPS Family

We warmly welcome the following new staff to the NBPS Family:

- Mr Muhammad Faisal Bin Pairin (Vice-Principal)
- Miss Huang Lijing (SH CCE)
- Miss Audrey Kwek (SH Science)
- Mdm Siti Hazlilah Bte Jumali (SH ML)
- Miss Carmen Dominique Tan Jia Wen (Teacher)
- Mr Rames s/o Ponpanden (Teacher)
- Mdm Maswati Bte Mohamed Nor (Teacher)

Celebration of Our Successes

Heartiest congratulations to our Primary 6 cohort 2016 who have done well in the PSLE. We congratulate them for their success and wish them all the very best as they set sail on the next chapter of their educational journey. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our teachers, as this achievement would not have been possible without their guidance and expertise as well as the support and partnership of their parents.

Character Development

At Naval Base Primary, the aim has always been to deliver a holistic curriculum that is strongly anchored on Character and Citizenship Development. The school values are imparted to our students in a myriad of ways – in and outside of the classroom, in their daily interactions with the teachers and one another, in every aspect of their school life. We hope that every member of the Navalite family will truly walk the talk and make the values a way of life.

Once again, our school is participating in the 'Back to School with Dad' movement! We believe that fathers need to be actively involved in their children's lives as much as possible. Each student will be receiving a postcard and the intent of this card is for Dads to write a note of encouragement or affirmation to his child and slip it into the child's bag within the first week of school to surprise the child. Besides Dads, the cards can be written by Mums or other significant adults in the family.

Punctuality and Attendance

Students are required to report to school and be seated in the hall by **7.50 a.m.** from Monday to Thursday and by **7.20 a.m. on Friday**. We seek your cooperation to ensure that your child adheres closely to this school rule as late-coming is considered a school offence. Punctuality is a good habit that we hope all students will learn as part of their holistic and life-long education.

We would also like to reiterate the importance of your child's regular attendance and active participation in all school activities. Teaching and learning can only take place effectively if a child is present for school regularly. We seek your cooperation as parents to ensure that your child is in school regularly so that he/she may achieve his/her learning potential. Any absence from school must be supported by a medical certificate or parental letter.

School Uniform

Students are to wear the prescribed school uniform and modifications to the uniform are not permitted. This rule also applies to students' attendance for any school programmes that may be conducted on Saturdays and during school holidays. The same goes for the prescribed school shoes and socks.

Safety in School

Let us continue to keep our students safe on the roads. Do constantly remind your children to observe traffic rules and to use the pedestrian crossings when coming to and returning from school. All parents and visitors are requested to sign in at the security desk when visiting the school. Let us work together to make the school a safe and conducive place for teaching and learning.

Snack Time

In view of the changes in school hours and recess timings in 2017, we will be introducing an additional snack break of 10 minutes between lessons. This is part of our effort in ensuring the well-being of our students. At the same time, the students will be refreshed, remain attentive and be more engaged in class.

The 10-minute break will take place in class sometime between 12 and 12.30 p.m. daily. Please provide your child with a light snack which he/she can have during the break. Students will not be allowed to go to the canteen during the break. Some easy suggested snacks would be sandwiches, buns, and fruits such as grapes, strawberries, watermelon or papaya. We recommend healthy snacks so please refrain from giving them sweets, junk food and sweet drinks. We hope you will give us your utmost support to this initiative.

Temperature-Taking Exercise

Daily temperature taking is something we will continue to do in NBPS. We would like to thank students, parents and staff for their continued efforts in safeguarding the well-being of every Navalite. We seek the effort of all parents to ensure that your children bring their thermometers to school every day. The school will be conducting a Temperature Taking Exercise on **Friday 6 January 2017**. Please ensure your child has a working thermometer for the Exercise.

Co-curricular Activities (CCA) cum House Practice and PAL

CCAs will now be held on Fridays from 7.30 – 9.30 a.m. for all Primary 3 to 6 students. Being in a CCA develops our students holistically, where academic lessons alone are not able to do so. House Practice for Primary 3 to 6 students will also begin on 17 February 2017 leading up to the House Carnival on 24 March 2017.

P1 and P2 students will also be having their PAL (Programme for Active Learning) sessions during curriculum hours in the mornings. More details can be obtained from your child's timetable.

Communication with Parents – Every Parent a Supportive Partner

We value having a close partnership with parents thus enabling our students to achieve their best. The school has scheduled the following briefings for parents to interact with their children's teachers and to find out more about the school's programmes:

Date	Time	Level
19 January 2017	7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	Primary 4, 5 and 6
20 January 2017	7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	Primary 1, 2 and 3

The teachers will be addressing key areas in which you can work with him/her to help your child learn more effectively. We look forward to seeing you at the session. More details will be given at a later date.

Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2017

We would like to keep our P3 parents informed on the schedule for the GEP identification exercise which will be carried out in Semester 2. More details of the GEP exercise will be sent to you nearer the date.

- GEP Screening Exercise (23 August 2017)
- GEP Selection Exercise (19, 20 October 2017)

The Navalite Compass

Parents who take a keen interest in their children's school work will be able to help them reach their potential and achieve their overall learning outcomes. Hence, do use your child's school diary, The Navalite Compass, as a means of communicating with the teachers to monitor and support your child's progress.

My colleagues and I look forward to working closely with you to nurture our students holistically and to enable them to achieve their best.

Here's wishing you and your families a wonderful 2017 ahead.

Thank you.

Warmest regards,

Sita Singh (Mrs)
Principal