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Dear Parents,

Good day.

I must apologise for the delayed communication to your good self in this *Keep in Touch with Parents*, as I was down with a bad throat infection that lasted for a long while. I must say that I was not at my best when we prepared for the end of the school year.

As we come to the end of the school year for 2025, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your strong support, trust, and partnership. Every achievement, every milestone, and every moment of learning progress and growth that our children experienced in our Mee Toh Family this year was made possible because of our strong home—school collaboration as well as the heart and hard work put in by our caring and dedicated teachers. Thank you for walking this journey with us.

We were proud of our P6 children who ended the year with stellar outcomes at the 2025 PSLE. Almost every 8 out of 10 children were emplaced in the Posting Group 3 (equivalent to the former Express stream). We saw quality passes in all subjects; with every 1 out of 5 children attaining a total AL score between 4 to 9, which enabled them to enroll in the 6-year Integrated Programme. In fact, this was one of the best results that we have ever achieved since we moved to Punggol.

I hope that you will manage to find time to bond with your child during this holiday break. Let me share a short story that reminds us of the preciousness of family bonds:

One evening, a father noticed his young child carefully placing small pebbles into a glass jar. Curious, he asked what his child was doing.

The child replied, "These are the moments I want to remember — playing with you, talking to you, reading with you and watching TV programmes with you. Every time we spend time together, I put a pebble in. I hope the jar will always stay full."

The father realised that while his days were filled with work and responsibilities, what mattered most to his child were these simple, meaningful moments that they spent together as a family.

As the school holidays begin, I hope that every family will take the opportunity to fill your own "jar of memories" with moments of connection, love, joy, and warmth.

Vision: Touching Souls, Challenging Minds

Mission: To maximise students' potential and develop in them a passion for life-long learning guided by compassion, conscience, purity and righteousness.

Motto: Compassion, Conscience, Purity, Righteousness

愿景:净化心灵,挑战思维

使命:以校训慈、良、清、直为指引,激发终身学习

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校训:慈、良、清、直

To support this wish, I have some simple ways that you could consider strengthening your family bonding and engagement during this holiday break:

- Create simple daily routines such as shared meals, evening walks, or nightly check-ins where each family member shares something about their day.
- Set aside regular screen-free time to talk, play a game, read together, or simply enjoy one another's company.
- Let your child plan a family activity be it an outing, preparing a dish for a family meal by referring to a recipe to cook, or a fun project. This builds confidence in your child and strengthens relationships.
- **Explore nature** by visiting parks, trails, or the beach (e.g. a walk in nearby Coney Island). The outdoors offers space to relax, learn, and connect.
- Share stories across generations, especially with grandparents, to deepen family understanding and strengthen emotional ties.
- Cook or bake together, allowing children to participate in simple tasks that spark conversation and create shared memories.
- Start a small family project, like gardening, organising photos, or volunteering together.
- **Have mindful conversations** about hopes, worries, feelings, and goals for the new year listening with patience and without judgement.
- **Encourage family reading time** by visiting the Punggol Library or choosing books to enjoy together.
- **Celebrate small moments** of kindness, effort, and growth. Small affirmations create a nurturing and supportive home.

Thank you once again for your partnership and trust. As we prepare for the new academic year, we look forward to a strong, positive start in 2026 and to our continued collaboration in supporting your child to grow into caring, confident and resilient young learners in our Mee Toh family.

Wishing you and your family a restful, meaningful, and joy-filled holiday break. Thank you and please take care and keep well.

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