



Welcome to CHIJ OLN!

PI Orientation
10 November 2023

CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity
Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty





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- Communication with Parents
- Parents Support Group (PSG)





Welcome address

Ms Christina Teo
Principal





We are a Govt-aided Catholic Girls' school

- **Govt-aided:** we adhere to MOE policies and requirements like all MOE schools but are run by the CHIJ Board
- **Catholic**
 - ...Prayer, Catholic programmes and activities
 - ...Value education: moral and life values.
 - ...See perspectives beyond that of the individual's.
 - ...Service to the community





We are a Catholic School


- The environment and our practices reflect our Catholic ethos.
- We share but not proselytise. Value of respect.
- Universal values.

Meaningful Monday

MEANINGFUL MONDAY

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.


Psalms 118:14



A verse taken from Sunday's readings

MEANINGFUL MONDAY

- No matter what we face in life, we have God on our side
- We turn to Him when we are in trouble
- God has saved us
- We thank God for His wonderful love



An explanation and interpretation of verse

THINK ABOUT...

Do you turn to God when you are faced with challenges or when you are feeling down?

In this week, let us offer up our worries to God and have faith in Him.



Reflection questions





Programmes for Catholics



[Our Founder – Father Barre](#)

[Mother Mathilde](#)

[School History](#)

[Catholic Education](#) ^

[The Environment](#)

[School-Wide](#)

[Programmes for All](#)

[Programmes for Catholics](#)

There are programmes designed specifically to help our Catholic students form their faith.

Nevertheless, non-Catholics are welcomed to join in. Parents can inform their child's form teacher if they would like their child to do so.

Our TLC Lessons (Together Learning about Christ)



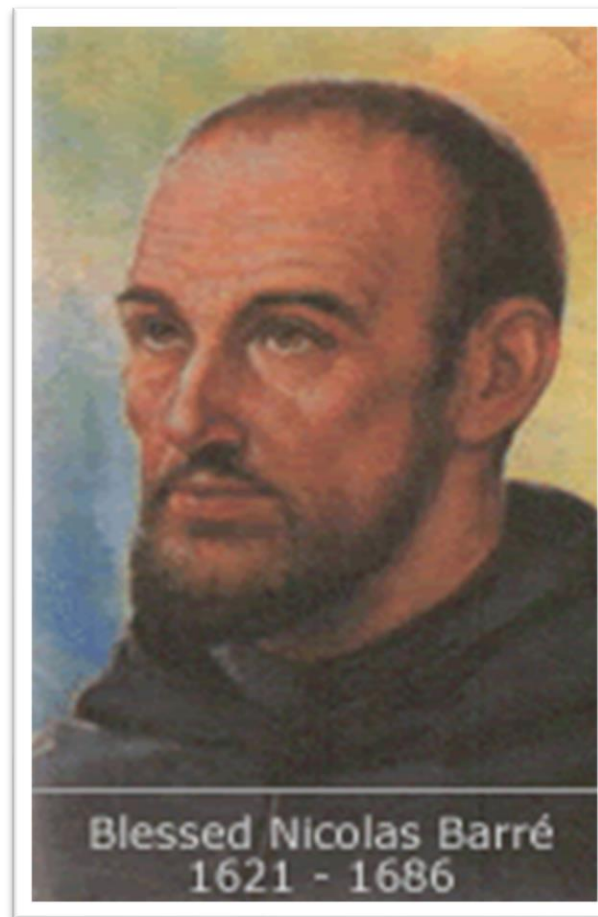
<https://chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/our-catholic-identity/catholic-education/the-environment>





We are an IJ school

- One of 11 CHIJ schools, affiliated to CHIJ St Joseph's Convent
- The mission of an Infant Jesus School is the creation of a Christ-centered school community where all work together for the promotion of truth, justice, freedom and love, with special reference to the needs of persons who are disadvantaged in any way.





We are an IJ school

Values:

Graciousness
Responsibility
Appreciation
Compassion
Integrity
Adaptability



Simple in virtue

Learning Dispositions:

- Collaborative
- Curious
- Reflective
- Resilient



Steadfast in duty



The IJ OLN Girl For Tomorrow ...



She lives out the IJ Mission and our GRACIA values as she:

1. Leads with initiative, serves with love
2. Communicates confidently
3. Thinks creatively, reflects thoughtfully
4. Remains steadfast in the face of challenges





Primary School Education

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Moving on to CHIJ OLN

Days of learning

- Lessons filled with activities & reflection
- Observation & reviews, & not tests
- No birthday parties & goodie bags
- Importance of regular attendance
- Making friends & managing friendships
- Growing to be more responsible
- Rules & consequences, e.g. remembering things





Different Subjects at Lower Primary (P1 & 2)

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Mother Tongue
(CL/ML/TL/ NTIL)
- Civics and Moral Education (CME)
- Social Studies
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)
- Programme for Active Learning (PAL) –
Art / Music / Sports & Games / Drama /
Outdoor Education
- Values Education (V-Ed)
- Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP)



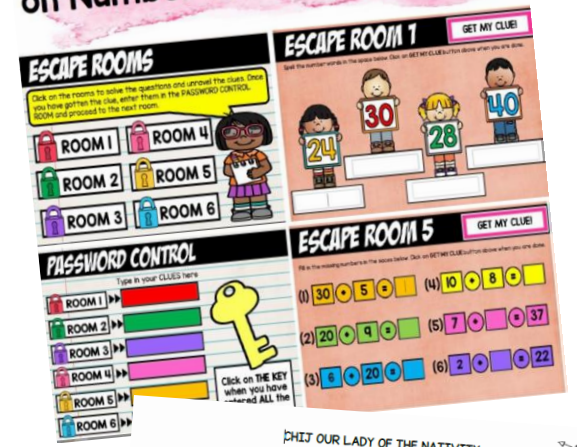


Changes implemented since 2019

- No tests or exams for the Lower Primary classes
 - Observation by teachers
 - Daily work & reviews
 - No tests & no dates will be given to parents
- Use of qualitative descriptors to report student learning in all subjects
- Edusave Awards to focus on consistent demonstration of learning dispositions in school

What has not changed: Lower Primary years are vital for learning in the Middle & Upper Primary years

The Escape Room was designed as a revision activity on Numbers within 40.



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CREATIVE WRITING RUBRIC

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 2C/F/G/H/J/L/P/T Parent's Signature: _____

DESCRIPTORS		Beginning	Developing	Competent	Accomplished
CONTENT	Story has a clear beginning You have included: <input type="checkbox"/> time <input type="checkbox"/> place <input type="checkbox"/> characters				
	Story has a clear and detailed middle. <input type="checkbox"/> character's actions <input type="checkbox"/> character's feelings <input type="checkbox"/> use of adjectives <input type="checkbox"/> use of adverbs <input type="checkbox"/> use of linking phrases (e.g. time linkers, conjunctions etc.)				
	You have ended with a <input type="checkbox"/> feeling <input type="checkbox"/> lesson learnt				
LANGUAGE	You have used the Following correctly: <input type="checkbox"/> spelling <input type="checkbox"/> punctuation <input type="checkbox"/> tenses				
	<input type="checkbox"/> vocabulary				
Remarks:					



A Holistic Curriculum: the academics & more

Character focused

- Values-education lessons
- CCE & Social Studies lessons
- Values-in-action programmes
- Field Trips & activities
- Daily assembly e.g. pre-assembly talks

Physical Development

- PAL Programmes e.g. Outdoor Education, Sports & Games
- Physical Education programme
- Events e.g. P2 Games On!



Citizenship & Culture

- Commemorations e.g. International Friendship Day & National Day
- Mother Tongue Fortnight
- Celebrations e.g. Hari Raya Puasa & Deepavali

The Arts

- PAL Programme e.g. Music, Dance, Drama, Art
- Art Programme
- Music Programme (Music Comes Alive!)





Working together, Home & School

Better together!



Growing our girls to be the teenagers and women that God intended them to be!

- Seek to understand what we do and why we do it
- Your daughter is important so are the others: consideration for all and meeting multiple needs
- Model gracious behaviour





Preparing your child for Primary 1

Mdm Hanizah
Year Head (Lower Primary)





Transiting to Primary I

A smooth transition is made when your child:

- feels safe and comfortable in her new environment.
- is able to manage the daily challenges of school life.





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STARTING SCHOOL IN 2024

Primary 1



OFFICIAL (CLOSED) \ NON-SENSITIVE

(Please refer to Starting School in 2024 slides)





Safety during Arrival and Dismissal

Mrs Catherine Michelle Beins
Vice-Principal





First Day of School - 2 January 2024

- Only 2 accompanying adults per child are allowed to come into the school
- Entry point from Side Gate 1 & 2 (gate will be opened at 7.15am)
- Registration at the Indoor Sports Hall (Lower Ponggol), Level 2
- Students & parents will proceed to the school hall, Level 3
- Students will have their attendance taken by the teachers at the hall





School Daily Routine

Activity	Time
Reporting Time	Before 7.30 a.m. (Glow morning activities starts at 7.20 a.m.)
Flag Raising Ceremony	7.30 a.m.
Recess	10.30 a.m - 11.00 a.m.
Snack Break	10 mins. (between 8.30 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.)
Dismissal Time	1.20 p.m (2 Jan - 12 Jan (Lower Ponggol)) 1.30 p.m. (15 Jan onwards (Side Gate 2))





Safe Routes for Different Modes of Arrival

School Bus: Students alight at Bus Bay within School Carpark Area

Public Bus/Walk/Cycle: Students use Gate 2 to enter the school

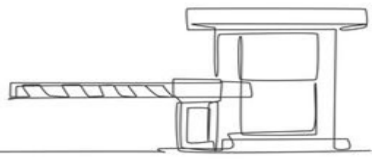
Private Vehicles/Taxi

- Drop off points within the school
- Drop off points at HDB carpark near Gate 2
- Park at designated lots within Multi-Storey carpark or open carpark before walking child to Gate 2.





Main gate



(Blk 355/356)

Open carpark

Upper Serangoon Road



Overhead bridge

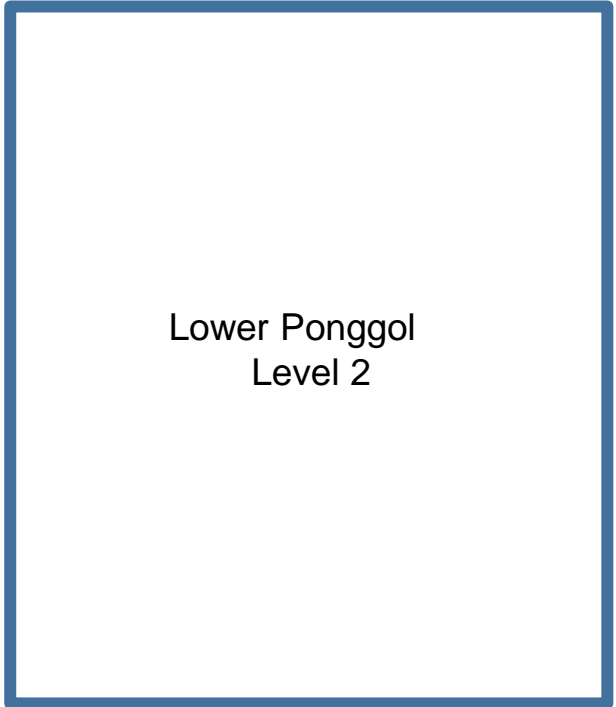
Bus stop

Sidegate 1

MSCP (Blk 465A)

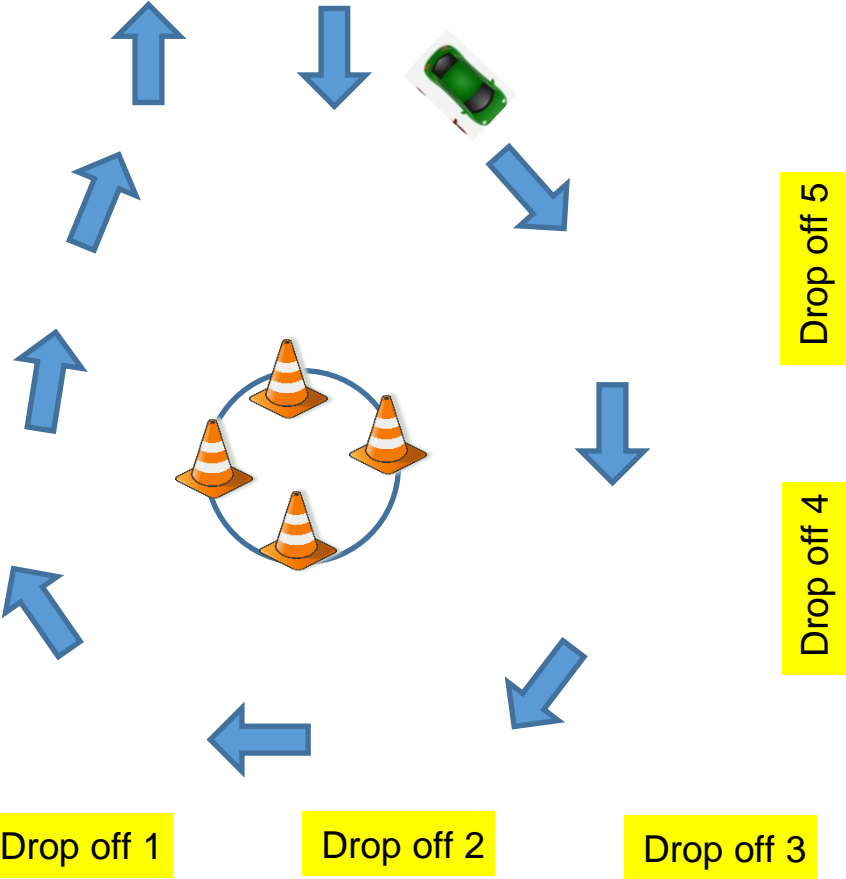
Open carpark

Sidegate 2



Lower Ponggol Level 2

Nativity Church



Car Porch

Traffic flow for morning drop off



Arrangements: Going Home

- You will receive a PG letter on **15 Dec 2023** for you to confirm your pick-up arrangements for your child at dismissal.

A response by **20 December 2023** is much appreciated.

- School bus (bus number)
 - Side Gate 2 (adult/s fetching students)
 - Student Care Centre (OLN Student Care/other Student Care)
 - Wait for older sister(s) at Lower Ponggol
- For the safety of your child, please inform her to wait inside the school, near either Side Gate 1 or Side Gate 2.





Picking Up Your Child Up From School (Gate 2)

2 January - 12 January ONLY

- Dismissal Time : 1.20 p.m.
- Pick-up Point : Lower Ponggol

From 15 January onwards:

Mon-Fri	1.30 p.m.
Pick- up Point	Side Gate 2

- Parents are not allowed to drive into the school at dismissal for safety reasons.
- Parents will be informed of any change in timing through PG, e.g. earlier dismissal on half-days.

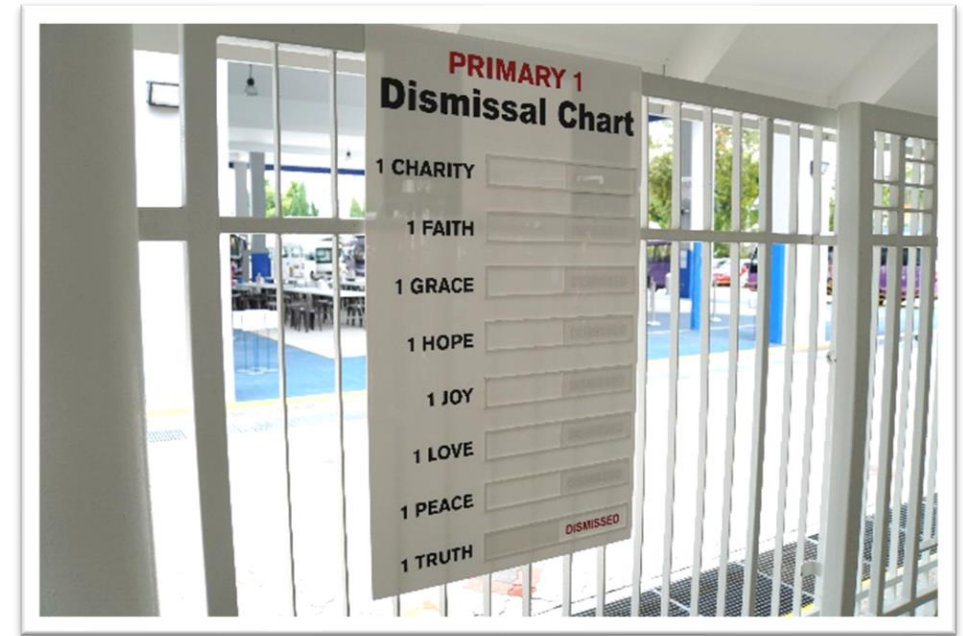




Pick-up Arrangements

Do note that from Monday 15 January,

- PI parents and caregivers will no longer be allowed to come into school to pick up their child.
- The teachers will walk the students to Side Gate 2 to meet parents and caregivers.
- For her safety, your child must wait for you inside the school.





Going Home on the School Bus

- The bus vendor will provide coloured tags to be fastened on students' bags for easy identification.
- Co-Form Teachers will bring the students to the bus waiting area at dismissal.
- Bus drivers will account for students registered with them before leaving the school.
Please inform the bus company and your child's teacher in advance if your child is not taking the school bus for the day. This is to avoid miscommunication or confusion.
- Buses will wait for students from other levels before moving off.
- For safety reasons, students **must remain seated** and **belted up at all times** when the bus is moving.
- To contact the bus vendor, please call KW Bus Pte Ltd (8498 4950)





Changes in dismissal arrangement

- Please call the General Office or text the Form Teacher if you intend to make any changes in the dismissal arrangements.
- Please inform the Form Teachers if there is a change of the adult/caregiver whom you have assigned to pick up your child.
- The Form Teacher may not always be the one dismissing your child at Side Gate 2. As such, we would appreciate that you do not make frequent changes & if you do, to inform the school early.





Communication with Parents

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Communicating with your child's teacher

- Have regular conversations with teachers in both the academic and non-academic areas. This will help you better guide your child's development.
- Ask the teacher for their preferred mode and time to contact them.





Communications

- School web page www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg
- School Organiser
- OLN Connect (monthly newsletter)
- Email Form Teacher (refer to school website for email address)
- Call General Office (Tel : 6385 2455)
- Tok Tok app - please download the mobile app from 15 Dec. onwards(<https://chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/information-for-parents/messaging-system/tok-tok>)
- Parents Gateway (MOE mobile app for official communications, consent forms, travel declaration etc.)





Overview of Mobile Apps



Parents Gateway (PG)

Parents receive **announcements, letters, consent forms, make travel declaration** etc.

Hardcopies will not be disseminated to parents.

Parents give consent for participation in class/school activities.

Only **parents and authorised caregivers or legal guardians with Singpass** can access this.

Developed by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and used by all MOE schools since 2019.



Tok-Tok!

(parents should download the app only from 16 Dec 2023 onwards).

Allows for 1 / 2 way-communication between teachers and parents. Usually for class /level matters
(**similar to WhatsApp**)

Provides timely feedback

Parents can access app via a password

Developed by a vendor (Hello Technology)





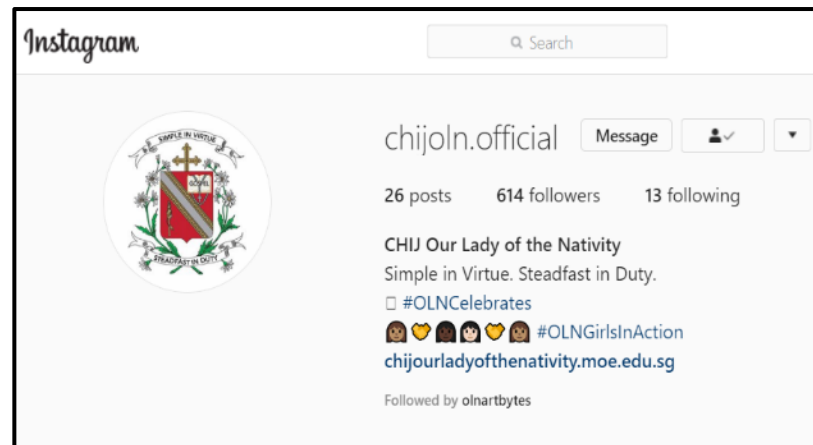
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WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!



Parent Kit

www.moe.gov.sg/parentkit

Each Parent Kit issue contains bite-sized actionable tips with supporting resources for parents to help them support their child in their education journey.

Parent Kit



SCHOOLBAG

THE EDUCATION NEWS SITE

Schoolbag.edu.sg

www.schoolbag.edu.sg

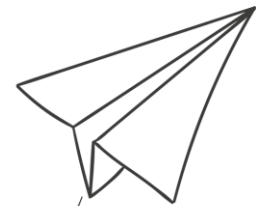
Through articles and multimedia content, Schoolbag provide parents and general public with information and insights related to education, tips for parent involvement and features on programmes.





Year-end Travel Declaration

- To ensure schools continue to be healthy and safe environments for all, parents/guardians are required to make a travel declaration via Parents Gateway (PG). This is only applicable if your child/ward intends to travel for the year-end holidays.
- A nil return is appreciated.
- Please submit your child's travel declaration from **16 December 2023** onwards.





Parents Support Group (PSG)

Mrs Angela Yang
Chairperson





PSG Objectives @ OLN

Supportive Partner in Education

Bridge Between Parents and School

Magnet to Attract Other Parents





IJ OLN PSG... We want to...

Continue the spirit of the founding father(Nicholas Barre)

Revive the Kampung Spirit. The community of respect and kindness for one another.





2024 PSG Activities

Ongoing

Morning Traffic / Gate
Time : 650 am - 7.30am

Recess

Recycling Activities :
Laudauto Si

Barre Reading Club
7.00am - 7.30am

School Events

Commemorative Days

PI Orientation Booth

Social Events : Parents
Play on

Parent Child Bonding
Movie Night

E-Open house

Catholic Comm. Activities

Glow & Grow Family
activities

Mother's Prayer Group

Quiet Time in the Prayer
Room

Recess Activities according
to the Liturgical Calendar





SCHOOL EVENTS

- Teachers' Day
- Children's Day
- Racial Harmony Day
- PI Registration & Orientation
- Brownies-Cookie Sale





CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES

- Facilitate the students' encounter with their faith during Quiet Time (recess time) and Mothers' Prayer Group
- Assist in mass / paraliturgy (Open to Catholic parents only)





ADHOC ACTIVITIES

- Chinese New Year decoration
- Banner design for Teacher's Day, Children's Day, etc.
- Make-up / costume preparation for school plays, NAPFA testing, Brownies Cookies Sale etc.





NEW! Barre Reading Club

PI & P2 students

T2 2024:

Tuesdays & Thursday,
from 7.00 - 7.30 a.m

The PSG members
read interesting and
fun story books.





SOCIAL EVENTS

Bonding activities and workshops etc.

Our Music Studio *building musical bonds that last*

Drumming Jam!
Monday, 6th of June 2022
10am-1030am on Zoom
Meeting ID: 839 4614 4009
Passcode: 474546

Prepare a pail, empty boxes or containers
Invite your family members, too!
www.ourmusicstudio.com.sg

An event jointly organised
with the CHIJ OLN Parent Support Group

HEALTHY KIDS

HAPPY PARENTS
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WHY SHOULD WE EAT VEGETABLES

EAT HEALTHY. LIVE HEALTHY. HAPPY LIFE

Kids: I want to eat this. Mum: No...
Mum: Come and eat this. Kids: No....
Does the above sound familiar to you? If yes,
Come and learn how to raise a child to eat healthily and eat well.

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ZOOM LINK: 827 0393 3429
PASSCODE: 815770
SPEAKER: MR TOH HONG YANG
CORPORATE TRAINER





How much of your time is needed?

- On going programs - daily, weekly, monthly (30 min hr/session)
- Ad-hoc or project basis
eg. banner design for school events, school fund raising carnival, dance performance, etc. (1-2 hrs / session)





Who Should Join?

Parents

who wish to know what is happening in and around school, and who wish to be part of these happenings

who feel the importance of journeying with their daughters

who wants to build rapport with other parents and share parenting tips





Join Our Parent Support Group

Fill up this form on the school website.



We are waiting for you!





Q & A

- Please scan the QR code and key in questions you may have.
- Please note that your questions will be addressed at the Parents Networking session on Day 1





THANK YOU!

**See you on
2 January 2024 !**

Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the
Lord and not men. Colossians 3:23

