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【 School Notices: A Letter to Makoponians (Excerpt) 】  
【 For the reference of Native English-Speaking students & parents 】

**Dear Parents,**

**Message from the Principal**

I was recently inspired by an English proverb, which seems to be simple but is really thought-provoking. ‘Sometimes you win. Sometimes you learn.’ Winning is a relative concept. This proverb turns losing into learning; it is actually an indomitable spirit, because if people do not learn from losing, they experience actual loss. On the contrary, if a person learns from losing, he/she is led to authentic winning. From another perspective, if the winner does not continue to learn modestly, he/ she will witness that winning is only a short-lived experience, and even more the beginning of losing. So, whether it is winning or losing, learning from both is the actual winning. I hope that at the beginning of the school year, with this learning, we encourage each other. We can experience how God leads us to learn together regardless of winning or losing.

Our graduates from last year have also demonstrated excellent performance in HKDSE. Many students have been admitted to the programmes which they are interested in, including medical and nursing, radiotherapy, construction, engineering, science, media communication, business administration, hotel management and tourism, language, etc. They are growing and pursuing their dreams. We really need to thank our teachers for nurturing the students such that they were able to achieve their goals.

A new academic year brings new challenges, and opportunities. The learning theme for this year is “Blooming Life’s Colours, Enhancing Learning Capabilities”. Students are encouraged to read more from different sources, to reflect on their life, and enrich their lives. It is hoped that students can appreciate the joy of life and enjoy the fun of learning. Hope the God will lead us as before.

The Letters to Makoponians published every Thursday are important documents for communication between parents and the school. A hard copy will be distributed to each student every Thursday and be uploaded to our school’s website afterwards.

**Latest Notices (Excerpt):**

1. Collection of Important Documents

Please complete all the important documents, including the circulars, Student Handbooks, etc. and submit them on 4/9 (Tuesday).

2. Arrangements for School Opening:

Date	Details	Date	Details
3/9 (Mon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening Ceremony &amp; class affairs</li> <li>Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm</li> </ul>	5/9 (Wed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> lessons: Class teacher periods</li> <li>Time: 8:05am – 3:35pm (All students must line up at school before 8:02am)</li> </ul>
4/9 (Tue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class affairs &amp; fees collection</li> <li>Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm</li> </ul>		

3. Campus Major Repairs and Hygiene Protection

Mass scale of repairs and cleaning in campus were completed during the summer vacation. They include the repainting of the inner wall of the school hall, replacement of the surrounding wooden plates of school hall, resurfacing and repainting of the floor of school playground, repainting the wall of school main building corridors and staircases, cleaning the desks and chairs in classroom and waxing. Large scale cleansing was also conducted in the tuck shop. All of the above aim at offering a comfortable learning environment for students. Anti-mosquito measures are also completed before the school commencement. Our janitors will keep spraying disinfectants to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. We here give thanks to students from Hong Kong Red Cross for conducting the temperature checking with students every morning. Students are advised to care about personal hygiene and wash their hands frequently. Please visit the doctor when they cough or do not feel well.

4. Issues on the lunch box prepared by Teabox, the tuck shop

For details, please refer to the Chinese version.

5. School Insurance

The Education Bureau has applied for an integrated insurance plan for students. For details, please refer to the website of the Education Bureau. This year, the school has joined extra insurance schemes for accidents to ensure a more comprehensive coverage for students and parent volunteers.

6. Financial Assistance Schemes 2017/18

Students who intend to apply for any financial assistance schemes but have not submitted their application may now obtain the application forms from the General Office or the Tuen Mun District Office.

You may also download the application forms (SFAA 7A) and the guidelines (SFAA 75A) from the official website (<http://www.sfaa.gov.hk>).

7. Recruitment of Parent Helpers

The Home School Association is now recruiting parent helpers. For more information, please contact the committee member of the Association, at 2462 1150. (Working hours: Tue-Fri, 12pm- 2pm)

8. Writing Reflections

To encourage students to reflect on their learning regularly, students have to write their reflections in their Student Handbook every week. This could be a reference for you to understand the learning progress of your children.

9. Lunch Arrangements

S.4-S.6 students are allowed to have lunch at school or outside the school.

10. Collection of Additional Fees**a) Fees for Reading Scheme:**

Chinese and English Newspapers will be ordered for students this year to promote reading culture among students.

**b) School Management Fee:**

To improve the facilities at school, the collection of school management fees has been approved by the Education Bureau, Home School Association and the Incorporated Management Committee. A total amount of \$310 will be collected.

**c) Annual Membership Fees of the Home School Association:**

According to the Home School Association Constitution, parents or guardians of our students are the members of the Association and required to submit \$30 for the annual membership fees. Should you have more than one child studying at our school, you shall complete the exemption form (PTA01) and submit the fee for one member only. The forms can be obtained from the General Office or the Parents' Resources Centre. Please return the forms before 15/9. The details of reimbursements will be announced in early October. ※ If financial assistance is needed, please contact Mr. Lee Ming Sum, the School Social Worker, at 2407 7433.

11. Student Travel Scheme of Octopus Cards Application for Personalized Octopus card with "Student Status"

From September 2017, students who do not possess a Personalized Octopus Card (with name and photo printed on the card) and wish to enjoy MTR concessionary fares may apply for a Personalized Octopus Card with "Student Status", with an application fee of HK\$90. The HK\$90 application fee includes a card deposit fee of HK\$50; a non-refundable administrative fee of HK\$20 charged by MTR Corporation Limited; and a non-refundable service charge of HK\$20 payable to Octopus Cards Limited.

Application for Activation / Renewal of "Student Status"

If your "Student Status" expires on 31 October 2017 and is not renewed, full adult fares will be deducted from your Personalized Octopus Card when you travel on the MTR. An administration fee of HK\$20 is payable when you have your card updated. The

application forms can be obtained from the General Office. Please return the completed form to any MTR Customer Service Centres for application.

12. The Ordering of Textbooks

For details, please refer to the Chinese version.

13. The HKEAA Applications for Special Examination Arrangements from Candidates with special needs and Seminar

Candidates with special needs (such as candidates with disabilities) entering for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) may apply before the examination to the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (the HKEAA) for special examination arrangements (SEAs) (e.g. sitting examination at special centres, extra time allowance, braille/enlarged question papers, etc.) or exemption from component(s)/part(s) of an examination. For candidates requiring the application, please contact Mr. Leung Chun Kit or Mr. Cheung Koon Hong on or before 11/9.

The HKEAA will hold a Seminar, for Candidates and Parents to know more about the Applications for Special Examination Arrangements from Candidates with special needs:

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Time: 6:45 – 8:30 p.m.

Venue: 4/F, West Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong.

Speaker: Speaker from the HKEAA and the Education Bureau

Language: Cantonese

Content: 1. Applications for Special Examination Arrangements  
2. Question and Answer Section

Application: Online application on <http://esurvey.hkeaa.edu.hk/2019senseminar>. No confirmation notification would be given out. The arrangement of the seat will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

Contact: 3628 8917

Parents can also check the information about the application for Special Examination Arrangements on the website of the HKEAA ([www.hkeaa.edu.hk](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk) → Services to Special Needs Candidates Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE))

Wish you all the best!

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Yip Chi Sio  
Principal