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### Dear Parent/Guardian

Warmest greetings to you. Time flies and we are now in the fourth and last term for the year. I thank you for standing by the school and staff as Safe Management Measures (SMMs) were further eased till maskwearing is no longer required in school (from 29 Aug 2022).

- While mask-wearing is not required, students and staff have been advised to exercise respect for each other as some of us might still want to wear masks to school or in school. Reasons include:
  - The daily Singapore cases of COVID-19 infections and vulnerable cases requiring intensive care.
  - To stay protected while preparing for the end-of-year or national examinations. For example, having been exposed to a household member or someone who is COVID positive.
  - To be socially responsible when you start to feel unwell while in school and eventually seek early departure to go home to see a doctor.

Mask-wearing is still strongly encouraged when visiting crowded places or interacting with vulnerable persons to reduce the risk of catching respiratory infections.

- In this period of summative assessments, we would really appreciate it if you would partner us in closely monitoring your children's/ward's work and revision schedule so that they will be sufficiently prepared. There is no denying that there would be stress during this period, so adopt a growth mindset, support them and guide them towards putting their best efforts. Examination results do not define a child. Praise them for those efforts, less the outcomes, take care of their well-being and remember to encourage and affirm them so that they will live up to our motto of "Be Our Best". This would go a long way in building character as well as cultivating good parent-child relationship.
- Parents are encouraged to visit the Parents section in our school website located under Useful Resources (https://bukitbatoksec.moe.edu.sg/useful-resources/parents). In this section, you will be able to access important school information as well as the MOE PSG Portal which contains a rich repository of parenting guides and tips that will be useful in supporting you as you journey through the secondary school years with your child. Do find time, including those times when you are at wits' end to go through the rich parenting resources<sup>1</sup> available via the Parents Gateway (PG) App as well.
- Thank you for the appreciation shown to my staff who have made a difference to your children/wards messages through Gratitude your the (https://thankyoucher.edu.sg/) once again this year and thank you for your understanding and partnership in the continued holistic development of your children/wards. Do take time to view the many appreciative notes to my teachers and staff, and also to pen your messages too.



I would like to share more accolades for this term (Annex A provides additional details of these achievements, if any):

Domain	Achievement
Academic	<ul> <li>W1W7 Cluster Drama Competition (Tamil Language) – Winner</li> <li>P G Giri Nevaas and Srinivasan Prajavin of 2A5, Arshitha Muruganandam, Subeatha Kumar and Palmurugan Kabilan of 1A5</li> </ul>
	Bukit Batok Pen Calligraphy Competition – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - Feng Shiru (2A7)
	Live on Festival (LOF) 2022 – Design & Essay Competition winning entries  - Lau Zi Suan, 4A8 (Special Mention, School Category, Design Competition)  - Phung Si Jie, 2A6 (Distinction, Junior Category, Essay Competition)
	Marine and Offshore Challenge (MOC) 2022  - Champion, Gold Award and the Highest Payload Award: Kan Tak Yan, Ramesh Buvanesh Ram, Saravanan Nithilan and Nathan Ang An Yuan of 3A4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Parenting Resources featuring customisable preferences to relevant resources could be located through the Services tab at the bottom of the front page upon opening the PG App.

Domain	Achievement	
	Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad – Bronze Award	
	- Felcia Lim, Rayanne Loh Yuexuan and Zachariah Lee Ming En of 4A8	
	Creative Arts Programme (CAP) 2022 (MOE, Gifted Education Branch)	
004	- Esther Lau Jia En, 3A6	
CCA	National School Games (NSG) Rugby C Div (Boys) Bowl Championship	
(Sports)	- Champion (Gold)	
	NSG Shooting Championships C Div (Girls) 10m Air Rifle	
	- Team comprising of Chantel Tham Li Qin (2A3), Phung Si Jie, Song Ziyi Chloe and	
	Ng Le Qi, Jessy of 2A6 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall, Silver)	
	- Chantel Tham Li Qin, 2A3 (4 <sup>th</sup> Overall)	
CCA	Robotics Club - Design Thinking with Robotics and Computational Thinking (DrCT)	
(Clubs)	Competition	
	- Ethan Rafael lii Rullan Yanoria, 2A6 (Gold)	
	- Warren Ng Xiang Yu, 3A7 (Silver)	
	- Cheng Yu Lin, 3A6 (Bronze)	
	- Wilson Pang Yong Soon, 2A3 (Honourable Mention)	
CCA	National Day Parade 2022	
(UGs)	- Marching contingent consisting of 20 selected BBSS NCC cadets from both Land and	
	Sea units to represent NCC (Land & Sea)	
Interest	- Super Star Award: ASM 1SG Brandon Goh, 3A1 (NCC (Sea))	
Interest Groups	International Model United Nations Conference (IMUNC) 2022 – Best Newcomer - S R Rakshita, 2A6	
Staff	National Day Awards 2022	
Otan	- Mr Mak Yew Chong, The Public Administration Medal (Bronze)	
	- Mr Lee Chin Hock Andy, The Commendation Medal	
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	Listening Educator for Advancement and Progress (LEAP) Award 2022	
	- Mr Nikhil Nath Chatterji	
	National Institute of Education (NIE) NIE Caring Teacher Award (CTA) 2022	
	- Ms Crystal Ho, Miss Goh Zhi Qing, Mr Nikhil Nath Chatterji, Miss Zhang Yue	
	PRSS Caring Toocher Award (CTA) 2022	
	BBSS Caring Teacher Award (CTA) 2022 - Mr Low Yizong, Mr Tan Jun Tian Terence, Mr Thong Yew Kwong Christopher James,	
	Mdm Yaw Lai Theng, Ms Yee Pei Fan	
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N-Level Examinations having started on the 1st day of the term itself, will be followed by the O-Level Examinations in October. With the End-of-Year Examination (EYE)<sup>2</sup> commencing from Tue, 27 Sep, this would also be a period where our students would bring forth their self-directedness and exercise what they have learnt and cultivated through our school's Habits of Mind (HOM) programme, especially the dispositions of:

- Persisting Remaining focused in the face of challenges in their revision;
- Managing Impulsivity Reading instructions and understanding the questions carefully at the start of examinations; and
- Striving for Accuracy & Precision To be exact and precise, checking their work, especially examination papers again before submission.

Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phua Huat Chuan Principal

(This letter has been posted electronically on Parents Gateway. No signature is required.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The End-of-Year Examination (EYE) Timetables for respective levels were posted via Parents Gateway (PG) on 30 Aug to all parents onboard PG. The timetables can be downloaded via the Students section from the BBSS website (https://bukitbatoksec.moe.edu.sg/useful-resources/students/2022-eye-timetable).

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**ANNEX A** 

## **Details of Achievements**

Domain	Achievement
Academic	Students taking Tamil (TL) has done us proud by through their achievements in competitions
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	W1W7 Cluster Drama Competition (Tamil Language)
	On 1 Jul, our team of TL students comprising <b>P G Giri Nevaas</b> and <b>Srinivasan Prajavin</b> of
	2A5, <b>Arshitha Muruganandam</b> , <b>Subeatha Kumar</b> and <b>Palmurugan Kabilan</b> of 1A5 emerged as the winning team in this competition jointly organised by the 2 school clusters.
	MOE Naanum Oru Padaipaali' Programme
	This programme is organised by the Mother Tongue Languages Branch of CPDD, MOE. As Budding Artistes and Budding Writers, Navaith Ahmed Nuha and Ramesh Buvanesh Ram of 3A4, S R Rakshita (2A6), Jaiganesh Sanjay (2A3) and Faatimah Kausar Binte Mohamed Salih (1A1) obtained a Certificate of Achievement each for their efforts.
	Bukit Batak Dan Calliaranhu Compatition
	Bukit Batok Pen Calligraphy Competition On 2 Jul, eight S1 to S4 students were provided the opportunity to participated in a Pen Calligraphy competition organised by Bukit Batok CC and the Chinese Calligraphy Society of Singapore after their writing talents were uncovered at our BBSS Mother Tongue Fortnight Pen Calligraphy competition. Feng Shiru (2A7) attained the Second Prize in the Secondary School category whereas the other seven students received consolation prizes for their efforts. It was a meaningful learning experience as the students strove to write beautifully and saw the beauty of Chinese Calligraphy.
	Live on Festival (LOF) 2022
	Live Oil Testival (LOT) 2022  LOF is an initiative started by the National Organ Transplant Unit (NOTU), Ministry of Health (MOH). LOF encourages participants, in particular youths, to express their thoughts on organ donation and transplantation through art and writing. Designed with the perspective to be consonant with the goals of MOE's Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) curriculum, inculcating values of responsibility, compassion, empathy and altruism by providing insights into the delicate and emotive nature of the topic of organ donation and transplantation, top winners of the Festival will have their artworks or essays actualised as collaterals to be distributed at NOTU's publicity events held nationwide. For the Design competition, Lau Zi Suan (4A8) received a Special Mention Award in the School Category and for the Essay competition, Phung Si Jie (2A6) received a Distinction Award in the Junior Category. The Award Ceremony was held on 13 Aug at the Star Performing Arts Auditorium.
	Marine and Offshore Challenge (MOC) 2022 The Science department participated in the Marine and Offshore Challenge (MOC) 2022 organised by Ngee Ann Polytechnic's School of Engineering as part of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative. The challenge aims to provide students with a platform to display their creativity, innovativeness, and application of scientific knowledge in building a watercraft model. Our team of students comprising Kan Tak Yan, Ramesh Buvanesh Ram, Saravanan Nithilan and Nathan Ang An Yuan of 3A4 emerged as the Champion team and was awarded the Gold Award and the Highest Payload Award as well for the efforts.
	Artist and Sustainability Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2022 Art Exhibition The SYF Art Exhibition is an annual event organised by MOE to provide students with opportunities to showcase artistic talents and to promote art appreciation in schools. The 2022 exhibition theme 'Artist and Sustainability' invited students to submit original artworks that consider how individual efforts and collective actions could positively impact the world

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Domain	we live in and benefit future generations. Students were to inquire into the meaningful connections between their personal experiences and aspects of sustainability in relation to people, culture, or the environment and reflect on: What does a better future look like? How can we make that happen? While all submissions will be showcased in the online gallery via the SYF website, a curated selection of student artworks was presented for public view at the National Museum of Singapore from 13 Jul to 25 Jul. The artwork titled, "Hear Me" by Nurulhuda Binte Zulkarnaen (3A5) was one of these curated artworks.
	Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad (SJBO) The Singapore Institute of Biology in collaboration with Science Centre Singapore, organised the 7 <sup>th</sup> SJBO to provide a platform for students to develop their aptitude and potential in the area of Biology through critical thinking. 22 students took part in the Theory Competition and the following students received commendable results:  - Bronze: Felcia Lim, Rayanne Loh Yuexuan and Zachariah Lee Ming En of 4A8 - Honourable Mention: Yee Kai Wen (4A8), Arjun Anil (3A4)
	Singapore Junior Physics Olympiad (SJPO) The SJPO is organised by the Institute of Physics, Singapore (IPS) with support from MOE. The SJPO aimed at encouraging the study and appreciation of physics beyond the school curriculum. This annual competition provides opportunities for students to solve novel physics problems that require critical and inventive thinking. Chen Xi and Ong Yan Jin of 4A7 were awarded the Honourable Mention in the individual result category.
	Creative Arts Programme (CAP) 2022 Esther Lau Jia En (3A6) was selected by Gifted Education Branch, MOE to participate in the CAP in June. Her written work has been complied in the CAP publication.
CCA (Sports)	National School Games (NSG) Rugby C Div (Boys) Bowl Championship In 2019, our C Div Rugby team won the Bowl championship by beating Admiralty Secondary School in the final. When the NSG were halted from 2020 to 2021 and SMM heightened because of the COVID-19 situation, the rugby boys continued training despite the loss of the use of equipment and body contact (i.e., tackling and scrums) required to hone necessary skills. Nonetheless, the new C Div Rugby team successfully defended the title to remain as Champion by beating Damai Secondary School 46-22. Thus, effectively holding the title for two consecutive years.
	NSG Shooting Championships C Div Air Rifle 10m The C Div boys and girls did very well with the boys' team being placed 6 <sup>th</sup> overall and the girls' team comprising of Chantel Tham Li Qin (2A3), Phung Si Jie, Song Ziyi Chloe and Ng Le Qi, Jessy of 2A6 taking Silver for being placed 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall. The achievement of the girls' team was also attributed to the great individual score of Chantel Tham Li Qin who was placed 4 <sup>th</sup> overall.
CCA (Clubs)	Robotics Club – Design Thinking with Robotics and Computational Thinking (DrCT) Competition The DrCT Competition aims to cultivate students' creativity, logical reasoning ability and algorithmic and computational thinking skills through solving of contest tasks and problem statements. This year, four of our Robotics Club members achieved the following:  - Ethan Rafael lii Rullan Yanoria, 2A6 (Gold)  - Warren Ng Xiang Yu, 3A7 (Silver)  - Cheng Yu Lin, 3A6 (Bronze)  - Wilson Pang Yong Soon, 2A3 (Honourable Mention)
CCA (UGs)	National Day Parade (NDP) 2022  On 24 Mar, our school accepted the nomination from Student Development Curriculum Division, MOE to form a marching contingent of NCC cadets from both our Land and Sea units to represent NCC (Land & Sea) in the NDP 2022. This was in recognition of our CCA track record and contributions. The 20 selected cadets went through 16 National Day rehearsals, including the NE shows and previews before marching on the actual NDP on 9 Aug. Among the cadets, there were cadet volunteers who supported the National Day trainers in several ways at every rehearsal. They help to gather the marching contingents, distribute

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	food and drinks, and disseminate information for the day. After each training session, the best cadet for that session receives a Star Award. <b>1SG Brandon Goh</b> (3A1), the Assistant Sergeant Major of NCC (Sea), is our <b>Super Star Award</b> recipient for NDP 2022. He has made our school proud by receiving the most Star Awards and thus, was recognised as the Super Star Award recipient.  On 14 Sep, in a show of appreciation, NCC HQ staff and trainers came to our school to support the NCC Commandant, LTC Joey Wong in awarding each of the 20 cadets a Certificate of Participation as a marching participant in the NDP 2022. It was a proud moment as each cadet marched forward to receive their certificate from LTC Joey Wong witnessed by the school leaders, teachers-in-charge and fellow marching participants. The 20 cadets are:	
	NCC (Land) 1SG Shanthosh s/o Periyasamy 1SG Kendren Lee Zhengrong 1SG Swastik Tripathi 1SG Syed Rayyan Syed Musthaq 3SG He Jiasheng, Edward CPL Ong Hua Jun, Dylan CPL Soh Zhi Rong CPL Amiry Qashri Bin Zainuri CPL Htet Eain Khant  NCC (Sea) 1SG Brandon Goh 1SG Wong Yu Xuan 1SG Thulasiahilan Vishal 3SG Nur Aaliya Syakira Binte Mohammad Raffis 3SG Kan Tak Yan 3SG Kan Tak Yan 3SG Yeap Kingsley CPL Yuen Zhan Yee Juztin CPL Ragavi Ravikumar CPL Thaddeus Ang Rui Jun	3A1 3A4 3A5 3A2 3A4 3A4 3A6 2A2 2A5 2A7
Interest Groups	International Model United Nations Conference (IMUNC) 2022 Held from 6 to 7 Jun, S R Rakshita (2A6) was awarded the Best Newcomer of hat the IMUNC 2022. Organised annually by ACS(I), the IMUNC is an educational sin which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations and the United N a MUN conference, students work as the representative of a country, organisation and must solve a problem with other delegates from around the world. MUI participants skills like research, public speaking, debating, and writing skills, it to critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership.	mulation in Nations. At or person N teaches
Staff	National Day Awards 2022 The Singapore National Day Awards are a means of recognising various forms of service to Singapore. This year, a total of 6,258 individuals in 21 award categorie National Day Honours. The Public Administration Medal was instituted in 1963 and were awarded for their outstanding efficiency, competence and industry. Mr Mak Ye (VP) was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Bronze). The Commendations was instituted in 1996 and recipients were awarded for distinguishing themselves commendable performance and conduct, or significant efficiency, competence and to duty. Mr Lee Chin Hock Andy was awarded the Commendation Medal.	s received I recipients ew Chong tion Medal es through
	Listening Educator for Advancement and Progress (LEAP) Award 2022  The LEAP Award was launched by the late former President S R Nathan in 2011 an by Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan annually to recognise exceptional teachers who had positive impact in nurturing their students from the heart. The naming of the award a leap of faith for a teacher to believe that students have the potential to excel be capabilities. For 2022, 183 nominations were received from 122 schools nationwid Mr Nikhil Nath Chatterji was selected to be one of the 13 outstanding recipients with the award. Mr Nikhil Nath Chatterji was presented with the award by the GOH Chun Sing, Minister for Education at the Awards Presentation Ceremony held on 2015.	nave made rd signifies eyond their le of which s honoured I, Mr Chan
	National institute of Education (NIE) Caring Teacher Award (CTA) 2022 The NIE CTA is a biennial award that aims to acknowledge teachers in our school beyond the call of duty, nurturing the holistic development of their students and ensicharges grow up to be confident, independent and resilient learners for our numbers from our school for the School Level (Secondary) category are Ms Crysta Goh Zhi Qing, Mr Nikhil Nath Chatterji and Miss Zhang Yue.	suring their ation. The

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Domain	BBSS Caring Teacher Award (CTA) 2022  The BBSS CTA aims to acknowledge BBSS teachers who show care and concern for the holistic development of their students and go the extra mile to ensure they grow up to be confident and independent learners, recognising an educator's exemplification of the values of caring, sharing and concern for the academic, moral, social, emotional and mental welfare of their students. With the assistance of the student councillors, voting results were tabulated
	and write-ups consolidated with following teachers emerging as recipients of the CTA 2022. They are Mr Low Yizong (SSD), Mr Tan Jun Tian Terence, Mr Thong Yew Kwong Christopher James, Mdm Yaw Lai Theng and Ms Yee Pei Fan.

## **ANNEX B**

# Major School Events/Activities (12 Sep, Term 4)

DATE	EVENT	
Mon, 12 Sep to Thu, 22 Sep	N-Level Examinations	
Fri, 23 Sep	Seek, Discover and Learn (SDL) Day	
Tue, 27 Sep to Fri, 30 Sep Mon, 3 Oct to Fri, 7 Oct	End-of-Year Examination (EYE)	
Mon, 3 Oct to Mon, 14 Nov	O-Level Examinations	
Fri, 30 Sep	Graduation Day – 4/5N [Available to parents to view proceedings online via BBSS Youtube Live Channel - 1110 to 1235 hrs]	
Mon, 3 Oct to Thu, 13 Oct	N-Level Examinations (Cont'd)	
Mon, 10 Oct to Tue, 11 Oct	Marking Day	
Fri, 21 Oct	Promotion Day	
Tue, 25 Oct to Thu, 27 Oct	Post-Exam Activities	
Fri, 28 Oct	The last day of the final school term	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY (MON, 24 OCT) - DEEPAVALI		
SCHOOL HOLIDAY (SAT, 29 OCT TO MON, 2 JAN 2021)		
Sat, 26 Nov	BBSS Open House	