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Dear Parents / Guardians (Our Valued Partners-in-Education),

Here are some updates on our school programmes in February 2025.

1. Celebrating our 30th Anniversary of our school

This year marks the 30th anniversary of our school – a significant milestone in our journey of nurturing young minds! The theme of our celebration is "Little Waves, Big Dreams: 30 Years and Beyond."

We are excited to share our special logo at the top of our letter, designed by students and staff, featuring our mascot the Dolphin. The logo represents the spirit of resilience, growth and aspiration that defines our AIPS community.

We look forward to sharing more details of the exciting activities planned as we celebrate this milestone together!

2. Managing the Transition for Primary 1 Students

Having embarked on a month of primary school education, the Primary 1 students have adapted well to their new learning environment. We would like to thank all Primary 1 parents for supporting your child / ward during the first month of their Primary 1 education. Your continuous support will help your child / ward transit well to our school.

3. Meet-The-Parents Sessions

We would like to thank our P5 and P6 parents for taking time to attend the session on 23 January. It was heartening to know that many parents / guardians are concerned about their child's / ward's progress and we look forward to working closely with you.

We would like to invite all P1 to P4 parents to join us for the upcoming sessions. The schedule is as follow:

Date	Time	Level	Venue
06 February Thursday	2pm to 4pm	P3 and P4	Ahmad Ibrahim Primary School
13 February Thursday	2pm to 4pm	P1 and P2	Multi-Purpose Hall

Further details will be given in a separate notification. We hope that you can join us for the session.

4. Total Defence Day 2025 - Together We Keep Singapore Strong & Exercise SG Ready 2025 (ESR25)

Schools commemorate Total Defence Day (TDD) on 15 February each year to mark the fall of Singapore to the Japanese in 1942. In commemorating TDD, our students reflect on the importance of Total Defence and the continuing relevance of the six pillars of Total Defence - Military Defence, Civil Defence, Economic Defence, Social Defence, Digital Defence and Psychological Defence. This year, schools will be commemorating Total Defence Day (TDD) on Monday, 17 February 2025, as the actual day falls on Saturday. The theme for TDD 2025 – Together We Keep Singapore Strong – focuses on Singapore's readiness and resilience in the face of crises, threats, challenges and disruptions.

As part of our school's commemoration of Total Defence Day and participation in Exercise SG Ready 2025, our students will experience a power disruption simulation on the morning of Monday, 17 February. This disruption exercise aims to prepare students for potential disruptions to our power supply (e.g. due to supply chain disruptions), given Singapore's reliance on fuel imports. Following the exercise, students will reflect on their experience and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion. Parents/Guardians may wish to engage your child/ward in sharing his/her experience with you and reinforce the important notion that everyone has a part to play in Total Defence.

5. School Calendar for Parents

The school calendar is available on our school website (https://www.ahmadibrahimpri.moe.edu.sg), under "events", to keep you informed about all upcoming events, holidays and important dates.

6. Primary 6 Weighted Assessments

We would like to remind you of the school's Assessment Rules and Regulations:

- The well-being of our students is of utmost importance. We appeal to parents not to send your child to school to sit for the assessments if he/she is unwell/on medical leave (i.e. with a medical certificate).
- Students are required to submit their medical certificates to their Class Mentors immediately upon return to school.
- There will be no make-up assessments for students who are absent on written Weighted Assessment/Examination days even if he/she has a medical certificate.
- There will be oral make-up sessions for students who are absent.
- No marks will be awarded to the student if he/she is absent from any assessment <u>without a valid medical certificate.</u>

The following table indicates the various actions by the school for students who are absent for any assessments:

Reasons for Absence	Action by School
Absent without a valid reason	No marks will be awarded for the assessments not sat for
Absent with a Medical Certificate	Component(s)/paper(s) not sat for will not be used for the computation
	of the Overall Subject Results

- Students will not be allowed to take the assessment if they are
 - ➤ late for more than 15 mins for papers with duration of 1 hour or less, OR
 - > late for more than 30 mins for papers with duration of more than 1 hour.
- Students who are late will not be given extra time to complete the assessment.
- As part of the school's efforts to support and monitor students' learning, absentees will be given a copy of the papers they did not sit for <u>as a practice</u> after they have recovered and returned to school.

The dates for the Primary 6 Weighted Assessments are stated below:

Date	Day	Subject
03 March	Monday	P6 English/Foundation English Language
04 March	Tuesday	P6 Science/Foundation Science
05 March	Wednesday	P6 Mathematics/Foundation Mathematics
06 March	Thursday	P6 Mother Tongue/Foundation Mother Tongue Languages
07 March	Friday	P6 Higher Mother Tongue Languages

7. Fire Drill (Tuesday, 11 February)

We would like to inform you that a fire drill will be conducted on Tuesday, 11 February, as part of our efforts to familiarize students and staff with emergency procedures. In the event of wet weather, the drill will be rescheduled.

8. Healthy packed food for your children

As a nation, we are committed to educating our children and promoting healthy lifestyles. We encourage you to park nutritious recess food and snacks for your children's recess. Health options such as fresh fruits, sandwiches with wholegrain bread and yoghurt provide the energy and nutrients your child / ward needs to stay focused and active throughout the day. We kindly ask that you avoid processed foods like chips, nuggets, sausages and sugary snacks, as these can affect your child's energy levels and overall well-being. Let us work together to instil healthy eating habits in our children for a brighter and healthier future!

9. Canteen Food Prices

Our canteen stallholders continue to provide a wide variety of food and drinks that cater to the nutritional needs of our students. Canteen food prices are regularly adjusted to reflect the underlying costs of food, while keeping the options affordable. There will be minor increases of 10 to 30 cents for a few items with effect from 10 February 2025. The average cost of each meal remains the same, costing about \$1.80 to \$2.50.

As a parent, you are the key navigator of your child's growth. Your child will benefit the most when we put your child at the heart of what we do, and when we understand our shared responsibilities for your child and work together to bring out the best in your child. Having a close relationship with us will help you to better understand your child's learning experience in school, so that you could provide the necessary family care, support and reinforcement at home. Here are some tips that you could consider to support your child's learning:

- Affirm your child's good efforts, not only his / her successes
- Always encourage your child to strive for improvement and excellence

We look forward to working in collaboration with you. Together, let us develop and nurture our students with good values, attitudes and mindsets for excellence to prepare them well for the future. I would like to extend our appreciation to our well-wishers who have sent us cards, messages as well as words of encouragement. These little gestures have meant a lot to all of us at AIPS as they affirm what we are doing. Please keep them coming.

Wishing you and your family good health and happiness.

Yours Sincerely, Ms Baey Ee-Lyn Principal