



19 March 2026

INFORMATION ON SCHOOL MATTERS, PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS FOR TERM 2

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope you and your child/ward had a restful and enjoyable March break, filled with meaningful family time. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term.

As our partners in education, we would like to share with you on key school matters, programmes and events for Term 2. An overview of these programmes and activities is presented in table form on the last page of this letter.

1. Emergency Preparedness Exercises

a. Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise: Wednesday 1 April 2026

The school will be conducting the Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise on 1 April to familiarise and refresh staff and students with emergency preparedness procedures in event of a pandemic. Students are reminded to bring their oral digital thermometers (ODTs) in working condition for the exercise. Faulty thermometers can be exchanged for new ones at the Admin Centre from 30 to 31 Mar.

b. Exercise Rhino: Friday 22 May 2026

The school will be conducting a fire incident emergency preparedness exercise called Exercise Rhino involving the school community on 22 May in partnership with MOE HQ, SCDF and SPF. During the simulated exercise, students will practise safe response and evacuation to the school field (assembly area). Students will be briefed prior to the exercise.

2. Home Based Learning (HBL) Days in Term 2

We will be having our HBL days on 17 April, 15 May and 29 May 2026. Navalites will not need to report to school on these days and will be expected to do their work independently at home. To prepare them for the day of learning ahead, we may also require them to meet their form teachers online via MS Teams at the start of HBL Days.

3. International Friendship Day Commemoration: 7 April 2026 (Tuesday)

NBSS commemorates International Friendship Day on 7 April 2026 (Tuesday). This is a day dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with neighbouring countries and beyond. Navalites will be able to appreciate the importance of maintaining good international relations through assembly sharing, as well as game-based and discussion activities during the designated CCE periods in class.

4. Navalite Learning Explorations Week in Term 2 Week 9 & 10: 18 to 25 May 2026

As part of our holistic whole-school experience, Secondary 1 to 3 students will be going through various out-of-classroom activities and learning journeys over six days during curriculum time. Activities will include opportunities for application of students' learning in real life contexts, as well as experiential learning. Further details will be given closer to the end of the term.



5. Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC): Thursday, 28 May 2026, 8am to 4pm

In alignment with the school's vision of building leaders of character, Navalites are actively engaged through our CCE curriculum and school programmes to develop them holistically. Students thrive when schools and parents work together to support their social-emotional learning competencies and build resilience as they take personal responsibility for their education.

This face-to-face session will be led by your child/ward who will share their experiences in school and current progress in Semester 1. This format of Student-Led Conferences places students at the centre of the process, with the benefit of:

- encouraging students to accept personal responsibility for their own development,
- guiding students to reflect, self-evaluate and share their personal growth,
- increasing parental understanding of their child's holistic development,
- creating an authentic opportunity to practice real-life skills of organisation, communication and leadership.

FTs will send details of how to book 15-minute appointment slots via PG closer to the date.

As the 15 min slot is meant for your child to share with you on their growth during SPTC, you may wish to contact FTs separately if you have specific concerns that require additional discussion.

Please note that in view of SPTC, students are not required to report to school as usual on Thursday, 28 May 2026.

6. Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools in Teaching and Learning

Many generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools have recently emerged, which are able to generate new content such as images, 3D objects and music in response to text input from users. One prominent example of such tools is ChatGPT. These technological advancements bring about exciting enhancements to teaching and learning with accompanying challenges. With responsible use, we will be better able to harness its benefits.

However, in producing original work both for formative and summative assessment purposes, we value integrity. This applies to all work produced by Navalites. As a school, we take a strong stance towards plagiarism and the production of content that is not original. Navalites are to ensure that all their work is done by them. Should there be a need to quote content from other people's work (e.g. interviews or research findings), proper citations are necessary.

As a consequence, the school reserves the right to downgrade the scores of students who commit plagiarism or employ the assistance of AI chatbots to produce their work.



7. Departmental / Programme-Level Matters

The following school programmes will be organised for your children in Term 2. We seek your understanding that information for some of the programmes will be provided in due course via Parents' Gateway.

a. Arts Enrichment 2026

From Term 2, Secondary 1 to 3 students will engage in a structured art enrichment programme, comprising art workshops and art learning journeys.

Level	Programme
Secondary 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Art Learning Journey to Art Science MuseumArt Enrichment Workshops (Cultural Art making during Mother Tongue Fortnight)
Secondary 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Art Learning Journey (Sculptural Walk)
Secondary 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aesthetics Enrichment workshops

b. National Library Board (NLB) Electronic-book Borrowing Application – Libby

All Secondary 1 and 2 students are encouraged to set up their NLB Libby accounts, which require parental login and consent. Kindly refer to the Parent Gateway message sent on 25 February for the sign-up details. We would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that your child/ward's Libby account is set up, so that he/she can borrow e-books from the National Library on their iPad.

c. Humanities Department – Learning Journeys and Enrichment Programmes

i. Biodiversity Week – BioBlitz 2026

As part of environmental education for students to gain increased awareness of the greenery surrounding us, students will be guided in exploring and identifying the greenery within the school and the parks around the school. The aim is to help our Navalites recognise the greenery around us and promote students' awareness of the biodiversity in our living environment.

ii. World Water Day and Earth Hour 2026

We believe that caring for our environment begins with awareness and grows through action. This term, our Eco-Councillors will be rallying fellow Navalites to mark two meaningful global observances: **World Water Day on 22 March**, which invites us to reflect on the value of clean water and the many around the world who still go without it, and **Earth Hour on 29 March 2026**, where communities worldwide switch off non-essential lights for one hour as a collective stand for our planet.

We encourage all Navalites to wear a school-based blue shirt on 26 March (Thursday) to commemorate World Water Day.



d. Mother Tongue Languages (MTL)

i. MT Fortnight: 6 to 17 April 2026

The Mother Tongue Fortnight will take place from 6 April to 17 April 2026, to create an immersive environment for our students to learn and appreciate their respective Mother Tongue Languages and Cultures. Students will be engaged in fun-filled activities ranging from traditional ethnic games, competitions to cultural workshops. Please take note that some of the activities will be conducted after school.

ii. Hari Raya Celebrations: 14 April 2026

To celebrate the cultural diversity within the school community and promote inclusivity and appreciations of different culture, NBSS will celebrate Hari Raya during school morning assembly followed by class bonding activities in class. The students will learn about the significance, traditions, and customs associated with Hari Raya, promoting respect and empathy for diverse cultures.

e. Physical and Sports Education

i. National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) for Secondary 2:

NAPFA is conducted annually for Sec 2 students and involves a series of five stations and a 2.4-km Walk-Run for secondary school students. It will be conducted during the students' PE lessons from 4 May onwards, and the results are recorded in the Student's Progress Report. All Secondary 2 students must take NAPFA unless they are medically exempted.

ii. 2026 Road Run: 24 April (Friday)

The school's annual Road Run will take place at Passion Wave@ Bedok Reservoir on 24 April and involves all students. Students who have valid reasons to be exempted from taking part in the road run, will be assigned supporting roles during the event.

f. Mathematics Enrichment Programmes

i. 2026 Math Funthematics Week

The annual in-house Math Funthematics Week 2026 will be held in Term 2 Week 2 (31 March to 2 April). Navalites will be engaged in a series of mathematical activities spanning across the term through online Math quizzes and hands-on activities booths during recess as part of the students' learning through games.

ii. Secondary 2 STEM Enrichment

As part of developing students computational thinking and problem-solving skills in real life applications, students will have the opportunity to be engaged through the design of coding to develop solutions and solve problems. This will be conducted by an external vendor together with the Math Department during the Navalites Learning Exploration Week (Week 9).



iii. **Secondary 1 to 3 NIE Mathematics Challenge**

Selected Sec 1 to Sec 3 students will be participating in the NIE Mathematics Challenge, an annual competition organised by the National Institute of Education. The NIE Mathematics Challenge is specially designed to stretch students' mathematical thinking through non-routine problems that go beyond the school curriculum, emphasizing creative thinking, logical reasoning, and perseverance in problem-solving.

The competition will be held in Term 2, Week 9–10. Further details will be shared with the selected students in due course.

g. **Student Leadership**

The Student Leaders' Investiture is an important school event where we recognise the hard work and dedication of our Secondary 4 student leaders (including CCA leaders and student councilors), as they step down from their positions at the end of Term 1. During the ceremony, Secondary 3 students who have been selected as CCA leaders and student councilors will also be officially invested with their respective leadership positions. This includes the Secondary 1 to Secondary 5 class leaders and the investiture serves as a formal recognition of their commitment to serving their peers and the school community. This event is a significant milestone in the personal growth of our students as they take on leadership roles within the school community.

Date	Programme
10 March (Tuesday) [completed]	Student Leaders' Investiture: Student Council
27 March (Friday)	Student Leaders' Investiture: Class Leaders and CCA leaders

8. NBSS Weighted Assessment (WA)

Assessment is an important part of the teaching and learning process and helps our students develop into self-directed learners. At Naval Base Secondary School, assessments are designed with clear intent – to gather evidence of students' learning progress and to provide timely and meaningful feedback that supports them in improving and progressing in their learning.

In Term 2, the school will conduct WA2 for the different subjects from Week 4 to Week 8 (13 April to 14 May).

The results from these weighted assessments will contribute to your child's overall results for the year in each subject. Each assessment may carry different weightings and may take various forms, such as class tests, quizzes, presentations, or group projects.

If your child/ward is absent for a weighted assessment due to an illness, the absence must be supported by a valid medical certificate.



Students have been informed that during WAs, they should not have in their possession any unauthorized electronics, communication, entertainment, or gaming devices capable of capturing, storing, displaying and/or transmitting visual, audio or verbal information. Examples of prohibited items include mobile phones, cameras, tablets, smart watches/glasses, pens with image capturing capabilities, etc. All such devices, if brought to school, must be switched off fully (including timers and alarms) and kept in students' bags. Any violation will be treated as an examination irregularity which may lead to disciplinary action. For more details, please refer to the **Navalite Handbook 2026** (Pages 26-30)

9. Student Movement During School Hours and After-School Hours

We would like to inform you of our school's policy regarding student movement during school hours and after-school activities.

For their safety and security, students are **not** permitted to leave the school premises during school hours without prior permission. Additionally, students are **not** allowed to leave the school premises if they have school activities such as CCAs or enrichment programmes in the afternoon after lessons. An exception to this policy is made on Fridays for Muslim male students who need to leave for mosque prayers.

Please be assured that our school canteen remains open and offers sufficient food options for students in between lessons and after-school activities.

Should your child/ward need to leave the school before returning for after-school activities, please contact the school office directly.

10. Schoolbag Article Spotlight: Does your child seem stressed? Let's chat... in the kitchen

How do we help our children cope with everything from friendship troubles to social media pressures? Psychiatrist Dr Jared Ng offers 7 practical strategies and the importance of open communication – anytime, anywhere. Click [here](#) to read the full article on how you can also support your child/ward.



11. Overview of Programmes and Dates

Programme	Date/Period/Time
Commemoration of World Water Day	26 March
Student Leaders' Investiture: Class and CCA Leaders	27 March
Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise	1 April
Math Funthematics Week	31 March to 2 April
Mother Tongue Fortnight (MTF) Programme	6 to 17 April
International Friendship Day Commemoration 2026	7 April
WA2	13 April to 14 May
Hari Raya Celebrations	14 April
Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days	17 April, 15 May and 29 May
Annual Road Run	24 April
NAPFA (Sec 2)	4 May onward
Exercise Rhino	22 May
Biodiversity Week – BioBlitz 2026	19 to 23 May
Navalite Learning Explorations Week	18 to 25 May
Student-Parent-Teacher Conference (SPTC)	28 May

This termly letter can be downloaded from the Parents Gateway (PG) and the school's website:
<https://navalbasesec.moe.edu.sg/parents-at-nbss/termly-letters>

If you need further clarifications, please send an email to: nbss@moe.edu.sg

Yours sincerely,

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