

iN-Touch @Frontier



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to a new school semester! We trust everyone has had a wonderful mid-year break with opportunities to enjoy numerous activities with friends and family.

We have worked hard to foster a culture of care and learning. Our Key Personnel work synergistically to ensure that our pupils are developed holistically and have a quality school experience. Our Student Development Team looks into the wellbeing of our pupils and provides a targeted support to meet their needs. Our teachers are reflective practitioners and continually find ways to meet the learning needs of all pupils. They have also been communicating and working in partnership with our parents. Thus far, we have completed the Briefings for Parents and Parent-Child-Teacher Conferencing Sessions.

With the feedback and inputs provided by the teachers about your child's learning progress, please work with your child to ensure that he/she develops well and holistically. Please work hand in hand with us as we help our Frontierers do well in school. Our goal is that every child gives his/her personal best and in the academic area, this will be best reflected by improvement from their Mid-Year Examination results.

Working hand in hand with parents as partners, we are able to help the pupils embark on a lifelong journey of learning, to prepare them to embrace an increasingly dynamic world. We look forward to an exciting, productive and successful semester 2!

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Do you have any feedback or ideas for iN-Touch?

Do let us know on our website at <https://forms.cwp.gov.sg/frontierpri/feedback>

You can also view our past issues at <http://frontierpri.moe.edu.sg/our-stakeholders/in-touch/>

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Welcoming of New Staff

We welcome the following new teachers who have joined us this semester:

Mdm Ang Pin	Mrs Ellya Ika	Miss Salini Baloh
Miss Anthea Ong Qian Mei	Miss Nur Atiqah Syahirah	Mdm Sonika Kaur Dhaliwal
Miss Dhashni Manogaran	Miss Peh Shu Yu	

Temperature-Taking Exercise

The school will be conducting a Temperature-Taking Exercise on **Friday, 30 June 2017**. Pupils are reminded to bring their working thermometer on that day.

SYF 2017 Celebrations @ Malls

Frontier Primary is one of the schools helping an Art Lab showcase as part of the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2017 Celebrations @ Malls. This platform will give our pupils the opportunity to showcase their talents and share their love for the arts to the public.

Eight pupils will be artist-teachers for the day. They will be roving at West Mall while conducting two interesting art activities. Come, be engaged and interact with them! Spot them and immerse yourselves in some Jumping Clay activities!

Date: Saturday, 1 July
Time: 3.30 to 5.00 p.m.
Venue: West Mall Shopping Centre

Primary 1 to Primary 5 e-Learning Day

The school will be having e-Learning Day on **Thursday, 27 July 2017 for P1 to P5 pupils only**. The purpose of the e-Learning day is to develop in all Frontierers the qualities of self-directed learning and resilience, while increasing their proficiency in ICT-facilitated learning via the online tools on the school's Learning Management System (LMS). This will also prepare our pupils for home-based learning in the event of emergency school closures.

P1 to P5 pupils will not report to school on that day. The bus vendor will be informed of this arrangement. The pupils are expected to complete all online tasks assigned to them by the teachers on the school LMS portal from home at <https://www.mconline.sg/>



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P6 Preliminary Orals

All P6 pupils are to report to school on **Thursday, 27 July 2017** for their English Language and Mother Tongue Language Preliminary Orals. A letter with more details will be given to parents at a later date. Please ensure that your child reports to school on the day.

All P1 to P5 pupils will be having their e-Learning on that day and they do not report to school.

PSLE Examination Dates & Marking Days

The PSLE examination dates and markings days are as follows:

Dates	PSLE Examinations/ Marking Days	Remarks
17 and 18 August	PSLE Orals	All P1 to P5 pupils do <u>not</u> report to school.
15 September	PSLE Listening Comprehensions	All P1 to P5 pupils do <u>not</u> report to school.
28 September to 4 October	PSLE Written Examinations	All P1 to P5 pupils are to report to school as usual.
19 to 24 October (tentative)	PSLE Marking Days	All P1 to P6 pupils do <u>not</u> report to school

* P6 pupils will be given more details on the PSLE examinations at a later date.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Experiential Day 2

The school believes strongly in providing all our pupils with an experiential approach to their learning. On **Friday, 7 July 2017**, all Frontierers will be having their Experiential Day 2 for the year. The school hours will remain the same as per normal school day.

The programmes for the various levels are as follows:

- Primary One** - Neighbourhood Walk
- Primary Two** - Financial Literacy (to be held at school)
- Primary Three** - VIsTA Camp (to be held at school)
- Primary Four** - Visit to Farmart Centre and Kok Fah Technology Farm
- Primary Five** - Road Safety Programme @Road Safety Park
- Primary Six** - Life skills & Motivational Programme (to be held at school)

Details are provided in separate letters given to parents.

Hari Raya Celebration

This year, Hari Raya Aidilfitri falls on Sunday, 25 June 2017. We would like to wish all Muslim staff and pupils a very happy Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

The school will be holding a simple Hari Raya Concert during assembly period on **Monday, 10 July 2017**. We will also be serving Hari Raya cookies for the pupils to sample during their respective recesses.

As part of the celebration, we would like to encourage pupils and staff to wear the Malay traditional costume on that day. They will be allowed to wear the traditional costume for the whole day. Please note that the pupils will still have to wear their school shoes and have to change into their PE attire if they have PE lesson on that day.



PAM Splash

We are here again with the 3rd PAM (Physical Education, Art and Music) Splash in Frontier Primary. This year we will be learning more about North America.

North America is a continent within the Northern Hemisphere where we see many states of America such as New York, California, Chicago, San Francisco, Canada and others. With our PE, Art and Music Committees, we will be putting up some great activities in Week 2. Some of the highlights will be Ultimate Frisbee, Pop-Art and Drip Art. In addition, some pupils will be showcasing their music talents through performing and moving along with Rock & Roll and Hip Hop Dance steps.

All these will be happening during your recesses and do enjoy yourselves with Playing, Exploring and Experiencing at our annual PAM SPLASH!



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Racial Harmony Day

This year, the theme for Racial Harmony Day is ***The Singapore Way***. Racial Harmony Day serves to remind our pupils that social division cost us dearly and that race and religion are potential faultlines in Singapore society. It is a day for schools to reflect on and celebrate our success as a harmonious nation and society built on a rich diversity of cultures and heritages.

We will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on **Monday, 17 July 2017**. We will be having an assembly programme and a special appearance from visiting overseas students. **All pupils are encouraged to be dressed in their ethnic best** when they come to school. In addition, there will also be **traditional games for pupils to play** during their recesses.

Frontierers will also be having Social Studies, Physical Education, Art, Music and Mother Tongue Language lessons during the week which will provide them with opportunities to learn about their fellow Singaporeans' cultures; learn to treat others with respect regardless of their race and religion and to appreciate the different ethnicities that make up Singapore.

Appreciation Day

In Frontier, we value all our staff, and that includes our Non-Teaching staff (NTS). As such, we have been celebrating Appreciation Day – a day we dedicate to our NTS - every year since we started in 2012. This year's Appreciation Day will be celebrated on **Monday, 14 August 2017**.



Appreciation Day is a special day that the school sets aside to show our gratitude to our support staff that includes the office administrative staff, operations support officers, canteen vendors, security guards, dental nurse, bookshop vendor, Allied Educators, contract cleaners and more who have made our school a wonderful and conducive place for the pupils to study and play in.

This year, our NTS will mingle with the pupils in their classroom and receive a hamper from the pupils. We would like to encourage every pupil to contribute a *halal food item which they would like to give to our NTS as a token of their appreciation. These received food items are to be handed to the Form Teachers **from 10 July to 4 August 2017**. They will be wrapped into a class hamper which will be presented to our NTS on 14 August 2017.

We would like to thank you in advance for teaching our young Frontierers to appreciate the Non-Teaching Staff in Frontier.



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Frontier's 2nd Super Speller Competition

The English Language Department is organising a Super Speller Competition for P1 to P5 pupils. The objectives of this competition are to:

- **encourage pupils to explore and study the English Language and its roots,**
- **promote speed and accuracy in pupils' spelling of words, and**
- **provide an opportunity for pupils to compete with their peers in a friendly and fun setting.**

We will be sharing some strategies for learning spelling and briefing pupils on the details of the competition. The following summarises the activities for this competition:

When	What
T3 Week 2	Briefing for Competition Sharing of Strategies Distribution of Spelling List
T3 Week 3	Round 1 of Super Speller Competition
T3 Week 4	Round 2 of Super Speller Competition
T3 Week 6	Round 3 of Super Speller Competition (no spelling list will be given for this round)

We will be giving out class prizes for each level and we strongly encourage all pupils to take part in this competition. We hope the pupils will enjoy learning spelling through this activity as well as apply some of the strategies we have shared.



ICT MATTERS

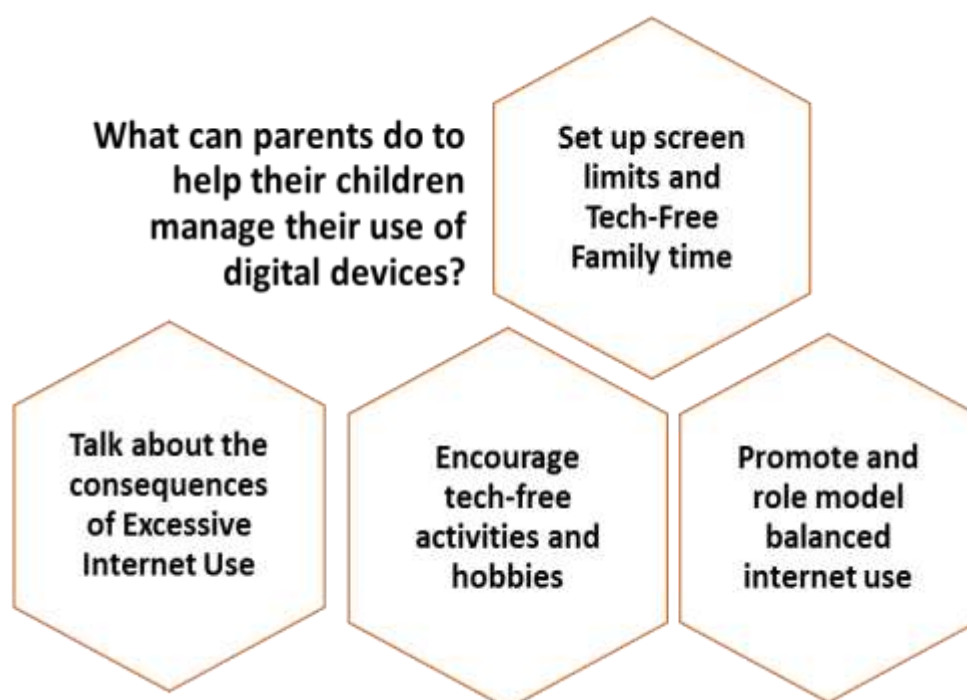
Parent Tip Sheet: Helping Your Child Manage Excessive Internet Use

What is Excessive Internet Use?

Excessive Internet Use happens when an individual uses the Internet to the extent where he/she experiences problematic outcomes that negatively affect his/her life.

What are the signs of Excessive Internet Use?

- Needs to spend an increasing amount of time on the internet before achieving satisfaction
- Becomes irritable or violent when disrupted from the use of digital devices
- Academic performance and health are affected
- Tries to go online less but is unsuccessful
- Prefers digital devices to social events that may lead to strained relationships between family and friends
- Constantly listens out for the phone when away from it and is distressed when it cannot be found





LOOKING BACK

My First Session As a Swimsafer

In the past few months, the Structured CCA (SCCA) Programme has exposed our P3 Frontiers to different modular programmes aimed to build them to be physically, aesthetically and mentally stronger.

Through the SCCA programme, many Frontiers have become better friends as they shared many fun memories together.

Do visit our blog at <http://blog.frontierpri.net/> to see how excited our Primary 3 pupils were when the school organised the SWIMSAFER lessons for them as part of their SCCA Programme.



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Suicide Games and Online Media: What Should Parents Do?

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You may have heard of the **Blue Whale game** and **Thirteen Reasons Why (13RW)**, or them trending on your social media feed. Such content has been circulating and may negatively influence our children to view suicide as a viable way to deal with their problems, or even romanticise or glamourise the act of suicide.

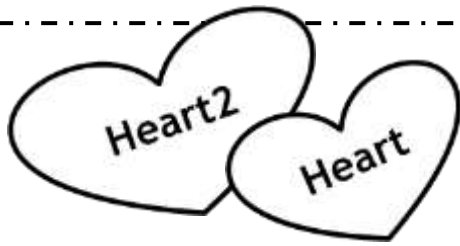


Thirteen Reasons Why (13RW) is a fictional story released on Netflix surrounding the traumatic events recounted by a high school student who chose to end her life by suicide. The sinister but unverified Blue Whale game allegedly incites teenage players to carry out tasks involving self-harm in a 50-day period and culminates in a final task to commit suicide in order to win the game.

While it is difficult to verify if suicide deaths are caused by online games, such games with dark themes related to self-harm or suicide are still of concern.

Viral content about self-harm or suicide is worrying and raises important questions about media influence and the power of social media. As parents, we play a very critical protective role that can minimise the negative effects of such exposure.

Do read more at <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/suicide-games-and-online-media-what-should-parents-do> to see what we as parents can do to help our children.



5 Tips for Helping Children Develop Better Study Habits

Posted by Marianne Stenger

Helping kids with their homework is important, but how you do it matters, explains Marianne Stenger, a writer with Open Colleges one of Australia's leading online education providers.

Although homework is usually the last thing kids want to do after school, it can be a valuable tool to help them develop self-regulatory skills that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. And when parents get involved, its effects can be even further reaching.

Aside from the opportunity to see what kids are learning at school, parent involvement in homework can result in higher rates of homework completion and improved academic performance among elementary school children. Its effectiveness, however, depends a lot on how parents choose to get involved.

So if you're looking to become more involved in your child's education, here are five tips for going about it the right way.

1. Provide support rather than instruction
2. Help them develop a routine
3. Emphasise the benefits
4. Provide them with choices
5. Praise effort rather than intelligence



Read the full article at <http://splash.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/1645223/5-tips-for-helping-children-develop-better-study-habits>