

# CANOSSIAN SCHOOL REACH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

The last month has been a remarkable experience for all of you at home as well as all of us at CS. Since 8 April, you have played the role of co-educator for your children, alongside our teachers. I am sure it has been an eye-opener for you through which you have reached a new understanding of your children learn and communicate. For staff here at CS, it's been a steep learning curve as we have all adapted to new modes of lesson design and delivery. It was a period of intense learning on a daily basis for most.

Although it's been an uphill task for both, I would have to say it's been a blessing in disguise. Parents would have learned new ways of working with your children and teachers would have widened their repertoire of teaching pedagogies. On a balance, more good has come out of it despite the challenges. On that note, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all and WELL DONE parents and staff!

Please take note of the revised dates of the academic calendar included within this newsletter.

Regards,  
Christina Michael (Ms)  
Principal



## Revised school term and holidays for 2020

### School Terms for 2020

Semester 1	
Term 1	Thursday 2 January to Friday 13 March
Term 2	Monday 23 March to Monday 4 May
Semester 2	
Term 3	Tuesday 2 June to Friday 4 September
Term 4	Monday 14 September to *Friday 20 November

### School Holidays for 2020

Semester 1	
Between Terms 1 and 2	Saturday 14 March to Sunday 22 March
Mid-term break	Tuesday 5 May to Monday 1 June
Term 3 1 <sup>st</sup> break	Saturday 18 July to Sunday 26 July
Semester 2	
Terms 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> break	Saturday 5 September to Sunday 13 September
At the End of School Year	Saturday 21 November to Thursday 31 December

### School Operating Hours

During this school holidays, the General Office will be open from **8.00am to 3.00pm** on **Tuesdays and Fridays** only.

Parents are advised to contact the school first before coming.

The General office contact number is 67498971.

## Catch highlights of our Home-Based Learning in the video below:

Please click on the poster to view the videos.



# How to Provide Support during Home-Based Learning?

Please click on the poster to enlarge.

## HOME-BASED LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS #5

**Planning Authentic Learning Opportunities at Home**  
School holidays can be a time for family bonding and practising skills!

**1. DISCOVER THE HOME AS AN AUTHENTIC PLACE FOR LEARNING**

Help families discover how home routines and activities can be learning opportunities for their child.

Plan ways to involve their child meaningfully - it can be as simple as being in-charge of turning on the fan or deciding the flavour of the agar-agar to make that day!

**USEFUL RESOURCES**

**Holiday Activities Bingo:** Choose from a range of home activities ideas and combine them into a bingo game!

**Work @ Home:** Activities to do at home to hone vocational skills.

**HomeyApp - OurHome:** Make doing chores fun for the whole family with these free apps.

**2. PURPOSEFUL PLANNING FOR LEARNING AND PRACTICE HELPS TO MAINTAIN SKILLS**

Regular practising of learnt skills can help a child retain and improve his skills. Incorporate these skills into daily home routines and activities!

Discuss with families on what is feasible to practise at home during this period. Suggest skills that you know the child will likely be successful with so that the learning experience is positive. Refer to the child's IEP for skills that might need more practice.

**USEFUL RESOURCES**

**Numeracy @ Home:** Ideas on everyday activities to build numeracy skills.

**Communication @ Home:** A Step-by-Step guide to teach communication skills at home.

**Teaching multi-step task:** A Step-by-Step guide to teach a multi-step task.

**3. LEISURE TIMES ARE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TOO**

Leisure activities offer many learning opportunities, such as turn-taking when playing a boardgame or learning to operate a radio to listen to music.

These can be natural opportunities to build a child's vocabulary. Identify a few new words and use them repeatedly and exaggeratedly throughout the activity.

Encourage families to help their child find meaningful leisure activities to do based on his interest, strengths and preferences.

**USEFUL RESOURCES**

**Red Light Green Light Game:** A fun game to teach the concept of a traffic light.

**Cosmic Kids Yoga:** Get healthy, listen to stories and learn left-right-up-down directions through yoga poses.

**15 traditional SG games:** Learn to play an old school childhood game.

**4. HAVE FUN THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

Enjoy planning fun activities together!

Encourage families to recreate the activities that they often loved to do during the school holidays at home e.g. indoor camping, watching a movie together, bowling with recycled bottles or organising parties with relatives via teleconferencing.

They can also learn a new skill together.

**USEFUL RESOURCES**

**StitchYouSe / Fun at Home:** A listing of inclusive stay-home activities for families.

**San Diego Zoo Kids:** Go on an online family trip to the zoo!

**TLC Play House:** Fun ideas and resources for the family, updated every Tuesday!

**SportGamesSG:** Stay united, stay strong with these exercise videos for the whole family.

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Email: [melissa\\_choo@moe.gov.sg](mailto:melissa_choo@moe.gov.sg) if you have any questions, need technical help or want to share a great idea.

## Holiday resource package for families

Please click on the poster to enlarge.

**HOLIDAY RESOURCE PACKAGE FOR FAMILIES**

**1 ACTIVITIES TO HAVE FUN AND LEARN**  
Here are some activities to have fun and learn with your child during the school holidays!

**2 ROUTINES, SCHEDULES AND STRUCTURES**  
They help your child know what to expect during the school holidays.

**3 DEALING WITH CHANGES**  
Here are some tips to stay positive during the holidays!

**4 SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOURS**  
Here are ways you can support your child's behaviours at home.

**5 SELF-CARE FOR FAMILIES**  
Remember to take care of your own needs and well-being!

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