



*Vision: Be a light in society, enriching lives with love, hope and joy.
Values: Love, Integrity, Growth, Honour, Teamwork (LIGHT)*

SAMS/Admin(P)/2026/064

26 June 2026

Principal's Message for Term 3

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back! I trust the recent June vacation has been marked with quality family time. Strong families are the bedrock of our society and play a vital role in shaping resilient, grounded young people. Families shape the character and values of our Saints and SAMS looks forward to deepening our partnership in nurturing Trustworthy Role Models, Responsible Thinkers and Active Contributors for Singapore and our society.

As we celebrate SG61 this term as a nation, let us collectively remind ourselves of the privileged influence we have in shaping the lives of our Saints. We must encourage them to value learning beyond academic results, embrace lifelong growth, and build the resilience needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world shaped by global and technological developments.

I am reminded of the message, made popular by PM Wong at the May Day Rally, written by a Singaporean who had been repatriated from the Middle East. 'Home' in that message was revealed to be more than a place. It was a shared identity, a sense of belonging, and the reassurance that in times of uncertainty, one's nation will stand ready to care for its people. This same spirit of care and solidarity lies at the heart of the SAMS family. Whether our Saints face the challenges of self-management, or uncertainties of the future, we must continue to work hand in hand to steward our young. No Saint should be left behind. I choose to believe our solidarity as partners in education will remain as SAMS' greatest strength. It gives us confidence in the present and will continue to guide us as we journey alongside our Saints in their future.

Let's commit to work collaboratively with one another—school, family and even the community—to guide and support our Saints as they grow.

Happy National Day in advance. Up & On!

Sincerely,

Veronica Ho (Principal)

Staff Updates/Matters

1. Staff Appreciation Day /Teacher's Day

At SAMS, we understand very well that nurturing a child is a collective school effort and not the effort of the teaching team only. Our Allied Professionals, Corporate Staff, and even the Chaplaincy team all chip in to support the learning and development of our students. Therefore, we have intentionally termed Teacher's Day as Staff Appreciation Day.

While we understand that on Teacher's Day, parents would cherish the opportunity to encourage our children to express their appreciation to school staff, please refrain from gifting our staff high value items which our staff will not be able to accept. Your sincere words of appreciation and/or inexpensive token of appreciation will genuinely suffice. More importantly, your continued collaborative partnership and home-support is our treasure!

Student Matters

2. Key Highlights in Term 3

i. Youth Day commemoration

On 1 July, our students will be treated to a McSaver lunch meal at a nearby Mc Donald's restaurant that is accessible by walking (about 1 km). In the event of inclement weather, the option of food delivery will be exercised. Please provide your child with additional food allowance if he/she would like to supplement the meal with other purchases.

ii. Play Inclusive 2026 @ Expo

As mentioned in the last term letter, our students will be learning Badminton during CCA and the objective is for selected students to be able to play a competitive game of doubles with students from our partner school - Nan Hua High at Play Inclusive 2026. Six of our Secondary 1 students have been selected for this competition. The event will be held on 1 August. Your presence at the event will be most welcomed and encouraged! More details will be released closer to the date.

In preparation for the upcoming **Play Inclusive** event, our students are committed to an intensive training schedule. There is an additional session on 20 July at Nan Hua High (please refer to the Key Dates and Events section below for more information). **To ensure they have adequate time to rest and recover, we will be cancelling PE lessons on all Thursdays in July (2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July), resulting in early dismissal at 1.30pm.**

iii. Social integration with Nan Hua High School

Our students will be participating in a social integration event with Nan Hua High School on 24 July from 10am to 12.30pm. This meaningful initiative will provide our students with an inclusive platform to interact with their mainstream peers, build meaningful friendships, and practice essential social and communication skills. We are confident that this enriching experience will greatly boost your child's social confidence, and we look forward to a memorable day of connection and growth.

iv. National Day School Celebrations

On 7 August, all schools in Singapore will celebrate National Day. Students are encouraged to wear a red top on this day. SAMS is privileged to invite and partner Symrise Asia Pacific Pte Ltd - a global supplier of fragrances, flavorings, cosmetic active ingredients, raw materials and functional ingredients as well as sensorial and nutritional solutions, for this school event. Please take note that school dismissal is at 10.30am.

v. Swimming Programme

As part of our commitment to providing a holistic and inclusive learning experience, we are excited to introduce our Secondary 1 Swimming Programme spanning across two terms. Water competency is not only a vital life skill but also a wonderful avenue for enhancing physical coordination, sensory regulation, and self-confidence. Detailed logistics, including dates and packing lists, are attached below for your reference.

Dates <i>During PE Lessons</i>	Term 3: 5, 12, 19, 26 August Term 4: 16, 23, 30 September, 7, 14 October
Time	1.10pm - bus pick up to swimming venue (Clementi Swimming Complex) 1.45pm - swimming programme by vendor 2.45pm - wash up 3.10pm - bus pick up to school 3.45pm - dismissal from school (<i>please note the slightly later dismissal</i>)
Packing list	A pair of slippers Swimming costume Goggles Sunscreen lotion Towel and toiletries A change of clothes (if)

vi. Learning Journey to VIVITA (Singapore)

The Creative Maker Programme aims to expose students to maker skills and STEM knowledge through two hands-on projects. Through this programme, students will develop both their making skills and 21CC skills such as creative thinking and problem-solving.

As part of the programme, students will attend a Sustainable Maker Learning Journey at VIVITA Workspace in Eunos on 1 September. The learning journey will include a guided tour and a hands-on experience.

The objective of the learning journey is to expose students to how various making techniques and technologies in a makerspace can transform otherwise wasted materials into something of value, while promoting sustainability. During the guided tour, students will learn about relevant equipment and techniques such as heat fusing of plastic, t-shirt yarn making, and PET bottle filament making.

Students will also have the opportunity to create a product of their choice from several options, such as fused plastic creations, plastic exploration projects, or t-shirt yarn coasters.

vii. Learning Journey to Singapore Art Museum

As part of our school's Character and Citizenship (CCE) curriculum, our students will embark on a Learning Journey and Hands-on Workshop at the Singapore Art Museum (SAM). The SAM Touch Collection brings contemporary art to audiences of all abilities through portable, interactive adaptations. Featuring works by Singaporean artists that reflect the nation's history, culture, and society, the collection is supported by audio guides and tactile reproductions to enhance engagement.

The Touch Collection Workshop offers an empowering space for self-discovery and personal affirmation. Through hands-on engagement with artworks from the Touch Collection, participants are invited to connect with the artworks and their own rich lived experiences, memories and ideas.

These opportunities to transform their ideas into their own unique artworks affirm confidence in their abilities, and cultivate a sense of ownership over their creative processes and work. Group sharing and discussion foster peer respect and care, as the workshop promotes a culture of empathy through mindful facilitation.

viii. Commencement of Drop-in Centre for Secondary school students only

In partnership with our Chaplaincy Team, we are pleased to inform you that the school will commence the offering of drop-in centre services for our Secondary School students. The purpose of this drop-in centre is to provide a safe space where our students can continue to cultivate their friendships, develop social awareness and skills as they engage in wholesome leisure activities in the trusted company of chaplaincy staff. While we encourage student participation at the drop-in centre, parental consent is still required.

When: Fridays only (not available on non-school days, school holidays and HBL days)

Duration: 12.30 p.m. – 3 p.m (inclusive of lunch at own cost)

Main Venue: Library (on ground floor of Secondary school classroom block)

ix. Reduction of Lunch period @ Kopitiam

With the commencement of the Central-Kitchen Meal Model at SAMS, the dietary needs of our students would be adequately fulfilled. Yet, the value of integrating into community space, exercising personal choice of food, observing social norms and engaging in social communication are precious. Hence, our students will still be going out of school for lunch at the 'kopitiam' **once** a week. Please provide allowance for this accordingly.

3. Weighted Assessment

Weighted Assessment commenced in Term 2 in the form of the standard pen-and-paper assessment. As the students continue to adapt to the routines and expectations of secondary school, selected subjects – namely English, Science and History – will incorporate alternative forms of assessment, such as projects and presentations, which allow students to apply their learning in authentic contexts.

These alternative assessments are intended to support holistic development, reduce exam-related anxiety, and nurture 21st-century competencies in our students. For WA2, students will be given 2 weeks to complete the assigned assessments.

In preparation for the End-of-Year Examination in Term 4, WA3 will revert to the standard pen-and-paper assessment format. Students will also be sitting for their English oral assessment in the earlier part of Term 4 prior to the period for the written papers.

4. Blended Learning / Home-Based Learning (HBL)

Home-Based Learning (HBL) aims to help students develop greater ownership and motivation in their learning, as well as strengthen their self-management skills. In Term 3, there will be two HBL days, which will be conducted on 22 July and 21 August. HBL will continue to follow the school timetable for the respective days. Students will complete learning activities at home, based on instructions and materials provided in advance by their teachers through the Student Learning Space (SLS). Students are expected to log in to SLS and complete the assigned lessons and tasks.

We seek parents' support in encouraging and guiding your child to manage their time well and complete the assigned work during the HBL days. Your partnership plays an important role in helping your child develop positive learning habits and self-discipline.

5. National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) / Personal Learning Device (PLD)

As we commence Term 3, we would like to provide a quick update on the implementation of the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) and the procurement of the school-prescribed iPads.

- **Delivery Timeline:** We are currently working closely with our appointed vendor, AsiaPac Technology Pte Ltd, to process and prepare the devices. The entire fulfillment process is expected to take approximately **4 to 5 weeks**.
- **Student Briefing:** Upon the arrival of the iPads, our school staff will conduct a dedicated briefing session for the students. This will guide them on how to navigate their new devices responsibly, including the essential "**Dos and Don'ts**" of iPad usage in school.
- **Our Partnership with You:** While the Device Management Application (DMA) will assist in regulating school hours and filtering content, **parental partnership at home is vital**. We encourage you to work alongside us in establishing healthy digital boundaries at home to ensure your child maintains a balanced lifestyle and healthy screen-time habits.

Thank you for your continued support as we empower our students for a digital future. More details regarding the exact distribution dates will be shared closer to the arrival of the devices.

6. World of Work - Baking Curriculum

Following an awareness talk and a Learning Journey to Crunchy Teeth in Term 2, our students will embark on a 10-week baking curriculum in Term 3. The students will learn important foundational baking skills such as basic food hygiene, kitchen safety practices, and the proper usage of baking tools and ovens. Students will be introduced to a range of recipes, from savoury items such as garlic toast bread and pizza toast to sweet treats including muffins, cookies, biscuits, and banana loaf cakes.

Throughout the programme, the students will learn weighing of ingredients, mixing and portioning batter, following recipe instructions, and maintaining cleanliness of their workstations. These hands-on experiences will help to build the students' confidence, independence, responsibility, and practical life skills in a structured baking kitchen environment.

Safety and Administrative Matters

7. Communication Channels between School and Parents/Guardians

As part of the digitalization efforts in the SPED sector, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has made Parents Gateway (PG) available to parents. SAMS will be onboarding PG in Term 3. This platform enables us to share important announcements, consent forms, and updates more efficiently with parents.

We are sharing this information early to inform you in advance of the upcoming change and to give you time to familiarize yourself with the platform. At this stage, the transition details are still being finalized, and we will provide you with further updates and clear instructions before the official rollout.

Purpose	Parents Gateway (PG)	Qoqolo
School-wide announcements	✓	✗
Parents letter on official updates, events, notices from the school, and other administrative matters	✓	✗
Consent forms for activities, travel declarations	✓ Parents can submit digitally via PG	✗
Class-specific matters	✗	✓ Communication with teachers about your child's class
Individual child matters	✗	✓ Direct teacher-parent communication
Multi-child access	✓ Parents can view announcements for all children in one account	✗

In summary, PG enables you to:

- Receive Official Announcements: Stay updated on school events, critical announcements, and daily updates directly on your mobile device.
- Provide Digital Consent: Easily give administrative consent and declare travel plans for school activities without the hassle of physical paper forms.
- Manage Multiple Children: If you have more than one child in the school (or across different MOE schools), you can manage all their updates within a single app.

Please note that communication with teachers on class matters concerning your child will continue to be via Qoqolo (or other mutually agreed communication platform). PG will be used primarily for school-wide announcements and administrative matters. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education as we continually work to enhance our school systems and better support your parent communication experience

8. Walk of a Lifetime 2026

St Andrew's Autism Centre (SAAC) is inviting parents/caregivers and students of SAMS to join them for Walk of a Lifetime on Saturday, 29 Aug 2026, from 8am to 11am at Gardens by the Bay (The Meadow). Tickets are complimentary for all SAMS students and 2 accompanying caregivers. To register for these complimentary tickets, registration is strictly via **hard copy registration form** only.

If you prefer to register your child/yourself as a paid participant and thereby contributing directly to the fund raising efforts of SAAC, please register via the online portal at walkofalifetime.sg. Early bird rates are available until 30 July 2026. Upon registration, every registered participant will become a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser.

Please refer to SAAC's letter for more information and the hardcopy registration form.

9. Care for school property

Occasionally, our students may become dysregulated and in the process damage school or public property, or/and even put others in harm's way. Do continue to encourage and teach your child to develop and apply healthy, safe and appropriate ways of managing and expressing their emotions.

Home-School Partnership

10. Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) in Term 4 Week 1

A Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC), conducted online, will be held in Term 4 Week 1. During the session, teachers will share your child's Weighted Assessment (WA) results and learning progress from Term 3.

The conference will also provide an opportunity for parents, teachers, and students to discuss ways to better support your child in preparation for the End-of-Year (EOY) examinations. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the conference together with your child so as to partner the school in supporting his/her learning and growth. More details regarding the schedule and appointment booking will be shared at a later date.

Annex

Key Dates and Events for Term 3 (Secondary)

Please note the following important dates for your calendar. A 'live' calendar of school events and programmes (Primary & Secondary) is also accessible via the school's website.

Week	Date	Event	Time / Details
1	29 Jun (Mon)	First day of Term 3	Normal reporting time
1	2 Jul (Thu)	Cancellation of afternoon PE lesson	Early dismissal at 1.30pm
2	6 Jul (Mon)	Youth Day	School Holiday
2-3	8-17 Jul (Wed-Fri)	WA2	Issue of alternative assessment for English, Science and History; pen-and-paper for Mathematics and Geography (G2/3)
2	9 Jul (Thu)	Cancellation of afternoon PE lesson	Early dismissal at 1.30pm
3	10 Jul (Fri)	Play Inclusive Training Session #3	At SAMS. During School Curriculum hours
3	15 Jul (Wed)	Learning Journey to Singapore Art Museum	Early dismissal at 1.30pm
3	16 Jul (Thu)	Cancellation of afternoon PE lesson	Early dismissal at 1.30pm
4-5	22-31 Jul (Wed-Fri)	WA2 Submission	Students submit their work for alternative assessments assigned.
4	20 Jul (Mon)	Racial Harmony Day	Students are encouraged to wear ethnic costumes.
4	20 Jul (Mon)	Play Inclusive Training Session #4	At Nan Hua High School from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Please provide sufficient money for lunch. 2-way transportation will be provided.
4	22 Jul (Wed)	Home Based Learning 02	Lesson instructions and materials will also be shared via the Student Learning Space (SLS). Students are expected to log in to SLS and complete the assigned lessons.
4	23 Jul (Thu)	Cancellation of afternoon PE lesson	Early dismissal at 1.30pm
4	24 Jul (Fri)	Social Integration with Nan Hua High School	During school curriculum hours; Refer to Term Letter for details

5	30 Jul (Thu)	Cancellation of afternoon PE lesson	Early dismissal at 1.30pm
5	1 Aug (Sat)	Play Inclusive 2026	Venue: Expo Morning till Evening; More information will be provided
6	7 Aug (Fri)	National Day School Celebrations	Students are encouraged to wear red. Dismissal is at 10.30am
7	10 Aug (Mon)	National Day School Holiday	School Holiday
8	18 Aug (Tue)	School Visit by Minister of Education	Normal curriculum
8	21 Aug (Fri)	Home Based Learning 03	Lesson instructions and materials will also be shared via the Student Learning Space (SLS). Students are expected to log in to SLS and complete the assigned lessons.
9-10	24 Aug - 1 Sep	WA3	Pen-and-paper during curriculum time
9	29 Aug (Sat)	Walk of A Lifetime 2026	St Andrew's Autism Centre's annual fundraising event. Refer to Term Letter for details
10	1 Sept (Tue)	Learning Journey to VIVITA (Singapore)	Dismissal at 1.30pm
10	3 Sep (Thur)	Staff Appreciation Day	Dismissal at 10.30am
10	4 Sep (Fri)	Teachers' Day	School Holidays
	5 - 13 Sep	School Vacation (Between Term 3 & 4)	School Holidays
Term 4			
1	15 Sep (Tue)	Parent-Child Teacher Conference (PCTC) (Virtual)	Details to sign up for the session will be shared at a later date.
2	21 Sep (Mon)	English Oral Exam	Students will report to school as per normal and will be dismissed once his/her assessment is over.



29 June 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

St. Andrew's Mission School - Walk of a Lifetime 2026

We are delighted to invite you and your family to join us for Walk of a Lifetime 2026 on **Saturday, 29 August 2026** organised by St. Andrew's Autism Centre.

As parents and caregivers, you understand better than anyone that autism is a lifelong journey. Through Walk of a Lifetime, we hope to remind our community that no family should have to walk this journey alone. This special event brings together students, families, supporters, volunteers, and members of the public in a shared experience of understanding, acceptance, and inclusion.

This year, we are excited to introduce a new 2km route at Gardens by the Bay. Set against one of Singapore's most iconic landscapes, the walk provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to be seen, supported, and celebrated by the wider community. We hope your family will join us in showing Singapore that every individual with autism deserves to be accepted, valued, and included.

Event Details

Date: 29 August 2026, Saturday

Time: 8am – 11am

Venue: The Meadow, Gardens by the Bay

Route: A scenic 2km walk (estimated 40 - 45 minutes)

Registration & Participation

- Registration Window: 29 June to 9 July 2026
- Complimentary Entry for SAMS student + 2 caregivers
- How to Register: Please complete the attached hardcopy registration form. Once submitted, a confirmation email will be sent to your email address within 7 working days.
- Additional Caregivers: Friends and family members are welcome to join! They can register as part of your team (automatically created after registration under SAMS student name) via the online portal at walkofalifetime.sg. Early bird rates are available until **30 July 2026**.

Peer to Peer Fundraising

- SAAC aims to raise **\$800,000** this year to fund essential, lifelong support services.
- Every registered participant will become a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser.
- We encourage you to rally your friends and family to support our cause.



Parents' Briefing

To help you prepare your child for the event, a **30-minute online briefing session** will be held on:

- **11 August 2026 (Tuesday), 8.00pm OR**
- **13 August 2026 (Thursday), 8.00pm**

(Details and login links will be shared via email closer to the date.)

We understand that participating in a large community event may feel daunting for some families. Please be assured that the safety and well-being of our students remain our highest priority. Caregivers are also strongly encouraged to attend the Parents' Briefing. Please indicate your preference in the hardcopy registration form under **Section 4: Parents' Briefing Session**.

For any queries, please email walkofalifetime@saac.org.sg.

Your participation will support your child and help to champion a more inclusive world for all persons with autism. We look forward to walking alongside you!

Yours faithfully,

Bernard Chew
CEO
St. Andrew's Autism Centre



Walk of a Lifetime 2026: Registration Form

Please complete and return this registration form by **9 July 2026**.

Kindly note that submission is required from all parents or caregivers, even if you are not attending the event.

Section 1: Participation Status

Please indicate your participation:

- ☐ Yes! We will be taking part in WOAL 2026.
- ☐ No, we will not be participating this year. *

***Important:** If you are unable to join us, please complete **Section 2a: Student Details** and **Section 5: Acknowledgement** and submit the form.

Section 2: Student Details

Section 2a. Student Particulars

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): ____/____/____

Gender: Male / Female

Section 2b. Participant Event Shirt

T-Shirt Size: _____

Size Chart



Inches	T-Shirt Sizing Chart									
Sizes	4XS	2XS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	5XL	7XL
Chest	15.5	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	26	28
Length	20	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	34	36



Section 3: Caregiver(s) Details

Each student is entitled to two complimentary tickets for caregivers.

Kindly provide information **only** if the parent(s) or caregiver(s) is attending WOAL 2026.

Caregiver 1 (Student Emergency Contact)

Salutation: Mr /Mrs /Ms /Dr /Other: _____ Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): ____/____/____

Name: _____

Email: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Caregiver 1 Emergency Contact Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ Relationship: _____

Caregiver 2

Salutation: Mr /Mrs /Ms /Dr /Other: _____ Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): ____/____/____

Name: _____

Email: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Please leave address field blank if it is the same as Caregiver 1.

T-Shirt Size: _____

Caregiver 2 Emergency Contact Name: _____

Please leave this field blank if it is the same as Caregiver 1.

Contact Number: _____ Relationship: _____



Section 4: Parents' Briefing Session

Parents' Briefing Session (Online) [Please tick (✓) one]

- ☐ I will attend the briefing on **11 August 2026 (Tuesday), 8.00pm.**
- ☐ I will attend the briefing on **13 August 2026 (Thursday), 8.00pm.**
- ☐ I am unable to attend either briefing.

Section 5: Acknowledgement

I have read and understood the details regarding the Walk of a Lifetime 2026, including the registration details, the peer-to-peer fundraising initiative, and the requirements for the Parents' Briefing Session.

Name of Parent/ Caregiver: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____