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Dear Parents,

The Harvest Festival is rapidly approaching, occurring in just one week. We are excited to share all the essential details with you to help both you and your child get ready for this wonderful celebration. Kindly take the time to read this newsletter thoroughly to ensure that no important information is overlooked.

Our teachers, children, and the parent committee have been working hard to make the festival a meaningful and joyful event. We are especially grateful to the committee parents who generously gave up their weekend mornings to meet with us, bringing fresh ideas and great energy. They will continue to support the Yorkland team throughout the final preparations.

We are delighted to come together in celebration.

SCHEDULE

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Programme

7.30 am	Yorkland staff arrival.
8.00 am	Event committee's arrival. *[Ms Liz, Ms Patricia, Ms Vaness, Ms Angelene, Ms Kai Chur, Mr Hu and Mr Elan].*
8.45 - 9.00 am	Arrival of all other families.
9.00 – 9.15 am	Welcome speech and programme briefing.
9.15 – 9.40 am	Children's Presentation.
9.40 – 10.15 am	Fruit Platter Fun.
10.15 – 10.45 am	Snack Time *[Picnic snack].*
10.45 – 11.15 am	Station Activity. *Please refer to the table for your child/children's group activity.*
11.15 – 11.45 am	Station Activity.
11.45 – 12.15 pm	Station Activity.
12.15 pm	Goodbye song and going home time.
12.15 – 12.30 pm	Clearing up.

After the goodbye song, the teachers and committee members will assist with the clean-up.

Group Assignments & Fruit Platter Fun Details

Please take a moment to check which group your child has been assigned to for the station zctivities. Kindly note that your child will also be placed in different groups for the Fruit Platter Fun activity and the station games, so do look carefully at all groupings.

For Fruit Platter Fun, we will have five groups, each tasked with creating a colourful and creative fruit platter to be displayed and shared at our snack table. To do this, each group must "harvest" five different types of fruit.

We will have 25 packets of fruit available. Groups will draw lots to determine the order in which they get to choose their five fruit packets. The last group will take the remaining five packets. This fun and fair system encourages creativity and teamwork!

To support this, the parent committee will prepare a cutting corner (for parents only). Each group will be provided with:

- Knives and cutting boards are to be used only in the cutting corner.
- Plates, bowls, gloves, satay sticks, and a serving platter.
- All fruits will be pre-washed and ready to use during the activity.

If you would like to bring additional simple tools from home, you are welcome to do so—please coordinate with your group members ahead of time.

You'll have 35 minutes to prepare and present your fruit platter, so plan wisely and bring your creativity!

We can't wait to see how vibrant, imaginative, and mouth-watering these platters will be. It's such a joyful and refreshing way to celebrate the Harvest Festival as a community!

Grouping for Station Activity									
Ocean		Floral		Forest		Siblings			
						[below 12]		[below 7]	
1	Alna	1	Everlyn	1	Darren	1	Gordon	1	Caleb
2	Hugo	2	Charlotte Kang	2	Rayen	2	Jared	2	Charlotte Ooi
3	Mayumi	3	Daylon	3	Caelyn	3	Wei Herng		
4	Renee	4	Lam Emilia	4	Ethan	4	Enabella		
5	Eliana	5	Siang Yee	5	Zhi Yun	5	Trevor		
6	Keai	6	Charlotte Oh	6	Zhi Qian	6	Daxton		
7	Wei Shawn	7	Emilia Ooi	7	Yi Wei	7	Yee Tian		
		8	Ari			8	Dorothy		
						9	Caylum		

Little Gardeners Station

At Little Garden's Station, we will be planting leafy green plants together with the children. This will be a simple indoor plant, carefully chosen to grow well inside our space and be easy for little hands to care for.

During the activity, children will:

- Place some hay at the bottom of the pot to cover the hole.
- Fill their pots with soil.
- Cut 4 or 5 stamps and gently press them to plant the leafy sprouts.
- Water it for the first time.
- Label your own pot for identification.
- Learn how to care for it at home.

After planting, each child will take their potted plant home. This will be another wonderful opportunity for them to observe how their plant grows over time, while learning about responsibility and the importance of nurturing living things.

The little Gardeners hand-on experience Station will brings joy, pride, and a little greenery into each home!

And the fun doesn't stop there!

After planting, children can head over to the **Bubble Zone** - a playful space where they can run, laugh, and chase bubbles in a joyful burst of energy. It's the perfect way to celebrate their gardening success with a little bubbly fun!

My Fancy Basket

As part of our craft-making activities, we will have a station called *"My Fancy Basket."*

At this station, each child will be given a plain basket and a variety of fun, colourful materials to decorate it. These include pipe cleaners, ribbons, and other simple, safe craft items suitable for our children.

The activity encourages creativity, fine motor skills, and personal expression as the children design their very own unique baskets. Once completed, they can take them home as a lovely keepsake.

The finished baskets are not only fun and festive, but also practical, they can be used at home to hold small toys, stationery, or other personal items.

It's a simple yet meaningful activity that brings joy and a sense of accomplishment to every child.

Puppet Time

Get ready for learning, laughter, and a little bit of magic at Puppet Time, one of the children's favourite stations.

This special Harvest Festival edition of Puppet Time shares a heart-warming, specially crafted tale, our very own story about a hardworking farmer who never gives up, following his journey from planting harvesting. Through sunshine, rain, wind, and even a few pesky creatures along the way, the farmer tends to his crops with love and patience, always hoping for just the right weather to help them grow.

With the help of charming puppet characters, children will:

- Follow the farmer's journey through the farming time
- Learn how nature - sun, wind, and rain plays a big part in growing our food
- See how the farmer faces challenges with determination and care
- Be reminded to appreciate the food we have and give thanks to Mother Nature

This joyful and meaningful puppet show is a wonderful way to celebrate the Harvest Festival, encouraging children to be grateful, understand where their food comes from, and appreciate the value of hard work and care for the natural world.

Parents, please take note of the following instructions and guidelines:

- Parents are requested to **arrive by 9:00 am**. Kindly be punctual, as the programme will begin promptly at 9:00 am.

- There will be approximately 80 people onsite, including children, teachers, parents, and siblings in the garden area. We kindly ask parents to assist us by keeping an extra eye on their children's safety and whereabouts throughout the activities.

- We kindly request everyone to keep their voices low during the presentation to ensure a respectful and focused environment.

- The elder **siblings** will be **joining** the **Little Chef in Action** session to help prepare our morning snack. Please ensure all children arrive by 9:00 am so we can begin on time.

- For parents who are driving on the day, we kindly ask for your consideration when parking along the roadside. Please avoid blocking our neighbours' home entrances. We encourage you to use the Taman Jajar Public Car Park, which is just a short walk away and offers a pleasant start to the morning.

- The main gate will remain closed throughout the festival and will only be opened at the end of the celebration. Please approach a staff member for assistance if you need to enter or exit the premises.

- Personalized T-shirts, based on team colours, will be distributed prior to the festival. We kindly request that your child **wears** their team **T-shirt from home** when arriving in the morning.

- T-shirts will also be provided to committee members, teachers, and dedicated volunteers as part of the event team.

- We will be having a picnic snack. Please **bring a picnic mat** for your family to sit on during break time. To ensure there is enough space for everyone, families are encouraged to place their mats close together. Kindly ensure that you clean up your area before leaving.

- There is no need to bring school bags or extra clothes unless your child specifically requires them.

- Please **bring your own drinking water**. Cold Rooibos tea and fruit juice will be provided for additional refreshment.

For this year's Mother's Day celebration, our children created a beautiful and meaningful surprise for their beloved mothers. They began by gathering twigs from the garden, which became the stems for handmade bouquets. Using soft, coloured tissue paper, they carefully crafted flowers and arranged them with love. Each child also wove a heart-shaped card and drew a sweet portrait of their mother, adding a personal and touching touch. When all the pieces came together, it turned into a lovely, heartfelt card full of creativity and care. To make the day even more special, we taught the children a gentle song to sing for their mothers, and they offered a little back massage to show their appreciation for all the love and hard work. It was a celebration filled with warmth, joy, and gratitude.