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PARENT LINK : APRIL 2015

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Dear Parents & Guardians

Term 1 ended on a very uplifting note for all of us at Katong Convent. Among the many activities to deepen the school experience of our students, we successfully completed the training of our class committees, Values-In-Action and Information & Communication Technology representatives, organised the various level camps and launched, for the third year running, the Intergenerational Learning Programme and held our Meet-the-Parents Session on the last Saturday of the term.

Sadly, Term 2 began with the news that Mr Lee Kuan Yew who served as our Prime Minister from 1959 to 1990 had passed on. The KC family is deeply saddened and joined the nation in the national week of mourning for Mr Lee who was the leader among the core group of founding father of Independent Singapore. Mr Lee has been pivotal in shaping the course of our nation's history. He had dedicated his life to the building of a prosperous and cohesive country where Singaporeans can pursue the ideals of democracy, justice, peace, progress and equality. In the course of the week, our morning reflections and classroom discussions helped our students to know more about Mr Lee as a person; appreciate his contributions to Singapore; understand the principles and values that guided him in his work towards nation-building; and understand that every citizen can make a difference in shaping Singapore's future.

The school was also represented by a delegation led by the Principal to pay our last respects to Mr Lee at the Kampong Kembangan Community Club community tribute site on 27 March. All staff and student participants were keenly aware of the symbolic role during the public homage, as we were representing the school in this national expression of gratitude and respect to Mr Lee. The delegation brought along thank you cards, messages of condolences and gratitude and pledges from the KC family to build on Mr Lee's legacy to contribute to our nation. Our President of the Student Council, Samantha Yap of Sec 4/5 represented us at the State Funeral Service at the University Cultural Centre on 29 March. The passing of Mr Lee Kuan Yew has indeed been a deep loss for all of us.

As we keep Mr Lee Kuan Yew in our hearts and prayers and forge ahead, our girls will be busy preparing for the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation, sports competitions and the mid-year examination. While we continue to do our best to look after their well-being, do encourage, support and guide your daughters / wards to manage their time wisely so that they are not unduly stressed as the examination dates draw nearer. As mentioned in the last Parent Link, we will end Term 2 with our Speech and Prize-Giving Day (renamed as Honours Day) together with our Founder's Day Celebrations on 29 May. More details will be provided nearer the date and we look forward to your support and participation in this key school event.

Meet-the-Parents-Session (MTPS)

This year's MTPS was conducted on 14 March. In addition to providing feedback to parents / guardians on your child's / ward's performance in the first term, the focus of MTPS was also to provide essential information to parents / guardians on post-secondary education pathways. As such, an Education and Career Fair showcasing different institutions like ITE, SHATEC, La Salle,

NAFA and the various polytechnics was held during the MTPS. Our Educational Career Guidance team also compiled an easy to use post-secondary pathways booklet for all Sec 2 to Sec 5 parents /guardians.

On the whole, the Meet-the-Parents-Session was well-received by parents and guardians. The school also gleaned useful learning points and feedback from all who attended the sessions. A big thank you to all parents and guardians for your support and for making the MTPS a meaningful and enriching experience!

Parents and Guardians, we truly believe in the power of your support and encouragement. Do challenge your daughter / ward and support her at the same time. Your daughter / ward will truly "bloom where she is planted".

Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Chan (Ms)
Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Mid-Year Examination

This will begin on **29 April** with the English Language paper. The examination coverage was uploaded on MC Online while the timetable was issued to your daughters today. It is timely to remind our girls and parents of the examination policy regarding mobile phones. **Mobile phones are strictly NOT allowed** in an examination venue. If a candidate is caught with a mobile phone in her possession, even if it is not turned on, it will be construed as an attempt to cheat and she may be barred from all subsequent examinations. Do refer to our Student Journal for other examination guidelines and policies and help to ensure that your daughter adheres to them.

2. Changes in Timetable

In the spirit of continuous improvement, a new timetable came into effect in Term 2 to make the students' recess slots more regular as compared to Term 1. We continue to seek your help to ensure that your daughter has a good breakfast before coming to school to stay healthy. In addition, we will carry out **Friday's even week timetable on 28 April** (Tuesday, Wk 6) to replace one of the 2 Friday public holidays (Good Friday and Labour Day).

3. The Media Challenge 2015

From 17 to 19 March, 5 students from the Infocomm Club participated in Republic Polytechnic's 'The Media Challenge 2015'. Over the course of 3 days, Ong Xin Yi, Camille (Sec 2/3), Yiu Chun Mei Narumi, Juhi Sabhnani (Sec 2/4), Alethea Joseph and Bernita Lee Zhi Xuan (Sec 2/6) attended workshops and lectures by media industry veterans and used their newfound knowledge to put together an SG50-themed feature on an assigned location in Singapore. In the process of working against the clock to produce a feature article and video about a group of veteran drum players in Toa Payoh, the team experienced a snapshot of the tight deadlines of the journalism industry. Focusing on Toa Payoh for the context of their video, they had also gained a deeper appreciation for Singapore's heritage.

4. Singapore Secondary Schools Debating Championships

The Singapore Secondary Schools Debating Championships is a yearly competition organised by Julia Gabriel Centre. 87 schools entered this competition this year and the participating schools

included both local and international schools across Singapore.

It is our pleasure to share that our school qualified for the quarter finals this year – a first in the last five years! There were 3 preliminary rounds and it was a very closely fought battle. In the first round, KC defeated St Margaret's Secondary School only to lose the second round to Tanjong Katong Girls' School and in the final round KC emerged victorious when we faced Nan Chiau High School. Sadly, KC lost to ACS (International) in the quarter finals which was an impromptu round where the debaters were only given an hour to prepare their speech.

The team members were Ong Hui Wen (Sec 4/4), Emylia Tatiayana (Sec 3/3), Caresse Chng (Sec 2/4), Eram Alam and Kayleigh Hoggard (Sec 4/6). Both Hui Wen and Kayleigh were also selected as best speakers in Round 1 and Round 3 respectively.

5. Concert Band Exchange Performance at Anglo Chinese School (Independent)

On 19 March, the Concert Band members participated in an exchange performance with the band from Anglo Chinese School (Independent). This exchange had boosted the confidence of the musicians as they prepare for their performances at the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation (1 April) and Limelight Concert at Esplanade Concert Hall (13 April). To conclude the exchange, the combined bands of KC and ACS(I) sight-read "As Summer Was Just Beginning" by Larry D. Daehn. It was a memorable experience for all student musicians indeed.

6. Concert Band – Limelight at Esplanade Concert Hall

Date : 13 April 2015 (Monday)

Venue: Esplanade Concert Hall

Time : 7.30 pm to 9.10 pm

Price : \$13 (excluding \$1 sistic fee)

Our Concert Band is very proud to be invited by The Esplanade to perform a full-length concert at the Esplanade Concert Hall.

Formed in 2010, the CHIJ Katong Convent Concert Band has made outstanding achievements despite its short history; it won Gold Awards at the 2012 and 2014 Singapore International Band Festival (SIBF) and Gold with Distinction Awards at the National Band Competition in 2012 and 2014.

In their debut *Limelight* performance, the band performs contemporary compositions for the wind ensemble, including *Singapura Suite* by Jan Van der Roost, as well as familiar favourites from *One Direction*, *Les Misérables*, *West Side Story* and *My Neighbor Totoro*.

This is a concert that is not to be missed! We sincerely hope that you and your family can spend a wonderful evening with us. Tickets are available at www.sistic.com. Alternatively, you may order your tickets and make cash payment through any Concert Band member or email Mdm Lai Ai Fah at lai_ai_fah@gmail.com.

7. KC Girl Guides

Our Girl Guides celebrated World Thinking Day (WTD) together with their sister Guides and Guides from the pioneer generation at a campfire held in Methodist Girls' School on 28 February. The annual event was themed "Celebrating SG50; Commemorating Our Roots" in honour of the nation's golden jubilee this year.

Our Guides greeted WTD with excitement, participating in the campfire with much energy and enthusiasm. In addition, they had the prestigious opportunity to perform their winning Skit Competition item for our former First Ladies - Puan Noor Aishah and Mrs Wee Kim Wee. Our girls also built our winning Gateway Competition structure at the event, welcoming the guests to the campfire.

On Saturday 7 March, KCGG successfully held our 8th East Division Brownie Revel 2015 for primary schools in the East with Brownie Packs. The competitions and activities held were in line with this year's World Thinking Day theme. Brownies took part in some of our favourite childhood games such as "Chapteh" and "Kuti-Kuti". We are grateful for the manpower support from Guides from Geylang Methodist Secondary School, St. Anthony's Canossian Secondary School and Bedok Town Secondary School.

Lastly, we are happy to share that the Katong Convent Girl Guides had again clinched Gold for the Puan Noor Aisha Award (PNAA) for 2014. Congratulations to our Girl Guides!

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. B DIVISION NATIONAL SCHOOLS' BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

16 students participated in the B Division National Schools' Bowling Championship 2015. We are pleased to announce that our bowlers came in 5th position. The top four bowlers for the All Events were Sheyenne Chan Jing Yi of Sec 4/4, Adelia Naomi Yokoyama of Sec 4/1, Audris Quek Han Xi of Sec 3/4 and Jana Tan Qiu Xuan of Sec 3/3.

Sheyenne Chan Jing Yi of Sec 4/4 qualified for the Top Ten Masters' Event and she came in second placing for the event. Congratulations to all the bowlers!

2. SWIMMING

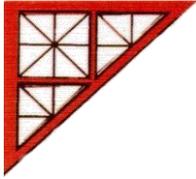
We are proud to announce that Christie Chue of Sec 3/0 has qualified to represent Singapore in swimming for the upcoming SEA Games in June! She also recently set a new national record for the women's 200m freestyle event. Well-done, Christie!

3. NATIONAL JUNIOR CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIP

The National Junior Canoeing Championship was held during the weekend of 14 and 15 March. In this gruelling competition, KC Canoeing fielded a team of eighteen girls to compete in the Junior Women's and the Under-15 Women's category.

Shanais Yuen of Sec 2/6 clinched 4th placing in the semi-finals when she competed in the U-15 Women's K1-500m event. KC Canoeing acknowledges the hard work put in by the competitors over the 2-day competition. It fostered camaraderie within the team. The teams' determination to do well is also appreciated as they organised extra training sessions for themselves in the mornings before school prior to the competition.

The experience has not only made them teammates but friends as well. There were many lessons learnt about sportsmanship and we hope the team will take the lessons with them on their KC Canoeing journey.



OUR GIRLS, OUR FUTURE



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Parent Activities

The KC PTSG is keen to organise activities to encourage networking amongst parents as well as parent-child bonding. Ideas that were surfaced include tennis and archery for fathers and daughters, self-defence and beauty workshops for mothers and daughters and wine appreciation workshops for parents. If you are keen to embark on any of these activities or have an idea or recommendation, please let the PTSG committee know.

Parents' Help Needed for School Programmes & Activities

More parents have volunteered their time and efforts for the Reading Programme and Career Talk. However, we need more parent volunteers for the School Safety Team as well as for carpooling. If you would like to volunteer or would just like to find out more, please contact the PTSG.

PTSG Values in Action (VIA) Projects

Parents are encouraged to organise VIA activities with their daughters and amongst parents. It will be a meaningful way to spend time together and serve the needy in the community. If you have any queries on VIA, please contact Ms Cheryl Anne Lim, HOD/Partnerships.

Next PTSG Meeting

Details of the next meeting :

Date : Saturday 18 April 2015

Time : 9 – 10.30 am

Venue : AVA Theatre

A light breakfast and hot drinks will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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