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Dear Parents & Guardians

April has always been an exciting month for us at CHIJ Katong Convent. The Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation saw each girl in our 6 performing arts groups rehearsing to perfect that pitch, that move, that rhythm and the entire group synchronising every move and sound to achieve that perfect harmony to touch the hearts of the audience and judges. There was the SYF buzz in every corner of the school – around the piano for the Choir by 7.15 am in the morning, in the Dance Studio, Black Box, Band Room, Music Room and other special CCA Rooms for the performing arts groups in the afternoons.

Out at the various sports competition venues, our girls were flying the KC flag high with their courage and resilience despite the tough competition from other schools. They braved the elements – waves, currents, wind, sun and rain in a fine display of excellence and sportsmanship. Though every miss was a painful experience, learning to move forward must be far honoured and cherished. Nothing could dampen the KC spirit and we salute all our sports girls for their grit and determination to stay steadfast in their mission.

Prayers, good wishes, words of encouragement and congratulations flowed spontaneously among teachers and students to cheer the girls on. In addition, teachers and classmates provided extra academic support for those who were out at competitions. All these gestures were reciprocated by the girls who graciously expressed their gratitude to the KC Family for their inspiring support and warm encouragement after their various competitions.

On the school front, we continue to thank God for His special blessings. Out of 6,711 MOE officers being promoted this year nationwide, 8 of our officers are part of this joyous news. Other events which continued to enhance our students' school experience were our concert band's performance at the Esplanade Concert Hall and My Community@Katong heritage trail as part of the Singapore Heritage Fest. All were opportunities for the KC Family to come together to remind each other of the important things in life – celebrating our God-given talents and using these talents to contribute to the community.

We continue to pray for the well-being of the KC Family and that each member will grow from strength to strength.

Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Chan (Ms)  
Principal

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. 'My Community@Katong' SG50 Heritage Trail 2015

More than 75 Sec 1 & 2 students started work on the school's 'My Community@Katong' Heritage Trail since last year, in preparation for Singapore Heritage Fest 2015 on 18 April.

Besides being specially conceptualised as part of Singapore Heritage Fest 2015 to provide a platform for students to lead and guide participants to share and co-create their collective memories of Katong using English and Mandarin, it was also part of the MOE SG50 My SG Trails & Exhibitions programme. Our Mother Tongue department had also leveraged this programme for students to practise translation and use language in an authentic context.

While preparing for their roles as docents, student engaged in collaborative tasks to research and conduct face-to-face interviews with their community partners to craft scripts to present their findings, charting meaningful adventures for trail participants and the community at large. They also led their juniors during the school's Sec 1 Mother Tongue Learning Journey and guided senior citizens on the trail, as part of our Intergenerational Learning (CL) Programme for senior citizens.

Through this situated-learning experience, students gained a deeper understanding of Katong and learnt about the importance of preserving heritage and culture. They also understood the difficulties and hardships of keeping traditions alive in modern Singapore. In turn, students developed a deeper appreciation of what Singapore stands for and increased their admiration for the pioneer generation.

This trail was featured in The Straits Times (IN) on 20 April, MOE SG50 My SG Trails & Exhibitions website and Capital 95.8 FM which was aired on 10 April.

### 2. Post – Mid-Year Examinations Activities

As soon as the Mid-Year Examinations are over, the Mother Tongue Department will conduct intensive Mother Tongue lessons to prepare our girls well for their **GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Language Examination** on Tuesday **2 June**. The **Sec 4E, 4N & 5N structured lessons** are scheduled from 22 to 26 June. Holiday homework by each department will be planned for all levels. It will be good to plan a timetable for your child to balance her homework, CCA and family time. The structured lessons timetable and a summary of the major programmes or activities will be uploaded on MC Online for your reference.

### 3. Founder's Day

Of the three significant events planned for our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations this year - Founder's Day, BMW and a Concert featuring Midsummer Night's Dream, Founder's Day will be held on 29 May. We will be launching KC's heritage panels on that day. Pioneer educators will be invited for the celebration. Students and staff would be involved in a mosaic project and the completed artwork will be showcased at the Marine Terrace site. Some of our alumni members have been engaged in designing a set of lattices for an auction sale.

This will be followed by KC Honours Day 2015 in the afternoon. Formerly known as Speech & Prize Giving Day, the change of name is intended for a sharper alignment with the IJ values and to honour

the achievements of our students. Ms Dahlia Zainuddin has been invited as the Guest-of-Honour. She is an ex-KC student and is currently with MediaCorp Pte Ltd.

We thank God for all His blessings in Semester 1 and celebrate the success of our girls in the SYF Arts Presentations, National Sports and Games Championships and Best Unit Awards for Uniformed Groups. For all the commitment, hard work, and giving of their best as a team in the face of stiff competition to achieve success, the girls will all enjoy a special ice-cream treat during recess on Founder's Day!

#### **4. Travel Plans Declaration Form**

If your family is travelling abroad this holiday, please complete the **Travel Plans Declaration Form**, available in the General Office and on our school's website, and submit it to the General Office before you leave. Do remember to observe good personal hygiene and health practices. We hope that you will be able to spend some time together as a family during the month-long holidays and our girls will come back recharged and ready for Semester 2.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **1. Inter-School History Challenge**

On 15 April, 6 of our Sec 3 Elective History students participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Inter-School History Challenge organised by Bendemeer Secondary School. This was a strategy game of survival and conquest which aimed to simulate the experience of governments during the turbulent era of 1918-1945 in making political decisions pertaining to invasion, trade, diplomacy, reparations, sanctions, propaganda and appeasement. The content of the game was designed to be closely linked to the current Elective History syllabus. Participants had to go through a total of 3 rounds in this competition and we are proud that Lu Hao Wei of Sec 3/6 managed to qualify for the finals. The competition was engaging as the students found an alternative way of understanding historical concepts that was brought alive through the card game. It was certainly a good exposure for our students!

#### **2. Malay Language National Scrabble Competition**

4 ML students participated in the Malay Language National Scrabble Competition (*Sahibba*). This competition was organised by Bishan Park Secondary School with the support of the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee (MLLPC). For the East Zone Category held on 18 April, out of the 10 schools that took part, our school came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and has qualified for the finals in June. The 4 students involved were Nurfatim Syazlyn bte Sudirman (Sec 4/3), Nurin Nasuha Bte Abu Hasan (Sec 4/4), Siti Aidah bte Abdullah (Sec 4/4) and Hadirah Iwani bte Abdul Razak (Sec 4/5). Congratulations to the students!

#### **3. Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation**

These are the results of the various performing arts groups:

Chinese Drama – Certificate of Accomplishment

Chinese Orchestra – Certificate of Distinction

Choir – Certificate of Distinction

Concert Band – Certificate of Distinction

Dance Society – Certificate of Distinction

Dramatic Arts Society – Certificate of Distinction

Congratulations to all! We are certain that you have learned much from this experience and will treasure the memories of working together preparing for your presentation!

#### **4. National Inter-School Canoeing Championship**

The National Inter-School Canoeing Championship was held over four gruelling days from 6 to 9 April. In this competition, the school fielded a team of sixteen girls to compete in the B Division girls and C Division girls category.

Shanais Yuen of Sec 2/6 clinched 4<sup>th</sup> placing in the finals when she competed in the C Division JK1-500m event. Charis Low Kai Hui of Sec 4/5 clinched 5<sup>th</sup> placing in the semi-finals when she competed in the B Division K1-500m event. KC Canoeing acknowledges the hard work put in by the competitors over the 4-day competition. It fostered camaraderie within the team. The team's determination to do well is also appreciated as they organised extra training sessions for themselves in the mornings before lessons prior to the competition.

The experience has deepened the friendship among the teammates. There were many lessons learnt about sportsmanship and we hope the team will take these lessons with them on their KC Canoeing journey.

#### **5. National Inter-School Sailing Championship**

Katong Convent Sailing Team sent two teams to compete at the National Inter-School Sailing Championship. There were two classes of boats in which KC competed in, Optimist for the younger sailors and the Byte for the upper secondary sailors. The competition was held under the sweltering April skies which saw the sailors out at the East Coast Park for long stretches of time. Endurance and fortitude were required as they raced continuously against both the elements and other sailors to determine their final positions. Individual scores were tallied up into team scores as each sailor battled with her wits, equipment and the elements to do her very best.

The younger C Division team was made up of Sit Raudah Bte Mohd Arudin of Sec 2/3, Fathin Rafeeqah Bte Mohamed F and Florence Nguyen Shi Ky of Sec 2/4. Sailing against teams from more established schools, our team managed to clinch a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> position in the team standings.

The senior B Division comprised Charmaine Goh Shang Min of Sec 3/2, Jasmine Luangboriboon of Sec 4/5, Sarah Chow Min-E of Sec 4/6 and Dayna Maria Yeo Lyn of Sec 3/0. Our top 3 sailors in this class contributed their time to the overall team results and we are pleased to announce that our B Division sailors also garnered a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> position.

Many congratulations to our KC Sailing Team for keeping up with our notable track record at the Sailing Championship.

#### **6. National Track and Field Championship**

Congratulations to Keira Mingan Apeland from Sec 1/6 who won a Silver in the 1500m C Division Girls event! Keep it up!

#### **7. National Inter-School Golf Championship**

Lizanne Lam of Sec 3/4 and Iman Mcherson of Sec 4/1 competed in the National Inter-School Golf Championship. They both took part in the individual and team competition. In the team competition, they clinched 4<sup>th</sup> position with a combined score of 185. Great job, girls!

#### **8. National Inter-School Swimming Championship**

Christie Chue from Sec 3/1 participated in the National Inter-School Swimming Championship on 21 April and came in first in both events that she took part in. Not only did she walk away with the Gold medal in both the B Division 200m freestyle and 50m breaststroke events, she also broke the meet

records for both events. Christie will also be making her SEA Games debut in June this year, representing Singapore in the 200m freestyle event. Do catch her in action at the OCBC Arena!

### **9. National Inter-School Taekwondo Championship**

Indiraa Balasubramanian from Sec 2/5 took part in the National Inter-School Taekwondo Championship on 21 April and came in first in her weight category for the C Division Kyorugi event. Well done, Indiraa!

### **10. National Inter-School Archery Championship**

Cheryl Teo from Sec 3/3 participated in the 5th National Inter-School Archery Championship held on 25 April. Despite competing for the first time, Cheryl did really well in the Individual Category (B Division) 30m Recurve Standard, by coming in 4th place and winning a medal. She was also commended for the most number of 'X's on the target board. Good job, Cheryl!

### **11. Equestrian Federation of Singapore (EFS) Olympic Pathway (EOP) Scholarship**

Vesilia Ng from Sec 5/0 has been awarded the Equestrian Federation of Singapore (EFS) Olympic Pathway (EOP) Scholarship. It is aimed at nurturing and recognizing Team Singapore and Development Team Singapore athletes who have achieved excellence in the EFS Annual League, and represented Singapore in major international games such as Southeast Asian Games, Asian Games, Olympics and Paralympic, as well as to the top two athletes showing high potential. Congratulations, Vesilia!

### **12. Odyssey of the Mind**

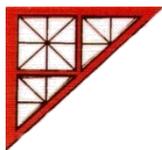
This year, Katong Convent sent in three teams for the Odyssey of the Mind Nationals held on 10 and 11 April. This competition is based on an international educational programme that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. It was very gratifying to see very motivated and passionate OM-ers who embraced the spirit of this competition, working really hard to inject creativity in their scripts and in the making of their sets and props.

Our Division III team comprising Xu Wei'En (Sec 3/0) and Tan Li Wen, Nicole (Sec 3/1), Kshamika Anna George (Sec 3/3), Natasha Nisha Morgan (Sec 4/1), Rouie Andrei Tadeo Domingo (Sec 4/4), Cassandra Wong Xin Yi (Sec 4/5) and Kok Raemae (Sec 4/5) achieved a commendable third placing in their category. Some of the comments from the judges included, "Loved your energy and your character portrayals! Awesome job!" and "So hilarious. Really, really loved it...comedic timing, energy on point."

Our Division II and Division III teams for the Long Term Problem – Silent Movie also put in much effort in the making of their props and the writing of their 8-minute skits. The Division II team comprising Sophia Angela Barrientos Vital (Sec 2/1), Cornelius Rachel Li (Sec 2/2), Fizzah Asif Husain (Sec 2/2), Aditi Menon (Sec 2/3), Theresa Azcuna Smolens (Sec 2/4), Tia Hemant Doshi (Sec 2/4) and Yap Zhi Yu (Sec 2/6) received comments such as "Very lively set...It does remind me of Charlie Chaplin" and they were affirmed for being a "very enthusiastic team" and possessing "infectious energy".

The Division III team which was made up of Yasmeen Aurelia Bte Abdul B (Sec 3/1), Nur Elly Nawwarah Bte J (Sec 3/3), Pascual Rana Justine Mateo (Sec 3/4), Foong Si Ting Ariel (Sec 3/4), Monica Almanon Cunanan (Sec 3/5), Emma Neo Jia Tian (Sec 3/6), Shannon Katelynn Victor (Sec 3/7) was praised for their "tight, well-rehearsed performance", their "entertaining show" which was "clear, stylized and animated" and the "awesome musical instrument" which the girls had created.

Once again, congratulations to all OM-ers!



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### 3<sup>rd</sup> PTSG Meeting of 2015

A big thank you to all parents who attended the 3rd PTSG meeting on Saturday 18 Apr 2015!

Parents were warmly welcomed back with a sumptuous breakfast after a month's break from PTSG Meetings. The PTSG Exco highlighted important dates in April and May such as the start of the Mid-Year Exams on 29 April, the next PTSG meeting date on 16 May and last day of term on 29 May.

They also shared an upcoming PTSG-supported fundraising activity, **Movie Under the Stars**, which will be held in school on the last day of Book & Music Week in July 2015. The plan is for the event to be similar in concept to 'Movies in the Park' and the tentative plan is to screen the movie, 'Fault in our Stars' as it is a popular teen movie which promotes important values such as empathy, resilience, family and perseverance. 'Movie Under the Stars' is a significant event in the school calendar and will require much help from parents in terms of logistics, networking, contacts and even ideas on what kind of picnic baskets to prepare for the event! The PTSG Exco warmly welcomes parents interested to share ideas and to help organise this movie event!

Upcoming Values in Action (VIA) opportunities for parents and their daughters to carry out in June and August were also shared. Do contact the PTSG Exco if you're interested to join any VIA activity.

Finally, the PTSG requests parents' help in providing **work attachment** opportunities for the Secondary 3 students this June during the holidays. The work attachment occurs twice yearly in June and November and can range from a few days to a week or more. This is an important learning experience for the students and we sincerely seek any help from parents. Please contact the PTSG Exco if you have ideas and recommendations for the work attachment.

### Math Department Sharing

The Math Department also shared on the Upper and Lower Secondary Math curriculum in KC including the progression in skills, content and concepts from Lower to Upper Secondary, the topics studied as well as the types of questions in the assessment. The session was engaging and effective. Thank you to all parents who attended the Math Info Session for the positive feedback! Materials shared during the 3rd PTSG Meeting can be accessed via the MCOonline Parents Portal.

### Next PTSG Meeting

Details of the next meeting are:

Date : Saturday 16 May 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!*

### CONTACT DETAILS

Please note our contact details below. We welcome your suggestions and feedback.

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