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**PARENT LINK:
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Dear Parents & Guardians

My staff and I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the PTSG-led team of parents for helping to organise the programme for our **Teachers' Day Lunch at the Serangoon Garden Country Club** on Thursday, 3 September. We are deeply touched by your generosity of spirit in devoting time and energy to ensure that we had an afternoon of fun and laughter. We enjoyed ourselves and would like to thank our parents for your generous contributions towards the decoration of the venue. We also discovered that our parents are charming event organisers, sharp photographers and entertaining Master of Ceremonies too! The "Mad Hatters" theme and table games provided us the opportunity to let our hair down and your heart-warming efforts are deeply appreciated!

All too soon we have marched into the fourth term of the school year and you would have noted that we have uploaded the End-of-Year Examinations coverage, format and weighting on MOnline in Term 3, Week 10 for the reference of students and parents. CCA stand-down took effect from 4 September. This is our last issue of Parent Link for 2015. As the year draws to a close, we look back to celebrate our successes, review our programmes and plan ahead for 2016. We thank God for His special blessings on CHIJ Katong Convent this year and pray for His continued grace.

The **Sec 1 – 3 End-of-Year School Examinations** are scheduled to begin on 2 October. Marking Day and Promotion Exercise Day are scheduled on 14 October and 21 October respectively. Students need not report to school on these 2 days unless a special programme has been scheduled to maximise the use of time after the examination. In such circumstances, a separate notification would be sent to parents. The examination timetable has also been issued to your daughter/ward in Term 3, Week 10. The last day of school for students is Friday 23 October. Please note that it is important for students to attend school in the post-examination period so that they can receive feedback on their examination performance in the various academic subjects and enrich their school experience with other activities. As the **Sec 2E/NA** students deliberate on their Sec 3 subject options, we will organise a Sec 2 Subject Information Fair on 22 October for them and parents are invited to the same Fair on the evening of 23 October. This Fair is part of our year-long continuous effort to provide educational career guidance to our girls (and their parents) to help them make informed choices. The **Sec 3** teachers will conduct a week of extra lessons (26 Oct to 30 Oct) to give the girls a head start in their preparations for the national examination in 2016. As such, applications for early holiday leave are strongly discouraged.

The **GCE 'N' Level** written papers began on 14 September. With a break in the schedule currently, further papers will continue from 5 to 13 October. The 4NA students will return to school from 14 to 23 October for a programme to bridge the academic demands between the NA-level and the 'O' level course, deepen their post-secondary progression experience and extend learning of life skills beyond

the confines of the KC classroom. With effect from 2014, there will be only a single application for the Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) after the release of the 'O' level results in January. All eligible **Sec 4NA** girls are advised to report to school on 4 January to carry on their studies in Secondary 5N next year unless continuing with Secondary 5N is not an option under consideration at all. The month is crucial to give students a head start in preparations leading up to the GCE 'O' Level Examinations next year. Students may leave at the end of January once they have been admitted to the PFP. Other details have been communicated to you and the students in our circular to parents dated 23 September.

The **GCE 'O' Level** written examination will begin on 19 October and end on 13 November. School will be dismissed at 1.40 pm on 19, 22 and 23 October as the examination will begin at 2.30pm. On 20 October, school will be dismissed at 12.30pm as the EL examination will begin at 1.30 pm. As indicated earlier on, students will not be in school on 21 October as it is Promotion Exercise Day.

It is timely to remind our girls and parents of Singapore Examination and Assessment Branch's 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. Please help to ensure that your child/ward does not bring her mobile phone to school during the examination period.

We wish all our girls every success in the coming examinations and pray for God's blessing and protection over them.

The **Graduation Lunch** for Sec 4E & 4N classes will be held on Saturday 14 November at the Orchard Hotel. Do note that in response to feedback from the Sec 4N students and teachers, their graduation will again be held together with their cohort who joined Katong Convent in Sec 1 in 2012. As the current Sec 5s had attended their graduation lunch with their cohort in their 4NA year last year, they will not be involved in this year's graduation lunch.

If you have made travel plans for the holidays, please remember to complete the **Travel Plans Declaration** form which is available from the General Office and on our school's website. Please return it through your child's/ward's Form Teacher by Friday 23 October or before you leave the country.

May God bless you and your family and keep you in His loving care.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Chan (Ms)
Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. September / October Highlights

Date	Event
14 Sept	GCE 'N' Level Written Examination
21 Sept	Lessons resume for 4NA *History CA for Sec 1 Express / Normal Academic Classes
23 Sept	Lessons resume for 4NT
25 Sept	KC Awards Day
28 Sept	Farewell Reflection for Graduating Cohort

2 – 13 Oct	*Sec 1 - 3 EOY Examination
5 Oct	GCE 'N' Level Written Examination Resumes Study Leave for 4E/5N Begins
14 Oct	Marking Day *Sec 1NA & NT Retreat
14 – 22 Oct	*Bridging Programme for 4NAs commencing with Open House visit to Temasek Polytechnic
19 Oct	GCE 'O' Level Written Examination Begins
21 Oct	Promotion Exercise Day *Sec 1E Retreat
22 Oct	**Sec 2 Subject Information Fair (for students)
23 Oct	**Last Day of School – Mass and Issuance of Result Slips **Sec 2 Subject Information Fair (for parents)
26 Oct – 30 Oct	Sec 3 Extended Lessons
14 Nov	Grad Lunch for Sec 4s
20 Nov	**Dry Run for A Midsummer Night's Dream, a KC 85th Anniversary Production (for students)
21 Nov	**Staging of A Midsummer Night's Dream

* The circular has been issued earlier on.

**A circular will be issued in due course.

2. Our Educational Career Guidance (ECG) Programme in Term 3

Career Counselling

Career counselling was organised for all graduating students to discuss next year's plans with teachers from the ECG team. Initially each class was scheduled over a 2-week period and groups of 5 students were invited to attend the sessions. These had to be modified to accommodate the time lag from their last entry into the ecareers.sg portal, their extended curriculum and the Oral exams.

Each graduating class was then scheduled to access the portal and respond to the Personal Globe Inventory. The girls' interest and abilities profile together with each individual girl's plans for next year were compiled on a class list for a small group follow-up discussion. The girls were taught how to read the PGI Full Report and take advantage of the careers that matched their profile and how to make sense of it and use it to guide their decisions. The girls found it useful to talk through some ideas and be directed to research more. The ECG team has completed meeting all the graduating classes.

ITE Talk for O-level students

This talk was to provide information on opportunities at ITE for 'O' level students. Acknowledging that ITE would not be a preferred choice, the speaker encouraged the girls to aim much higher but to include ITE Higher Nitec courses as safety nets. She shared the schools in ITE and the various courses available in each of them, all of which enable learning marketable skills.

Talk on A-Levels by CJC

On 24 Aug, KC was privileged to have Mrs Christina Kong, Principal of Catholic Junior College (CJC), who gave a talk to the Secondary 4 and 5 [Express and Normal (Academic)] girls on what they could expect from a Junior College education. She was accompanied by two ex-KCians, Cheryl and Kelly. Cheryl and Kelly shared candidly their experience in CJC, on everything from their subject combinations and opportunities in their CCA, to intellectual conversations with peers, inspiring teachers and even, the delicious canteen food.

Highlighting the deep academic rigor of the JC curriculum, Mrs Kong shared that when deciding between going to a Junior College or Polytechnic, students should consider whether they are more suited toward an academic route, or an applied education route that is more specialised and focussed on practical skills. She also shared information on possible subject combinations, subjects that are

offered at the 'A' Level Examinations and the prerequisites for taking them. If students pursue a JC education at CJC, they can also expect to be developed into a "Thinker with a Mission, Leader with a Heart" – this is achieved through critical thinking, learning outside of the classroom beyond Singapore, service learning opportunities around the world, a vibrant school culture through the myriad of school activities and CCAs, and a culture of care that is built on the Catholic ethos of truth and love. Girls and parents may refer to the websites of respective JCs for more information.

Direct Admissions Exercises

The Sec 3 Express girls were briefed on the direct admissions exercises in which 'O' level students are able to leverage their talents and abilities to gain entry into junior colleges, polytechnics or the ITE ahead of their 'O' levels. Details like rationale, procedure and timelines were shared, along with applicants' roles and school support for a realistic view of the demands of the exercise to give our girls enough runway to plan their post 'O' level progression.

Nanyang Polytechnic 2-Day Attachments

Girls were eager to sign up for these across the various NYP schools. Eleven girls were successful in securing a place each in the School of Health Sciences on 7 and 8 September to be immersed in the polytechnic and learn about the courses available in Health Sciences.

3. A Special National Day Celebration

Marine Parade SG50 Celebratory Parade

On 2 Aug, a group of Sec 2 and 3 Racial Harmony Youth Ambassadors (RHYAs) took part in the National Day Celebrations at Marine Parade as part of SG50. The idea of a full-fledged National Day Parade in Marine Parade was first mooted by ESM Mr Goh Chok Tong himself five years ago to give residents there a chance to participate.

This year, the Marine Parade Celebratory Parade was themed "Future Begins With The Past". The event was graced by the presence of Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong with participants from various uniformed groups from schools in the east and other marching contingents from Marine Parade resident groups and organisations. The mini parade showcased Marine Parade as an inclusive community and our RHYAs spent 19 July and 25 July rehearsing for their role as placard holders. It was truly an enjoyable experience for the girls to do their part for the community by taking part in this national celebration. Saleema Noor Sarah Bte Zulkiflee of Sec 3/3, the President of the School Council also did her part by leading the participants in reciting the pledge.

Our KC Choir sang a total of seven songs, namely Lengang Kangong Rasa Sayang, 夢田 (Meng Tian), Dravidian Dithyramb, We Will Get There, Count On Me Singapore, One People, One Nation, One Singapore and We Are Singapore, showing our love for our beloved country by belting out the songs loudly and proudly.

Towards the end, the highlight of the parade – glitzy and beautiful fireworks exploding into the dark sky – caught us by surprise while we sang the national songs on stage, with parade participants joining us all around. It was the climax of the day's excitement. We were all completely amazed by it.

KC SG50 Sports Day

This being our first year at our holding site, the school decided to make use of the grandstand at the field to have our Sports Day within the school premises itself. We also wanted to make the event even more memorable, and it seemed apt to continue the theme of "firsts" by combining Sports Day with our Jubilee Year celebrations this year. Thus the KC SG50 Sports Day was born.

The event was held on 6 Aug and took the form of a mini National Day Parade. Our uniformed groups, the St John Ambulance Brigade, Girl Guides and National Civil Defence Cadet Corps (NCDCC), and Student Councillors formed our marching contingent led by a student leader from NCDCC, Glenice Chia of Sec 4/2.

After the impressive march past, it was time for our incoming CCA leaders to take the stage. Four CCA leaders, Marie Tan (Sec 2/3) from Track & Field, Lim Yi Lin (Sec 3/6) from Tennis, Amirah (Sec 3/3) from Canoeing and Sharlize Loh (Sec 3/6) from Badminton formed the CCA relay team to kick off the event with a symbolic relay and recitation of the Athletes Oath.

The new batch of CCA leaders then led the crowd in cheering and National Day song-singing throughout the event. Some of the sports events that took place and which the students enjoyed participating in included the 80m sprint and the 4 X 200m relay. Students were also given the opportunity to take part in "old-school" games such as egg and spoon game, the three-legged race, funny sack race and the crazy elephant race. All students also received a mini funpack containing "old-school" snacks and traditional toys such as a yoyo and a paper ball.

A new SG50 Sports Day activity that also took place was the Level Singing Competition, where the entire level, led by student councillors and class committee members, sang National Day songs accompanied by hand gestures and actions that they had choreographed themselves.

After all the excitement at the grandstand, it was time to move around the school to discover the other exciting activities available. These included the teachers VS students Captain's Ball game which saw an overwhelming participation rate and the traditional games booths, where the CCA leaders taught the students how to play games such as kuti-kuti, five stones and pick-up sticks.

Another highlight of the event was the traditional food section led by the Parent-Teacher Support Group (PTSG), which saw long queues all eagerly looking forward to getting their hands on some traditional food items.

The flurry of activities culminated in the prize giving ceremony in the hall towards the end of the morning and the champion class for the level was as follows:

Sec 1: Sec 1/4
Sec 2: 2/6
Sec 3: Sec 3/2
Sec 4 & 5: Sec 4/1.

The results were determined based on an accumulation of participation points during PE lessons (300m dash, howler throw and long jump) and the 80m sprint, 4 X 200m relay, "Old-school" games and traditional games on our SG50 Sports Day itself.

It was also announced that the winner of the Level Singing Competition was the Secondary Three cohort.

The day ended on a reflective mood with our Principal reminding us about how far Singapore has come since independence and the importance of being prepared for whatever challenges Singaporeans will face in the future.

KC Choir at the State Courts' SG50 National Day Observance Ceremony

We continued our National Day celebrations in other ways after our SG50 Sports Day celebration. On 14 Aug, 30 students from our choir visited the State Courts of Singapore to perform for their SG50 National Day Observance Ceremony. Not only were we given the opportunity to perform for the state judges in Singapore, we were also given a tour of the state courts. It was truly an enlightening and exciting experience.

We toured the main floor of the building and acquainted ourselves with the various courtrooms, hearing chambers and rooms for other judicial and administrative functions. After that, we were brought to an empty courtroom and learnt about the technicalities such as where the attorney stood, where the accused stood, and how the process worked during hearings and trials. There was even an enclosure for the accused of high-risk cases and a basement that is used to hold them before their appearance.

We then joined the judges at a tea reception and had the privilege to interact with the esteemed judges while sipping mock tails.

Last but not least, the performance itself. The choir led the attendees in the National Anthem, followed by singing two songs – Lenggang Kanggong Rasa Sayang (a medley), and Home by Kit Chan. The atmosphere was light, despite the stern looking judges who looked as formidable as ever. While singing Home, it was truly heart-warming to see the audience singing along to the tune.

We are indeed very thankful to have had the opportunity to perform for the esteemed judges and to have a photograph taken with the Honourable Judicial Commissioner See Kee Oon who is also the Presiding Judge of the State Courts.

Majulah Singapura!

4. Singapore Young Photographers' Convention

On 1 Aug, Camille Ong and Megan Tan Kai Lin of Secondary 2/3 participated in the Singapore Young Photographers' Convention 2015, held at Anglo-Chinese School (Independent). They had to roam around Singapore to capture images which best depicted the idea of 'Legacy'. They were also privileged to attend a dialogue and sharing session with Mr Russel Wong, an acclaimed Singaporean international photographer. The students learnt a great deal from their experience and this has helped to hone their skills as photographers.

5. National Schools Literature Festival

21 Sec 3 Core Literature students attended the festival, held on 22 Aug, at the National Institute of Education. The students pitched their skills of analysis and argument in 3 debates - on an Unseen Poem (against Nan Hua High School), Julius Caesar (against Edgefield Secondary School) and Lord of the Flies (against Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road)) respectively, and went on to win the debate on Lord of the Flies, which explored whether Piggy was the voice of reason in the text.

All students agreed that it was a great opportunity to celebrate Literature with their peers from other schools as well as glean interesting insights on the subject, whether it was through the debates or plenary sessions featuring Singapore writers and artists. They look forward to more such learning opportunities in the future.

6. Academic Fun Day

What do coconut milk, wayang kulit and Sang Nila Utama have in common? Well, each was a character in KC's Tribute to the Nation, a collaboration among teachers from the Humanities, Art and Food and Consumer Education (FCE) Departments on 28 Aug. Our teachers embarked on the challenge to weave diverse aspects of our subjects (Art, Food and Consumer Education, History, Geography and Social Studies) into a skit that brought Singapore's journey over the last 700 years to life. This thematic approach was taken to re-create the past and capture the spirit of the characters with a touch of creativity and humour to enable students to make meaning of the characters their teachers dressed up in.

Our colourful characters were:

- Sang Nila Utama who gave us our name – Singapura
- Sir Stamford Raffles and the physical factors which led to Singapore's economic development
- Bugis and Arab traders, Indian chettiars and Chinese coolies – immigrants who made Singapore home
- Japanese soldiers who analysed the map of Singapore before their attack
- Coconut milk, condensed milk and gula melaka – alternatives which people turned to during the Japanese Occupation when fresh food was scarce
- Lee Kuan Yew in a moment of anguish, then, victorious in our proclamation of independence
- The Housing Development Board (HDB) which spearheaded the building of homes for our people
- The burgeoning arts scene in Singapore as we edge towards First World Status

Kudos to the team of teachers, who despite their other work commitments, went the extra mile to research, rehearse and re-enact the skit. They certainly took up the challenge with an open heart and rose to the occasion to make learning meaningful and purposeful for the students.

Academic Fun Day was indeed Fun-NY!

7. Mother Tongue Languages Symposium (MTLS)

The annual Mother Tongue Languages Symposium (MTLS) held at Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre this year on 29 Aug drew a large crowd from both the education fraternity as well as members of the public who were keen to know and learn ways for our mother tongues to thrive as living languages. The theme for MTLS 2015 "Our Mother Tongues as Living Languages", focused on the importance of building a firm MTL foundation from young and making the learning of MTL a family-centred effort.

Our school was given the honour to be one of the only two secondary schools invited to showcase projects that promote the use of Malay language beyond the classroom. Together with 14 Sec Three students and 4 teachers led by Mdm Marini Hassan, parents, teachers and young children were taken on a 'My Community@Katong' heritage trail, which included a crowd-pulling 'spin-and-win' game covering topics such as language, culture and history. Visitors enjoyed a day of language learning fun and were intrigued by the school's approach in creating a heritage adventure through the use of Malay Language. Despite fatigue that came from months of preparation, the opportunity to be part of nation-wide efforts in promoting MTL as living languages was indeed invaluable and meaningful for both students and teachers.

8. Teachers' Day Celebrations

Teachers' Day Mass – "To Serve With Love"

"To truly be a teacher is to serve with love!" This message echoed loud and true in Father Michael Sitaram's homily. As Teachers' Day was celebrated this year, teachers reflected on the roles they took on in the classroom and beyond. Many a time, students may not understand why teachers behave or interact with them in a certain way. Not until they have left school and when students themselves start looking back at how they were like in school. But, still the teacher continues to persist in serving with love. And the love teachers show for students comes in many forms – from how lessons are taught in the classroom to disciplining students, to challenging them to grow their character, to caring for them even when it is most difficult. Fr Michael encouraged all students to listen to their teachers very carefully for teachers hold the key to helping students understand lessons better and getting ready for examinations. Many a time, teachers also act as surrogate parents in school and guide students in character formation.

Father Michael had the school laughing with him at his amusing anecdotes and snapshots of school life. Catholic student leaders led the school in hymn and responses and for the first time, we had 4-member ensemble, the violin played by Bonita of Sec 1/3 and 3 teachers on the guitar, cello and piano accompanying the school as they sang.

All teachers recited a special Teachers' Day prayer together as they offered their work and care for students, in navigating the world ahead! As the Mass drew to a close, the whole school resounded with the strains of Josh Groban's 'You Raise Me Up' – a tribute to teachers. God bless all teachers!

Teachers' Day Concert

Teachers' Day is a time for students to show their love and appreciation for their teachers and this year's celebration was no exception. The hall virtually exploded with enthusiasm and energy as the students declared their gratitude to the teachers during the annual Teachers' Day Concert.

Organised by student leaders, the student councillors and CCA leaders ensured that every teacher was honoured and entertained by the lively performances put up by the students. From the dynamic tunes of the Chinese orchestra to the energetic dances by Siren Crew and the dance club, students and teachers alike marvelled at the talents of the girls. Humour clearly ruled the day with the antics of Linden and Ann Marie as they ran the Sec 4 and 5 Teachers' Day Quiz; a clear crowd pleaser as

surprising secrets of teachers were revealed whilst students were tested on how well they knew their teachers. True to their creativity, the Sec 3s re-wrote the lyrics to a song and brought the energy level of the audience to a new height. Alternatively touching and funny, the Sec 2 tribute video and Sec 1 Teachers Catwalk where students dressed up as their form teachers had many in tears, though it was hard to tell if these were from laughing or crying. The surprise flash mob by the student council executive committee and CCA leaders caused the entire hall to erupt again with laughter and surprise.

It was a concert that both teachers and students would remember, most of all for the sheer display of togetherness and KC spirit. It was there in that moment, watching the girls on stage, that the teachers knew just why they had chosen to teach.

9. Sec 2 Geographical Investigation

As part of the new Sec 2 Geography syllabus, students from both the Sec 2 Express and Normal Academic course embarked on a journey of Geographical Investigation (GI) in late August and early September to find out if Geylang Bahru is an elderly friendly neighbourhood and how Singapore has made the neighbourhood inclusive for the elderly. They were tasked to craft questionnaires to interview the residents, look out for evidence of elderly-friendly facilities and services, and conduct land use and environmental perception surveys to gather information about Geylang Bahru neighbourhood for their GI.

Through this GI experience, students not only gain the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of what they had learnt during their Geography lessons on topics such as inclusive housing in Singapore, they also managed to practise and hone GI-specific skills such as data collection, analysis and presentation of data. Their exposure to GI enabled them to develop an affinity for the environment as well as a sense of space and place, the three key concepts that underlie the Lower Sec Geography syllabus.

10. Ace of Coders

On 10 Sept, Chan Li Ying of Sec 4/6 and Kristine Oh of Sec 1/6 participated in the finals of the inaugural Ace of Coders competition organised by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore. Qualification for this competition began in July, and participants had to compete to unlock the most badges in CodeCombat, a game which tested players' command of Javascript. The pair successfully made it to the top 15 out of the 38 participating schools, qualifying for the finals held at Suntec City. The finals required participants to come up with the best algorithm to outwit their opponents on CodeCombat within 50 minutes. A brand new map for the coding game was released just on the day itself, upping the ante of the competition. Despite having little previous experience in coding, Li Ying and Kristine acquitted themselves commendably during the intense competition and kept calm under pressure, making it into the second round of the competition before being beaten by more experienced opponents. Good job, girls!

11. MTL Publications

The Mother Tongue Languages department has organised a series of writing activities to promote good writing habits and further develop students' interest in writing. In our efforts to showcase students' work and encourage creative writing among our young writers, the Chinese Language unit has an annual publication while the Malay Language Unit, together with our cluster schools, has a biennial Malay publication which is due next year.

We are pleased to share that the 9th edition of the Chinese publication has just been released. It is a collection of selected essays from students' daily work as well as winning entries from our 2015 Chinese essay writing competition. Students have received a complimentary copy of this publication. We hope that they will find these essays a delightful read as they prepare for their end-of-year examinations or read them at leisure during the coming school holidays.

12. Inaugural Speakers' Series

The presence and purpose of schools must necessarily be understood in the context of current realities in society and the world at large. There can be no denying that changes are taking place at breakneck speeds where economic demands and career trends are concerned, no less the evolution

of the digital native – the millennial child. Being aware of and comprehending these changes is therefore vital in order for schools to remain relevant and to meet the expectation of equipping our charges adequately for their futures.

In view of this, we launched the 'Speakers' Series', a platform at which invited industry players form a panel from which teachers may glean their wealth of experience and knowledge of the working world outside of school. This opportunity not only provides us a window into current trends, but it also paints a more realistic picture of what we can share with our students with respect to their academic pursuits, aspirations and ambitions. We may also then dispel any misconceptions they may have in relation to unrealistic expectations as well as requisite skills and competencies for 21st century work.

Our inaugural session, held at our Staff Contact Time on 16 Sept, involved two alumnae, Dr Judy Sng and Ms Geraldine Teo, both of whom graduated from KC in the '90s. Dr Sng is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology at NUS and Ms Teo, a Marketing Manager with Robert Walters, an international recruitment and HR company. Both shared their experiences in their respective fields of work and talked specifically about character traits expected of new graduates entering these domains.

Despite the disparate nature of the work of our two invited speakers, a couple of common threads came through from our dialogue with them:

- no matter what a child's interests are, be they science or arts related, being resilient cannot be compromised if she is to make good her opportunities and succeed as a student or working adult;
- being articulate, and therefore confident (yet humble) with good people skills, is just as critical for students to land a job and do well at it.

This first session proved lively and insightful for our teachers. Both guests were engaging, demonstrating a distinctive KC eloquence and humour that made the afternoon discussion an oasis of learning for all who were present.

ACHIEVEMENTS

East Zone A*STAR Science Fair

Ten students have benefitted from their participation in the East Zone A*STAR Science Fair. Under the mentorship of Mr Tan Yeong Chye and Miss Chua Yijun, these students explored their different areas of interest such as *Can rotten lemons be used to generate electricity? Is waste useful for making detergents or fertilisers?*

Project Title	Team members	Level of Achievement
Lemon Overdose	Lim Yi Lin (Sec 3/6) Liu Jingyi (Sec 3/6) Wan E-lynn (Sec 3/6) Loy Si Ting, Esther (Sec 3/6)	Certificate of Participation
Investigation on the efficiency of different fruit peels on the removal of protein stains	Meredith Kaan Syn Marn (Sec 3/6) Emily Faine Galistan (Sec 3/6) Chow Li Shuen, Reona (Sec 3/6)	Certificate of Participation
Effect of coffee fertilisers on the growth of chye sim (<i>Brassica chinensis</i>)	Stephanie Toh Ying Yi (Sec 3/6) Koh Rui Ling (Sec 3/6) Ayesha Ridhwana Bte Mohd Naina (Sec 3/5)	Merit Medal

We would like to congratulate all students for their hard work and diligence in their successful completion of their projects.

Novice Secondary Bowling Challenge

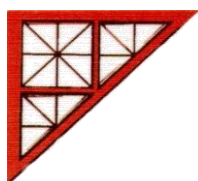
15 students participated in the Novice Secondary Bowling Challenge 2015 on 22 and 23 Aug. We are pleased to announce that two Sec 3 students – D'Rozario Kathleen Anne of Sec 3/3 and Nur Ermelia Bte Mohamad Taha also of Sec 3/3 qualified for the Masters' Event held on 29 Aug. Kathleen and Ermelia have done the school proud by clinching the Champion trophy and 7th placing respectively. Congratulations!

KC Girl Guides

On 25 Aug, KC Girl Guides participated in the annual East Division Day Competitions. This year's theme was Back to our Singapore Kampung Days. The girls took part in all 7 competitions, with two teams competing in each competition. A total of 25 teams from different schools participated in each competition. At the end of the event, the Girl Guides efforts paid off and seven of our teams won! Congratulations to the Girl Guides for winning Bronze in Mini Gadget Making Competition, Recycled Toy Making Competition and Tele-match; Silver in Dessert Making Competition, Recycled Fashion Show and Gold in Performance Competition and Recycled Fridge Magnet. Well-done!

National Air Race Competition

We are proud to share that KC emerged as the champion in the 11th National Air Race Competition (Team Girls' Category) held on 9 Sept at Hwa Chong Institution. The team members from Sec 3/6 were Caitlyn Ann Teo Yi Chen, Cheryl Kam Jia Ying and Emma Neo Jia Tian. Congratulations, Team KC!



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National Day Celebrations – Traditional Snacks Stalls

A big thank you to all parents who gave their time, efforts and ideas to organising the Traditional Food Stalls for National Day cum Sports Day celebration. The line-up of food include potong ice cream and home-made frozen ice popsicles in flavours such as orange, bandung, sour plum and soursop, as well as snacks such as kacang putih, assorted biscuits and crackers and home-made muah chee. The snacks and food were a hit with the students and were sold out within the hour! Our girls loved the tastes of old Singapore!

6th PTSG Meeting in August

PTSG had their sixth meeting of the year on 22 Aug. The purpose of the meeting was to gather feedback and give updates on the various fundraising projects this year, as well as to plan the upcoming Teachers' Day celebrations on Thursday 3 Sept. The school is happy to share that together with the efforts of the PTSG, we have raised more than \$7000 from the BMW Family Night and National Day Traditional Snack Stalls. Thank you for contributing to our new school building!

7th PTSG Meeting – Finale!

We invite all parent volunteers to attend our next and final PTSG meeting for 2015. It will be a morning of celebration and appreciation as we thank all parents who have contributed to PTSG in one way or another. There will be a sumptuous breakfast and tokens of appreciation will be presented to parents who have contributed to the various events in school over the year.

Please join us!

Details are:

Date : Saturday 17 Oct 2015
Time : 9 – 10.30 am
Venue : AVA Theatre

We look forward to seeing you there!

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