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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. School Achievements

- We are pleased to announce that our Modern Dance CCA achieved Distinction in the SYF 2024 Arts Presentation that took place on 16 April. Please join us in congratulating our CCA group.
- (ii) Kheng Cheng School Red Cross Youth (RCY) CCA was also awarded Silver for the annual RCY First Aid Championships (FAC) 2024 held on 23 March. The FAC is an annual platform for RCY members to hone and showcase their preparedness for First Aid emergencies. The FAC facilitated the practical application of First Aid Knowledge from the unit trainings.





We are proud of our students' achievements! Congratulations!

2. Primary 5 Camp

Our Primary 5 students will embark on a 3-day 2-night Adventure Camp at the Changi Coast OALC **from 6 May to 8 May**. We hope to build confidence, resilience and independence in our students through the camp experience. The highlights of the camp include kayaking, artificial caving and height-based activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, zipline and tower circuit. We would like all parents to note that the campsite is out of bounds to the public. Hence, visits to the campsite are <u>not</u> allowed. Do <u>not</u> pack any food such as titbits or snacks for your children as they will invite nearby animals to the dormitories. All Primary 5 Campers will report to the School Hall **on 6 May by 7.15 a.m.** in their Camp Tees. They are expected to bring along their camping bags.

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KCS Open House will take place on-site on **25 May, Saturday, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m**. There are student-led and self-guided tours to showcase the school's CCA groups and special programmes to prospective KCS parents and their Primary 1-bound children. There will also be fringe activities for all to participate in. Help us share the news with your friends and save the date to join us for a morning of fun and discovery!

4. World Red Cross Day

World Red Cross Day takes place on **8 May** yearly. Kheng Cheng School will commemorate this special day on **10 May, Friday**. The theme for this year is 'Coast to Coast, Heart to Heart'. The Singapore Red Cross Society will commemorate its 75th anniversary since its incorporation in 1949. As part of the celebrations, Kheng Cheng School's Red Cross Links is honoured to receive the Gold Award for the Excellent Unit Award and the Silver Award for the annual First Aid Championships.

5. Languages Fiesta

KCS Languages Fiesta will run from **13 May to 17 May** this year. The goal is to foster more interactive and distinctive experiences with the English and Mother Tongue languages. With a week full of activities such as drama enrichment, poetry writing, spelling and tongue twister recitation contests, students will be immersed in the wonders of the languages. Students will also get to learn MTLs and its cultures through hands-on activities like the traditional games, language quizzes and theatre experience. Primary 1 and 2 students are strongly encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite English or Mother Tongue storybook character. Through these experiences, the school hopes to instil a love for English and MTLs in a fun and engaging manner.

6. Learning Festival (Semester 1)

The theme for this year's Learning Festival is *'Create. Connect. Contribute.*' It will be held in the last week of Term 2. Learning Festival offers a platform for students to immerse themselves in various learning experiences like the school's signature programmes:

- 1. Applied Learning Program (ALP), where students learn about eco-sustainability through S.T.E.A.M-related activities.
- 2. Learning For Life Programme (LLP), where students are empowered to become advocates for the causes they believe in.

There will also be career talks, poetry appreciation, learning journeys, life skills and financial literacy sessions. Through the exciting array of activities, our students will celebrate their learning for the semester and extend their learning beyond the academic subjects. Through active participation in these activities, our students will get the opportunity to hone their 21st Century Competencies, including adaptive and inventive thinking, communication skills and civic literacy, much needed for them to navigate the complexities of the modern world and become active contributors to our communities.

7. Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)

To foster strong home-school partnerships, it is important for teachers to continue to provide feedback to parents on your child's/ward's learning progress. As such, the school has scheduled a PTM for Primary 1 to 6 students on **20 May, Monday and 21 May, Tuesday**. Parents will have the opportunity to speak with your child's/ward's core subject teachers for English, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue languages. Details of the PTM, including the booking of time slots, will be shared with you via Parent Gateway (PG).

8. Eat with Your Family Day

As part of the nation-wide "Eat with Your Family Day", the General Office will be closed at **4.00 p.m. on 24** May.

9. From the Principal's Desk

As we approach the end of the semester, we reflect on the enriching journey your child/ward has had with us over the past five months. Our School Leadership Team has been actively engaging our staff in discussions on new initiatives and the evolving educational landscape. These conversations, which delve into our purpose and growth as educators, are integral to our commitment to continuous improvement.

We have empowered our students by facilitating Breakfast with Principal sessions, allowing selected students to share their experiences and contribute ideas for enhancing Kheng Cheng School's learning environment. Additionally, we have sought their input on the new school façade as part of upcoming repainting works. In the weeks ahead, we plan to conduct Focus Group Discussions to gather insights from our stakeholders, shaping the future of our KCS story together.

As we approach the June holidays, I want to express gratitude for your partnership in creating a meaningful educational experience for your child/ward. May this break be filled with joy as you make cherished memories with your loved ones.

Yours sincerely, Mdm Cheryl Tan Principal