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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. National Day Celebrations



The celebrations will take place on **Thursday, 8 August**. On this day, the school will function from **7.30 a.m.** to **10.30 a.m.** Our theme for this year's celebration is "*Together as One United People*". This year is extra special as Singapore commemorates 59 years of independence and 40 years of Total Defence.

Reporting venue	Outdoor Basketball Court
for all students*:	*Students will report to their respective classrooms in case of inclement weather
	(rain)
Dismissal time**:	10.30 a.m. (There will <u>not</u> be any recess on that day and the canteen will <u>not</u> be operating.)
	**Please ensure that the necessary transport arrangements home is made for your child/ward.
Attire:	 Red top (If your child does not have a red top, he/she should report to school wearing the school uniform) School shorts/skirt School shoes
Items to bring:	 A small bag with: Stationery (including scissors and coloured pencils) Water bottle Snacks (optional)

Students will have the opportunity to witness the Observance Ceremony taking place in the morning, participate in classroom activities and watch the National Day Concert. We look forward to celebrating this important day with our students and fostering in them a sense of national pride and unity! Students will report back to school for lessons on **Monday**, **12 August**.

2. PSLE Oral Examinations

The PSLE English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations will take place nationwide on **13 and 14 August**. All Primary 1 to 5 students will stay home and engage in home-based learning (HBL) on these two days. Your child's/ward's Form/Subject teachers will assign relevant homework through the different HBL platforms according to the timetable for that day. A separate notification will be sent to all parents via Parents Gateway (PG). The details of the HBL assignments will be uploaded to the school website. We seek your assistance in ensuring that your child/ward sets aside sufficient time to complete the assigned tasks.

3. Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening & Selection Exercise

The Ministry of Education will be conducting this annual exercise to identify students for the Gifted Education Programme 2025. There are two stages - screening and selection. The school would like to invite all Primary 3 students to participate in the screening exercise, which will be held in the school on **Thursday**, **15 August**. Please be reminded that this is a regular school day so students who opt out of the screening exercise are still expected to attend school on that day. Students who are shortlisted to participate in the subsequent selection exercise will be informed through the school in early October. The selection exercise will be held on **15 and 16 October**.

4. Eat with Your Family Day

"Eat with Your Family Day" (EWYFD) is a nation-wide initiative led by the Centre for Fathering and supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF). It aims to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time that day to bond with their families. Through the simple practice of having a family meal, it is hoped that this initiative will serve as a reminder for families to eat and spend time together regularly. This term, KCS will hold the EWYFD on **Friday**, **30 August**. As such, our school and General Office will close at **4.30 p.m.** that day.

5. Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers' Day falls on **Friday, 30 August**, which is also a school holiday. The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on **Thursday, 29 August**. More details about the students' early dismissal will be provided closer to the date. The celebrations will take place in two parts - class activities followed by a concert segment.

Teachers' Day is a day set aside for students to express their gratitude to their teachers who nurture and guide them in their schooling years. Students are discouraged from gifting expensive items to their teachers. As public servants, we are required to decline unsolicited gifts. Students are encouraged to show appreciation to their teachers with handmade cards and items, or simply share words of gratitude.

6. Thank you, Teachers!

Please join me to thank each and every teacher in Kheng Cheng School for leading, caring and inspiring our students. Their passion and dedication in nurturing a culture of learning and empowering every child to lead and impact our community is truly commendable. HAPPY TEACHERS' DAY!

Yours sincerely, Mdm Cheryl Tan Principal



