



# KHENG CHENG SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## All in Good Time



**(L) Our students and their friends from Durack State School (R) Ms Allison Horne from Durack State School with P/KCS & HOD/MA**

As we journey into 2019, let us encourage our students to make a difference, beyond themselves. We could look at the groups of people around us and make a life map – our families, our friends, those we meet in school, and perhaps our neighbours. List a goal on each branch of the life map on what we could do to brighten up their lives. The goals could be simple; helping with household chores, performing a kind deed in school, giving a smile to bring cheer to a neighbour on our way to school or back. The possibilities are endless! As we work hard to succeed in what we do, let's not forget that we are first made with the natural ability to care for others. We do not need to be consumed by accomplishing great things. Instead, when our children learn to be faithful with the small things, great things will follow, all in good time.

### Beyond Exam Results – Changes in P1 & P2 Assessments

Last year, MOE announced that schools will reduce the number of school-based assessments to reduce the over emphasis on academic results. For P1 and P2, all examinations and weighted assessments would be removed. Instead of marks and grades, we would use learning outcomes and qualitative descriptors in the Holistic Development Profile (HDP) at the end of each semester. In addition, parents of students in P1 and P2 would also be informed of your child's learning dispositions. Under the revised selection for Edusave Merit Bursary (EMB) and Good Progress Award (GPA) for P1 and P2 students, form teachers would also evaluate and nominate students based on the learning dispositions that they have observed through each semester. More details can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/kcs2019-beyondexamresults>

### Chinese New Year Celebrations 2019 (Mon, 4 Feb)

The school will celebrate Chinese New Year on Mon, 4 Feb. As such, there would be no lessons. Students are encouraged to come in their *traditional costumes/red top, with school shoes*. They are to bring these items for the CNY class activity: a *small bag with pencil box, colour pencils, glue stick and scissors*. **Students will report to school as usual and they will be dismissed at 10.30 am**. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child to go home. The school bus transport operator has been informed of the early dismissal time. Students will report back to school on **Thu, 7 Feb**.

### ***“Together We Keep Singapore Strong” - Total Defence Day 2019 (Fri, 15 Feb)***

Total Defence (TD) Day marks the anniversary of the fall of Singapore on 15 Feb 1942. To encourage our students to put TD into action in their daily lives, the school will be organizing a series of activities from 7 Feb. P5 and P6 students would be having learning journeys to Ford Factory and Singapore Discovery Centre respectively. In conjunction, we would also be having lockdown and evacuation drills in the same week. Students can look forward to recess activities like knotting and first aid knowledge as well. Watch the N.E.mation! 2019 finalist clips together with your child and have a conversation with them. Do like and follow [@WeAreTotalDefence](#) Facebook page for regular updates on TD. Watch the videos here: [https://www.youtube.com/user/NEimators/playlists?shelf\\_id=8&view=50&sort=dd](https://www.youtube.com/user/NEimators/playlists?shelf_id=8&view=50&sort=dd)

### ***Modern Parent Series #1 by HPB: Sleep***

HPB has launched a series of educational articles for parents. These include topics such as nutrition, physical activity, mental wellness and even sleep! Appended is the link to one of the articles: More Sleep Please. Read it here: <https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/1236/more-sleep-please>.

### ***Significant Events in February:***

1. Mon, 4 Feb: Chinese New Year Celebrations
2. 5-6 Feb: Chinese New Year Public Holidays
3. 14-16 Feb: P5 Camp
4. 15 Feb: Total Defence Day
5. Tue, 26 Feb: Commencement of P6 CA1

### ***Conclusion***

We are grateful for your participation at the recent Parents' Briefing 2019<sup>1</sup> and know that our students are well supported at home. In school, we were happy to host Ms Allison Horne, Head of Curriculum from Durack State School, Australia as part of an exchange programme. We have also observed a trend of an increase in the number of students falling sick in the months of January and February over the last few years. If your child is unwell, do consult a doctor and let him/her rest at home. We will also continue to ensure that the school remains a safe place for students with regular checks, fogging and oiling of drains. As part of the ongoing school upgrading works, we have also arranged with our contractors to schedule heavy works only after school hours to keep out dust and minimise noise. With the CNY holidays coming up, do take care of all at home. Keep well, stay healthy!

Have a joyous Lunar New Year!

Sincerely,



Mdm Sarah Leong  
Principal



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<https://tinyurl.com/kcs2019-beyondexamresults>



***N.E.mation! 2019 Finalist Clips***  
[https://www.youtube.com/user/NEimators/playlists?shelf\\_id=8&view=50&sort=dd](https://www.youtube.com/user/NEimators/playlists?shelf_id=8&view=50&sort=dd)



***HPB Article: More Sleep Please***  
<https://www.healthhub.sg/live-healthy/1236/more-sleep-please>



***PB 2019 Resources***  
<https://tinyurl.com/kcs2019-PB2019>

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<sup>1</sup> Resources for Parents' Briefing 2019 are now available via the school website under "Resources for Parents".