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Dear Parents / Guardians,

From Perseverance to Passion

Starting 2021 well!

Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School started the year well, celebrating the success of our 2020 cohort with good national examination results, and welcoming a new batch of Secondary 1 students with an immersive and engaging orientation programme.

We continued this momentum with programmes to ease our students into a new academic year (e.g. our Sec 3 orientation) and to deepen learning, e.g. through celebrations (e.g. CNY), academic (e.g. Math Week and Mother Tongue fortnight), character and leadership (e.g. VIA and our Student Leadership Board elections). The school finished the term strongly with a Healthy Lifestyle Day, which was an innovative take on our annual Cross Country run. Students were able to compete in an inter-class relay competition, learnt dance moves and essential lessons about how to lead a healthy lifestyle, especially in a post-COVID world.

All this would not have been possible without the hard work of dedicated staff and the strong support of stakeholders and parents like yourself. I was encouraged when many parents signed up for our series of Parent Engagement Sessions by level, and kept themselves updated about matters relevant to them and their child. We will continue to have such sessions regularly and I hope all parents participate. Later this term, we will also organise a series of Meet-the-Parent sessions to allow you to better understand your child's learning progress.



What to expect in Term 2

In term 2, we have lined up a series of exciting programmes and events that expand the range of learning experiences for students. In addition to Founders' Day, we will also be having our Student Leadership Investiture and Dedication (SLID), and our Sec 3 students will be going for their MOE-OBS Challenge. This is in addition to the national Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) and National School Games (NSG) for selected sports. Please be reassured that MOE and KCPSS have developed plans to provide your child with a safe and secure experience across these activities.

Looking forward to the future

Singapore and KCPSS is indeed blessed to be able to continue providing our students with a full school experience. We look forward to sharing more details about upcoming efforts in education that will prepare your child for the future. These include the Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP), Blended Learning, Full Subject-Based Banding (FSBB) and



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recently announced efforts to educate our youth about sustainability as part of the Singapore Green Plan 2030.

I know that you are keen to find out more about these efforts, and also to work closely with KCPSS to support your child's learning. We will share more when more information is available.

In the meantime, please contact us if you have any questions, and do follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/KCPSShomepage/> to receive updates and to show your support for our school, staff and students!

Rising above

As I continue to interact with students and staff, I am inspired by a widespread sense of purpose and mission in our learning and shared experiences. The theme for our 97th Founders' Day is "From Perseverance to Passion", celebrating the journey that KCPSS went through in 2020 as we adapted in the face of external forces and came together as a community to overcome challenges. We were indeed able to allow our students to thrive, and to explore and deepen their passion for learning.

With your support, and through God's faithfulness and grace, I am certain that 2021 will be a year of renewed purpose and passion, and that we will rise above, together. With Kuo Chuan at the heart of our communities, I am certain that every KCPian and family will find a measure of peace, joy and love that will transform their lives in school and beyond.

Thank you.

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School calendar updates

- Do take note of the following key dates and details for Term 2.

Date	Level	Event	Remarks
Fri 2 April	Good Friday		
Fri 9 April	All students	97 th Founders' Day	All students will be dismissed at 1:20pm. There will not be any afternoon activities in school.
Fri 16 April	All students	International Friendship Day	Students will commemorate IFD across various activities during the week.
Fri 16 April	All students	Student Leadership Investiture and Dedication (SLID)	The ceremony will be held during TGIF.
Mon 19 April to Fri 23 April	Sec 3 students	2-day MOE OBS Challenge	Different Sec 3 classes will attend on different dates (see below)
Wed 28 April to Fri 14 May	Sec 2, 4 and 5 students	Mid-Year Examinations (MYE)	A detailed examination schedule will be released in the coming weeks.
Thu 29 April	Sec 3 students	15-Year-Old NRIC Registration Exercise	Parents to look out for the letter from ICA to submit their NRIC registration online before this exercise.
By end-April	Sec 1 to 3 students	Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP) briefing	Details of the webinar for parents will be released when the dates are confirmed.
Sat 1 May	Labour Day		
Mon 3 May	All students	Labour Day off-in-lieu	Students do not need to report to school.
Wed 12 May	Muslim Students	Eve of Hari Raya Puasa	All Muslim students will be dismissed at 12pm.
Thu 13 May	Hari Raya Puasa		
Mon 17 May	All students	MYE Marking Day	Students do not need to report to school.
Thu 20 May	All students	CCE day	See below for details.
Mon 24 May to Tue 25 May	Sec 1 and 2 Students	HPV Vaccination for girls	Parent advisory note and factsheet will be distributed to parents through their child.
Wed 26 May	Vesak Day		
Thu 27 May to Fri 28 May	All students	Meet-the-Parents sessions	Details will be released at a later date
Mon 31 May to Tue 1 Jun	Registered students	GCE O-Level Mid-Year Mother Tongue written paper	



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97th Founders' Day on Fri 9 April

2. This year, the Kuo Chuan Schools will be celebrating our 97th Founders' Day. Together with our primary school, we will celebrate with an awards ceremony, a time capsule ceremony and a showcase of student achievement and talent. To facilitate the event, school will be dismissed at 1:20pm on Fri 9 April. There will be no afternoon student activities that day.

MOE-OBS Challenge Programme

3. The MOE-OBS Challenge Programme will continue as scheduled:

Class	Date
Sec 3 Grace, Joy & Love	19 – 20 April
Sec 3 Faith, Hope & Peace	22 – 23 April

4. All height-based Outdoor and Adventure Learning (OAL) activities have been suspended, so there will be no such activities during the programme.

CCA stand-down

5. All CCAs will stand down from Mon 26 April. CCAs with SYF and NSG commitments may continue on selected dates. These affected CCAs will contact parents to share details. Graduating students not involved in competitions will stand down after the March holidays.

Character & Citizenship Education (CCE) Day

6. The annual CCE Day on Thu 20 May will empower students to discover their interests and take charge of their own learning. During this fun-filled day, students will identify their skills and interests using the MySkillsFuture Portal and explore post-secondary education options through talks and other ECG experiences.

Meet-the-Parent Sessions

7. KCPSS will be organizing Meet-the-Parent sessions for all levels on 27 and 28 May. Form Teachers will be engaging parents to discuss how best we can continue to work together for the holistic development of every KCPlan. Details will be communicated at a later date.

Safe Management Measures (SMM)

8. In line with national Phase 3 measures, KCPSS will continue to implement SMM such as daily temperature taking, visual screening, and reducing congestion where possible. Parents are reminded not to send your child to school if they are unwell or have flu-like symptoms.

TraceTogether Token Distribution

9. The TraceTogether (TT) tokens/app are an essential part of the national contact tracing effort. This is critical as we resume more activities within and across schools. As part of the nationwide effort, KCPSS will facilitate the distribution of tokens to students who have not



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collected theirs. Do encourage your child to carry the TT tokens to facilitate contact tracing and to protect them, you and the school community. Information about how TT works can be found at <https://www.tracetogether.gov.sg/index.html>.

Road Safety

10. The Traffic Police has informed our school that there has been an increase in traffic offences along Bishan Street 13 and 14 during the morning peak hour. Parents are reminded that it is an offence to turn left from Bishan Street 14 to Street 13 from Lane 1 (i.e. the right lane), and that when exiting KCPSS, only left turns are allowed during the morning peak hour. Please adhere to traffic rules and regulations for your safety as well as that of staff, students and other road users.

School access in the mornings

11. From Mon 22 Mar, students and staff on foot can only use either Gate A1 (closest to Bishan MRT) or Gate B1 (the turnstile gate located at the ISH) to enter school in the morning. This is because Gate A2 will be closed to simplify school access. This provides a sheltered walk for those arriving from the bus stop, and removes the need to cross the school main gate during wet weather.
