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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. 97th Founder's Day cum Prize-Giving Day

The school will commemorate our 97th Founder's Day on **8 March 2024**. Aligned with the theme this year, ***Our Heritage, Our Joy***, we continue to celebrate our growth as a school as we highlight the achievements of our people, and all who have worked hand in hand to ensure the Kheng Cheng light continues to shine bright.



The Founder's Day segment for all students will end at 10.30 a.m. More details will be sent out in a separate memo on PG. For the prize-giving segment at 11.30 a.m., we are happy to be able to invite Primary 3 (2023) to Primary 5 (2023) parents to the school to celebrate the achievements of our students. It will be a day of commemoration and celebration as we look forward to another fulfilling year ahead. The details are as follows:

Time	Programme	Involvement
7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. (Founder's Day Segment)	Prize-giving ceremony for Primary 1 (2023) and Primary 2 (2023) students Founder's Day commemorative activities	Primary 1 to Primary 6 Students
11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. (Prize-Giving Segment)	Prize-giving ceremony for Primary 3 (2023) to Primary 5 (2023) students Tea reception	Primary 3 (2023) to Primary 5 (2023) Prize Recipients and Parents

2. *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)*, to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time that day to be with their families. Through the simple act of having a family meal, we hope the event will serve as a reminder to families to eat together regularly. Since 2022, MOE has supported all four EWYFD on the last Friday of each of the school term. The stipulated dates for 2024 are indicated below:

- 8 March 2024
- 24 May 2024
- 30 August 2024
- 15 November 2024

Please note that our General Office will be closed at **4.00 p.m.** on **8 March 2024**. Your support in promoting strong families in Singapore, making Singapore the best place for families, is greatly appreciated.

3. *Travel Declaration*

To ensure that the school remains a safe place for all our students, parents/guardians are required to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she intends to travel during the upcoming school holidays. Please submit the travel declaration via Parents Gateway by **8 March 2024**. When planning your travel, please refer to the ICA website for more information and updates. If there is a change of travel plans after declaration, please contact the General Office at 6255 2502 as soon as possible. If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the March holidays, **no action is required**.

4. *School Holidays*

The school holidays will start from **9 March 2024, Saturday to 17 March 2024, Sunday**. Students are to return to school on **18 March 2024, Monday**. During the school holiday period, the General Office will be open on weekdays from **8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.**

5. *School Attire*

We have started our monthly attire checks since January. A gentle reminder that the next attire check will be conducted after the March school holidays on **18 March 2024, Monday**. We seek your support in ensuring that your child/ward complies with the school’s attire rules when he/she returns to school. The expectations on appearance and hairstyles can be found on Pages 13 and 14 of the Student Handbook.

If your child/ward needs to wear a jacket/cardigan in school, please ensure that it does not have any inappropriate language or images on it. As a school, we believe in creating a safe and welcoming environment for all our students. Students are encouraged to remove their jackets/cardigans as soon as they do not require them, that is, when engaging in physical activities or outdoor play. Let us continue to work hand-in-hand in developing self-management skills and instilling a strong sense of responsibility in our students.

6. *KCS Students' Achievements*

Primary 6 SOTA Competition Winners



Please join us in congratulating our Master Artists, **Jolene See Ya Ern (Primary 6.3)** and **Adriel Chew Asri (Primary 6.5)**, from the *KCS Master Artist Programme*. They are the **Top 50 Finalists** in SOTA's Primary 6 Art Competition 2024. Their artworks will be featured in the SOTA Primary 6 Art Competition 2024 Exhibition scheduled from **22 to 27 March 2024** at the School of the Arts (SOTA) Campus.

Gold Award for the National Company Awards

We would like to extend our congratulations to the Singapore Girls' Brigade 90th Company in Kheng Cheng School which has met the standard to achieve the Gold Award for the National Company Awards in 2023. Three of our Brigaders have also achieved the Junior Brigader Brooch, which is the highest award a girl can achieve for the Junior Programme. They are Kei Ong Kei Yi (Primary 6.5), Ashley Low Zhi An (Primary 6.3) and Yee Jia En Celeste (Primary 6.3).

7. *Safe Play During Recess and Lunch*

To ensure students' safety during recess and lunch breaks, the school will be installing Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) lockers for the safekeeping of school-owned play equipment. Starting Term 2, students will **not be allowed** to bring sports balls such as soccer ball, basketball, volleyball, etc. to school. This is to limit the number of balls at the play areas, which will minimize accidental injuries amongst our students. Students will be able to loan out the balls from the RFID lockers for play.

Unstructured play is important and we hope to encourage our students to play safely and responsibly. More information will be shared with them. We will review the process at the end of Term 2 after implementation.

8. *Self-Responsibility for Personal Belongings*

As part of providing holistic education to our students, our school strongly believes in instilling core values such as discipline and personal responsibility. We believe that taking ownership of one's belongings is fundamental to character development. Thus, we kindly request your assistance in encouraging your child/ward to adhere to the daily timetable by ensuring they pack essential items such as personal belongings, books, and stationery into their school bags before bedtime. Should your child/ward forget any of these items, please advise him/her accordingly:

1. Inform his/her respective teachers if he/she forgets to bring his/her homework assignment. The homework assignment may be submitted on the next school day.
2. Notify his/her teachers or approach the General Office for assistance with snacks if he/she forgets his/her pocket money.
3. Purchase bottled mineral water at the canteen or seek assistance from the General Office if he/she forgets his/her water bottle. Additionally, there are several water coolers conveniently installed within the school compound for student's consumption.

Please note that, except for essential items like spectacles, medication, and house keys, the school will not permit the delivery of items during curriculum time. We appreciate your understanding

in allowing your child/ward to learn from his/her oversights as we strive to instill responsibility in our students. We sincerely thank you for your continued collaboration with our school as we work together to nurture resilient and responsible youths. We also appeal to you to respect our staff when they decline requests to pass certain items to your child/ward.

9. *Kheng Cheng School on Social Media*

Exciting moments, vibrant activities, and memorable events – experience it all with us on our school's social media pages! We invite you to follow us on [Kheng Cheng School](#) at Facebook and [Kheng Cheng School](#) at Instagram to stay updated on the latest happenings within our school community. From heartwarming milestones to fun-filled celebrations, our pages will be your front-row seat to witness the joy and accomplishments of our students. By joining us online, you'll never miss a beat and can share in the pride of being part of the Kheng Cheng School family. Follow us today and be part of the journey that makes our school truly special.



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10. *From the Principal's Desk*

As we approach the conclusion of Term 1, I am filled with gratitude and appreciation for the collective efforts of our dedicated stakeholders in making this term truly memorable for our KCS students.

Over the past nine weeks, our school has been buzzing with various activities, from warmly welcoming our new Primary 1 students into the Kheng Cheng family to celebrating the auspicious Year of the Dragon. We marked significant events such as commemorating 40 years of Total Defence in Singapore and will soon culminate the term with our 97th Founder's Day and Prize-Giving Ceremony next week.

Reflecting on these moments, the word 'GRATITUDE' resonates deeply. Achieving 97 years of history is no mean feat, and it reinforces the truth in the African adage, "It takes a village to raise a child." This sentiment holds particularly true for us at KCS. With unwavering support from our stakeholders, we are collectively committed to providing a quality school experience for our students.

I extend my heartfelt thanks for your invaluable partnership. Together, we have created an environment where our students can thrive and excel. As we look forward to the rest of the academic year, may the upcoming term break be filled with joy, growth, and meaningful experiences for both you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gr' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Mdm Cheryl Tan
Principal