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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Facing our Future with Confidence, Anchored by Faith



We give thanks to God that, at the end of Term 1, we were able to successfully resume our annual Cross Country in full at East Coast Park. On that day, students, staff, parents and stakeholders gathered in beautiful weather, and spent a day strengthening our bonds, enjoying aspects of a healthy lifestyle, and reflecting on a vibrant first term of 2023.

It was a fitting finale to a season of new beginnings and deep learning in KCPSS. Through the term, we've been able to ease KCPians and our school community into many refreshed aspects of our school. We successfully eased our Sec 1 cohort into their integrated curriculum, met parents from all levels through our engagement sessions, and gathered as a school for numerous events, camps, programmes. By God's grace, we also experienced a resurgence, as our CCAs did well at the National School Games and at various UG platforms.

We have been able to do this, anchored by faith, and also with the tremendous support from the school board, community and you. In the coming term, we are also embarking on many exciting new activities and experiences for your child, including our Student Leadership Investiture, Holy Week, our 99th Founders' Day and an inaugural Learning Finale for the semester, which acts as a consolidation for learning and growth. Our students and staff are looking forward to our National Day Parade rehearsals, and our Singapore Youth Festival performances through April.

For our school curriculum to make an impact on your child, we hope that you will be able to allow him or her to fully participate in all the activities that have been planned. We seek to strike a good balance between various aspects of learning and growth, with a strong focus on academic learning blended with enjoyable moments and experiences. These are in various



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areas, including student leadership, community service and outreach, and in celebrations and competitions.

During the Cross Country, we were encouraged to see a huge turnout of parents and stakeholders for the run, and to support the event. presence and trust in our school curriculum allows all of us to look forward with confidence, as it allows KCPians to not only fully experience our school curriculum, but also to navigate challenges and opportunities with your involvement support. Thank you!



Along the way, we also know that there will be numerous ways in which we can help you in your parenting journey. Beyond our social media pages, please do not hesitate to reach out to find out more about our plans, and ways in which you can join in. Our teachers will be more than happy to share updates about your child or to assist if there are concerns or needs. Finally, our PSG recently organised a welcome event for new PSG members, with more plans in the pipeline. Do look out for them!

2023 is emerging as a year of confidence and hope, and by God's mercy and grace, this will continue.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

To God be the Glory!

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School calendar updates

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

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Date	Level	Event	Remarks
Mon 15 May	All	Learning Finale	Over 2 weeks, students will have a
to Fri 28 May			chance to consolidate their learning
			for the semester
Thu 25 May &	All	Meet-the-Parent	Details of the sessions will be
Fri 26 May		Sessions	provided at a later date
Mon 29 May	Sec 4 &	GCE O-Level Mid-	
& Tue 30 May	Sec 5	Year MT written	
		exam	

Planned Student Absences during Term Time

- 2. KCPSS has a full curriculum programme planned for your child during term time. As such, time away from school may affect your child's learning progress and the support that we can provide.
- 3. Parents/guardians requesting to excuse their child/ward from school **during term time for pre-planned private/family matters** (e.g. for an overseas holiday trip, to attend a family wedding/graduation, etc.) must seek formal endorsement from the school **at least one month prior** to the student's period of absence from school.
- 4. Parents/guardians should submit a formal request via our official form, found at https://go.gov.sg/kcpss-form-absence-privatereasons. Do also speak with your child's FT about the request, so that they can provide support and advice.
- 5. Do note that any absence from school will be deemed as "Absent without Valid Reasons" until and unless the school has given official approval/endorsement. Should the school endorse such requests, the student's attendance will be considered as "Absent with Valid Reason (Private or Family Commitment)".
- 6. Students absent during term time for pre-planned private reasons should take ownership of their own learning and should approach their teachers ahead of time. There may also be the need to recover costs for curriculum programmes planned for your child during his/her absence from school.

Rollout of the Personal Learning Device (PLD) for Sec 1s on Wed 12 Apr

- 7. Sec 1 students can look forward to the unboxing of their new iPads on Wed 12 Apr, from 2pm onwards, in their classes. The excitement of unboxing a device can be a memorable experience for them. During the unboxing session, the students will be guided through on how to set up their iPads.
- 8. In order to foster a safe and conducive learning environment, students will be guided to be responsible when it comes to the use of their devices. We recommend that you go through the "KCPSS iPad Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)" that can be found in the Student Handbook. The digital copy of the Student Handbook has been disseminated to your child by their FTs.



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9. If you would like to get in touch with us regarding the PLD, do drop us a message at https://go.gov.sg/kcpsspldparentsenguiry.

Hope: 99th Founders' Day on Fri 14 Apr

10. This year, the Kuo Chuan Presbyterial Schools will be celebrating our 99th Founders' Day, with the theme of Hope. We will be involving all students in a series of activities during the week, culminating in a parade, prize presentation and dinner for selected prize winners, staff and guests. To facilitate this, Fri 14 Apr will be a Blended Learning day, replacing Thu 13 Apr.

DigitalAccess@Home

- 11. IMDA has announced that a new DigitalAccess@Home scheme will provide subsidised broadband and digital devices (laptop or tablet) to selected Singaporean households to strengthen digital inclusion. This scheme will replace the existing Home Access and NEU PC Plus programmes, and begin on 3 Apr.
- 12. Eligible households can apply for the scheme through a simplified application process and enjoy the flexibility to choose their device and broadband connectivity according to their needs. Do approach the General Office if you are keen to find out more.