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Dear Parents & Guardians

Welcome back to Semester 2!

As the new term begins, we thank God for continuing to keep our staff and students healthy in body, mind and spirit, and giving our students the discipline and determination to excel in the face of many challenges as they continue to pursue their goals this semester.

Our teachers continued to make good use of the more leisurely paced June holidays to enhance the quality of our students' school experience. The graduating students came back for lessons in the first and last week of the holidays while many CCA groups organised camps and trainings. In the spirit of enhancing work-life harmony, the school has a policy of blocking out 2 of the 4 weeks of vacation time for both staff and students to spend some uninterrupted time with their families. We hope that all have had a good rest and are ready for the challenges ahead!

Farewell and Welcome

We bid a fond farewell to Miss Foo Xin Min who left service with effect from 1 July and thank her for her contributions to KC in the last 3 years.

We extend a very warm welcome to our new colleagues Mr Koo Cheng Wai (Mathematics/Physics), Ms Weng Chenyan (CL/Chinese Literature) and Miss Yeoh Lai Lin Rachel (SS/Literature) and hope that they will have a very fulfilling teaching experience in our school.

Celebrate and Rejoice

Honours Day

On 26 May, KC celebrated our Honours Day. Former students, invited guests, proud parents and the graduating cohort arrived early in the morning to register their presence.

Our Guest of Honour for the day was national triathlete, Ms Dinah Chan and our valedictorian was Ms Emma Koh I-Ling (Sec 4/6, 2016) who had also won the Sister Finbarr Award. Together, they inspired our girls to work towards excellence.

Ms Dinah Chan shared with all awardees, guests and the graduating cohort, her journey as a national athlete, and the challenges she faced in her journey to achieving her sporting dreams. She urged the girls to dream big, and to have faith in themselves and in God, and not to let obstacles get in the way of them reaching for their dreams. Ms Dinah Chan expounded on how success is not just defined by academic achievements, but also in other areas of one's life, be it in sport or other non-academic areas.



This year, we saw more than 200 awards being given out to students and staff. We are especially proud of the recipients of our special awards:

Liyana June Adnan (Sec 4/3) for the Marie Bong Literature Award
Tay Yan Zi, Bel (Sec 4/5) for the KC INTEGRITY Award
Saleema Noor Sarah Bte Zulkiflee (Sec 4/3) for the Blessed Barre Award
Koh I-Ling Emma (Sec 4/6) for the Sister Finbarr Award.

The school also recognised the excellent service and support of our partners from CCA groups, VIA projects, PTSG and Young Adult Leaders in adding value to our students' all-round development. 25 staff also received their long service awards.

For their contributions in value-adding in their various areas of work, 5 staff team and 3 individual staff members received the MOE Outstanding Contribution Awards.

Team Award

Estate Management Team
Office Administrative Staff Team
iCAN Team
Internal Exam Team
'Always Present in School' Team

Individual Award

Mrs Jane Cheah
Mr Juraimy Abu Bakar
Mr Lawrence Koh

The Honours Day award ceremony ended with a tea reception for all awardees, invited guests and the graduating cohort, after which our current students gathered in their classrooms to receive their Progress Reports and to spend time interacting with their form teachers before proceeding to the hall for the Founder's Day Mass.

Founder's Day Mass

The festivities began with the Eucharistic celebration in memory of our founder, Blessed Nicolas Barre. Embodying his spirit of charity and faith in good works, we were reminded by our celebrant, Fr Eugene Vaz, of the need to heal our world of suffering and distress. As one body of the IJ community, we unite to reach to those in pain and need, through small yet authentic deeds. As the celebrations ended with the singing of the familiar IJ song "Hold on to Our Dreams", we acknowledged the journey through the years and the friendships that have grown with time.

Highlighting our heritage on Founder's Day seemed a natural way to commemorate the day as well as to celebrate our return to Marine Terrace. Amid the ideas bounced, a few stood out: a tour of heritage spaces in the school and classroom activity to take stock of the school's growth over the years. This stemmed from a belief that every student needed to be inducted into the KC Story in a personal way, benefitting from a special type of education that can only be found in KC.

Heritage stations were identified and a tour covering these visible heritage spaces around the school was planned. The stations included the Heritage Garden to tell stories of the communities and environment in the Katong area, the Heritage Panels and displays at the foyer covered the IJ & KC stories, and the Chapel to share the Catholic identity and mission of our founders. The content on the stations were richly fleshed out by our teachers who were ex-KC girls. A student activity complemented with a crossword puzzle was planned. This was targeted at the Sec 1s as



they would benefit the most from learning the significance of the spaces they use in school, to which they were new.

In the meantime, the call for station masters was readily met with a variety of student councillors, class leaders, CCA leaders as well as other students who learned and shared their experiences as part of the KC story. They attended a training session to learn about the stories and worked hard on a script for each of their chosen stations. The station masters were flexible and quick to adapt to these changes and performed really well sharing nuggets at each station during the tour.

Keeping in mind that Sec 2s & 3s were never at Marine Terrace, the class activity weaved the KC Story as it unfolded through the decades and the classes produced WikiTravel pages to KC. This tied them to the KC experience rather than to the building. They were quite amused at some of the stories of KC in the decades before the turn of the century.

The graduating students had the same class activity but somehow it was more meaningful for them. They are the only batch of girls in school this year for whom Marine Terrace holds some memories as they were here in their Sec 1 & 2 years before the re-building. Knowing that they will be leaving all this behind made it more significant for them. This group would benefit from a session in the Heritage Gallery once that is completed to cement the ties to their alma mater.

This heritage segment is a significant part of Founder's Day and will be developed so that the KC Story deepens with each year it is told and heard.

The term has indeed ended on a meaningful note with the Honours Day-cum- Founder's Day 2017 celebration.

Food and Consumer Education Enrichment Activity

As part of the department's effort to enrich students' experience, two classes, Sec 2/2 and 2/3 created their own muffins as an extension of their coursework. Sec 2/3 created banana chocolate chip muffins while Sec 2/2 created oreo muffins. These muffins were then sold to KC staff and students as part of the department's initiative to raise funds for the school on 25 and 27 April.

Despite challenging the students with a tight timeline to come up with a proposal to finalise the recipe and pricing, they rose to the occasion. To encourage students to support this humble move of giving back to the needy students in the school, publicity for the sales was done through an announcement during morning assembly and a digital poster flashed on the school digital signage system.

On the days of the bake sale, the students worked enthusiastically and resourcefully to complete the baking to ensure that the muffins sold were freshly baked. Through this activity, these students learned and exercised teamwork while honing their marketing and communication skills with the aim of ensuring all the muffins were sold on those days.

With careful planning, drive and determination, they managed to raise a total of \$764. We would like to thank the students and staff of KC for their unwavering support in making this event a success.

Student Leadership Board

The Student Leadership Board (SLB) interview was conducted in April. Nominated student leaders were interviewed by a panel of representatives from the school management committee, student leadership committee as well as the CCA and form teachers of the candidates. The interview was the culmination of a rigorous interview process which saw the selection of student leaders from the Class, CCA and Student Council leadership strands. Candidates were given the opportunity to



speak about their values and aspirations as student leaders in KC. The speeches were then followed by a robust dialogue with the panel of interviewers. After much deliberation, Ong Shu Hui Christine of the Student Council strand and Evelyn Erike Tan of the CCA Leaders strand were selected as the two presidential candidates of the SLB.

On 18 May, Christine and Evelyn delivered their election speeches to the school before students and teachers were invited to vote for their President of choice. Upon tabulation of the voting results, Evelyn Erike Tan was appointed the President of the SLB. In her acceptance of the appointment, Evelyn thanked the school for their support and shared that she was looking forward to working closely with Christine and other student leaders as representatives of the student body. We wish Evelyn and the SLB much success in their coming year of service.

Sports Day

KC Sports Day this year was held on 19 May at the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). The venue was chosen this year to allow for a richer sporting experience, with the inclusion of more running events. The brand new facilities were a real treat for our girls, who had the full advantage of a sheltered spectator stand with specially fitted benches and a professional sound system which we certainly put to good use, playing the latest music to heighten the mood and pump up the atmosphere.

The day began with the sports CCA leaders relay, where all 8 of our CCA leaders carried the school flag around the track, passing it on to Ms Chan, our Principal, who then declared the official start of Sports Day. Excitement mounted as we started with the 100m race for the Sec 1 students. Representing their new class for the first time, the Sec 1 girls could not wait to begin their race. After that, the next few races came fast and furious, with the 200m race followed quickly by the 4 X 100m relay.

For the first time ever, the school organised an inter-CCA relay which was coordinated by the CCA leaders themselves. All the different categories of CCAs (sports, performing arts, uniformed groups and clubs and societies) were given an opportunity to test their speed against each other, with one student from each level representing their CCA in the team. Modern Dance came in 4th placing, with netball and floorball taking 3rd and 2nd placings respectively. The champion for the inter-CCA relay was track and field.

The inter-class 8 X 50m race which was next gave the students the flexibility to determine the actual distance each of the 8 runners in each team would run. This was then followed by the long rope jump with ten girls from each class jumping their way to the countdown for three minutes, all to the accompaniment of uplifting music.

The parents also got in on the action when they participated in the Teachers-Parents 8 X 50m relay. Teachers from the Languages, Humanities, Mathematics, Science and Art departments raced against two parents' teams as well as a team comprising KC alumni. The parents, teachers and alumni were not the only ones who had a good time during the race, as the students also clearly enjoyed watching and cheering them on.

The day ended at about 11.30am, with a closing speech by our Principal and a prayer by the HOD/CCA & PE. Everyone went home, tired, but in high spirits after a great sporting day out.

The PE department would like to thank the PTSG for their much appreciated help in the running of the various races, and of course, for their participation in the Teachers-Parents relay.



The winners of the various events were as follows:

	100m	200m	4 X 100m	8 X 50m	Long Rope Jump	Champion Class
Sec 1						
1st	102	103	104	106	104	104
2nd	104	106	102	104	106	106
3rd	103	101	106	102	103	102 & 103
Sec 2						
1st	205	201	203	203	205	203
2nd	204	204	204	204	203	204
3rd	207	207	205	202	206	205
Sec 3						
1st	303	301	304	306	304	306
2nd	301	302	305	307	301	301
3rd	307	305	301	304	306	304
Sec 4 & 5						
1st	405	406	501	502	405	402
2nd	403	402	402	404	402	405/ 502
3rd	502	501	401	403	407	501

Environment Matters!

As part of the school's efforts in promoting care for the environment, our Sec 1 students carried out a beach cleaning at East Coast Park on the morning of 22 May. Armed with a plastic glove and plastic bags, and a load of enthusiasm, they collected more than 250 kg of trash, and noted the types of trash collected as part of a report to the International Coastal Clean-up Singapore event organising committee. In the words of a student, "This is the most meaningful thing I have done this year!"

Army Open House

On 25 May, 59 eager students, accompanied by 4 teachers, visited the 2017 Army Open House at the F1 Pit Building in the heart of the city. They were there to experience for themselves the current capabilities of the Singapore Army and to better appreciate its role in safeguarding our Home. An added significance was the commemoration of 50 years of National Service. Aptly titled 'From my generation to yours', the exhibition highlighted the role played by over a million Singaporean men in protecting the sovereignty and independence of Singapore.

The students enjoyed a broad range of activities and displays, ranging from clambering on board armoured vehicles, to trying their hands at the live-firing stations (with blanks, of course) and the crowd favourite obstacle course. The students interacted with the soldiers and gained a better insight into the workings of the Army. The highlight of the visit was a dynamic display of the capabilities of the army where various pieces of current military equipment were put through their paces in front of an appreciative audience.

The student came away with a far better grasp of the Singapore Army, its capabilities and role in safeguarding our home. It may have also inspired some of our girls to consider career options in the armed forces in their post-secondary choices.

A special mention must be made of the organisers in charge of student engagement. Their thoroughness made for a well-organised and highly enjoyable visit, from the moment we boarded the buses till the end when we were returned safely to our school compound.



Sec Three Retreat

Our Sec 3 students participated in a one-day retreat facilitated by the Redemptorist Mission Team. The cohort was divided into two groups. The first and second group attended the session on 24 May and 25 May 2017 respectively. This is an annual retreat which the students have participated since they were in Secondary one and the programme is designed to meet their developing socio-emotional-spiritual needs as they journey through their 4-5 years in school. The retreat gave students time to take stock of their growth from Lower Secondary to Upper Secondary. The various sharings by retreat facilitators of their own life experiences offered encouragement and perspectives to view and manage the challenges and expectations of growing up. Sessions such as a multi-religious prayer service and quiet time helped students connect with God and one's spirituality to draw strength and confidence from it.

Mathematics Olympiad Training

Sec 2 students who attended the training last year continued their learning from 27 February to 29 May 2017. We were happy that Associate Professor Toh Tin Lam, Deputy Head Mathematics & Mathematics Education at the National Institute of Education was on site to challenge and stretch our girls' mathematical potential. This year's training covered more advanced mathematics topics such as Number Theory, Geometry and Algebra. The girls also had the opportunity to explore how ICT tools such as Geometer Sketchpad can help them better visualise properties. Prof Toh also exposed the girls to past Singapore Mathematics Olympiad (SMO) questions in order to prepare them for the SMO competition. The girls enjoyed solving the non-routine problems and working closely with their peers in groups, and appreciated Prof Toh's sincerity and patience in guiding them.

East Zone Arts Festival

On 31 May, thirty representatives from our various performing arts CCA groups attended the East Zone Arts Festival 2017 at Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School (Secondary). The event opened with a soliloquy piano performance by the Guest-of-Honour, jazz pianist and Cultural Medallion winner Mr Jeremy Monteiro. For the next segment, the witty and talented musician who was also the composer of our national song "One People, One Nation, One Singapore" related his life experiences and led us fondly through his life and musical journey.

Growing up in a family that loved music, he was surrounded and influenced by his grandparents and parents who played musical instruments. Despite the ups and downs he faced in the learning of the piano, he overcame all struggles and worked as a professional musician at the young age of sixteen. In his speech, he also shared that he was inspired by three people in his life, namely his father, jazz double bass and cello player, Mr Eldee Young and Professor Tommy Koh, our former ambassador to the United Nations. His insights on deriving the "play" in music and being humble regardless of one's hefty accomplishments indeed struck a chord with the audience.

Before the students were dismissed for the various hands-on activities and games, Mr Monteiro gladly took a "wefie" with all present at the auditorium.

For the late morning and afternoon programme, each student participated in both dance and drama workshops. Both workshops were designed to promote the use of body movement in space. Students learned to negotiate their own space on stage, and discover "space" in terms of directions and levels. They realised greater possibilities of using their body movements to express various characters.

Our students also got to pick up a percussion instrument of their choice and played up a "STOMP" piece during their finale activity – Drum Circle. They had an opportunity to try out different instruments, experiencing the timbre, tones of pitched and un-pitched percussion instruments. A



variety of rhythms were introduced to the students and they had to be aurally sensitive to each rhythm and replicate them immediately. The students were split into 4 different percussion sections, each led by an instructor. They performed call and response structure and created a 5-minute percussion piece as a whole. It was a fun experience for students and through such experiential music-making, students had subtly developed the ability of inner audiation, which is essential in every musician.

In conclusion, the East Zone Arts Festival has allowed students to be exposed to mainly eurhythmics exercises and also to tap their imagination. It was a session to encourage students to unleash their creativity and self-expression through their bodily movements and limitless imagination.

Girl Guide Camp

Early June was greeted by heavy rain but that did not stop the KC Girl Guides Company from having our annual camp. With patience and innovation, the girls managed to pitch six green canvas tents on our very own field. The theme for this year's camp was Constellation Connection, and the 4D2N camp began on 31 May with the enrolment of twenty recruits who have completed a series of tests. Throughout this camp, our Guides displayed enthusiasm, confidence and discipline. One fine example would be how the Guides were able to work with a tight budget to cook impressive dishes outdoors and present them in relation to the theme of the camp; some of the dishes had included freshly harvested herbs from our garden! In addition, the girls enjoyed exploring the Marine Parade neighbourhood on foot through a wide game. Much of this fun can be attributed to the leadership and teamwork by the newly appointed leaders who had a big part to play in the organising and running of the activities. The Girl Guides had also invited their graduating seniors for a campfire on the last night to bless them for their meaningful contributions to the Company, and that they may continue to strive on to reach excellence in all their future endeavours. The girls sang their hearts out and put up their best performances for their seniors. The camp concluded with plenty of photo-taking, serving as a reminder that the girls will always be connected to and are part of the KC Guiding family!

Education and Career Guidance

Advanced Elective Modules

45 upper secondary students attended Advanced Elective Modules (AEM) at Temasek Polytechnic during the June Holidays.

AEMs are 30-hour modules (over one week) conducted by the polytechnics with hands-on and project-based learning approaches focussing on the practical application of knowledge. They seek to enhance the learning experiences of our students and help them discover their strengths and interests.

Students who attended the AEM on Fundamentals of Hospitality and Tourism Business at Temasek Polytechnic were exposed to the vibrant and ever changing tourism industry in Singapore and beyond. They learnt about the structure of the industry, key players and tourism business operations through classroom activities and a field trip to Sentosa. They were also involved in discussions on global and current trends and issues such as the impact of tourism development.

The second group of students attended the AEM on Psychology and Applications and were introduced to the understanding of psychology as a scientific study of mental processes and human behaviour. They also had the opportunity to explore the different types of specialisations and careers in psychology.



The week was over too quickly and some students wished that the programme was two weeks long instead. Apart from broadening their knowledge on these topics through meaningful learning activities, the applied learning approach also gave them an insight into polytechnic life and provided opportunities for them to practise collaborative and presentation skills.

Early Admission Exercise / Direct School Admission Workshops

The Early Admission Exercise (EAE) to the Institute of Education (ITE) and the polytechnics together with the Direct School Admission (DSA) to the Junior Colleges provide opportunities for students to be admitted into post-secondary education institutions based on talents and abilities beyond academic excellence.

Given that these admission exercises involve a variety of assessment modes (e.g. portfolio, personal essays, interviews, auditions), the school organised a series of three workshops in the first week of the June Holidays to support students in these areas. The workshops on EAE ITE and DSA JC were conducted by Ms Bong Siew Yin, our Education and Career Guidance Counsellor and the EAE polytechnic was conducted by representatives from Temasek Polytechnic.

The workshops were well-attended by 57 graduating students in total who had taken ownership of their own learning by signing up for the workshops. They learnt useful tips on preparing their portfolio and for the interview. Students also benefited from the good examples of personal essays that were shown and learnt how highlighting their school experiences, achievements and personal qualities could support their application.

The students had many opportunities to seek clarifications and many left grateful for the direction provided for their applications.

EAE and DSA applications are currently on-going.

Badminton

KC Badminton Team organised a Primary School Badminton Tournament on 21 June 2017 for Primary 6 students. Participants from Kong Hwa School, Red Swastika School, Yu Neng Primary School, Maha Bodhi School, Rosyth School, Poi Ching School and Anglo-Chinese School (Jakarta) signed up for the competition. The objective of the tournament was to provide an opportunity for primary school badminton players to find out more about our KC Badminton Team as well as to foster friendships across the various schools' badminton players.

School Admin Updates

With effect from 27 June 2017, the **bookshop** is operated by Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd. The operating hours are:

School Days (Weekdays): 7.30am to 3.30pm. On Wednesdays, the opening hours will be from 7.30am to 3.15pm.

School Holidays (Nov/Dec): Refer to end-of-year booklist for more information. Closed during the June holidays.

The operating hours of the **uniform vendor** are every Monday and Wednesday from 9.30am to 2.30pm during the school terms.

New Payment Method for MOE and School Bills

We are pleased to inform that with immediate effect, parents/ students have an additional option of paying their MOE Bills (for payment of school fees) and School Bills (for payment of school enrichment programme and other school charges via AXS kiosks and internet (www.axs.com.sg).



We expect Semester 2 to be just as busy and enriching for us at Katong Convent and we continue to look forward to your invaluable support as we nurture our girls into KCians with the essential 21st century competencies.

Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Chan (Ms)

Principal

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Run Up to the GCE 'N' and 'O' Level Examinations

Our graduating classes will be busy with the run-up to the GCE 'N' and 'O' Level Examinations. The GCE Oral Examinations started on 4 July for Mother Tongue Languages and on 6 July for English Language. To prepare our graduating classes, we will continue with structured lessons from 3 pm to 4.30 pm Tuesdays to Fridays from Week 1 to Week 6 ('O' Level cohort) and from Week 1 to Week 2 ('N' Level cohort). This will be a mixture of remedial sessions and revision clinics to prepare our girls well for the national examinations. Some Art coursework consultations have been scheduled on several Fridays from 4.40 pm to 5.40 pm. We have issued the details about the structured lessons to your daughters on 22 June.

2. Changes to Term 3 Timetable

In view of public / school holidays and mass school programmes in Term 3 that would lead to uneven number of curriculum days, the school would be implementing replacement for the affected curriculum days. On 4 July, the students will follow the timetable for Thursday (odd week) and on 7 Aug, they will follow the timetable for Wednesday (odd week).

3. July Highlights

Date	Event
Tuesday 27 Jun to Friday 30 Jun	ITE EMs for 2NT to 4NT
Wednesday 28 Jun to Friday 30 Jun	Science Practical Assessment
Friday 30 Jun	Temperature-taking Exercise
Tuesday 4 July	O Level MTL (B) Oral Examination
Wednesday 5 July to Monday 17 July	O Level MTL Oral Examination
Thursday 6 July to Thursday 13 July	N Level EL Oral Examination



Wednesday 12 July to 14 July	Book & Music Week <i>All CCAs, remedial and structured lessons will be suspended.</i>
Monday 17 July	Student Leaders' Investiture
Tuesday 18 July	O Level MTL / MTL B Listening Comprehension Examination <i>All CCAs, remedial and structured lessons will be suspended.</i>
Thursday 19 July to Friday 28 July	N Level Prelim Examination
Friday 21 July	Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day Singapore Schools Mathematics Competition (selected 2NA/NT students)
Monday 27 July	Visitors from Fukuoka Futaba (Japan)
Monday 27 July to Tuesday 28 July and Friday 31 July	O Level HMTL Oral Examination
Tuesday 1 Aug to Friday 5 Aug	Start of N Level MTL/MTL B Oral Examination

ACHIEVEMENTS

IgnITE Skills Challenge

A group of students from Sec 3/7 and 4/7 took part in the IgnITE Skills Challenge, one of the key national competitions organised by ITE for 'N' level students. They went through the prelim rounds in April at various ITE and all the teams were eventually selected to be in the Top 10 for the respective categories to qualify for the finals which was held at ITE College West on Tuesday, 23 May.

The students who participated were as follows:-

1. Category: Derma Rouge challenges the students to create different types of wounds using common household items to illustrate the basic anatomy of the skin. In the process, the students learned the techniques for creating realistic injuries and some skills on special effects makeup.

Representing KC was Team My Acidic Beauty from Sec 4/7 comprising De Silva Nikita Marie, Maisurah Bte Suharman and Nursarafina Bte Hisham.

2. Category: Mad Mocktail Strikes Again tests the students' ability to mix the most unique and delicious mocktail by layering juices and syrups. The students were required to have basic knowledge and concept of layering liquids of different densities and at the same time, learned the techniques of mocktail making.

The team Legends from Sec 4/7 comprised Angelle Teo Sze Xian, Chiara Marie Tay Wei Liang and Jolin Guay Xui Mei.

3. Category: Creative 3D Modelling challenged the team to draw and assemble a 3D model using a 3D pen using the given paper templates. In so doing, the girls had to simulate basic geometric concepts through shape and form construction, cross-examine balance, gravity, and other



concepts in physics as well as learned the art of using the 3D pens in constructing models on both the 2D plane and within 3D free space, introducing them to the basics of engineering.

Team 3Designers from Sec 307 comprised Ching Shin Lu, Teo Wan Tong Nicole and Nur Herdiawati Bte Mohamad.

4. Category: Flower Power challenges the students to style the most fetching plant display using creative leaf manipulation and paper folding techniques. The girls had to pick up quick and easy creative leaf manipulation techniques to make their flower designs come alive and transform ordinary paper or other eco-friendly objects into special containers or vases to display students' leaf arrangements.

Representing KC was Team Violet Roses from Sec 3/7 comprising Chai Xin Fang Cheryl, Phua Pei Xuan and Siti Nuraisyah Bte Mohamed.

Team Violet Roses also won the second prize in the Flower Power category and each student received a medal, certificate and \$100 cash cheque from the GOH Ms Low Yen Ling, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education, Mayor for South West Community Development Council.

The students had indeed outdone themselves to reach this far. On behalf of the team, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and students who have voted for Violet Roses during the prelim rounds which enabled them to qualify for the finals.

We hope their achievements will also inspire many more students from the Normal course to participate in future IgnITE Skills Challenge organised by the ITE Colleges.

RAFFLES DEBATE ASSOCIATION (RDA) UNDER-14s Debating Championships 2017

This is the second year that KC has taken part in this invitational debate series. With the aim of developing the next generation of debaters as well as to inculcate a love of debating, the RDA competition is a great learning opportunity for selected schools to groom their young debaters.

It is also a perfect stage for novices to develop their ability to understand and communicate debating argument and protocols, meet and interact with peers in the context of a social and intellectual activity and finally to learn from skilled adjudicators in order to hone their craft.

KC Debate sent one young team of five debaters to the RDA U-14s that was held over two consecutive Saturdays on 20 and 27 May 2017. The team comprising Charlotte Lee Jia Wei (Sec 2/3), Cheryl Chua Xin Miao (Sec 2/5), Queeshia Fenella Mateo Pascual (Sec 2/5), Nethelynn Yang Xuan (Sec 1/3) and Keris Lim Zhuo Yan (Sec 1/6) was subjected to three rounds of debates on unseen motions with only one hour of preparation between each round for their case arguments. It was an intense period of crafting and delivering compelling altercations to win over the adjudicators.

We are happy to report that not only did we manage to enter the finals, our young KC debate team acquitted themselves with a commendable runners-up in the championship. While the team showed grit and tenacity, what we value more was the experiences forged under the glare of competition for our young debaters that goes a long way to solidify our graduate outcomes of resilience vital for their mental resilience and character development.

Netball M1 SCHOOLS CHALLENGE LEAGUE

Between March to May this year, the 'B' and 'C' division Netball team took part in the annual M1 Schools Challenge League. This year was extra special for the team as both divisions managed to clinch third place! It was a tough competition, especially for the 'C' division girls as this was their



first ever competition this year. For some who were new to the sport, winning this competition affirmed the hard work that they have put in for every single training session. For the 'B' division girls, they had to put up a good fight, playing against players who were bigger and taller than them. However, they never gave up in true KC spirit. This augurs well for the team as they continue to participate in more competitions to hone their skills.

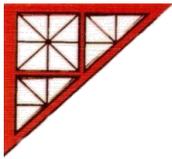
NCDCC

NCDCC is pleased to inform that our cadet and CCA leader of 2016/2017, Warrant Officer Nur Syazana Gonzaga of Sec 4/5 has attained the NCDCC Pinnacle Badge, the highest accolade presented to an NCDCC cadet. The Pinnacle Badge is awarded to cadets who on top of excelling in the CCA, maintain good academic results and make active contributions to the school. There are only 38 awardees in all the NCDCC units this year, and Syazana is our first awardee in five years. She was presented the badge, award plaque and certificate in a promotion and award ceremony at HQ SCDF in May and was also subsequently presented with a bursary from ACERT.

Our alumnae, Nur Syafiqah Bte Shahrin, CCA leader of 2013/2014, was promoted to Senior Cadet Lieutenant at the same ceremony. She was also awarded the SCDF Public Spiritedness Award for rendering medical assistance in a traffic accident in April.

Our heartiest congratulations to both recipients for their inspiring achievements!





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OUR GIRLS, OUR FUTURE

PTSG Meetings & Activities in Semester 2

For Semester 2, PTSG will be meeting on a more informal basis (e.g. for interest-based events like badminton, catching up over a meal at a parent's home, cafes, restaurants, etc.) to promote camaraderie and to continue discussing parent-child, parent-parent and parent-school activities.

The PTSG council will keep parents updated on meeting dates, venues and agendas. If you are not already in the PTSG WhatsApp group, please send a message to Tricia and Christine to add you to the respective chat groups. We hope this new mode will encourage more networking and livelier discussions and we hope to see you at our next gathering.

Stay tuned to the WhatsApp channels for more information!

PTSG T-shirt

PTSG has created their very own KC PTSG T-shirt for parent volunteers! These comfortable navy blue-coloured tees are available in a range of sizes for \$15/ piece. If you are interested in getting one for yourself, do let your level PTSG representative know (via WhatsApp) or you may also contact Ms Cheryl Anne Lim.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please note our contact details below. We welcome your suggestions and feedback.

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iPost, iShare, iLike Engaging the Teenagers' World of Social Media

What are the latest evolving trends of online communications (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Whatsapp, Snapchat)? Why are our youths so attracted to and spending so much time on this social media world?

Our experienced speaker from TOUCH will update parents on some of the latest and emerging social media trends among our youths and the possible impacts / consequences on their future. Parents will better understand the thrills on the social media world that enthrals our youth and also the spills that could potentially happen if our youth abuse or misuse these platforms. This awareness coupled with facilitation and sharing of parenting tips from our speaker would empower parents to be confident about educating and engaging their youth in the digital age.



Venue: CHIJ Katong Convent
Date: 22nd July 2017, Sat
Time: 9.30am - 11.30am Fees: Free!
Light refreshments will be served

Speaker: Mr Shem Yao

Shem is the Senior Executive of TOUCH Cyber Wellness (TCW).

He has conducted more than 150 cyber wellness workshops since 2009, reaching out to more than 3,000 Parents, Educators and Youth / Social Workers in schools, corporations and the community.

Shem's interest and proficiency in different types of games, in particular console games, allows him to provide insights to the education team with regards to the motivations of gamers.

He is passionate in engaging the youths of today in discovering their potential and talent, and seeing them pursue purposeful living.

He also enjoys working with parents on matters pertaining to cyber wellness and helping them understand what their youths are engaging and doing in the cyberspace arena. He had also been working with youths in various organisations and churches for the past ten years, impacting and working in the lives of the youths he meets.

*If you are interested in registering, please email glenn.familymatters@gmail.com. Please include your name, contact number, child's name and class. For logistic purposes, kindly register by **17th July 2017**. Thank you! **Please note that in the event that this workshop is under-subscribed it may be postponed.** Thank you.*