



CHIJ KATONG CONVENT

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Dear Parents & Guardians

In this Term 3 issue, we have featured events chronologically from late May to end August to give you a sense of what students continued to experience in school. In line with the national easing of community safe management measures since end Mar, we have continued to leverage this opportunity fully to ensure we develop our students holistically to make up for some of the past losses. Our students had an exciting term participating in Book and Music Week, Sports Day, National Day, National School Games, learning journeys, enrichment activities among others. We also closed the term strongly celebrating Teachers' Day as one big KC Family.

Engagement with NParks

Upper secondary Social Studies (SS) students spent a productive afternoon with NParks, where they learnt about the transformation of Singapore from a *City in a Garden* to a *City in Nature*. Whilst similar, the two concepts symbolise subtle yet significant shifts in NParks mission. The speaker shared the scope, depth and collaborative approaches needed to secure support from the government, citizens and industries via authentic case-studies. It was an afternoon well spent that brought the SS lesson alive.

STEM Playground Challenge #2: Dome Sweet Dome

All students from CHIJ Katong Convent took part in STEM Playground Challenge, jointly organised by MOE, Singapore Science Centre and James Dyson Foundation, a year-long event featuring a series of engaging STEM challenges that encourages mass student participation while developing school spirit and 21CC in students.

In Challenge #2, students were led by the Class Council in exercising their creativity to build their own geodesic domes using recyclable materials. Three domes per level that supported the greatest number of mobile phones won their group members attractive prizes. In addition, the students' enthusiastic participation saw CHIJ Katong Convent emerge as the school with the highest participation rate for Challenge #2!

Secondary Two Outdoor Adventure Camp

The camp was held from 31 May to 2 June. Based on the foundational works on the philosophy of outdoor education by Dr Kurt Hahn, the KC PE department conceptualised a learning experience which challenged the students to move out of their comfort zone while supporting the

development of their self-esteem and confidence in an outdoor environment. This 3-day non-residential camp programme adopted a multi-pronged approach to achieve multiple objectives, especially those related to the school values as well as the 21CC outcomes.

Activities of the camp were planned to maximise participation. Students were required to work in groups and as a class throughout the entire camp, to teach them the value of teamwork and to hone their problem-solving skills. Activities conducted included kayaking, dragon boating, tag archery, low elements challenge, trekking, outdoor cooking and tent pitching. Time was also given for self-reflection, facilitated by the form teachers and PE teachers, at the beginning and the end of each activity.

During the low elements challenge and team building sessions, students were required to work closely, think out of the box and support one another to overcome obstacles presented to them. They were also offered the opportunity and choice to challenge themselves at the kayaking and dragon boating sessions. Another activity which incorporated outdoor education skills was a 3-hour trekking session from East Coast Park to Gardens by the Bay. The objective was for students to experience an outdoor learning journey and to make use of their orienteering and map-reading skills, while having fun. Students also tried something out of their everyday experience as they were given an opportunity to cook their own lunch outdoors on stoves and in mess tins.

The students enjoyed the camp, reporting in their post-camp reflections that they had learnt much over the three days.

Creative Arts Programme 2022

As part of KC's Writer's Lab programme, students are actively encouraged to develop their talents in creative writing. This comes under the communicative branch of our CPVA niche, where students learn to communicate strongly through their writing. We are very proud to share that Gan Shi Qi, Althea of 306 and Sarah Mohamed Taufik from 204 have shown not only guts and imagination, but also their drive to work hard on their creative writing. Thanks to their efforts, the two represented KC at the 2022 Creative Arts Programme Writing Seminar conducted by MOE from 30th May to 3rd June, as part of an exclusive programme meant to identify and nurture outstanding young writers across the Secondary and JC levels in Singapore. Trinity Ming Lim of 500, who was identified to be mentored by a local writer for 9 months in 2021, was a student mentor to both students. Congratulations to Althea, Sarah and Trinity!

Dunman High Model ASEAN Conference

Four Secondary 4 students took part in an academically rigorous student-conference hosted by Dunman High at the start of the mid-year break. This popular Model United Nations programme simulates the exacting conditions that diplomats work under at international relations. Our students were assigned to represent different countries to put their academic and general knowledge to the test. The girls found the programme to be stressful, yet rewarding, learning the finer points of each country's interests to find solutions based upon international cooperation rather than narrow self-interests. They came away humbled, yet awed, by the experiences and friendships gained. In their own words, 'We are grateful for this fruitful and fun opportunity to engage with students from other schools and learn a lot about issues from the past and in the present.' Well done girls, we are glad to see you grow and learn.

She Can – Girl Guides International Camp 2022

From 1 to 4 June, 17 Guides took part in the blended International Camp organised by Girl Guides Singapore. Held once every five years, our Guides relished this opportunity to meet brownies and sister Guides from Singapore and neighbouring countries like Malaysia, Philippines and as far away as Nepal! Through online and in-person activities, our Guides learnt more about United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): SDG 3 Good Health & Well Being, SDG 5 Gender Equality & SDG 13 Climate Action. These activities reinforced the importance of what girls and young women can do to break boundaries, gender stereotypes and build a sustainable future. They built a huge blanket fort, sang campfire songs and explored Marine Terrace together!

Singapore Mathematical Olympiads (SMO) 2022

This year, 18 Secondary 2 students underwent a series of training sessions from July 2021 to May 2022 and they participated in the competition held on 1 June 2022.

The SMO competition is an annual affair pitched at a very high level. We are pleased to congratulate the following students for their well-deserved achievements:

| Name | Class | Prize |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| SOPHIA SU YIN WIN | 205 | Bronze |
| KYLIE NG LI MIN | 203 | Honourable Mention |
| CHLOE LEE PEI XIN | 204 | Honourable Mention |
| CHIANG LI, CHARLIE | 204 | Honourable Mention |
| SASHA YEO SI YU | 204 | Honourable Mention |
| RACHEL THAM HYUN WAI | 206 | Honourable Mention |
| SELVAM ASHVIKA | 206 | Honourable Mention |

Well done! The girls certainly gained valuable experience and broadened their appreciation of Mathematics.

Project INSPiRE

During the June holidays, three students from the Science Talent Management Programme participated in Project INSPiRE - a collaboration between Victoria Junior College Science and Technology Centre, and Singapore Institute of Technology Community Leadership and Social Innovation Centre. The team applied design thinking for STEM-enabled solutions to problems faced in the community. The KC prototype was a SMART recycling bin to make the recycling process more convenient, which clinched the top prize in the Innovation Challenge.

Artist in School Workshop

Over May and June, the Secondary 3 art students, joined by the students from the Development Initiative for Visual Art (DIVA) programme, attended a 5-session workshop conducted by local artist Mary Bernadette Lee as part of the National Arts Council's Artist in School Scheme. The workshop explored the idea of using art for social engagement, getting students to work in groups to brainstorm, conceptualise, and prototype their own workshop sessions and trial ideas with their

classmates, for their own social engagement art projects. Students were also introduced to arts management skills like proposal writing, budgeting and project pitching through the process. Through the workshop, students better understood how practicing artists work with disadvantaged communities, and the greater possibilities of art being a medium for more incredible functions and purposes beyond just aesthetics.

International Model United Nations Conference (IMUNC)

Seven Secondary 4 students participated in the online International Model United Nations Conference (IMUNC) hosted by the ACS (Independent) from 6 to 7 June. Our KC girls were assigned roles representing countries such as Estonia and China to speak on their behalf at various 'international platforms.' on matters of global concern such as climate change or illicit drugs.

Delegates prepared vigorously ahead of the conference so that they could defend 'their country's' position during the actual conference. These called for in-depth understanding and perspectives of complex global issues as well the confidence to speak in front of other delegates. We were very pleased to note that our delegates experienced very exciting and rigorous debates with peers from other schools and junior colleges as they learnt to think quickly on their feet and were exposed to a wide spectrum of perspectives and points. Each of our delegates came away with greater confidence as public speakers, better team players, and better thinkers with a deeper appreciation for the complexities and finesse involved in managing international relations.

Girl Guides Annual Camp 2022

Held from 20 to 22 June, this blended camp challenged our company leaders, patrol leaders and guides in many ways. Building on the World Thinking Day theme of Gender Equality, the leaders, together with their Guiders, planned activities that revolved around Disney princesses. These activities highlighted qualities that empower women in today's world, thereby advocating gender equality. Thereafter, not only did the leaders use their technological skills to put together interesting video tutorials to guide their peers and juniors to, for example, build pillow forts, make snacks and pack their camping bags, they had to learn how to manage their patrols and company in person during camp. Everyone had to learn how to cooperate with one another too, a skill that had to be honed as the world recovers from the pandemic. Applying our Girl Guides motto, 'Be Prepared', the leaders planned what needed to be done to enrol their recruits, cook a proper meal and build camp gadgets effectively. On the second day of the camp, everyone had fun learning gymnastics and encouraging one another, earning themselves a gymnast badge each! The camp ended with a bang where leaders led a Wide Game and organised an exciting campfire online. No virus will put out the Guiding light nor dampen the Guiding spirit in the KC Girl Guides Company!

Student Leaders Cohesion

After two years of hiatus, the student leaders got to participate in some face to face bonding. This was especially crucial as they were the newly appointed leaders and their seniors had just stepped down. The student leaders had a great time participating in team building games and thereafter, they adjourned to Kallang Dragon Boat Association for more fun under the sun! What a great way to develop leadership skills and teamwork!

Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA)'s 50th Anniversary Celebration

Five Guides who had completed the SANA badge last year were selected to represent Girl Guides Singapore and our school in SANA's 50th anniversary celebration with President Halimah Yacob on 25 June. Our Guides not only learnt how youths have become more aware of common illegal substances, their harmful effects and how to lead healthy lifestyles, but they also had the opportunity to interact with our President to understand how and why Singapore must apply a multi-pronged approach in combating issues related to substance abuse.

The five Guides were:

| Name | Class | Leadership Position |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| DARILYNN SENG PUI HUANG | 402 | Senior Patrol Leader |
| ARIKEN GABRIELLE REBECCA | 403 | Senior Patrol Leader |
| MEAGAN OEY LIANG MEI | 304 | Company Leader |
| WONG SHI HUI SERENA | 305 | Patrol Leader |
| MEGAN ANNE LIM XIANGYUN | 204 | Guide |

Encouragement Awards for the 2022 Singapore Olympic Foundation–Peter Lim Scholarship

In June 2010, the Singapore Olympic Foundation (SOF) set up the SOF-Peter Lim Scholarship with a S\$10-million donation from philanthropist and sports enthusiast, Mr Peter Lim. The driving force behind the Scholarship is the desire to ensure that no promising young athlete who is committed to chasing his or her sporting dreams, should be hampered by financial constraints.

The pandemic in the last two years halted many local and international sports competitions. With the lack of competition results, the SOF decided to seek alternative qualification criteria and disburse '**encouragement awards**' instead of scholarships.

We are very proud to announce that seven of our young student-athletes are the recipients of the Encouragement Awards for the 2022 Singapore Olympic Foundation–Peter Lim Scholarship. Their resilience, determination and positive attitude earned them a nomination by the school, which was also strongly supported by their CCA teachers.

The recipients were:

| NAME | Class | CCA |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| FU ZIQI, JANICE | 202 | Badminton |
| KO JIA JIA ELVA (XU JIAJIA) | 203 | Track |
| MYRA IZZATI BINTE MOHAMED REZAL | 203 | Netball |
| NUR AMALINA BINTE MOHAMAD FAIZAL | 301 | Canoeing |
| SYAFIQAH JAZMIN BINTE SULEIMAN | 402 | Badminton |
| FATIMAH SAAJIDAH BINTE ABDUL RAHIM | 402 | Floorball |
| ZENNA KUA | 402 (2021) | Netball |

Book And Music Week

The school's much-celebrated annual Book and Music Week (BMW) was proud to be back in full force this year! After two long years of conducting the festival on virtual platforms, the Arts and Culture team was excited to be able to bring BMW back into our school's spaces, along with the charged enthusiasm of our students as a live audience. This year, the theme for BMW was "At First Light". Using this as a springboard, students had to explore the creative possibilities of light as a motif, idea, or element within their different performances and presentations. As one of the most highly anticipated events of the year, students were especially thrilled by the idea of having a night programme on the final day, where they would get to viscerally experience and enjoy the illumination of the school by their torchlights and diversity of light installations.

Across the three days of festivities, each class took ownership over the event through presenting different arts-based presentations and performances, based on different creative prompts assigned. Certain activities ranged across the entire school, such as the busking event, where each level presented a performance of their choice based on an inspirational story or character. Furthermore, each class also had an opportunity to integrate an "#OOTD" (#Outfit of the Day) aspect in their presentations as well, where many also explored creative ways to use different recycled materials in the creation of their dazzling costumes. Beyond the school-wide performances, there were also activities that were specifically designed for each level, with each level exploring a different sub-theme. For example, the Secondary 1 students performed adaptations of literary classics around the theme of "Light as Reflection" on stage, complete with dazzling outfits and a backdrop of photography, while the Secondary 3 students innovatively transformed their classrooms into immersive settings based on a variety of prompts surrounding "Light as Space".

Interspersed between these activities were various performances by our Performing Arts groups. It was heartening to see the school give a rousing encouragement for our Choir, Chinese Drama, Chinese Orchestra, Concert Band, Dramatic Arts Society, and Modern Dance. Furthermore, we were also delighted to have external performing arts groups bring to us distinct and unique programmes. The musical quartet, RagaJazz, celebrated and shed light on the fusion of jazz and Indian classical music, while the dance troupe PheNoumenon dazzled us with a contemporary dance piece which poignantly explored our relationship with the natural environment.

Our scintillating event eventually came to a close with the unique opportunity to culminate our celebrations in an evening programme. As dusk encroached and twilight set in, the school was set aglow with a diversity of light installations across different spaces of the school. Students were exhilarated as they freely roamed the school grounds to interact with and enjoy the light art, where every installation was a labour of love that was painstakingly put up by each class. As a feature of finality, Mrs Thong led the school in a rousing anthem of "This Little Light of Mine", as the students rallied together in chorus, and waved their BMW torchlights in tandem with the song.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to resume BMW with live performances this year, and are continuously impressed by the endless creativity and energy of the students. This year's return to normalcy serves as a shining testament to what our students are capable of achieving, when given the chance. With the close of this year's festival, we look forward to next year's iteration of spirited innovation!

Geographical Investigation (GI)

To help the Secondary 2 students understand the intricacies of a human geography investigation, they embarked on a geographical investigation (GI) in the Marine Terrace neighbourhood to find out how inclusive the neighbourhood is. The students took photographs, conducted land use surveys and made observations about the inclusivity of the vicinity. This fieldwork engaged them in an authentic manner, enabling them to conduct a geographical inquiry of a real issue affecting many neighbourhoods in Singapore.

Through this GI experience, the Secondary 2 students not only got the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of what they had learnt during their Geography lessons in class but they also managed to practise and hone GI-specific skills such as data collection, analyses and presentation, which will be useful at upper secondary as well. Their exposure to GI enabled them to develop an affinity for the environment as well as a sense of space, place, environment and scale; key concepts that underlie the Secondary Geography syllabus.

Historical Investigation (HI)

This year, with the museums re-opening their doors to the public, the Humanities department's History unit, leveraged this opportunity to resume our out-of-school historical investigation work, to provide an immersive museum experience for our students. At the museum, students were given the task to locate and read some primary sources that would help in their investigative work. Additionally, secondary sources were also provided by the teachers to supplement their readings.

Following this visit, they had to analyse and consolidate their findings to arrive at a conclusion on whether the British government was effective at maintaining law and order in colonial Singapore. They then presented their findings in an essay writing format.

It is hoped that through this experience, students would develop a deeper understanding about the responses and actions of the British and how this impacted the state of law and order in colonial Singapore; learn the value of collaborative learning through a shared group task; and have an appreciation of Singapore's History.

Here are some reflections by two of our Secondary 1 students after their visit:

Through the HI process I learnt about the difficulties people faced during the colonial era. The British Government also faced difficulties maintaining law and order in Singapore because of the notorious secret societies. This lesson increased my appreciation for Singapore as it is no longer as dangerous as it was and has now developed into a safe country where law and order is well maintained. The HI activity was an enriching and meaningful way of learning History! It was a really fun and different approach enjoyed by all. (Saanvi Lundia, 103)

The HI process was an exciting and enriching process which allowed us to take a deeper look at colonial Singapore. Through this experience, I was able to learn more about the hardships and difficulties faced by the people living in early Singapore as well as the struggles the British government had to overcome. I now better appreciate and cherish Singapore as I have learnt more about the toil that they had to endure for Singapore to flourish into the safe country it is today. Without a doubt the HI experience has been the highlight of History lessons this year and has sparked a new interest in me to continue to learn more about Singapore's past. (Krisha Mahesh Dhalani, 106)

National Schools Tenpin Bowling 'C' Division Championship

Between 6 and 20 July, 16 KC bowlers from Secondary 1 and 2 participated in the National Schools Tenpin Bowling 'C' Division Championship 2022. The bowlers competed with schools such as Singapore Sports School, Methodist Girls' School and Tanjong Katong Girls' Secondary School. Despite the stiff competition, we are pleased to share that KC emerged 4th overall, beating 14 other schools in Singapore.

Congratulations to the following bowlers:

| Student Name | Class |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| JAYNA WONG JING TING | 102 |
| REBECCA KOO ANN HUI (QIU ENHUI) | 102 |
| MEGAN GAY LE XUAN (NI LEXUAN) | 103 |
| SIDRA AUDRYSSA KHAIRIL AZZARD | 103 |
| ELMIRA BINTE MOHAMMAD FADLI | 104 |
| SIM KEYI NICOLE | 104 |
| WU LIYING | 106 |
| CHRISTABELLE TAN YUYUN | 107 |
| JEZREEL LOH RAE SHIH | 201 |
| ADLINA SHARAH BINTE MOHAMAD AIROL | 202 |
| LIM EN QI, AMBER | 202 |
| LIM LI NING MILDRED (LIN LINING) | 202 |
| YIP MEI FANG JENN | 203 |
| ASTA LIM ZHI YU | 205 |
| GWYNETH CHIA RUI EN | 205 |
| JADE HYU PEI HENG | 206 |

Mid-Year Debate Invitationals

KC Debate took part in the Mid-Year Debate Invitationals 2022. This competition, an independently-organised tournament, was brought to us by passionate folks of the SG debate community. KC Debate fielded both the competitive and recreational teams. The preliminary rounds were held over the weekend of 16 and 17 July. All the rounds were conducted via Zoom platform and it was indeed another enriching experience for the seasoned debaters to engage their opponents virtually.

Katong Convent sent in debaters Megan Teh (305), Dhanapalan Leena Sandra (306), Sophia Su Yin Win (205), Sakina Azhar Katib (203) and Isabelle Ong Hui Xien (203) from the competitive team and Gwen Lin Zhirui (101) Ramireddy Shansa Reddy (105), Ryu Hojung (204), Aicia Lin Wanqi (204) and Liu Wenqi Kayley (205). Both teams worked well under pressure. The competitive team progressed to the semi-finals and faced Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School winning their round. The debaters faced Fuhua Secondary School in the finals and clinched the 1st runner up position in the Silver Division.

International Biomedical Quiz

Twenty students from the Science Talent Management Programme participated in the 11th International Biomedical Quiz organised by ACJC Science and Mathematics Council. It provided a platform for students to develop their aptitude and potential in the biomedical disciplines through applying critical thinking and solving authentic medical challenges. The theme was Oncology, spanning the broad range of knowledge in our understanding of cancers, how they develop, how they are diagnosed, and how they are treated. Six students achieved Merit and five attained Bronze or Silver.

Artist and Sustainability: Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2022 Art Exhibition

Organized by both Ministry of Education (MOE) and the National Museum of Singapore (NMS), the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) 2022 Art Exhibition theme 'Artist and Sustainability' invites students to consider how each of us can positively make an impact in the world we live in and benefit future generations. The exhibition showcased more than 500 artworks by students from over 120 Secondary Schools, Junior Colleges, and Millennia Institute via the online gallery on the SYF website and selected artworks on-site at the NMS.

Responding to the theme "Artist and Sustainability" Maiara Naima Santos (201)'s and Lesly-Ann Joshua En Xin (105)'s works creatively called attention to our environment, and imagined how we can do better as we move forward. We are proud to share that Maiara received a Certificate of Recognition and Lesly-Ann received a Certificate of Recognition (Special Mention). Both works were specially selected and curated to be physically exhibited at the NMS. The exhibition was open for public viewing from 13th July to 25th July 2022.

Apart from Maiara and Lesly-Ann, other students from the Development Initiative for Visual Art (DIVA) program who participated in the SYF 2022, also had their work showcased in the online gallery on the SYF Website. These students are, Tan Si Ning, Tricia (201), Ilham Zahrah Binti Mohamad (204), and Lauryn Esha D'cruz (406).

Arts and Culture Workshop 6

On 25 July, the Arts and Culture team kicked off session 6 discussing the End of Year Festival. This festival promised to be a great opportunity to showcase Katong Convent's CPVA and Arts leadership as well as offer a chance to reach out to young people to encourage them to embrace their imperfections as they bloom into young ladies. The highlight of the session was when the advocates shared a CPVA assembly programme that had had a great impact on them. It was definitely heartening to hear them share how Arts Bites had helped to expose them to different art forms and how they had learnt to view arts from different perspectives.

8th Singapore International Band Festival

On 28 July, the KC Concert Band performed at the 8th Singapore International Band Festival Competition held at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts. The festival is organised by the Wind Band Association of Singapore with adjudication by an international panel of five renowned musicians and conductors. A total of 47 bands and ensembles took part in the festival.

The 25-member KC Concert Band took part in Division 2B of the competition and attained our 5th consecutive Gold Award!

In addition, our Junior Band and Trio performed in the Small Ensemble category of the festival on 26 July, with our students gaining valuable learning experiences.

As part of the festival, Mr Dennis Fisher, Professor of Music in Conducting and Ensembles at University of North Texas gave an inspiring workshop to our young musicians from the Junior Band. Mr Surapol Thanyawibool, Music Director of Kasetsart University Wind Symphony, conducted a session with our Concert Band to enhance the members' understanding and approach to music performance.

Secondary 3 Parents Webinar

As part of the continued efforts to strengthen home-school partnership, a Secondary 3 parent engagement webinar session was conducted on 29 July 2022, where our Principal updated parents on the upper secondary curriculum and academic matters, as well as the post-secondary progression for the students. The Year Head shared tips to support the child in cultivating good personal habits for self-directed learning. The school counsellors also provided suggestions to help parents to engage the child in their transition to upper secondary.

Pesta Sukan Fencing Competition

Our national fencer, Nabihah Raiedah Bte Mohammad Fadly from 202 represented KC in the Pesta Sukan Fencing Competition (Juniors - under 20) on 30 July and took home the Silver medal. Well done Nabihah!

East Division Learning Day

On 30 July, 6 Guides represented our school to learn more about ways to save the environment and advocate gender equality from the different Guides companies in the East division schools. They participated in in-person activities where they learnt ways to grow their own food, ways to turn ugly food into edible food again, and how females have a role in male-dominated industries such as engineering. We look forward to them sharing what they have learnt with the company soon!

These 6 Guides were:

| Name | Class | Workshop |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|
| PEARL MEREDITH TANOTO | 102 | She Solves |
| MARISSA-FAITH HENG YEE YIN (WANG YIYIN) | 104 | Kimchi Making Using Ugly Food |
| AMELIA LEE XIN YING | 105 | Food Sustainability |
| KWONG SI YU FAITH | 106 | Kimchi Making Using Ugly Food |
| WONG PO-ZEE | 203 | Food Sustainability |
| VIMALRAJ VIVEKA | 206 | She Solves |

KC Sports Day

KC Sports Day was held on 5 Aug at the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) where we were blessed with a cool cloudy and breezy morning. In the lead up to the event, students were enthusiastically practising their events during recess and after school, eagerly getting the teams ready for the day.

As the first ever post-COVID-19 pandemic sports day event, there were many firsts during that day. The event began with the House Captains, together with our Principal Mrs Hilda Thong running around the track carrying the school and House Flags, before Mrs Thong announced the official start of Sports Day. Excitement mounted as we started with the first ever 80m race (taking into account our students' physical readiness) instead of the 100m race for the Secondary 1 students. The spectators cheered for their respective Houses and could not wait for the race to begin. After that, the next few races came fast and furious, with the 4 x 100m race followed quickly by the 8 X 50m relay. Another first was the 4 X 100m House relay, where 2 teams from each House represented their House for the race. This was then followed by the long rope jump with ten girls from each class jumping their way to the countdown for two minutes, all to the accompaniment of uplifting music. For the House cheers, the Houses were led by their Secondary Three and graduating cohort House Captains, and came up with enthusiastic, catchy and high spirited cheers.

This year's Sports Day was made even more special with the inclusion of a new event: the 8 X 50m Inter-House parents and teachers race. Symbolic of the collaborative relationship that our parents and teachers share, the race saw each House send in teams consisting of a mix of both parents and teachers. One could say it was the most eagerly anticipated event of the day, as not only could the students cheer on their Houses, they could also cheer on their parents and teachers on the same team.

The day ended with a closing speech and prayer by Mrs Thong. Before leaving for home, students rushed to the field in high spirits to take photographs to capture what had been an eventful post COVID-19 Sports Day.

The school would like to thank the PTSG for their much appreciated help in road marshalling and crowd control, and of course, for their participation in the relay race.

The winners of the various events were as follows:

| | 80 m | 4X100m | 8X50 m | Long Rope Jump | 4 X 100m Inter-House Relay | Champion House Sports Day |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Sec 1 | | | | | 1st-Deirdre Team 1 2nd-Mathilde Team 1 3rd-Finbarr Team 1 | Barre |
| 1st | 102 | 106 | 102 | 102/103 | | |
| 2nd | 106 | 101 | 104 | - | | |
| 3rd | 101 | 105 | 105 | 106 | | |
| Sec 2 | | | | | | |
| 1st | 202 | 201 | 204 | 204 | | |
| 2nd | 203 | 203 | 205 | 207 | | |
| 3rd | 204 | 205 | 203 | 206 | | |
| Sec 3 | | | | | | |
| 1st | 302 | 305 | 305 | 305 | | |
| 2nd | 304 | 304 | 306 | 306 | | |

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| 3rd | 301 | 306 | 302 | 304 | | |
| Sec 4&5 | | | | | | |
| 1st | 404 | 404 | 404 | 500 | | |
| 2nd | 405 | 406 | 405 | 401 | | |
| 3rd | 403 | 403 | 403 | 404 | | |

Parents/ Teachers Inter-House Relay:

1st: Finbarr Team 1
 2nd: Mathilde Team 1
 3rd: Deirdre Team 1

National Day Celebration

8 August saw the school coming together to celebrate Singapore's 57th birthday.

The day started with an observance ceremony in the morning. The parade was commanded by Eraline Loh Jia Ling of 305. Forming up the parade were three contingents comprising the students from Girl Guides, led by Megan Tan from 303, the National Civil Defence Cadet Corps led by Shannon Woo of 302, and the Student Leadership Board, led by Acacia Tan from 306. The flag party responsible for bringing in the national and school flags was led by Qurratulain Bte Sabiq of 301. Through the observance ceremony, the students were reminded of the significance of the national flag and the national anthem as symbols of our independence and nationhood. This year's National Day Message inspired us to be confident to overcome any challenges, and turn them into opportunities, come what may.

The celebrations continued in the classroom, where the students planned and carried out their own national day party. The theme for the party was 'Red and White' and students were encouraged to bring food that matched our national colours. KCians were very creative with their choice of food! There was a wide variety of red fruits such as watermelons and strawberries, as well as white food and drinks like yoghurt. At the same time, KCians were engaged in a variety of activities like chapteh and five stones, as they attempted to win points for their houses.

The day ended with a concert in the hall, where the girls were enchanted by the melodious tunes and energising performances from choir, concert band and the dramatic arts society. The teachers also surprised everyone with their own rendition of this year's song, Stronger Together, which had the whole school entertained. The student's knowledge of Singapore and national day in general were also put to the test with the annual quiz. The hall culminated with an inter-house singing competition of past national day songs, with Barre singing One Singapore, Deirdre singing Reach Out For The Skies, Finbarr singing Tomorrow's Here Today and Mathilde singing a mashup of many different songs!

We hope all KCians enjoyed the day, and appreciated how much stronger we have come together after the last two COVID years of challenges.

Entrepreneur Club

A total of 19 students from Entrepreneur Club and 11 students from Cabin Club participated in the Live On Festival 2022 (Design and Essay Competition) in May 2022 organised by National Organ Transplant Unit (NOTU).

The aim of this competition was to encourage participants to express their thoughts on organ donation and transplantation through art and writing inculcating values of responsibility, compassion, empathy and altruism by providing insights into the delicate and emotive nature of the topic of organ donation and transplantation. Out of the many entries submitted, Kate Yar Kai Li of 204 attained High Distinction for her essay in the Junior Category on “Do donor families find hope in organ donation?”. Kate received her award from Minister of State Education and Manpower, Ms Gan Siow Huang on 13 August at The Star Gallery @ Star Performing Arts Centre.

In addition, we were equally proud of five students from Entrepreneur Club and another from Cabin Club who volunteered their time through a service learning project, to assist in facilitating the running of the Awards Ceremony. They assisted in ushering the guests and prize-winners during the award ceremony as well as facilitated guests in the gift-assembly workshop – a final culmination of their star-folding project in which guests were encouraged to help fill the glass jars with the stars, to be presented to the families of organ donors, in honour of their act of compassion and selflessness in donating their organs to rebuild the lives of organ failure patients, making a difference in many lives. The student volunteers not only gained greater insights into the work involved in the running of an awards ceremony but also witnessed the fruition of Live On Festival 2022 after participating in the design or essay competitions and star-folding project for the families of organ donors.

Arts And Culture Workshop 7

This began with a warm welcome to the new trainees who were inspired by the mission and vision of a KC Arts Advocate. They were briefed about their duties and responsibilities for the End of Year Festival that would take place during KC’s first ever Open House. Filled with excitement about the plans for the festival, the advocates broke into their mentor groups to brainstorm ideas for the event and how they could bring the Festival: “Everything is not what it Seems” to greater heights.

Library Workshops

Writer’s Lab

Creative writers from across the school came together for a chance to explore creative journalism, and writing across fiction, poetry and nonfiction. Students were treated to the rare chance to hear from award-winning writer and former journalist, Mr Desmond Kon, as he engaged students in an afternoon of reading and expanding perspectives to help them to see the opportunities in journalism, as they take up opportunities to contribute to the journalism scene in Katong Convent.

Book Club

Identified students attended a talk on Zoom with the National Library Board (NLB). The librarian introduced them to many different genres of books, some of which the students had never heard of before like 'cyberpunk' that came under the umbrella of Science Fiction. They also had fun

exploring books that allowed them to choose their own adventure. The free token from NLB will allow them to chart their own experience in reading.

Open Mic

Identified students applied the visual communication strategies that they learnt last semester during school events such as National Day. This term, they have been equipped with skills on structuring their own presentations and improvisation. They are now ready to put presentations coherently together and if all else fails, think on their feet!

Girl Guides: Baden-Powell Award 2022

We would like to congratulate Natalie Tham Kay Li (305) for being the first Girl Guide from CHIJ Katong Convent to attain the Baden-Powell Award. This award is conferred to Girl Guides who have demonstrated leadership qualities and proficient programme planning. Named after the founder of the movement, Lord Baden-Powell, the Award is the highest badge awarded by the Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Singapore which represents the Girl Guide's commitment to the Guide Promise and Law.

The process to obtain this award is a long one. In order to be nominated by a Guider for this award, a Guide would need at least a Silver Badge Award in the five-point programme and at least eight proficiency or interest badges. Prior to taking the test to be conferred this award, Natalie consistently improved her skills and knowledge, and led her patrol and company in various activities; she showed that she is a self-driven and reflective leader who is open to feedback. Then, she had to pass two test components: a written test and an execution test. She successfully planned 2 Guides sessions based on the theme, 'We are agents of growth', taking into consideration the school's events in semester two. The execution test required Natalie to carry out one of her plans with Girl Guides from a different school online; she engaged them in meaningful activities and in a confident and caring manner. Throughout this process, Natalie showed that she can be trusted to do her best, and is meticulous, systematic and thoughtful. Well done!

Xin Lei Creative Writing Competition

To promote the use of Chinese language and the interest in creative writing among secondary school students, a group of students took part in the 20th National Secondary School Xin Lei "新蕾" Chinese Creative Writing Competition. They were Er Jia Yu Zoe, Yuan Yi Jia, Wong Po-zee all from 203 and Azalea Cheong Cheng Ning from 204. The Secondary 3 participants were Liu Yinuo from 304 and Rachael Lim Xuan Ni from 306.

This annual competition was jointly organised by Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan, Singapore Literary Society, Nan Chiau High School, and Zaobao Comma. The school is pleased to share that Rachael Lim came in 1st in the CL Poetry Writing category, a new category in 2022. Once again, congratulations to Rachael. Her winning entry will be published in our 2022 CL publication. Do look out for it!

Teachers' Day Celebration

We began the morning with a celebration of the Catholic Mass. As we commemorated Teachers' Day, we started the day with God, thanking him for the privilege of a special mission he has entrusted to our teachers. In his homily, Fr Edward Seah made references to the reading from the book of Jeremiah, where just like a clay in the potter's hand, a teacher is called to mold the students to be the best version of themselves. Fr Edward encouraged the students to pray for our teachers that they would persevere and experience joy in their vocation. He also shared his wish that more IJ girls would take up the calling to become an IJ Sister and added that he would be glad to help students who are interested to discern the vocation of an IJ Sister.

In the Prayer of the Faithful, the school took this time to pray for our teachers and staff, offering blessings and goodwill to be with them in their calling to nurture and anchor students in faith and knowledge to meet the needs and demands of the ever-changing world. We were also thankful for our choir, who had accepted our invitation to join in singing songs and hymns to bless our teachers.

The day's programme was followed by a concert. The theme this year, 'We love because He first loved us', aimed to recognise that it is only through the love of the Father that teachers are enabled to love and care for their students. Teachers are able to give of themselves sacrificially because God has empowered them with His Grace and Strength.

The Student Leadership Board (SLB) began with a dedication to all staff to express their appreciation of the immense care, time and love showered on them. This year's concert took on a twist with some audience participation. The modern dance club students led a mass dance to get the students and teachers up on their feet to groove. The concert was packed with amazing items by our talented students as well as a 'Guess That Teacher' quiz segment led by the CCA Council. It ended on a high with the teachers and students dancing to *Meghan Trainor's Better When I'm Dancin'*. Teachers then proceeded to their classrooms where the class leaders organised their own appreciation party for their form and subject teachers with special activities for their teachers to enjoy as they interacted with one another.

Teachers' Day this year was truly special and we were so glad to be able to celebrate this day as a KC family. The student leaders committed a lot of time and effort in preparing the gifts for the teachers – a face towel with an appreciation note. As part of the collaboration with Heartware Network on the "We Love Our Teachers" project, the teachers and staff were also blessed with a simple gift of an apple.

A heartfelt thanks to the team of student leaders, as well as the teachers in the SLB, for working with them to make the celebrations successful!

In CHIJ Katong Convent, we are continuously looking for and providing opportunities for our girls to have a rich and fulfilling school experience that will enable the girls to grow holistically to meet the challenges of tomorrow. It has been a fulfilling term of growth for the KC family and we welcome parents and guardians to continue to help source for or provide experiential opportunities for our students.

Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Yours sincerely



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