

## *Greetings from the*

### *Principal*

Dear Parents and Guardians ,

Greetings from all of us at APSN Katong School.

We wish you Happy New Year 2018 and may the new year see greater collaboration and cooperation between the home and school.

KS is very happy to welcome new additions to the staff. They are ;

Mrs Alice Teo— she assumes the position of Vice-Principal of Katong School.

Ms Elizabeth Casipit—Occupational Therapist

Ms Chang Wei Ling—Associate Psychologist

Ms Judy Chan—Speech Language Therapist

Ms Lee Siew Hoon—Head Curriculum

We thank you for the strong support that you have given us in 2017. We have planned parent engagement sessions under Breakfast @ KS this year and we truly hope that you will be able to join us for the sessions. Our intention is to share knowledge and information so that together , we can bring out the best in our students, your children.

*Looking forward to having you  
as our Partners-in-Education.*

*Yazilah Amir*

*Principal*

## *2017 Completed Events in*

### *Term 4*

#### Children's Day Celebration – 5 October

On 5 October, the students from Primary 1 and 2 as well as the ASD programme celebrated their Children's Day with the students from CHJI Katong Primary School at Kidzania. The students got to try their hands at a variety of occupations such as being a chef, delivery man and firefighter. The experience was exceptional and definitely a delightful one as the students were all smiles during the trip.

Back in school, the students from Primary 3 to 6 were treated to a fun-filled day. The one day celebration started off with a duet performance of "How Far I'll Go" by Katong School very own instructor and student –Ms Joanne and Nabilah. Their melodious music and courage won both the applause and heart of the staff and students. Following the duet, the students embarked on an adventure with Moana as they watched the movie with popcorns and snacks to fill their stomach. Thereafter, the students were challenged to complete the various games stations together as a class. This year, Katong School was privileged to have volunteers from Sports Singapore and Xilinx plan and facilitate the games stations for the students. During the station activities, the students demonstrated wonderful teamwork and sportsmanship and succeeded in completing all the challenges. At the end of the day, the students were thrilled as they received their goodie bags with gifts from both Katong School and Xilinx.



*Dressing up for the job at Kidzania*



*Belting it out for Children's day*



*Showing teamwork in this cup stacking activity*

## Deepavali Celebrations– 24 October

Katong School celebrated the festival of Deepavali on 24 October 2017.

Staff and students came dressed in ethnic Indian costumes to add colour and festive joy to the celebration. Our students were provided an opportunity to learn and understand the meaning of Deepavali festival through PowerPoint slides, videos and by participating in a quiz. The students also enjoyed a skit presented by the Secondary 3 students and an Indian dance staged by their peers, to a vibrant Tamil song, "Di Di Deepavali".

As a pre-Deepavali activity, the primary students coloured the Kollam, a traditional goodwill greeting found at the entrance of Indian homes, using coloured pencils and crayons. On the other hand, the secondary students pasted rolled crepe paper for a collage making contest.

In line with the theme, "Deepavali, A Festival of Colours", colourful decorations, fairy lights, and posters about Deepavali depicting its customs, costumes, food and other practices were exhibited in the hall. The displays allowed students of different ethnicities to learn about the beliefs and customary practices observed by Hindus during the festival.

On the day of celebration, each student was also given a packet of Muruku, and our canteen vendor sold Nasi Briyani with chicken curry and papadam to add flavour to the celebration. Katong School indeed had a colourful and exciting 2017 Deepavali Celebration.



Our Katong students in colourful Indian Traditional Costumes Showcase their Dance to the tune of “Di Di Deepavali.”

### Prize Giving and Graduation Day – 10 Nov

Katong School held its Prize Giving and Graduation Day on 10 November 2017, with the theme “Scaling New Heights”. The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour, Ms. Neoh Sue Lynn, Legal Director of APAC & Japan, Xilinx Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. The event was dedicated to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our students in the academic areas of literacy, numeracy, co-curricular activities and WorkPlace Literacy and Numeracy (WPLN) Assessments. Our students put up various spectacular dance performances from ethnic dances to international dances. Talented and skilled students from the Circus Arts CCA captivated everyone with their various acts, including one that involved fire. The celebration ended with a musical by the graduating students from Secondary 4. Through the musical entitled “Our Journey”, they shared their experiences, challenges and successes over the years. We wish the graduates all the best in their future endeavours as they embark onto the next stage of post-secondary education.

Ms. Neoh receiving a token of appreciation



### Purple Parade – 28 October

Katong School, together with her sister schools from APSN participated in this year’s Purple Parade on 28 October 2017 at Suntec City. Katong School’s secondary three performing arts students made a bold statement at the Purple Parade movement with a high-intensity rhythmic Salsa Dance in dazzling costumes specially tailored for the event. The students have trained hard and they put up a well-coordinated, lively and entertaining performance.



Secondary 3 dancers showcasing their Salsa moves



The Sec 1s charming the audience with their Cha Cha performance



The Sec 3s sizzling the stage with their Salsa moves



The Sec 2s ending their Rumba dance performance with poise



Students from the Circus Arts CCA giving an enthralling performance



The exhilarating finale of the Circus Arts performance which includes open flames

## Children's Charity Fair and Walkathon – 11 Nov

The Children's Charity (CCA) Fair & Walkathon was held on 11 November 2017, at Ngee Ann City Civic Plaza. It started off with the walkathon where 35 students and 10 teachers/parent volunteers from Katong School went on a 1.5km walk along Orchard Road. Katong School also set up a stall selling items such as drinks, plush toys, hand-made crafts, terrariums, to name a few. All proceeds from the sale were donated to the Children's Charities Association of Singapore. It was truly an enriching experience to be part of the CCA Fair.



Walking along Orchard road



Walking a mile makes many smiles



"Location, Location, Location" Our pop up shop in Orchard Road

## **TS Artistry-17 November**

Katong School's Secondary 2 Rumba dancers were invited by APSN Tanglin School to perform at Enabling Village on 15 November 2017. This event titled TS Artistry – Talents Revealed was jointly organised by Tanglin School and Enabling Village to promote the talent of special needs students in performance and visual arts. Our students got to showcase their talents and even wowed the audience with their slick dance moves. In addition, the Katong school students were also part of the record breakers entering the Singapore Book of Records for most number of people tooling aluminium at one time. It was indeed a memorable experience for our Rumba dancers.



Presenting the Sec 2 Rumba Dancers



Entering the Singapore Book of Records!

## ***2018 Upcoming events in Term 1*** ***- Key Highlights***

### **Katong School's Emergency Readiness & Operations**

#### **Temperature Taking**

The school will conduct a visual screening and temperature-taking exercise for all students from 2nd January to 5th January. We would also like to seek the assistance of all parents/ caregivers, to ensure that your child/ward is well before attending school. If he/she is unwell, please seek medical attention and refrain from having your child/ward attend school. As always, please keep the school informed of the reasons for absence. Thank you for your support and cooperation. Together, we will ensure our school is safe for all our children.

## Key School Events - 2018 Term 1

- Breakfast @ KS - 27 Jan (Sat)
- Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) for IEP/ITP: 5 - 9 Feb (Mon - Fri)
- Prefects' Investiture - 9 Feb (Fri)
- Total Defence Day—14 Feb (Wed)
- Chinese New Year Celebrations - 15 Feb (Thurs)
- Leadership Day Camp - 23 Feb (Fri)
- KS Public Talk - 23 Feb (Fri)
- EI/MA/VED Cooking Workshop - 3 March (Sat)
- Primary Day Camp - 7 March (Wed)

**Social Competence Outing (P1-P6)**  
29 Jan (Mon) & 28 Feb (Wed)

**Continual Assessments (CA1)**  
P1-S4: T1 W9 (26 Feb—28 Feb)

## FamilyMatters@School, Enriching Parents @ KS

The schedule for parenting talks conducted by FamilyMatters@School in Term 1 will be provided by the coordinator, Ms Phyllis, at a later date.

## *2018 Important Dates in Term 1*

### School Terms & Holidays 2018

Term 1	School Term	2 Jan (Tues) to 9 Mar (Fri)	
	March School Holiday	10 Mar (Sat) to 18 Mar (Sun)	
	Public & School Holidays	New Year's Day	Mon 1 Jan 2018
Chinese New Year		Fri 16 Feb 2018 & *Sat 17 Feb 2018	*Mon 19 Feb 2018 will be a school holiday.

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