

*Greetings from the*

*Principal*

Dear Parents and Care-Givers,

Before you know it, we are already in Term 4 of the academic year. And if you have been reading the newsletter from T1, you would have realised that the students of KS have been involved in meaningful activities, in and out of school. This is because KS believes in the holistic development of every student and considers the community as a learning environment.

We are happy to announce the creation of new spaces for learning in the school.

- *The Safari— an interactive that doubles up as a space for students to chill with a book*
- *The Reading Corner—as the name suggests, it is a place where students can indulge in reading at recess*
- *The Stem Room—a learning space in support of Science and Technology*

*A few projects are towards completion .*

- *A Sensory Garden*
- *KS Café cum training area*
- *Talking Walls—in support of communicating values*

*Great things are happening at KS. And it is done in support of your children's learning .*

*We thank you for being our Partner-in-Education.*

*Take care*

*Mdm Yazilah Amir, Principal*

## *2018 Completed Events in*

### *Term 3*

#### Youth Day – 29th June 2018

Katong School organized a Donation Drive and a Restroom Hygiene & Water Saving poster making activity on the **29 June 2018, Friday** to celebrate Youth Day. The activity was carried out during curriculum hours, between 10.30am -12.30pm as part of their learning experience.

The Restroom Hygiene and Water Saving activity allows students to gain an appreciation of what it takes to keep Singapore restrooms' clean, the consequences of water wastage and how their personal behaviour affects the environment. By deepening students' knowledge and understanding of these issues, students learn to reflect on how their everyday actions have an impact on their environment and encourage them to act for a truly clean and water sustainable Singapore.

This activity is a Values in Action (VIA) learning experience that supports students' development as socially responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to the community, through the learning and application of values, knowledge and skills. VIA is an important component in Character and Citizenship Education. We would like the students in Katong School to learn these important values and contribute to the society in our celebration of Youth Day.

## 3D2N SIA Camp at Sarimbun - 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2018



*Talk on restroom hygiene and water saving*



*Students and teachers packing the donated items for Lions Home for the Elders*



*Packing donated items*

On 19th July 2018, our Katong secondary school students went on a 3D2N camp at Sarimbun. It was an exciting experience for many of them as they tried various activities like the high elements and night walk for the first time. They learnt the value of resilience as they fought through their fears and completed each activity successfully.

The students also participated in team-building games on the first day in which they displayed care and support for one another. It was heart-warming to see the students putting their minds and working together to get through the obstacles .

The highlight of the camp was the campfire on the second night. Students, staff and volunteers from SIA gathered together to sing songs, played campfire games and cheered on their friends who were performing that night. We bid farewell to Sarimbun on 21st July and left the site with many values learnt; respect, responsibility, commitment, care and harmony.



*Students engaging in some team-building games*

### Play Inclusive Games - 14th July 2018

10 Katong secondary school students participated in the Play Inclusive games on 14th July 2018, held at the Singapore Sports Hub. Play Inclusive is the first unified sports competition among students with and without special needs of a large scale held in Singapore. SportCares partnered with Special Olympics (Singapore) (SOSG) and Ministry of Education (MOE) to kick start this event to promote inclusion through unified sports training and competition experiences.

Katong School has paired up with Anglican High to form 2 Unified football teams. The students underwent training together for at least 6 weeks to prepare for the games. Our athletes fought for every ball, gave their very best and managed to clinch 1st and 2nd positions for the Under -15 male category. This event also enables further collaboration between the two schools and friendship formed amongst the students.



*Students gathering around for a camp-fire*



*A Katong School student on a high element course*

## YMCA Proms @ the Park - 21st July 2018

13 Katong School primary pupils participated in the YMCA Proms @ the Park, which was held at The Lawn at Marina Bay. This event was initiated in hope of creating a fun platform for corporate partners to serve the less fortunate in the beautiful setting of our national parks, as well as to promote corporate volunteerism and a community spirit of caring for others.

On that day, each corporate partner was partnered with a pupil, and together, they completed a range of interactive games, went on an outdoor picnic and attended a concert with numerous performances. Through this programme, pupils experienced a vibrant day of activities filled with cheer and joy. On the other hand, our corporate partners from DHL had the opportunity to meet up, established friendships and ensured a more meaningful time for all.



## Project Spheres - 2nd August 2018

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, 68 secondary students participated in Project Sphere, a community programme initiated by HDB, with support from the Ministry of Education and Singapore Pools. 'SPHERE' stands for Students, Singapore Pools, and HDB Enriching and Reaching out to the Elderly. This is also a Value-In-Action (VIA) programme where our students played a big part in bringing cheer to seniors living in rental flats, showing their care, commitment and compassion for others.

While the homes of the elderly were being cleaned, a group of students engaged the elderly with art & craft activities at the Senior Activity Centre (SAC). The students rose up to the challenge and did well to ensure the homes were cleaned. It was a meaningful and enriching experience, packed with plenty of learning moments, for both students and teachers. Before bidding farewell to the senior citizens, the students handed out goodie bags and took memorable photos. Special thanks to the 20 volunteers from Siemens who helped to chaperone the students, Thye Hua Kwan Bedok Radiance SAC for coordinating with the elderly and finally our own KS Student Well-being Committee for putting it all together.



*A group shot*



*Engaging the elderly with Art & Craft activities*



*An elderly man gets a goody bag*



*Students cleaning up the garden*

## **Racial Harmony Day (2nd Integrated Learning Journey) - 26 July**

The second Integrated Learning Journey, was in conjunction with Racial Harmony Day. This year's theme, "Diversity Our Strength" marked the importance of social cohesion among the different races. To help students better understand Singapore's history, the different races and cultures, and the importance of racial harmony, students embarked on heritage tours.

The secondary one and primary one to three students visited Chinatown, secondary two and primary four and five students went to Kampung Glam, secondary three and primary six students visited Little India and secondary four students went to Fort Canning. At the various heritage sites, students had the opportunity to experience various culture and traditions, such as visiting places of worship, trying on different ethnic costumes and local cuisines. The learning journey was supported by Qualcomm and Panasonic, for the secondary and primary heritage tours respectively.



*Lower Primary Students exploring the sights and sounds of Chinatown*



*Students listening attentively as the guide explains the history of Kampong Glam*



*Students filling up their worksheets filled with questions about the place they visited.*

## **National Day Celebration—8 August**

The National Day celebration was a combined celebration for both primary and secondary students. Prior to the celebration, students and their respective form teachers decorated their classrooms as a lead up to National Day. The celebration was marked off by the march-in by the Scouts, the singing of the National Anthem, the recitation of the school pledge and the National Day Speech by the Principal. Students and staff took part in a Zumba workout, organised by Active SG, as part of promoting healthy living. Support by Panasonic, students, staff and volunteers had a great time sweating to the beats of the music.

The celebration continued with students learning more about Singapore's history and taking part in an engaging quiz, which included a segment on "Guess the lyrics" to the various National Day songs. Wrapping up the celebration, the Digital Art and Robotics CCA, presented a stop-motion video, My Singapore Town, followed by a performance by Dance Choir to the song, "Home". United as one, students, staff and volunteers sang this year's theme song "We Are Singapore", to end off the celebration.



*Students waiting to sing the National Anthem after the march in by the scouts.*



*Students and staff taking part in the Zumba workout organized by ActiveSG*



*Secondary school student answering a question from the quiz*

### **Run for Inclusion - 26 August 2018**

RUN FOR INCLUSION 2018 is a national event that aims to use mainstream sports as a platform to promote integration and nurture an inclusive Singapore for persons with special needs. To show our support to the event, 35 students, 20 caregivers and 7 staff participated in the 3.5 or 6km run on 26 August 2018. For some of our young pupils, it was their first time attending such a mass public event and they made us proud by being respectful to volunteers and resilience to complete the run.



*Students holding a banner together.*



*Group photo consisting of our students, staff and caregivers.*

### Teachers Day Celebration—30 August

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 30 August with the usual objectives of enabling students to show appreciation and gratitude to the teachers for their love and guidance throughout the year. What was different this year, was the attempt to show-case the students' talents through the 'Katong's Got Talent' platform and to boost the students' confidence as they perform in front of their teachers and peers. Not only were the students' confidence boosted, they also put up a wonderful show for both the teaching and non-teaching staff.

The staff obviously enjoyed the students' performance judging from the loud applause after each performance and Mdm Kamisah, could be spotted taking a video of a student who was belting out a popular Malay song. We were surprised to see Bethia, a shy Sec 1 student, singing with her friends on stage. Another student who caught us by surprise with his impressive stage presence was Kermerton who has autism. He had good eye contact with the audience and was able to move in tandem with the moves of the song, 'Heal The World'.

Jesper, who has autism, surprised many of us with his impressive keyboard playing. Songs dedicated to teachers like 'In This Moment' and 'Thank You, Teacher' were sung during the performances, allowing the students to show their appreciation to their teachers.

The students had a treat when Ms Rose sang a beautiful rendition of 'The Greatest Love of All' and Ms Deanna played a melodious 'Home Sweet Home' on the piano for them. The day ended with a buffet lunch where staff bonded over food. It was an opportune time to have the revelation of the 'Angel and Mortal' game which was played to reinforce mutual staff caring and sharing for each other since April this year.



## *2018 Upcoming events in Term 4*

### *- Key Highlights*

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

##### **Emergency Lockdown Drill**

Katong School will be conducting an Emergency Lockdown Drill with the help of the Ministry of Education Security and Emergency Planning Office on Tuesday, 18 September 2018. All secondary school pupils and staff will participate in the lockdown drill.

As the Emergency Drill requires time to complete and will stretch into the afternoon, we would like to seek the understanding and cooperation of parents and guardians of students in our primary school to use the day for independent e-learning at home. For safety reasons, primary students are advised not report to school and will complete McOnline assignments at home.

For students who do not have computer access at home, form-teachers will prepare hard copies of the work for students to do at home.

#### Key School Events - 2018 Term 4

- Children's Day Celebration —4th Oct (Thurs)
- Deepavali —6th Nov (Tues)

##### **Social Competence Outing (P1-P6):**

27th Sept (Thursday)

30th October (Tuesday)

**Parent Teacher Conference**— 31 October 2018

**Prefects Appreciation Day**— 9 November 2018

**Prize Giving & Graduation Day**— 12 November 2018

**Inter-Class Sports Competition**— 13 November 2018

##### **FamilyMatters@School, Enriching Parents @ KS**

The schedule for parenting talks conducted by FamilyMatters@School in Term 4 will be provided by the coordinator, Ms Phyllis, at a later date.

# 2018 Important Dates in Term 4

## School Terms & Holidays 2018

<b>Term 4</b>	<b>School Term</b>	10th Sept (Mon) - 16th Nov (Fri)	
	<b>Dec Holiday</b>	17th Nov (Sat) – 31st Dec (Sun)	
	<b>Public &amp; School Holidays</b>	Deepavali	6th Nov (Tues)
		Christmas	25th Dec (Tues)

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