

### *Greetings from the Principal*

Greetings from all of us at APSN Katong School. We welcome our students back to school after the June school holidays. In this newsletter, we present the school's key events and activities in Term 2, 2019. We are very proud of our students who participated in the inaugural robotics competition on 16 March at the First Lego League. With determination and teamwork, the students persevered, gave their best, and won the 'Overcoming Adversity Award'.

On the same day (16 Mar), Katong School Artiste Inc. CCA had the privilege to be invited to perform for the Rhythm @ Bedok Town Square, an event to showcase students' talents to the community. As part of Community Chest's enrichment programme for SPED schools, our students and ten volunteers from Panasonic had a meaningful experience in the science laboratory through an Integrated Learning Journey on 2 and 5 April. They participated in the following workshops: Properties of Forces, Diversity of Cells and Bacteria Outbreak.

80 Volunteers from United Overseas Bank (UOB) organised an Easter celebration on 18 April for our Primary school students. There was a mass bunny song and dance and an art & craft session in the classroom to make Easter baskets and paint Easter eggs. The students also enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at the KS playground.

On 16 and 17 May, our secondary school students went to *The Bicentennial Experience from Singapore to Singaporean* at the Fort Canning Centre. They had an opportunity to learn more about Singapore's 700 years history and the arrival of Sir Stamford Raffles 200 years ago. The multimedia sensory experience brought the students back in time to experience key moments in Singapore's transformation from a modest fishing village to a modern prospering city. The students also had an interactive experience of Singapore's history through the 'Pathfinder', a series of pavilions filled with artefacts, maps and plants.

We thank our staff, parents and partners for giving our students many memorable experiences. We look forward to having your continued support to bring out the best in our students, your children.

*Mdm Ng Puey Koon  
Principal*

## *2019 Completed Events in Term 2*

### First Lego League Competition—16 March

APSН Katong School participated in the inaugural robotics competition at the First Lego League. The five students, selected from the Digital Art & Robotics CCA, registered for the project presentation and Robot Games. Nicknamed, "Accelerators", the team worked diligently over the term to programme their Lego Mindstorms robots, and to practise the various mission stations that would be tested during the competition. With determination and teamwork, they persevered, gave their best, and won the 'Overcoming Adversity Award'. The competition had imprinted in their young minds, the importance of teamwork, perseverance and resilience.

*Proud students with their award*



*Participating students in the competition*



*Medal that the students received*

## Rhythm @ Bedok Town Square—16 March

On 16 March 2019, Katong School Artiste Inc. CCA had the privilege to be invited to perform for the Rhythm @ Bedok Town Square, an event to showcase students' talents to the community. From aspiring musicians, singers, dancers and performing arts groups, the event provided the platform for our students' to put up a performance as part of an inclusive society. After weeks of hard work, the Artiste Inc. students performed to the applause of the community. A great movement to promote awareness and inclusiveness, while providing our students an enriching experience to know that they can contribute to the community as well.

*All smiles as they begin their performance*



*Getting ready for their performances*



*Showcasing their moves to a cheering crowd*

## Integrated Learning Journey—2 & 5 April

The integrated Learning Journey to Science Centre on 2 and 5 April was a collaboration between the Literacy and Numeracy departments. As part of Community Chest's enrichment programme for SPED schools, our students had the opportunity to participate in the following workshops: Properties of Forces for primary students on 2 April; Diversity of Cells for secondary one students; and Bacteria Outbreak for secondary two to four students on 5 April. Students were given opportunities to try out various experiments, which provided them a platform to make links and connections between both subject areas.

The secondary Integrated Learning Journey supported by ten volunteers from Panasonic, enabled students to experience a science laboratory lesson. Secondary One students learnt about the microscope, and used it to study plant and animal cells. Secondary Two to Four students learnt about bacteria and its role in food poisoning. Drawing on cases of food poisoning, students learnt the possible causes of bacteria outbreaks and how to avoid outbreaks with proper food and hygiene habits. Overall, students and volunteers had a meaningful experience in the science laboratory.



*Students using the microscope to study cells*



*Primary school student volunteering to participate in an experience*



*Secondary students participating in a study of bacteria*

## UOB Easter Programme with Primary School students—18 April

80 Volunteers from United Overseas Bank (UOB) organised an Easter celebration for all our Primary school students on 18 April. There was a mass bunny song and dance for all the students and an art & craft session was conducted in the classroom to make Easter baskets and paint Easter eggs. An Easter egg hunt, assisted by UOB volunteers was carried out at the playground. Every student were presented goodie bags from UOB.



*Mass dance exercise in the school hall*



*Group shot with the volunteers from UOB*

## Bicentennial Experience—16 & 17 May

On 16 and 17 May 2019, secondary students went for a learning journey to *The Bicentennial Experience from Singapore to Singaporean* at the Fort Canning Centre.

Through the splendid ‘Time Traveller’ audio-visual show, students had an opportunity to learn more about Singapore’s 700 years history and the arrival of Sir Stamford Raffles 200 years ago. The multimedia sensory experience brought students back in time to experience key moments in Singapore’s transformation from a modest fishing village to a modern prospering city. Students also had an interactive experience of Singapore’s history through the ‘Pathfinder’, a series of pavilions filled with artefacts, maps and plants. Overall, it was a meaningful and memorable learning experience for both students and teachers.



## 2019 Upcoming events in Term 3

### - Key Highlights

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

##### Temperature Taking



Secondary students answering some questions on the card



Jensen at the Seed Conservatory



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

The schedule for parenting talks conducted by FamilyMatters@School in Term 3 will be provided by the coordinator, Ms Phyllis, at a later date.

### Key School Events - 2019 Term 3

- YMCA Camp (28 -30 June)
- Katong School Learning Festival (4 July)
- Launch of the Istana Cookies at KS (5 July)
- Racial Harmony Day Outing - Primary (5 July)
- NE Show—Primary 5 students (6 July)
- SYF Angklung Performance @ Esplanade Outdoor Theatre (7 July)
- National Day Celebration (8 August)
- Teachers Day Celebration (5 September)
- Primary Social Competence Outing:  
\* 26 August (Monday)

**We would also like to welcome the following new staff to Katong School:**

- ◆ Ms Michelle Tan
- ◆ Ms Phua Ying Jie
- ◆ Mr Cornelius Loh
- ◆ Ms Anita Chew
- ◆ Ms Jasmine Koh
- ◆ Ms Lynette Ee

We bid farewell to the following staff and thank them for their contributions to Katong School. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

- ◆ Ms Siti Radiah
- ◆ Mr Tan Di Ren
- ◆ Ms Patricia Pusparani

### 2019 Important Dates in Term 3

#### School Terms & Holidays 2019

Term 3	School Term	1 July (Mon) to 6 September (Fri)	
	Sept Holiday	7 September (Sat) – 15 September (Sun)	
	Public & School Holi- days	Youth Day	8 July (Mon)
		National Day	9 August (Fri)
		Hari Raya Haji	12 August (Mon)
	Teacher's Day	6 Septem- ber (Friday)	

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