



## KUO CHUAN PRESBYTERIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

### Shine Your Light Upon the World

By now I am sure you will have heard the news; KCPSS has been blessed with the opportunity to perform in this year's National Day Parade, and our students and staff have been working steadily towards the commencement of performance soon. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to be connected to the heartbeat and renewed dynamism that we have been experiencing as a school, during this resurgent 2023.



In particular, this year's theme song of Shine Your Light resonates with our desire in KCPSS to be a School on a Hill, shining a light for all. As Singapore embarks on a new chapter in our exciting future, let us take this season of reflection and celebration to commit to our common goal of bringing out the best in every KCPian.

Beyond NDP, we will also be opening up the school to more community platforms and events. Our Youth Day celebrations are especially exciting, as we explore new dimensions of Esports, and ARPC will be organising Let's Carnival, a event linked to the President's Challenge. On Sat 19 Aug, KCPSS will be hosting President Halimah Yaacob and many beneficiaries as ARPC brings the community together as one. Do save the date and I look forward to meeting you then.



As our students continue to learn, grow and thrive, we will continue to deepen experiences and draw connections between various aspects of their learning experience in KCPSS, just as we did during our Learning Finale in Semester 1. We are confident that with your support and presence for our school programmes and learning support, that we will be able to support the well-being, interests and needs of all our students. Let us continue to walk together in faith, for as in Jeremiah 29:11, we can trust in the Lord that we have a bright future for each of us here in KCPSS.

Have a blessed Term 3!

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*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*  
Jeremiah 29:11



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### Calendar of school events

1. The following are key dates and details for Term 3.

Date	Level	Event	Remarks
Wed 28 Jun, Tue 4 Jul to Fri 7 Jul	Selected Sec 1s	Bridging Programme for G2 to G3 (EL, Maths & Science)	Details will be sent via PG.
Thu 29 Jun	Public Holiday (Hari Raya Haji)		
Fri 30 Jun	ALL	KCPSS Youth Day Celebration 2023	Dismissal will be at 12 noon. Details are shared below.
Mon 3 Jul	Scheduled School Holiday (Youth Day falls on Sun 2 July)		
Tue 4 Jul	Sec 4/5 <sup>#</sup>	GCE O Level Mother Tongue Lang (MTL) Listening Comprehension (LC) exam.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dismissal will be at 12 noon for all students.</li> <li><sup>#</sup>Sec 4/5 O Level, MTLB and 4N SBB MTL students.</li> </ul>
Wed 5 Jul	ALL	Temperature Taking Exercise	Students are to bring their oral digital thermometer.
Wed 5 Jul to Thu 3 Aug	Sec 4/5	Structured Revision Programme (SRP)	Details will be sent via PG.
Thu 6 Jul	Sec 4/5	GCE O Level MTL B Oral Exam	For Sec 4/5 MTLB students only.
Fri 7 Jul to Mon 17 Jul	Sec 4/5 <sup>^</sup>	GCE O Level MTL Oral Exam	<sup>^</sup> For Sec 4/5 O Level & Sec 4N SBB MTL students.
Tue 11 Jul to Mon 17 Jul	Sec 4N	GCE N Level English Lang Oral Exam	For 4N non-SBB EL students only.
Mon 17 Jul	Sec 1-3	Blended Learning (BL) days for Term 3.	As planned, BL in Term 3 will be on selected <i>Mondays</i> (except for Fri 18 Aug). <b>The dates for BL are 10 Jul, 24 Jul, 18 Aug and 28 Aug.</b>
Mon 10 Jul to Fri 21 Jul	Sec 3	MOE-OBS Challenge Programme	Details are shared below.
Tue 18 Jul to Wed 19 Jul	Sec 1	Geography Investigation @Botanic Garden	Details will be shared at a later date.
Fri 21 Jul	ALL	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration	Details are shared below.
Mon 24 Jul	Sec 2	ECG Fair - WorldSkills ASEAN 2023	Details are shared below. Sec 2s are to report at 8am; dismissal will be at 1pm.
Tue 25 Jul to Thu 3 Aug	Sec 4/5 <sup>*</sup>	GCE O Level English Lang Oral Exam	<sup>*</sup> For Sec 4/5 O Level & Sec 4N SBB EL students
Tue 25 Jul to Thu 27 Jul	Sec 4N	GCE N Level MTL Oral Exam	
Fri 28 Jul to Thu 3 Aug	Sec 4E	GCE O Level Higher MTL Oral Exam	



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Date	Level	Event	Remarks
Wed 2 Aug to Wed 16 Aug	Sec 4N	4N Preliminary Examination	Schedule had been sent via PG on 19 May.
Thu 3 Aug to Mon 7 Aug	Selected Sec 2/3s	Visit by Suncheon Maesan Middle School (South Korea)	The school will be hosting a group of Korean students and teachers for their visit.
Mon 7 Aug	Sec 1-4/5	National Day Related Activities	Details are shared below.
Tue 8 Aug	ALL	National Day School Celebration	
Wed 9 Aug	National Day		
Thu 10 Aug	Scheduled School Holiday (day after National Day)		
Wed 16 Aug to Thu 17 Aug	Sec 3	Sec 3 EOY English Lang Oral Exam	Details will be shared at a later date.
Sat 19 Aug	Selected students	President's Challenge 2023: Let's Carnival	Details are shared below.
Wed 16 Aug to Wed 30 Aug	Sec 4/5	4E/5N Preliminary Exam	Schedule had been sent via PG on 19 May.
Thu 31 Aug	ALL	Teachers' Day School Celebration	Details will be shared at a later date.
Fri 1 Sept	Scheduled School Holiday (Teachers' Day)		

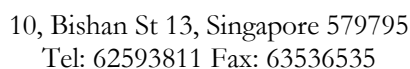
### Timetable for Semester 2 2023

2. As we improve school processes to support student well-being, we have revised the school timetable to provide an hour of recess time on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. This will provide students with additional time to rest, eat and use their time wisely to support their ongoing curriculum tasks. While the school timetable will be adjusted to end slightly later on these days, we will work to also adjust expectations for after-school activities so that students will not be leaving school later.

### KCPSS Youth Day Celebration (YDC) 2023

3. KCPSS will be celebrating Youth Day with the theme of "Let Your Light Shine". Through our celebrations, we aim to:

- Inspire KCPians to be changemakers and to take action to spread awareness and promote positive cyberwellness habits.
- Celebrate KCPians as youths with diverse achievements, talents and passions, and
- Empower KCPians to make a difference to their peers and the community.



5. To support this, Mr Dennis Ooi, President of the Singapore Cybersports and Online Gaming Association, will be sharing about his experiences in this industry and how this sport can be used to empower personal and character development, and teachers will be guiding students to understand how to develop healthy habits and approaches.

6. The RHD theme, *Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic*, characterises life in Singapore with our unique cultural diversity whereby ethnic communities are able to express their identities and are closely intertwined. This uniqueness contributes to a shared sense of cohesion and harmony in Singapore society, which we treasure greatly. The school will be commemorating RHD by engaging our students in a series of school-based activities throughout the week of 17 Jul to 21 Jul. All students are encouraged to participate in this celebration of diversity on 21 Jul by wearing their ethnic attires.

7. To enrich our commemoration this year, the school will also be hosting a group of Vietnamese delegates comprising competitors attending the WorldSkills ASEAN Singapore 2023. They will be participating in our RHD activities to understand and experience our unique cultural diversity as well as share about their culture with our students on 21 Jul.

8. Singapore will be hosting WorldSkills ASEAN 2023 (WSA 2023) – an international skills competition that aims to inspire young people to develop a passion for skills and pursue excellence in their skill areas from 23 to 25 Jul. In conjunction with this, MOE is organising an ECG Fair to provide an opportunity for our students to learn about the importance of skills mastery and how these skills are related to the education and career pathways.

9. KCPSS is privileged to be able to send our Secondary 2 cohort to participate in the ECG Fair on 24 Jul. The students will learn new skills from industry partners from skill-based workshops, find out more about the world of work as they interact with industry partners and watch the talented competitors demonstrate their mastery of skills.



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### **National Day Related Activities and School Celebration**

10. This year's theme for National Day Parade (NDP), *Onward As One*, calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people. Beyond our participation in NDP, we are also organising a series of National Day related activities on Mon 7 Aug for students to learn and reflect on moving onward together with confidence to shine their lights upon the community and world. These activities will culminate towards the National Day school celebration on Tue 8 Aug. Details of the activities for each level will be shared at a later date to the respective levels.

### **President's Challenge 2023 – Let's Carnival**

11. The school is supporting Adam Road Presbyterian Church in hosting Let's Carnival 2023 on Sat 19 Aug from 10am to 4pm. Through fun-filled games, engaging activities, and food and drink stalls, this event reaches out to Bishan residents and ComCare beneficiaries in Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC, as well as President's Challenge 2023 charities and many others. Look out for more information for how you can join us!

### **MOE-OBS Challenge Programme for Secondary 3**

12. This year's MOE-OBS Challenge will see a return to a full programme. The programme seeks to build resilience through Outdoor Education, forge social cohesion by getting students to mingle and work together across schools, and to build a healthy appreciation of our natural and outdoor spaces. To help our students gain the most of their OBS experience, the school has prepared them through the organisation of Outdoor Camps as well as Outdoor Education lessons at PE over the last few years. Do support these efforts by engaging your child with positive conversations to ready them mentally and physically for the challenge.

### **Safety and Administrative Reminders**

13. There will be a temperature-taking exercise on 5 Jul. In preparation, please remind your child to bring a digital oral thermometer each day until the exercise, as teachers will be checking and verifying that the thermometers are working.

14. As the days continue to remain hot and humid, do remind your child that adequate hydration is key to avoiding heat injuries. With the potential of haze, parents are also reminded to ensure that the health status of your child, especially those with respiratory conditions, is updated with the Form Teachers, and that any medication is brought to school, as required.

15. If your child is unwell, please bring him/her to seek medical attention. If your child is COVID positive but remains well or is asymptomatic, please encourage your child to mask up and return to school to continue with his/her learning. As always, do monitor personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility so that we can all stay safe as a community.

16. We thank you for your interest and close partnership in your child's education journey.