



# KUO CHUAN PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Kuo Chuan Rejoices!**



We rejoice with praise and gladness as we celebrate our school's centennial this year. The year-long celebrations will be marked by three key events, namely the KCP100 Sports Day, KCP100 Founders' Day Gala Dinner and KCP100 Musical. More details on the KCP100 Sports Day can be found under item 1.4 while the details for the rest of the events will be provided nearer the date. Let's look forward to a year of thanksgiving, excitement and jubilation as a Kuo Chuan family!

## Lead Oath Taker for the National School Games (NSG) Opening Ceremony 2024

The NSG was officially opened by Minister for Education Mr Chan Chun Sing on Tue 30 Jan at the OCBC Arena. We are delighted to share that **Mandy Ng Min (6D)** was selected to be the Lead Oath Taker at the ceremony. Mandy led a group of pupil athletes from different schools representing 29 sports in reciting the Athlete's Oath. As the captain of our school's Rope Skipping Team, Mandy Ng demonstrates remarkable leadership and sportsmanship. Her commitment and excellence as a pupil athlete have shone through and is truly commendable. Congratulations, Mandy!

## Rope Skipping Performance at Bishan East-Sin Ming Chinese New Year Celebration 2024

The Bishan Community Centre was filled with cheers and applause as our talented **Rope Skipping Team** comprising of P4 to P6 pupils took the stage for a spectacular performance on Sun 18 Feb. With precision and grace, the team showcased a medley of skipping moves. Their performance captivated the audience. It was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our young performers, whose infectious enthusiasm left a lasting impression on all who witnessed their dazzling display, along with the support of our pupils' families.





## Performance at Mediacorp Channel 8 Lunar New Year's Eve Special 2024 Countdown

### 《龙宝献瑞贺新春》

The show, a cross-platform collaboration, brings together numerous celebrities, radio DJs and student performers to joyfully welcome the arrival of the Year of Dragon. The following pupils had the opportunity to showcase their exceptional dance performances at the Mediacorp Channel 8 Lunar New Year's Eve Special 2024 Countdown! Well done, pupils! We are proud of you!

**Isabelle Octavia Bean 毕亦菲 (2F)**

**Vincent Chen Jiyu 陈纪羽 (3C)**

**Aaron Chen Jizhou 陈纪舟 (5E)**

**Zachary Dallas Bean 毕登杰 (6C)**

**Chloe Chen Luoyi 陈洛伊 (6C)**

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (P1 to P6)

### 1.1 School Uniform [Updates]

We are pleased to share that the uniform vendor *MyUniform* has collaborated with the bookshop vendor *Pacific Bookstores* on the sale of the school uniform. The sale had commenced on Tue 06 Feb. Parents are advised to contact *MyUniform* directly on stock availability before approaching the bookshop. We thank parents for your patience and we hope this arrangement will provide you with the convenience on the purchase of school uniform.

### 1.2 School Visits

#### Visit by Mrs Gail Brown from the United Kingdom (UK)

We are pleased to share that Mrs Gail Brown, Chief Executive, Ebor Academy Trust, paid a one-day visit to our school on Wed 24 Jan. Mrs Brown was one of the hosts when the MOE team (Mrs Yee was a member of the delegation) visited the schools in UK last November. We are privileged to be able to extend our warmest welcome and hospitality to Mrs Brown this time round. Besides a school tour and various interaction opportunities with our pupils, Mrs Brown visited our classrooms and engaged in conversations with our staff. As it was just before the Lunar New Year period, Mrs Brown also gamely joined the school leaders to participate in a calligraphy activity. Thereafter, she was treated to a *Lohei* experience, to which she shared that it was truly an eye-opener. It was indeed a time well-spent through meaningful activities as we seized the opportunity to improve understanding of each other's educational systems and the context for leadership and its challenges.

#### Fostering Global Connections: Hosting of Students from Guangzhou and Suzhou (China)

In collaboration with the GoodTalk (Global Village) International Youth Bilingual Speech Conference Organising Committee (地球村) 国际青少年双语演讲大会, our school hosted a delegation of 16 pupils from Guangzhou and Suzhou (China) on Mon 29 Jan and Tue 30 Jan. This hosting experience not only inspired our pupils to establish global connections and engage with peers from diverse cultural backgrounds, but also played a pivotal role in enriching their intercultural skills and knowledge. A notable aspect was the encouragement for our pupils to converse in Mandarin with their counterparts from China, fostering linguistic and cultural exchange. The interactions during the hosting yielded many positive outcomes for our pupils. Heightened cultural awareness was evident, and they actively cultivated



enhanced interpersonal skills, including empathy, teamwork, and effective communication through daily engagement with their international peers. The bonds formed during this experience resulted in meaningful friendships, fostering an environment where our pupils learned to appreciate cultural diversity and grasped the interconnectedness of our global community.

### **Fostering Global Connections: Kairos Gracia Christian School (KGCS) Educators Visit**

We are honoured to have Ms Diany Vency Heruatmadja and Ms Mery Kristiana, school management team from Indonesia's Kairos Gracia Christian School, visit our school on Thu 15 Feb. This visit marks yet another chapter in the longstanding partnership between our schools, showcasing our shared commitment to fostering international connections and enriching learning experiences. The relationship between both schools transcends borders and dates back to 2012, when the first exchange took place. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic in the last few years, our commitment to maintaining this valuable connection has only grown stronger. In 2022 and 2023, our pupils participated in the Online Internationalisation Experience with KGCS, further deepening the bonds of friendship and understanding between our diverse student bodies. The visit by educators from KGCS this time has helped us engage in meaningful interactions and discuss possible collaborations. We look forward to welcoming the pupils from the school in the near future.

As we reflect on these achievements, our commitment remains steadfast. We will continue to create well-rounded and immersive experiences for our pupils, instilling in them a global mindset which fosters cross-cultural understanding.

### **1.3 Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations (Fri 09 Feb)**

Our school embraced the festive spirit of CNY on Fri 09 Feb, with a dazzling concert that featured an array of captivating performances. The event showcased the talents of our enthusiastic pupils who delighted the audience with captivating performances such as Chinese Dance, *Guzheng*, Ethereal Drum, *Wushu* and lively sing-along. The live orange peeling competition by teachers and pupils added a delightful touch, and the dance performance emerged as the highlight of our centennial CNY celebration, which elevated the spirit of everyone in the hall. The concert culminated in the announcement of winners and prize presentations for the various CNY competitions.

Our theme for this year's centennial CNY is “百年国专 庆百年传奇，千古腾龙 续千古胜迹” (“Celebrating a century of legacy, extending our journey of excellence!”). Our school adorned the Pupil Activity Centre with a pair of giant couplets written with the theme, creating a jubilant atmosphere. Heartfelt gratitude to the Parent Support Group (PSG) for enchanting festive decorations on our school grounds. The corridors of our P4 to P6 classrooms radiated creativity as pupils enthusiastically participated in the CNY Classroom Competition, showcasing their artistic talents. In anticipation of our centennial celebration, we invited all staff to each write a Chinese character “福” (which means “blessing”) and they were ingeniously pieced together into a stunning 100 Blessing (百福图) art display, symbolising blessings bestowed upon our school by our dedicated staff.

This year, we reignited our community engagement initiative and organised a hamper donation drive by staff for the Lions Home for the Elders. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our creativity and teamwork while contributing to a noble cause. 10 beautifully





wrapped hampers filled with essential items and goodies undoubtedly brought comfort and joy to the elderly residents during this festive season.

In a spontaneous burst of generosity, our P5 pupils once again engaged in the 'Share the Joy!' Hamper Wrapping Competition. With food and nursing items donated by our parents, they crafted vibrant CNY hampers. These thoughtful gifts were then presented to the Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled by our P5 pupil representatives, accompanied by the school leaders and staff. We extend our deepest gratitude to our parents for your generous contributions, bringing warmth and blessings to the residents of Bishan Home!

The momentous P6 *Lohei* served as a unifying event, bringing pupils, teachers, school leaders, and the PSG together in joyful harmony as they tossed the colorful ingredients of *Yusheng* to usher in a good year and abundance.

## 1.4 KCP100 Sports Day (Fri 08 Mar)

Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Schools (KPCS) will launch our centennial year celebration with KCP100 Sports Day on Fri 08 Mar. This event, involving both Primary and Secondary schools, marks a century of blessings showered upon KPCS.

A vibrant array of activities has been planned for our pupils, commencing with a joint opening ceremony that brings both the primary and secondary schools together. Pupils can look forward to exciting moments which include a Torch Party procession, the symbolic ignition of the Kuo Chuan flame and the unveiling of the KPCS banner, which will officially mark the commencement of the KCP100 series of celebrations.

Pupils will view the KCP Heritage video which takes the audience on a journey down memory lane, revisiting the former school sites around Joo Chiat all the way to our present location in Bishan. This symbolic trip showcases our humble beginnings and the rich history that has unfolded over the past 100 years at KPCS.

During the opening ceremony, pupils will also recite the Athlete's Oath and Spectator's Creed as a commitment to uphold the school values and demonstrate sportsmanship and spectatorship throughout the day's activities. Following the opening ceremony, an exciting Inter-House Combined relay race will take place, featuring representatives from key stakeholders, including the School Management Committee, alumni, parents, staff and pupils.

Following the race, each school will then proceed with their respective sports day events. Pupils will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of engaging level activities in their Houses. Before the day concludes, pupils will also take part in an exhilarating House Cheer competition followed by the prize presentation for KCP100 Sports Day. In line with our school's belief to nurture every child to his or her fullest potential, every pupil can look forward to receiving a medal in recognition of his or her efforts for the day.

Please note that there is **no change to the school hours**. The timetable will be suspended for the day. Pupils are to **report in their PE attire with school or sports shoes and carry along a small bag with their water bottle, snacks, story book and pencil case**. Dismissal arrangements remain the same and our school-based Student Care Centre (YMCA) will continue to operate in the afternoon.



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More details are provided below:

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Reporting Time	Usual school reporting time					
Recess	0930 - 1000	1015 - 1045	1030 - 1100	1045 - 1115	0945 - 1015	1000 - 1030
Snack Break	1145 - 1200	1215 - 1230	0900 - 0915	0900 - 0915	1130 - 1145	0900 - 0915
Dismissal Time	Usual school dismissal time					

KCP100 Sports Day will truly be an unforgettable and significant centennial celebration! Not only will the pupils forge stronger connections through the combined celebration, but also strengthen House identity, camaraderie and teamwork among pupils. We look forward to seeing our young athletes showcase their talents and determination on this special day. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all parents who have enthusiastically volunteered through the PSG to contribute to this significant celebration.

## 2. SCHOOL CURRICULUM MATTERS

### 2.1 Partnering Parents in Environment Education (P1 to P6)

The Singapore World Water Day (SWWD) will be commemorated on Fri 22 Mar. On this day, staff and pupils are encouraged to come to school in a **blue top** as a show of support for the collective effort to safeguard our water resources. In the weeks leading up to SWWD, pupils will participate in activities to learn the essential role that water plays in our daily lives. We look forward to your support in educating your child to make sustainable choices in their water usage and to cultivate a water-saving lifestyle. [#GoBlue4SG](#)

### 2.2 CCA Matters (P3 to P6)

P3 pupils will commence CCA in Term 2, from Thu 21 Mar onwards. Parents can refer to your child's respective Start of Year CCA letters (KCPPS/2024/Dept/04) sent out via PG earlier in January for more information.

The NSG Opening Ceremony held on Tue 30 Jan kickstarted the games and selected pupils will be representing the school in the upcoming Senior and Junior Division competitions. The school will also be taking part in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation this year, providing pupils with opportunities for continuous learning and improvement through feedback from industry professionals. Your child's respective CCA Teacher-in-charge will follow up with you accordingly if your child is selected to represent the school in the NSG/SYF Arts Presentation this year.

### 2.3 Peer Support Leaders (PSLs) Programme (P3 to P6)

PSLs are an integral component to building a caring and enabling school environment. Every P3-P6 class has at least 2 PSLs to offer peer support. Trainings are provided for the PSLs to equip them with skills on cyber and mental wellness, peer bonding, peer helping and peer influencing. Beyond aiding their classmates, PSLs also serve as advocates for cyber wellness within their





class, advocating the importance of good cyber habits and behaviour. P4 to 6 PSLs will also be given the opportunity to facilitate a cyber wellness lesson for their class in Term 3.

Last year, the formation of a PSL Executive Committee (EXCO) took place, with its members initiating a Kindness Project, aimed at improving neighbourliness among pupils in public areas of the school. They conceptualised and displayed posters, leveraging the school's values as the foundation to inspire positive interactions and mutual respect among peers. We would like to thank the following PSL EXCO members for their contributions.

**Elliot Goh Yu Le (5B)**  
**Olivia Mou Zhiqi (5F)**  
**Genelle Pang Yu Xuan (6D)**  
**Lim Cheng Xian (6D)**  
**Sabrynnna Quinn Tjandra (6D)**  
**Chan Ashrielle (6E)**  
**Chan Si Jie Daryl (6G)**

## 2.4 P3 Cohort Leadership Workshop (Thu 28 Mar) (P3)

The P3 Cohort Leadership Workshop aims to introduce The Student Leadership Challenge® by Kouzes & Posner to the P3 pupils. As part of our efforts to nurture them to become active contributors, the pupils will also be equipped with basic skills of giving constructive feedback on issues they encounter in daily life.

## 2.5 P4 Cohort Growth Mindset Workshop (Thu 21 Mar) & Leadership Workshop (Fri 22 Mar) (P4)

The 2-day cohort workshops will be conducted during school hours.

- The Growth Mindset Workshop is an introduction to the Growth Mindset and explains how it can strengthen pupils' social emotional competencies, particularly self-management. It aims to equip P4 pupils with the Growth Mindset, develop their own statements of 'The Power of Yet' and illustrate how to thrive when they face challenges.
- The Leadership Workshop aims to familiarise pupils with the term 'Make it Better' – one of customised terms of the 5 Practices of Exemplary Leadership. P4 pupils will also be introduced to the use of Design Thinking to solve problems which they face in school or issues which the community faces. This goes hand in hand with the school's focus on advocacy – championing worthy causes.

## 2.6 P5 Code for Fun (CFF) Programme (Term 1) (P5)

The CFF is a 10-hour programme co-developed by the MOE and the Infocomm Media Development Authority. This year, the programme continues to be carried out in Term 1 for P5 pupils.

## 2.7 P5 Cohort Growth Mindset Workshop (Wed 27 Mar) (P5)

The P5 Growth Mindset Workshop will be conducted on Wed 27 Mar during school hours. It aims to equip pupils with the knowledge of 'Growth versus Fixed Mindset' and how the brain can be made stronger and smarter. Pupils will know the importance of effort, curiosity and courage, how mistakes help them learn and how to use setbacks as motivation. The workshop



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will provide practical tips and suggestions to help pupils develop a growth mindset and improve their resilience.

## 2.8 P5 Student Leadership Camp (Mon 11 Mar) (P5 Student Councillors, P5 CCA Leaders & P5 House Captains)

The P5 Student Leadership Camp is designed to cultivate exemplary leadership qualities in P5 student leaders. Through interactive workshops and situational games, participants learn essential skills for collaboration and project management. They are encouraged and empowered to initiate meaningful projects that benefit the school and the community, fostering a sense of empathy and responsibility. By the end of their projects, these young leaders are equipped to make positive contributions and inspire others through their actions.

## 2.9 P6 Environmental Awareness Day Camp (Fri 01 Mar) (P6)

Since 2016, the school has been organising an Environmental Awareness Day Camp for our P6 pupils. This year, the camp will be held on Fri 01 Mar. Pupils will be engaged in activities that allow learning of life science skills and values for their social and emotional development as well as understanding of environment education through learning journey to Gardens by the Bay and other activities such as Terrarium-Making session and Sustainable Fashion & Responsible Recycling Workshop will be conducted during the camp. The learning will foster co-operation, teamwork, friendship and positive attitude towards protecting our environment.

## 3 PARTNERSHIPS

### 3.1 Parent Support Group (PSG)

Under the capable leadership of Chairman Mr Edward Lim and the Executive Committee (EXCO), the PSG continues to support the school actively through various activities. In Term 1, the PSG decorated the school compound for CNY and completed the class photo-taking project. The school is extremely blessed to have very dedicated PSG EXCO and members who have given a lot of themselves for the school.

## 4 CLOSING

I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU for your amazing love, kindness, patience and understanding towards our Kuo Chuan family! Have a wonderful month of March!

Best regards,  
Mrs Yee-Toh Gek Khiaw  
Principal

