

KHENG CHENG SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. National Day Celebrations - Onward As One

The theme of this year's National Day is 'Onward as One'. National Day will be commemorated on **Tuesday, 8 August**. Please take note of the following details:



Reporting venue for all students*:	Outdoor Basketball Court *Students will report to their respective classrooms in case of inclement weather (rain)
Dismissal time**:	10.30 a.m. (There will <u>not</u> be any recess on that day and the canteen will <u>not</u> be operating.) **Please ensure that the necessary transport arrangements home is made for your child/ward.
Attire:	Red topSchool shorts/skirtSchool shoes
Items to bring:	A small bag with: Stationery (including scissors and coloured pencils) Water bottle Snacks (optional)

Students will have the opportunity to witness the Observance Ceremony taking place in the morning and participate in classroom activities to familiarise themselves with this year's theme. Finally, they will journey through Singapore's past, present and future during the concert segment.

2. PSLE Oral Examinations

The PSLE English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations will be conducted nationwide on **15 and 16 August** this year. All Primary 1 to 5 students will stay home and engage in home-based learning (HBL) on these two days. Your child's/ward's Form/Subject Teachers will assign relevant homework through the different HBL platforms according to the timetable for that day. A separate notification will be sent to all parents via Parent Gateway. The details of the HBL assignments will be uploaded to the school website. We seek your assistance in ensuring that your child/ward sets aside sufficient time to complete the assigned tasks.

3. Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening & Selection Exercise

The Ministry of Education will be conducting the annual exercise to identify students for the Gifted Education Programme 2024. There are two stages - screening and selection. The school would like to invite all Primary 3 students to participate in the screening exercise, which will be held in the school on **Thursday**, **17 August**. Please be reminded that this is a regular school day so students who opt out of the screening exercise are still expected to attend school on that day. Students who are shortlisted to participate in the selection exercise will be informed through the school in early October. The selection exercise will be held on **17 and 18 October**.

5. Triple C programme

The Triple C programme is a Service-Learning Mentoring partnership between Kheng Cheng School and Raffles Girls' School (RGS). Each year, selected Primary 4 students will be mentored by Year 3 students from RGS. Together, they will plan and carry out outreach sessions with an identified social service agency. Year 2023 marks the 4th year of this collaboration.



6. Eat with Your Family Day

"Eat with Your Family Day" (EWYFD) is a nation-wide initiative led by the Centre for Fathering and supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF). It aims to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time that day to bond with their families. Through the simple practice of having a family meal, it is hoped that this initiative will serve as a reminder for families to eat and spend time together regularly. This term, KCS will hold the EWYFD on **Thursday, 31 August**. As such, our school and General Office will close at **4.30 p.m.** that day.

7. Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers' Day falls on **Friday, 1 September 2023** and will be a school holiday. The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on **Thursday, 31 August**. More details about the early dismissal will be provided closer to the date. The celebrations will take place in two parts - class activities followed by a concert segment.

Teachers' Day is a day set aside for students to express their gratitude to their teachers who nurture and guide them in their schooling years. Students are discouraged from gifting expensive items to their teachers. As public servants, we are required to decline unsolicited gifts. Students are encouraged to show appreciation to their teachers with handmade cards and items, or simply share words of gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

Mdm Cheryl Tan

Principal