



Dear Parents / Guardians,

We had an exciting month of July. Earlier in the month, we had a school Open House and visit by neighbourhood kindergartens. In mid Jul, students from Beijing Haidian District, Zhongguancun No.4 Primary School (北京海淀区中关村第四小学) had an exchange immersion programme with our students¹. In these events, our student leaders did an excellent job as school ambassadors to share our vibrant programmes and activities. They had also exhibited self-confidence and communicated effectively to our visitors.

The P1 and P2 students had put up a magnificent speech and drama performance. They displayed good enunciation and exhibited self-confidence and teamwork. Students stepped out of their comfort zone and expressed themselves creatively on stage.

The P4 students had an enduring 3-day 2-night outdoor adventure camp that focus on building their social and emotional competencies. Students overcame their fears of the obstacles with greater confidence and resilience. The students also learnt about caring for others and handle challenging situations collaboratively. The camp experience will have great impact on developing our students as lifelong learners.

Our P5 students had a wonderful preview of the National Day Parade at the NE Show on 21 July. This celebration of the nation's 53th birthday will strengthen the Singapore spirit in our students.

The school commemorated and celebrated Racial Harmony Day, Hari Raya Aidilfitri and Mother Tongue Language Fortnight with the theme 'Strength in Diversity'.

These experiences provide not only learning beyond the classroom, but also create fond memories of schooling for your child. Do take some time to engage your child to talk about their learning through these activities. We would also want to express sincere thanks to our Parents Support Group (PSG) and many parents for their continued support for these programmes.

¹ If you are interested to look at the Beijing Immersion Trip 2018 pictures, you may login to your child's/ward's MC Online account (Home> Google Apps > Drive > Shared with me).

1. Students' Achievements

We congratulate the following students for their achievements:

Types of Achievement	Awardees
Robotics CCA Asia Pacific Youth Robotics Competition (APYRC)	<u>Senior Sumo Category: Champion</u> Jerome Kwoh Jun Kai 4C Serlyn Ong Xue Ling 4B <u>Senior Team Fortress: 2nd Runner Up</u> Eugene Goeh Kai Jun 5A Eugene Low Cheng Xi 5A Treven Kong 5A Silitonga Max Lucas 5A
National School Games National Primary School Tenpin Bowling Championships 2018	<u>Senior Boys' Division Individual Champion</u> Mike Ong Jing Loong Primary 6A

2. School Events in August

Date	Event / Programme	Remarks
8 Aug (Wed)	National Day Celebration	The students will dismiss at 10 am. Please refer to item 4 below.
9 Aug (Thurs)	National Day	Public Holiday
10 Aug (Fri)	Day after National Day	School Holiday
16 Aug (Thurs) & 17 Aug (Fri)	PSLE Oral Examination	All Pr 1 to Pr 5 students are not required to report to school.
22 Aug (Wed)	Hari Raya Haji	
30 Aug (Thurs)	Teachers' Day Celebration	School Dismissal at 11.45 am
31 Aug (Fri)	Teachers' Day	School Holiday

3. School Events in September

Date	Event / Programme	Remarks
1 Sep (Sat) to 9 Sep (Sun)	School Holiday	
14 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination	All Pr 1 to Pr 5 students are not required to report to school.

Date	Event / Programme	Remarks
27 Sep (Thurs), 28 Sep (Fri) & 1 Oct (Mon) to 3 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Written Examination	All students are to report to school with lessons as usual.
There will be P6 revision classes during September holidays. Separate letters will be issued by the Year Heads, please look out for it.		

4. National Day Celebration on 8 August

National Day marks the emergence of Singapore on 9 Aug 1965 as an independent country in the community of nations upon separation from Malaysia. The school will celebrate National Day on Wednesday, 8 August 2018. The theme of this year's celebration is "We Are Singapore". The details of the celebration are as follows:

Time	Activity
7.30 to 9.00 am	National Day Observance Ceremony & Celebrations
9.00 to 10.00 am	Classroom Activity
10.00 am	Dismissal of Students

All the students are strongly encouraged to wear a red T-shirt and school PE shorts. If they do not have a red T-shirt, they may wear their usual PE attire. Students are also required to each bring a storybook, pencil case, colour pencils and water bottle. There will not be any recess break on that day, but there will be a short snack time in the classrooms.

The school will dismiss all the students at 10 am. Parents are to make the necessary transport arrangements for their children. For students taking the school bus, the school bus will leave the school at 10.15 am.

5. Teachers' Day Celebrations

We are celebrating Teachers' Day in school on 30 Aug. Please note that teachers are unable to accept purchased gifts. If you wish to show appreciation to the teachers and school staff, you can make cards, craft work or write letters of appreciation to them.

6. Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

This year is the first PSLE year for the school. We wish the Primary 6 students will do well in the examination to progress to their choice secondary schools. Do ensure your child has sufficient rest and eat well as he/she prepares for the PSLE.

P1 to P5 students please take note that you do not report to school on 16 Aug (Thurs), 17 Aug (Fri) and 14 Sep (Fri) as stated in point 2 and 3 above.

6. Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) *Cont'd*

PSLE candidates who travel to school by train

PSLE candidates who travel to school by train are to plan their journey so that they would reach the school at least half an hour before the start of the examination. In the event of a train disruption, affected candidates should inform their parents or the school as quickly as possible and continue to make their way to the school to sit for the paper. Those who arrive late due to a major train service disruption will be given the full duration to sit for the examination, **if they arrive before the end of the paper**. Please refer to a separate letter on this.

7. School fees and School Bill arrears

All parents who have the following outstanding fees/charges are to make payments by 26 September 2018:

- school and miscellaneous fees; and
- enrichment programmes and charges in the School Bill.

Do let us know if you have any concerns regarding this matter.

For **Primary 6** students, all the outstanding fees and charges are to be paid before the release of the PSLE results, i.e. around mid Nov 2018.

8. After School

On Thursdays, the CCA programmes for all P3 to P5 students will end at 4.30 pm. In view of this, **Gate B (beside MOE Kindergarten) are opened from 4.30 to 5 pm**. You may arrange with your child to pick him/her up from this gate.

Recently, on Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri, we observed that **after 2 pm**, few students are still waiting for their parents to pick them up at the 'waiting area' though the school dismissal is at 1.30 pm. We strongly encourage all the parents/guardians to pick up their children soon after school or after-school activities. For revised school hours in semester 2, please refer to our May 2018 SKGian Connect (also available on the school website).

All students who have **activities after school** should stay in the school. Students have been briefed on this expectation. We seek the support of parents to reinforce this message to the students so that the safety will not be compromised if they leave the school compound.

Thank you for your attention and have a happy National Day!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gau Poh Teck
Principal