



# SKGian Connect

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first three days of school was a good start to the year and we are impressed with the youngest members of the SKGian family. Our Primary Ones are confident, they speak up and they are ready to learn in school. We thank parents for preparing our Primary One students well and we thank all our parents for encouraging and motivating your children to give their best in school.

## **1. School Theme 2019: 'Learning – a lifelong passion'**

Each year, a school theme helps us position the approaches we take to teach our students about growing as individuals and contributing as members of a community. In 2018, the school theme was 'Harmonising Towards Excellence', the key messages of which were that individuals contribute to one another's achievement and to collective successes.

The school theme for 2019 is 'Learning – a lifelong passion' and builds on the theme in 2018. Learning is a daily endeavour whether we are conscious or unconscious of the act. Learning must be purposeful for the individual's growth and for the individual to contribute positively to community and society. To make impact, there must be depth in learning so that we understand with clarity subject matter and how best the learning can be applied. Understanding, depth and clarity takes time and is a process of learning. We want our students to view learning as a process of growth and growth is life-long.

The school theme bears weight on how we would like our students to approach learning. Firstly with the mind-set that they are learning all the time and that they are learning for purposeful intents. Secondly that they desire to understand, to ask, to clarify so that there is deep learning. And thirdly that the habits of learning will be useful for life. We believe that when children have positive experiences because of good learning habits, they become more motivated to learn. Motivation is the springboard for passion and self-directed learning.

## 2. New Staff Members

Each year we see an increase in staff numbers and this year we welcome the following officers to the school.

• Miss Sabariah Subari	Vice-Principal Academic
• Mdm Rebecca Teo Lang See	HOD/ Mathematics
• Mr Chee Joon Kit Kelvin	Level Head/ Science
• Ms Toh Wai Ling	Year Head/ Lower Primary
• Mdm Nur Ain Binte Ahmad	Year Head/ Middle Primary
• Mrs Eunice Kwok	Senior Teacher English Language
• Mdm Zhang Yonghong	Chinese Language Teacher
• Mdm Ng Mei Ling	Chinese Language Teacher
• Mr Ng Hoe Soon	Chinese Language Teacher
• Mdm Rahimah Bte Jamil	Malay Language Teacher
• Mdm Hayati Bte Abdul Rahim	Upper Primary Math Teacher
• Ms Nursyazwani Binte Ghazali	Visual Art Teacher
• Mr Richard Chew	Music Teacher
• Mdm Cheong Hwee Wan	Lower Primary Learning Support Math Teacher
• Mdm Shim Bao Ling	Middle Primary Math and Science Allied Educator
• Mr Er Shann Jiunn	Middle Primary Math and Science Allied Educator
• Mr Aminuddin Bin Katris	Middle Primary Math and Science Allied Educator
• Mr Chua Jack Seng	Administration Manager

## 3. Student Achievement for 2018

We applaud all our students who had represented the school in the various events and competitions. We would like to highlight the following students for their accomplishments

### 2018 National Chinese Creative Reading Competition

Consolation Prizes were awarded to:

- Soh Yi Hui Jermaine (3C)
- Lee Jia Qi Rachel (3A)
- Quek Woo Nim (2C)
- Zhou Peicen Rebecca (2C)
- Pang Jia Yi (5A)

## 4. The Student Handbook

The Student Handbook serves to help our students inculcate good habits and discipline and is also a means of communication between parents and the school. Do refer to the handbook on school policies and guidelines related to school hours, safety and security, school discipline, student conduct and habits, and school assessment. This year, we request your partnership to acknowledge that you have read the various policies and guidelines. Your signature on Page 7 of

the handbook will affirm and help communicate to your child the importance of the good habits that we wish our students to practice.

## **5. School Hours and School Terms**

### **Our ICAR<sup>2</sup>E values**

#### ***Integrity, Care, Active Teamwork, Respect & Responsibility, Excellence***

Students demonstrate values through daily practices. We begin each day by reminding our students to be Responsible and to be Respectful of others by being punctual for school. Do encourage your child to be punctual for school and for all school activities. A good start to the day will likely motivate your child to continue to be responsible for the rest of the day. Being punctual also guides our students to practice good time management which is an important life skill.

Students need to be at the assembly area, either the Hall or the ISH by **7.25am**. The flag-raising ceremony will begin at **7.30am sharp**. Parents to please note that there will be consequences for students who are habitually late.

Level	Lesson Time
Primary 1 & 2	7.45 am to 1.30 pm
Primary 3, 4, 5 & 6	7.45 am to 1.30 pm (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)
	7.45 am to 4.30 pm (Thurs) On Thursdays, the school offers an enhanced curriculum. Students will have lunch in school

## **School Terms**

Semester 1	Term 1	Wed 2 January to 15 Mar
	Term 2	Mon 25 Mar to Fri 31 May
Semester 2	Term 3	Mon 1 July to Fri 6 Sep
	Term 4	Mon 16 Sep to Fri 15 Nov

Students are expected to complete each school term. Any request for students to return to home country early or to go on tours during term time will not be viewed as valid reasons for absence from school.

## **6. Student Discipline and Student Well-being**

### **Our ICAR<sup>2</sup>E values**

#### ***Integrity, Care, Active Teamwork, Respect & Responsibility, Excellence***

Values must be practiced to be internalised. We would like our students to demonstrate Integrity and Care for themselves and for others by practising school values and observing

school rules. Page 8 and Page 9 of the Student Handbook details the expectations we have of every student in conduct, behaviour, attitude, attire and appearance. Two key items are highlighted below.

Students are not allowed to visit shopping centres and other recreational facilities like playgrounds and cinemas in their school attire unless accompanied by their parents or guardians. School personnel will be on neighbourhood walkabouts after school hours to monitor student conduct.

Do note that students are not allowed to bring mobile and smart electronic devices such as mobile telephones and Ipads and smart watches to school. This is to avoid distractions from lessons and the loss of such valuables. It is also important to nurture students to be responsible and discerning users of technology. Students are to use the pay phones located near the canteen if they need to contact their parents during school hours. Any parent with exceptional reason for his child to bring electronic devices to school, must seek the Principal's prior permission in writing.

## **7. Recess Timings and Lunch Breaks**

The break times are as below:

Level	Recess Time	Lunch Break on Thursdays for P3 to P6
Primary 1 & 2	10am to 10.30am	Dismissal at 1.30pm daily
Primary 3 & 4	11am to 11.30am	1.30pm to 2pm
Primary 5 & 6	10.30am to 11am	12.30pm to 1pm

One snack break will be given in between lessons daily at the appropriate times.

Students are to bring their own healthy snacks. They can pack dry food such as cereal, bread, biscuits or fruits such as apple, orange, banana or grapes. All food must be properly packed in a box. In line with promoting a healthy lifestyle in our school, only plain drinking water is allowed during the snack time. We discourage students from bringing snacks that are high in sugar and salt content such as potato chips and chocolates. Do also ensure that your child has a proper breakfast in the morning before coming to school.

## **8. School Calendar**

The student calendar has been uploaded on the school's website. Parents can access the information and keep updated on the students' activities for the week. Consent forms and detailed information will be given prior to the activities requiring consent.

The following parent engagement sessions have also been arranged. We do hope that you will make time to attend.

Date	Level	Venue	Time
Wed 2 Jan	P1 Parent Engagement Session	Completed	
Fri 18 Jan	P6 Parent Engagement Session	Multi-Purpose Hall Classrooms	3pm – 6pm
Fri 25 Jan	P5 Parent Engagement Session	Multi-Purpose Hall Classrooms	3pm – 6pm
Fri 1 Feb	P4 Parent Engagement Session	Multi-Purpose Hall Classrooms	3pm – 6pm
Fri 8 Feb	P3 Parent Engagement Session	Multi-Purpose Hall Classrooms	3pm – 6pm
Fri 22 Feb	P2 Parent Engagement Session	Multi-Purpose Hall Classrooms	3pm – 6pm

### 9. Optional After-School Enrichment Programmes for Primary 1 & 2

The optional after-school enrichment programmes will be offered to the lower primary students. The commencement dates are as below;

Level	Enrichment Programme Offered on Tuesdays	Start
Primary 1	Ballet, Violin & Guzheng Soccer & Wushu	Term 2, Week 1
Primary 2	Robotics	Term 1, Week 3

More details on the programmes will be given in a separate notification.

### 10. Jazz Dance lessons for Primary 1 students during curriculum hours

We are pleased to offer the Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing (CSTD) Jazz Dance module during music lessons for all P1 classes. Your Primary 1 child will go through the complete syllabus of the Pre Modern level in Semester 1. Your child should be in PE attire for the music and dance lessons. In April, you will get the option to register your child for the CSTD Jazz Dance Examination (Pre modern level). The examination is optional and will be conducted in school around the month of May. More details will be given at a later date.

### 11. Reading Time in the mornings

Reading Time in the mornings is quiet time for all our students to read together. Reading Time is intended to improve our students' language proficiency and to develop life-long reading habits. As our students read each day, they will encounter new words, new sentence structures, and be immersed in ideas. With a continuous reading experience, we hope that

our students will find reading more enjoyable, appreciate the power of language and develop disciplined study habits.

Reading Time takes place before the flag-raising ceremony. When students come to school, they proceed to the assembly area and read an English Language or other Tongue Language story book. Kindly ensure that your child brings a story book daily.

## **12. Communication with Teachers**

Effective parent-school communication plays an important part in helping your child have a positive school experience. It helps you stay connected with your child's day to day activities in school and your child will benefit tremendously when parents and school work together for the child's holistic development. Do refer to Page 17 and 18 of the student's handbook on the various communication channels available and how we can use them effectively; the Student Handbook, E-mail, and telephone calls.

We look forward to developing a strong partnership with you.

Thank You.



Mr Gau Poh Teck  
Principal