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# SKGIAN Connect

## A new look, a new role.

The SKGIAN Connect has been our communication channel to update you on the many school events and programs that fill our students' days. We thank you for the support you have given and your active use of the SKGIAN Connect. As the school moves on into our next phase of growth, we would like to tap on the SKGIAN Connect to share with you, not just key events in the school calendar, but also our beliefs, philosophies and values that underpin what we do for our students. We hope that in this issue and the termly issues to come, we will be able to give insight into what the beliefs, philosophies and values mean and look like to our students as they learn about the beautiful world around them and how to navigate their way for the future.

## All the best Mdm Yap

Our Vice-Principal (Admin), Mdm Mary Yap will be leaving service this May. We wish her all the very best and we thank her for her contributions to the school which have, in so many ways touched our children's lives.



## Our School Values

Integrity  
Care  
Active Teamwork  
Respect & Responsibility  
Excellence

ICAR<sup>2</sup>E begins with me  
because I care.

## SKGP

### Calendar of Events

Do refer to our school calendar of events uploaded on the school website. Updates will be made in Week 5 and Week 10 of each term to ensure that the information is current. If there is any activity requiring your consent, you will receive a detailed notification nearer the date.

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## Our Partner in You

We look forward to meeting you at the mid-year Parent Teacher Child Conference (PTCC) on either 24 May or 27 May 2019



'Happy Feet' for our P1 students and their parents in January 2019



International Friendship Day in April 2019—explaining the finer points about food and culture from our ASEAN neighbours



Our parents manning the Total Defence Day booth in February 2019 — a much appreciated effort.



### Parents Gateway: Digitally connecting us



Parents Gateway is a one-stop portal that strengthens school-home partnership to support our children in their education journey. Jointly developed by the Ministry of Education and GovTech, Parents Gateway is a mobile application available on IOS and Android and helps connect parents and schools on key administrative matters.

Sengkang Green has launched the use of Parents Gateway on 9 May. Please go through the information sheet containing:

- instructions on how to download the application,
- guidelines and restrictions of use.

When fully rolled out, Parents Gateway allows you to

- Make travel declarations for your children
- Receive official announcements directly from schools.
- Give consent for your child's activities anytime, anywhere.

We hope you will download the application and find it useful.





Do refer to our students' handbook for habits and routines that we encourage in our students

## Habits & Routines

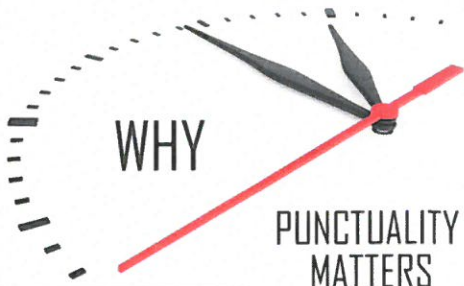
In our parents' engagement sessions in January of this year, we shared and emphasized the importance of helping our students develop good habits and routines.

Learning requires discipline and we begin with the simplest of daily tasks; being punctual for school, for lessons and in submitting homework.

We believe that when our students can appreciate the value of time, chances are they will not waste it and will learn how to spend it proportionately for recreation and for study.

Punctuality is also what being responsible and respectful to others look like.

And for the effort by all in Term 1, the number of latecomers to school has reduced



### Habits in the Library

- 1) Place your bags and water bottles outside
- 2) Observe the rules in the library and obey
- 3) Playing in the library is prohibited.
- 4) Stay quiet and be considerate of those w
- 5) Return books to their proper places on th
- 6) Make sure the books you are borrowing them.
- 7) Take good care of the books. Treat as i
- 8) Return library books borrowed on time.
- 9) Report to the librarian if you find any p
- bad condition

### Routines and Habits during an Examination

- 1) All bags should be placed neatly and orderly outside the classroom.
- 2) Place all books or notes away from the desks.
- 3) Follow the instructions of the invigilator. Check that you have all the pages for the test/examination paper as stated on the cover page.
- 4) Maintain silence throughout the examination.
- 5) Check that you have written your name, class and index number on the paper. (Ensure that you have shaded properly on the OAS paper)
- 6) Read the question paper carefully.
- 7) Do your best to attempt every question in the question paper.
- 8) Make full use of the time given to check your work after you have completed your paper.
- 9) There must be no eye contact or any form of communication with your friends.
- 10) Raise your hand if you need assistance and your teacher will attend to you.

A Primary 2 class in the Computer Lab. Habits and routines help children become confident learners.



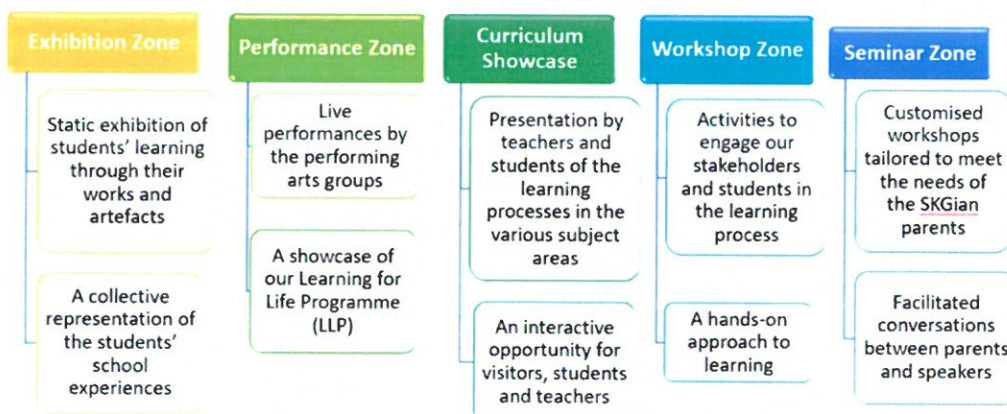


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Join us as we applaud our students' efforts, showcase their talents and encourage their learning at this inaugural event on Friday 31 May 2019. 'Sengkang Green Celebrates' will give insight to our parents, partners and the community about our students' experiences which we hope will help them grow into responsible and thinking individuals.

And who better to be your guide than our students themselves. All SKGPS parents are invited to come with your children between 11am and 1.30pm on this informal learning day. And all can look forward to interesting workshops, engaging performances and colourful exhibits to showcase what our students have done and can do. There will be separate programmes organised for our different visitor groups so do keep a lookout for the detailed event information closer the date.



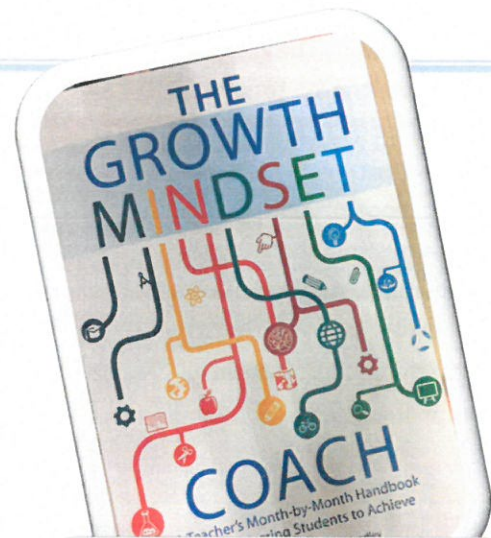


Two workshops below have been especially arranged for our parents during 'Sengkang Green Celebrates.' Do sign up if you are keen to attend as each workshop can accommodate only 80 parents on a first-come first served basis. Please register at [go.gov.sg/skqpsworkshop](http://go.gov.sg/skqpsworkshop).

**Growth Mindset Workshop**  
**Friday 31 May 2019, 11 - 12pm**

Children with growth mindset are able to overcome challenges with the belief that they can improve their abilities. Having a growth mindset can have real benefits by helping children reframe how they approach challenges. It can also provide insight into what types of support can help children achieve success.

Dr. Wendy Goh, an educator, a parent and a strong advocate for the Growth Mindset will share on practical tips and practices that parents will find useful in building the growth mindset in your children.



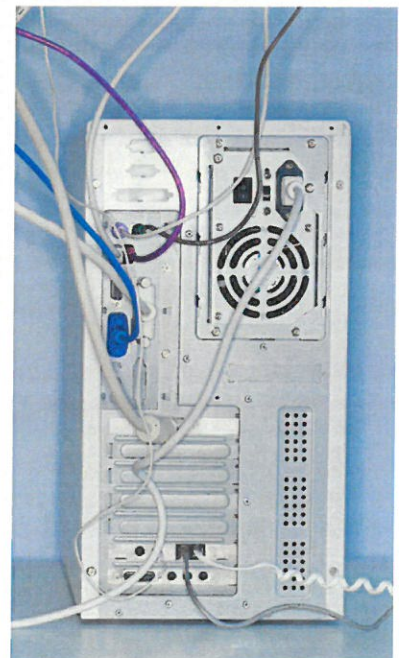
**BETTER THAN PRAISE**

We know the kind of praise we offer children can encourage fixed and growth mindsets, so it's important to be mindful of whether you're offering person praise or process praise. But according to Dweck, most parents and teachers are overpraising, anyway. A superior method of developing growth mindsets isn't offering process praise after the fact but interacting with the child as he or she works through a task. Dweck says that whenever you can replace praise with getting involved, do it. "Appreciate it. Ask questions. If we see that a child is using interesting strategies we can ask about them. Talk to them about their thought processes, how they learn from mistakes."<sup>18</sup>

**Cyberwellness Parenting Workshop**  
**Friday 31 May 2019, 12.30 - 1.30pm**

Many parents worry about harmful online content, game addiction, online strangers and media violence - issues that may affect a child's physical, emotional and mental health. This workshop draws on cutting-edge research to understand the effects of such exposure.

Holistic perspectives on issues surrounding video gaming and social media will be shared with parents. Through the use of behavior profiles & media-planning tools, parents will be guided to develop practical plans for cyber wellness & holistic development. They will also learn about parenting strategies to manage primary school children's use of technology.





## A Snapshot

Learning is enriched when our students savor experiences beyond the classrooms. They get the opportunity to practice values and dispositions that will deepen their understanding of subject matter and heighten appreciation for skills and aptitudes necessary for learning and living.



Our first whole school outdoor flag-raising ceremony on 16 April



Our dancers at the River Hongbao Lunar New Year celebrations in February



Listening, observing, documenting, discussing.  
Our Primary 3 students on a learning journey to the Botanic Gardens in March



March scout camp in school

