

# From the Principal's Office (January 2023)



A Happy New Year to you and a warm hello from Kranji Primary!

2022 was a year of celebration, with the school celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Coming into our 26<sup>th</sup> year, we are growing from strength to strength, and I am excited to share with you some of the key initiatives we have lined up for the rest of the year.

After almost 3 years of the Covid-19 pandemic, I do hope that 2023 will be a year where normalcy returns. Since the second semester in 2022, our learning journeys, camps and swimming lessons have resumed, and have been planned into our calendar for this year. We continue to be cautious when it comes to overseas travel, and will hold off our internationalization trips to Malaysia and China for our Upper Primary levels till further notice.

## 2023 – the Year of the Kranjian

Since 2019, we have focused on nurturing our Kranjians to be future-ready. We have built on our strengths and established or reinforced a few key programmes, including the **1:1 Learning Experience** that provides all our P4 & P5 students with an iPad for learning, our Applied Learning Programme (ALP) that focuses on **Nurturing Joyful Learners through Critical and Inventive Thinking**, as well as our Learning for Life Programme (LLP) that focuses on **Developing Champions in Life through Sports**. For our 1:1 programme, we have built a strategic partnership with researchers from the National Institute of Education and extend our network of support this year to Master Teachers from the Academy of Singapore Teachers. All this, to equip and deepen our teachers' competencies in the effective use of e-Pedagogy and Assessment. This year is our third year of implementation, and we reach steady state with all 3 Upper Primary levels (P4-P6) provided with an iPad for learning.



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While all of the above continue to be our focus, we place renewed emphasis on our Kranji students this year. So far, we have infused Growth Mindset and positive education, leadership skills and self-care strategies into our curriculum, and are happy to have the support of the National Healthcare Group in our Growth Mindset efforts. Beyond this, we continue to have big expectations of our Kranjians. To be future-ready, our Kranjians need to be self-directed, motivated, and take ownership of their learning. We like what we saw last year, during our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, where our Kranjians led in the sharing of their experiences in school. We want to see more of it, in every Kranjian, and are reviewing our curriculum experiences to elicit greater ownership of learning in our students, and providing more leadership platforms for our students to lead others.

All of the above, in our belief that Every Kranjian Matters and Deserves the Best, and our commitment to provide the best all-rounded education to your child that is in tune with the times.

## Partnering Parents

I would like to strongly encourage parents/guardians to follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram, where we update school happenings on a very regular basis. Keep in touch with us and keep abreast of what is happening in Kranji Primary. We have good parent support in the school, many of whom contribute regularly through our Parent Support Group. I strongly encourage you to play an active part in your child's educational journey with us, by being a part of the strong parent support in the school. In addition, all official correspondence from the school has been through Parents Gateway since 2020, and I will be updating you on a monthly basis on school happenings. Look out for Form Teachers' Start-of-Year letter, for communication channels with your child's teachers.

We will be holding a series of Parent Meetings with Form Teachers and Principal starting next week. With the exception of P1 parents, whom I would have met on the first day of school, I will be looking forward to meeting P2 to P6 parents during the face-to-face sessions planned ahead. I will be sharing pertinent information related to your child's level at the Briefing, and the Form Teachers will be sharing useful tips on how to help your child, and their observations about the class.

## Welcoming our new VP

Joining me in my leadership team this year is Mr Sathya Prasad, our new Vice-Principal. He was previously Vice-Principal at Greenwood Primary School, and has over twenty years of experience in education. I am sure he will be a great asset to our existing strong team consisting of Miss Marion Tay and Mdm Alenus Lee.

I thank all parents for giving Kranji Primary School the privilege of educating your child alongside you. Let's look forward to a safe and rewarding journey ahead together.

Your Partner in Education

Mdm Goh Meei Yunn  
Principal



# Student Matters

## JumpStart@Kranji 2023

In the 1st week of school, our students will be supported with the various activities under our JumpStart@Kranji programme to help them transit into the new school year.

Through this programme, students will be welcomed back to school, get to know their classmates and teachers, and familiarise themselves with their class routines. Students will also participate in various class and level bonding activities with their classmates, level mates as well as their buddies from the different levels. Through this, the school hopes to strengthen student-student bonding, teacher-student rapport and deepen the culture of care. We have also included Growth Mindset and goal setting sessions in efforts to inculcate resilience in our students.

In addition, our P1 students have embarked on a P1 Ignite experience, which is a three-week transition programme to ease our students into a new school environment. It also aims to equip students to be emotionally and socially ready for P1.



## Parents' Briefing and Meeting with Form Teachers



We believe that parents/guardians play a very important role in your child's/ward's education and we value every opportunity to work and share with you your child's school experience.

A series of Parent Briefings have been planned to inform parents of curriculum matters and student well-being matters. A dedicated session with your child's Form Teachers has also been planned for the Form Teachers to share about their observations and plans for the class.

Please refer to the letter sent out to all parents on 4 January 2023 via Parents Gateway. We look forward to your presence at the briefings.

Level	Date	Time
Primary 1	Friday 10 February	3 pm — 5 pm
Primary 2	Friday 13 January	4 pm — 6 pm
Primary 3	Friday 13 January	4 pm — 6 pm
Primary 4	Thursday 12 January	4 pm — 6 pm
Primary 5	Wednesday 11 January	4 pm — 6 pm
Primary 6	Wednesday 11 January	4 pm — 6 pm

## Commencement of CCA

Co-curricular activities (CCA) will resume for all P3 to P6 students during curriculum hours on Fridays with a revised duration of one hour from 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Students will be informed of their allocated CCA through their form teacher by Term 1 Week 3 before the commencement of CCA on 27 Jan, Friday.



Due to the change in hours for CCA sessions on Fridays from 1.5h to 1h, our Modern Dance and Percussion Ensemble CCAs will have additional talent development sessions on Tuesdays 3.30pm to 5.00pm, starting in Week 5. All students in the above two CCAs will also be informed of the schedule nearer the date. Students who have been selected for the National School Games (NSG) for Basketball and Football will also be informed of their additional trainings held after school by their CCA teach-




## Registration for CCA (By 8 Jan 2023)

The letters to inform parents about the registration of CCA (Primary 3) and request for change of CCA (Primary 4 to 6) for 2023 was sent via PG on 17 Nov 2022.

**Primary 3** students who have yet to make their CCA option, kindly register and indicate your 3 choices **by Sunday, 8 Jan 2023**. Please refer to below for action.

Info on KPS CCAs	P3 CCA Option Form
 <a href="https://go.gov.sg/kpscca">https://go.gov.sg/kpscca</a>	 <a href="https://go.gov.sg/kps-p3-ccaoption-2023">https://go.gov.sg/kps-p3-ccaoption-2023</a>

**Primary 4 to 6** students who would like to change their CCA are also to make their CCA option for 2023 online via FormSG **by Sunday, 8 Jan 2023**. No submission is required if there is no wish to change CCA.

P4 to P6 Change in CCA Option Form
 <a href="https://go.gov.sg/kps-p4-to-p6-option-to-change-cca2023">https://go.gov.sg/kps-p4-to-p6-option-to-change-cca2023</a>

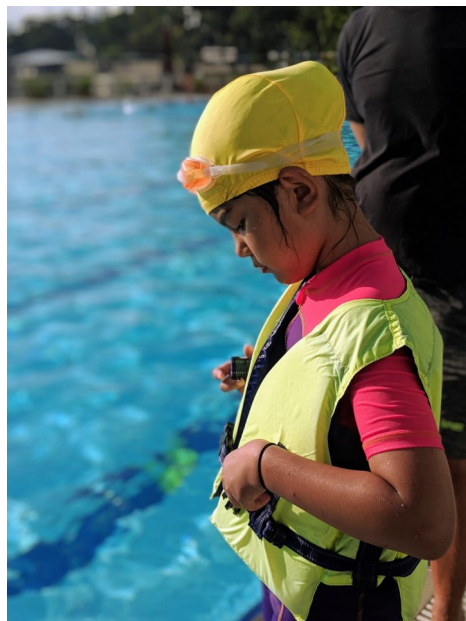


## Swimsafer 2.0 Programme for P5 Students

The SwimSafer™ 2.0 is a National Water Safety Programme in Singapore designed to teach participants how to stay safe around aquatic environments. The programme aims to teach swimming proficiency and water survival skills in a fun manner. We are implementing this programme for all 2023 Primary 5 students as part of their Physical Education curriculum, postponed from Primary 3 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Students will be enrolled for this fully-subsidized programme conducted by qualified SwimSafer 2.0 instructors. Details of the programme have been provided through a letter to parents posted via PG on 24 Oct 2022. The packing list will be provided for the students on 5 Jan 2023 after their briefing.

The eight 1.5h swimming lessons will be conducted every Tuesday from Term 1 Week 2 to Term 1 Week 10 from 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. This includes 2-way transport to Bukit Batok Swimming Complex, and time for recess when the children return to the school at 10.30 a.m.

Term 1	Session	Dates (in 2023)
Week 2	1	10 January
Week 3	2	17 January
Week 5	3	31 January
Week 6	4	7 February
Week 7	5	14 February
Week 8	6	21 February
Week 9	7	28 February
Week 10	8	7 March



## Chinese New Year Celebration

The school will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday, 20 January 2023 from 7.30 a.m. to 9.10 a.m. Students are encouraged to come dressed in Chinese ethnic attire with school shoes and socks (no headgear) for the day or the usual school uniform. As this day is not the eve of Chinese New Year, normal school hours will be observed.

The first part of celebration from 7.30am to 8am will be held in the classrooms. The concert will start from 8 am to 9.10 a.m., and we have lined up a variety of interesting performances and activities. Students will watch the performance and know more about significance of celebrating Chinese New Year.



As part of the school's efforts to engage parents, parents/guardians are invited to join us in the Chinese New Year celebration. Due to the limited seating capacity in the hall, we invite up to 1 pax per family to join us in the celebration. Please scan the QR code or register your interest at <https://form.gov.sg/63b5416f009b500012ae26ce> by **11 January 2023**. Parents/guardians may use Gate A to enter the school from 7.40 a.m. onwards and all guests are requested to be seated by 7.50 a.m. in the Hall. The celebration will end by 9.10 a.m., and lessons will resume after that. We are sure that your presence will add to the festivities as we celebrate the occasion as one big family.

Please note that 22, 23 and 24 January 2023 are Public Holidays. School will resume on Wednesday, 25 January 2023.

**CNY Celebration**  
20 Jan 2023 (8am to 9.10am)



<https://form.gov.sg/63b5416f009b500012ae26ce>

## 1:1 Learning Experience 2023 (P4 to P6)

Kranji Primary School is committed to provide a forward-looking curriculum and learning experience in the school so that all our students can be future-ready at the end of their six years with us. With technology, our teachers not only interact with our students in the physical classroom, but also in the online space. In consideration of our students' readiness for technology-mediated learning, our school has started 1:1 Learning Experience with our P4 and P5 levels in 2022 and will continue to do so with our P4 to P6 students next year in 2023.

1:1 refers to one device for every student, where students will access learning through the device, both in and out of the classroom. By equipping students with an individual learning device in school, they are able to access the Internet and apps to complete online activities, document their learning progress and save their work across their subjects with ease.

The main aim of the 1:1 Learning Experience is to enable our students to gain future-ready competencies. By redesigning how teachers teach and how students learn with technology, we strive to create a positive and impactful teaching and learning environment which encourages our students to:

- ◇ take ownership of their learning
- ◇ participate in collaborative learning and
- ◇ extend their learning beyond the classroom.

This is achieved through providing tools and resources that allow them to acquire and hone their collaborative, critical thinking and communication skills. It is hoped that students learn independence through self-directed learning, and have increased engagement in learning. In this way, each student will develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, practices and attitudes necessary to be a successful citizen of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



## Updating of Student Particulars

The updating of student details, including emergency contact and medical information, is conducted annually at the beginning of the school year to ensure that the school has the most recent contact details and medical information of your child/ward.

From 2023 onwards, MOE will be rolling out the Student Details Form (SDF) to all parents/Legal Guardian (LG)/Authorised Caregiver (CG) from Tuesday, 3 January 2023. The SDF is the digitalisation of the Pupil Data Form (PDF) and the Individual Student Details Report (ISDR).

Please submit the information through the SDF portal by **31 January 2023**. Parents/Legal Guardians may login to the SDF portal using your Singpass account to submit your information and information of your child/ward. Authorised Caregivers can only submit your own information.

The SDF portal can be accessed via desktop computers or mobile devices such as laptops and mobile phones. You may also wish to know that the SDF Portal will be accessible till the last day of Term 4 should you need to update your information and/or your child's/ward's information during the academic year.

### Student Details Form (SDF) Portal



<https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf>

## Traffic Management

Over the years, the school has received concerns raised by the public that vehicles stopping along the sheltered bay and service road leading to the refuse chute collection points of block 761 and 760 during the school's arrival and dismissal times are obstructing traffic and disrupting the daily refuse collection at the blocks.

As advised by the HDB and LTA, please continue to abide by the traffic advisories found along the service road:



We would like to seek your cooperation to do the following:

- Parents are advised to park your vehicles in the multi-storey carpark (Block 754A) to alight your children instead of stopping along the service road. For the safety of your child, please accompany your child to take the lift at the multi-storey carpark and then to the School Gate D after you have parked your vehicle. During dismissal time, please fetch your child from the school gate before proceeding to the carpark.
- Please consider driving your vehicle into the school premises to drop off your child at arrival time.

We also urge our parents to be good role models for your children and our students and be considerate about the use of shared facilities with the residents. Please help to keep the environment clean by not littering while waiting for your child. For parents who are drivers, **please do not**

- wait at the sheltered bay. Please give way to alighting passengers who will need to use the sheltered bay, especially on rainy days;
- sound the horn unless it is to alert pedestrians or drivers of any danger;
- double park as it is dangerous for everyone;
- speed after picking up your child or after your child has alighted from your vehicle.

## Student Safety — Cycling to School

Given the hazards that cyclists may encounter, the school is concerned about the safety of students who cycle to school. It is thus important for you to remind your child/ward to take the necessary safety precautions, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Make sure that the bicycle is in good working condition. Bicycles should ideally be fitted with front and rear lights and a bell. You or your child should ensure that the bicycle's brakes, chains, tyres, lights and bell are well-maintained and are in good working order.
- b. Your child/ward should always wear protective gear, such as a helmet, and proper shoes (if there are shoelaces, they should be properly tied) to protect against injury.
- c. Your child/ward should be reminded not to use his or her mobile phone, even with an in-ear attachment, or listen to music through earphones while cycling.
- d. Cycle along bicycle track instead of on the road.
- e. Give hand signal early and clearly.
- f. Obey all traffic rules at all times.

Your child/ward is advised to secure his or her bicycle at the bicycle racks located on the school premises. The school will not be responsible for the loss of, or any damage to, your child's bicycle. For safety reasons, students (especially lower primary students) are strongly discouraged to ride their bikes to and from school as they may not know the traffic rules well and possess sufficient skills to ride on roads where the risk of fatal accidents is higher.



# Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening and Selection Exercise

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify pupils with high intellectual potential who will benefit from the enriched curriculum. Below is the tentative schedule for the exercise in 2023. More details and consent forms will be issued via Parents Gateway nearer to the date of the exercise.

Stage	Date	Participants
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2023 (Thursday)	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in government and government-aided schools
GEP Selection Exercise	17 & 18 October^ 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday)  ^Week of PSLE Marking Exercise (16-18 Oct)	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise

## Photography/Videography

Photographs or video images of students/parents taken at all school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps or school performances may be published on the school's official media platforms (e.g. school publications, school's website, social media channels or other communication channels) and used for briefings, workshops, publicity and other educational purposes.

The school may publish photographs, videos and student's works/achievements together with the names of the students and/or class information from time to time. Please notify the school in writing if you do not wish to grant such permission.

Parents, students and visitors are not allowed to take photos/videos within the school unless approval is granted by an authorized school staff.

## Staff Matters

### Staff Movement

We would like to bid farewell to the following colleagues who have left the school, and thank them for their contributions to the school.

- Dr Chang Suo Hui (Lead Teacher/Math)  
We are proud to announce that Dr Chang has been appointed Master Teacher (Mathematics) and has joined the Academy of Singapore Teachers from January 2023.
- Mdm Rasidah Binte Bahrom (Teacher)
- Mdm Juliet Ang (Flexi-Adjunct Teacher)
- Mdm Lynn Chong (Flexi-Adjunct Teacher)

The school would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff:

- Mdm Niroshini d/o Sri Kumar (Adjunct Corporate Support Officer)
- Mr Abdul Rashid Bin Ismail (Flexi-Adjunct Teacher)
- Ms Moh Chan Yi (Flexi Special Educational Needs Officer)



## Public Holidays and Major School Events

We would like to share with you the School Calendar for 2023. The dates below are subject to change and parents are advised to take note of changes/updates through Parents Gateway (PG).

Date / Time	Event	Remarks
<b>TERM 1</b>		
11 Jan (Wed)	P5 & P6 Parents Briefing	-
12 Jan (Thu)	P4 Parents Briefing	-
13 Jan (Fri)	P2 & P3 Parents Briefing	-
16 Jan (Mon)	Commencement of After-School Programme (ASP)	-
22 Jan (Sun) to 24 Jan (Tue)	Public Holiday (Chinese New Year)	No school for all levels.
27 Jan (Fri)	Commencement of Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)	-
10 Feb (Fri)	P1 Parents Briefing	-
13 Feb (Mon)	Total Defence Day Commemoration	-
13 Feb (Mon) to 17 Feb (Fri)	School Health Checks	-
28 Feb (Tue)	P1 & P6 Photo-Taking for Student Smart Card	-
8 Mar (Wed)	Experience Day	-
11 Mar (Sat) to 19 Mar (Sun)	TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	No school for all levels.
<b>TERM 2</b>		
7 Apr (Fri)	Public Holiday (Good Friday)	No school for all levels.
24 Apr (Mon)	School Holiday (Hari Raya Puasa Day in-lieu)	No school for all levels. SCC & KCare are closed.
1 May (Mon)	Public Holiday (Labour Day)	No school for all levels.
16 May (Mon)	Public Holiday (Vesak Day in-lieu)	No school for all levels.
24 May (Wed)	Experience Day	-
26 May (Fri)	Parent-Teacher Meeting	No school for all levels. SCC is closed.
27 May (Sat) to 25 Jun (Sun)	TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	No school for all levels.

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Date / Time	Event	Remarks
<b>TERM 3</b>		
29 Jun (Thu)	Public Holiday (Hari Raya Haji)	No school for all levels.
3 Jul (Mon)	School Holiday (Youth Day in-lieu)	No school for all levels. SCC & KCare are closed.
21 Jul (Mon)	Emergency Preparedness Exercise (Fire Incident) - Ex RHINOS	-
31 Jul (Mon) to 2 Aug (Wed)	P5 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp	-
8 Aug (Mon)	National Day Celebration	Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am.
9 Aug (Tue)	Public Holiday (National Day)	No school for all levels.
10 Aug (Wed)	Scheduled School Holiday (Day after National Day)	No school for all levels.
15 Aug (Tue) to 16 Aug (Wed)	PSLE Oral Exam	No school for P1 to P5 students.
30 Aug (Wed)	Experience Day	-
31 Aug (Thu)	Teacher's Day Celebration	Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am.
1 Sep (Fri)	School Holiday (Teachers' Day)	No school for all levels. SCC & KCare are closed.
2 Sep (Sat) to 10 Sep (Sun)	TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	No school for all levels.
<b>TERM 4</b>		
15 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Listening Comprehension Exam	No school for P1 to P5 students.
28 Sep (Thu) to 4 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Written Examination	Normal curriculum hours for P1 to P5 students.
5 Oct (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration	Normal curriculum hours for P1 to P6 students.
6 Oct (Fri)	School Holiday (Children's Day)	No school for all levels. SCC and KCare are closed.
16 Oct (Mon) to 18 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Marking Exercise	To be confirmed.
10 Nov (Fri)	KPS Admin Day & 2024 P1 Orientation	No school for all levels.
13 Nov (Mon)	Public Holiday (Deepavali in-lieu)	No school for all levels.
15 Nov (Wed)	Experience Day	-
17 Nov (Fri)	Prize Giving & P6 Graduation Day	No school for all levels.
18 Nov (Sat) to 31 Dec (Sun)	END OF YEAR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	No school for all levels.