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This has been a year filled with good learning experiences and achievements — our Secondary One students participated in our inaugural Einstein Programme and the Lower Secondary students were introduced to Cyber Security; our Chinese Language classroom instruction experience was showcased on Channel News Asia online and at the Mother Tongue Symposium and Exhibition; our Floorball Girls were National Champions for both 'C' and 'B' Divisions; our NCC Sea Cadets continued to make their mark in numerous national challenges; and in the national school sports scene, we have a long list of School Colours Awardees.

Our strategic partnerships with our alumni and parents have also contributed to making learning meaningful and engaging for our students, especially in the Education and Career Guidance Programme. Their presence at our school events like the Games Carnival, Racial Harmony Day and National Day also adds to the strengthening of our TK social fabric.

As a benchmarked school, we have received a number of requests and visits from local and overseas institutions to learn from our good practices. TK will continue to grow from strength to strength as we continue to enhance our delivery of the academic curriculum and co-curriculum, as well as maintain our provision of care for our students and teachers.

I would like to thank all our dedicated staff, supportive alumni, parents and institutions of higher learning for making all this possible for our students. As you turn the pages of this issue, I am certain you will feel the exuberance and energy of our TKsians as they learn and strive for excellence.

Diligentia, Ingenium, Dexteritas.

Mrs Dolly Ong  
Principal

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– (Latin) Verb. 'to share; communicate; unite'

Education is a community effort. Communicare fosters a closer relationship between the school and its stakeholders and partners as we work together to nurture our students to their full potential.

## FLOORBALL

The TK 'C' Division Floorball Girls were under enormous pressure this year. All too aware of their status as the defending champions, they were determined to hold on to their title and bring the championship trophy back home. After many gruelling hours of training and an unflinching fighting spirit, the team made it to the Semi-Finals in impressive style.

The Semi-Final match against CHIJ Katong Convent was not easy as both teams were tied at the end of the three periods but TK Floorball pushed on to eventually win the penalty shootout, qualifying for the National Inter-School Floorball Championship Finals in the process.

Yet again, the nail-biting game against Swiss Cottage Secondary School – so apt for a Final – ended in a tie after the three periods. Even under incredible pressure and fighting off exhaustion from facing their toughest opponents yet, TK Floorball emerged victorious at the end of the penalty shootout to retain the 'C' Division Championship for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running.

It was indeed a sweet victory for the team as they fought – and won – as a team. What makes the victory even sweeter is that both the 'B' and 'C' Division teams are National Champions for 2018. A truly impressive performance from all the girls! Congratulations, TK Floorball!



## SINGAPORE SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL (SSSC) COLOURS AWARDS

TK student athletes were awarded the SSSC Colours Award for their sporting achievements at this year's National School Games. **Glenna Tan Kai Wen (4G)** was awarded the Best Sportsgirl for Floorball while **Chua Zikos Vasileios Ming Xun (4C)** was awarded the SSSC Colours (Distinction) for representing Singapore at the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Under-16 Championship 2018.

SSSC Best Sportsgirl Award for Floorball: **Glenna Tan Kai Wen (4G)**

SSSC Colours Award (Distinction): **Chua Zikos Vasileios Ming Xun (4C)**

SSSC Colours Award for Taekwondo: **Amanda Lim Li Ting (4B), Andrea Ang (3B)** and **Declan Joseph Ng Ooi Khaw (2G)**



SSSC Colours Award: 'B' & 'C' Division Floorball teams and 'B' Division Football teams. Congratulations to all the winners!

## TK NCC (SEA)

The month of July was an exciting one for the NCC (Sea) cadets. The cadets took part in the 45<sup>th</sup> NCC (Sea) Competition, which comprised the Sea Challenge, Dragon Boating and Kayaking.

The cadets' knowledge on 'bends' and 'hitches' were put to test as they were placed in scenarios where they had to apply their wits and skills. The team, led by **Vince Goh Wei Jie (3A)** and **Josiah Koh (3B)**, rose to the occasion to secure 1<sup>st</sup> placing at the Sea Challenge finals.

This year's National Inter-School Dragon Boating competition was no easy feat either as it required a 20-man dragon boat team instead of the usual 10-man team. This meant that the cadets had to work doubly hard to ensure that their movements were synchronised. It was truly a test of their physical and mental strength as they had to race twice in order to qualify for the finals. The team led by **Nicholas Ong Kai Wern (3G)** and **Cheah Wei Xuan (3B)** came in 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The last event was Kayaking. All six teams went through to the finals, and the cadets secured three medals at the Singles and Doubles events. **Ong Ping-Hui, Aldric (1E)** and **Muhamad Hazim Bin Halmie Mattar (2E)** came in 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Singles Kayaking, while **Muhammad Danish Bin Muhammad Masyudi (2A)** and **Justin Phang (2C)** came in 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Doubles Kayaking. Congratulations to all the cadets for their hard work and effort!

## GIRL GUIDES

On 14 July, a team of four Girl Guides, **May Myat Noe Aung (3B), Janell Pang (3B), Baani Kaur (3C)** and **Heather Lim (2C)** participated in the East Division Outdoor Cooking competition at Camp Christine. They prepared a meal revolving around the theme of "sticks", with button mushrooms and bell pepper kebabs, and a platter of sausages and mixed vegetables. In addition, they prepared a classic chocolate fondue with marshmallows and sprinkles. The team emerged 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up in the category of "Most Helpful Guides".

On 25 August, the Girl Guides participated in the annual East Division Day, where Girl Guides from different schools come together to compete, and showcase their talents and skills at the various competitions held. They achieved Merit at the Snack Making Competition and in the Recycled Fashion Show. Our Girl Guides have also done the school proud by achieving the Puan Noor Aishah Award (Gold) for 2017. Congratulations, TK Girl Guides!



### CHESS CLUB

The TK Chess Club took part in three chess competitions from August to September. Through these engaging and exciting games, the members honed their mental grit, gained valuable experiences, forged friendships and displayed great sportsmanship. **Jaryl Seah Rae Herng (3A)** and **Tan Kay Heng Xavier (3F)** did TK proud by emerging 5<sup>th</sup> overall, and Overall Champion in the U-16 category respectively at the 47<sup>th</sup> Queenstown Community Centre Open Chess Championship 2018. Congratulations, Chess Club!



### NATIONAL SCHOOLS LITERATURE FESTIVAL

The National Schools Literature Festival (NSLF) is one of Singapore's biggest festivals for students in Singapore to develop their passion and talent in English Literature. By participating in debates, poetry choral speaking performances, talks and workshops, and exhibitions, students would not only gain new ideas and perspectives on the literature texts they are studying, but they would also gain confidence in voicing their opinions. Most importantly, it would enhance their motivation to study the subject.

This year, TK students participated in the Lower Secondary Choral Speaking and the Upper Secondary Unseen and Set Text debates.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Secondary Three Unseen Text Debates: **Lim Si Hong, Megan (3D), Nurzahidah Bte Zulkifli (3D), Sana Kir (3D) and Ashley Soh Qian Ying (3D)**

Secondary Four Set Text Debates: **Toh Jo Lyn Megan (4C), Mohammed Minhazul Islam (4G), Tan Min Min Jasmine (4G) and Chai Wen Yi Xianne (4C)**



### AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is held annually for all Secondary One and Two students. The 75-minute competition has an emphasis on problem-solving and the questions are designed to be enjoyable for the students.

This year, the competition was held on 20 August. In order to prepare students for the AMC, students were taught the Problem-Solving Approach to tackle unconventional questions.

We are pleased to announce that the following students scored High Distinction:

**Tatiyaapitham Pakpume (1B)**

**Urmil Sinha (1B)**

**Tan Chien Hyi (1B)**

**Soham Milind Khatavkar (2G)**

Well done to all!



### SINGAPORE MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD

Every year, thousands of students from all over Singapore put their analytical skills to the test in a fierce competition at the Singapore Mathematical Olympiad. This year, one of our TKsians attained the Gold Award and six received the Bronze Award. Well done to all the award recipients!

Junior Category (Gold): **Joel Yip Su-en (2F)**

Senior Category (Bronze): **Timothy Agus (4A)**

Junior Category (Bronze): **Chan Wei Hao (1D)**

**Ian Yong Tse Yih (2A)**

**Jeryn Saw Miao Ying (2D)**

**Rafi Arief Suryanzah (2E)**

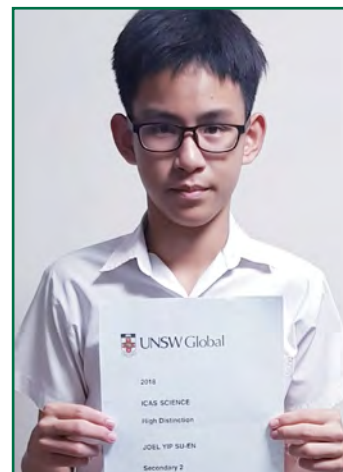
**Soham Khatavkar (2G)**



## ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment programme which recognises and rewards outstanding student achievement from schools across more than 20 countries.

Every year, the Secondary Two cohort participates in the Science category of this competition. This year, **Joel Yip Su-en (2F)** was awarded the Certificate of High Distinction (top 1%), and 27 other students received the Certificate of Distinction (top 10%). Congratulations to all the award winners!



## SINGAPORE JUNIOR BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

The Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad is a competition organised by the Singapore Institute of Biology (IBS) for secondary school students. This annual competition aims to develop students' passion for learning and applying Biology in their daily lives.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this year: **Chhavi Dhir (4A)** obtained the Gold Award and **Li Haixin (4A)** obtained the Silver Award. Congratulations to the award recipients!



## SINGAPORE JUNIOR PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

The Singapore Junior Physics Olympiad is a competition organised by the Institute of Physics Singapore (IPS) for secondary school students. It aims to encourage the appreciation of Physics beyond the school curriculum, by providing an opportunity for students to apply their critical thinking skills. This year, two TK students received the Silver Award and seven of them received the Bronze Award.

The Silver Award recipients are:

- Bong Wee Hern, Jovi (4C)**
- Michael Low En Zhi (4F)**

The Bronze Award recipients are:

- Cewlett Quek Qiu Ler (4A)**
- Syed Ali Redha Alsagoff (4A)**
- Ai Xin (4C)**
- Ivis Tan Leyi (4D)**
- Huang Yupei (4D)**
- Daryl Ho Zhi Heng (4E)**
- Vismay P Menon (4E)**



Congratulations to all award recipients!

## NATIONAL SCIENCE CHALLENGE 2018

The National Science Challenge (NSC) was a highly competitive televised game show that was broadcast on MediaCorp Channel 5 in September. The NSC provided Secondary Three students a chance to put their skills and knowledge to the test during studio rounds, and at on-site challenges hosted by A\*STAR research institutes and other research organisations. Four Secondary Three students, **Shristinath Sardar (3D)**, **Jonathan Aidan Ortega (3A)**, **Nur Dini Bte Mohamad Faisal (3A)** and **Sana Kir (3D)**, made TK proud by making it to the semi-finals. Well done to all!



## PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

This year's Prize Presentation Ceremony was a splendid occasion held on 24 May. School Advisory Committee (SAC) Chairman **Mr Teo Hong Lim**, Chairman and CEO of Roxy Pacific Holdings Ltd, graced the occasion as the Guest-of-Honour. As various awards celebrating the plethora of achievements of TK students, ranging from Academic Awards, to Character and Outstanding Service Awards, were presented, one could feel a strong sense of pride and appreciation. In a refreshing interlude, TK Dance showcased a performance entitled 'Trajectory', a vibrant dance item which mirrored life in Tanjong Katong – students working together in synchrony to attain a vision larger than themselves.

The notable contributions of our parents and partners were also recognised as awards were given to outgoing members of the Parents' Support Group, as well as those who helped to enrich the programmes for students and staff of TK. The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the prestigious N. Vaithinathan Gold Medal Award. This pinnacle award, presented for excellence in academic studies and CCA, went to **Leong Sih-Zau (4C, 2017)**. Closing the ceremony on a high note, the TK Choir swept the audience away with their mellifluous and evocative renditions of 'Stars' and 'Ima Koko Ni'.



## STUDENT LEADERS' INVESTITURE

The 2018 investiture commenced with the arrival of the top CCA Leaders and Student Councillors, who marched to their seats accompanied by a rousing tune played by the TK Band. After the Principal, Mrs Dolly Ong, gave her welcome address, the audience was treated to an inspiring speech by Guest-of-Honour **Colonel Gerald Heng**, Commander, Maritime Training & Doctrine Command in the Republic of Singapore Navy. A former National Cadet Corps (Sea) cadet during his years in TK, Colonel Heng shared numerous nostalgic memories and nuggets of wisdom about being an excellent leader.

It was evident that each and every CCA leader truly loved their CCA, and this pride was only further brought out when they went on stage and sincerely recited the Student Leaders' Creed. After the CCA leaders left the stage, an appreciation video was played, featuring photographs and messages compiled lovingly by the new Student Council Executive Committee for their senior members. Next, the Secondary Four Student Councillors were presented with plaques symbolising the school's appreciation of their service and dedication. The incoming Student Council Executive Committee members were presented with their certificates of appointment by the outgoing executive committee.

Last but not least, the President of the Student Council 2018, **Bryan Ng Wen Hann (4D)**, made his last speech as President. In his speech, he recounted his memorable experiences in the Student Council, and the knowledge he had acquired over the years. He then handed over the Student Council badge and flag to **Phua Xue En Tricia (3A)**, who made her first speech as President. All the Student Councillors, both incoming and outgoing, recited the Councillor pledge together and brought the Investiture to a fitting close.



## LOWER SECONDARY SCIENCE COGNITIVE CHALLENGE

The Science Department and students from the Principal's Honours List (PHL) organised a Science Cognitive Challenge for the lower secondary students. The teachers crafted thought-provoking questions and took on the role of judges, while the PHL students were the emcees, and time and score keepers.

In this fun-filled challenge, selected students from the different lower secondary classes competed among themselves. The students were required to answer science questions from different themes and levels of difficulty. The more difficult the questions, the more points were awarded to the class. An additional layer of difficulty lay in how the students strategised to select themes that they were comfortable with and provided accurate responses within a time limit.

For this year's Science Cognitive Challenge, we would like to congratulate the Secondary One champion, **1F**, and the Secondary Two joint-champions, **2D** and **2F**.



## MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE SYMPOSIUM

The TK Chinese Language Department was invited to set up an exhibition booth to showcase its “News Reading Programme” at the 2018 Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Symposium organised by the Ministry of Education (MOE) on 18 August. At the exhibition booth, they also conducted some games to engage the participants.

The objective of the “News Reading Programme” is to develop students to be effective communicators of the Chinese Language. It is a level-based reading programme with specific themes assigned to each level. The reading package for each level comprises a myriad of articles providing content knowledge of various themes, and questions to deepen thinking and broaden the students’ perspectives. With the thematic reading packages, students are able to practise their communication and presentation skills to engage their peers as they share their views on current affairs topics. Given the programme’s emphasis on oracy and thinking skills, it instills in students the confidence and ability to communicate their opinions both within and beyond the classroom.



## FORM AND POETRY WORKSHOP

In conjunction with “Words Go Round” and the “Singapore Writers’ Festival”, Singapore’s renowned local poet and writer, **Dr Gwee Li Sui**, conducted a workshop on *Form and Poetry* on 2 March. The informative and engaging workshop at TK sharpened the students’ craft as they created and compiled a writer’s portfolio in preparation for the Creative Arts Programme in 2019.



## CHOIR

The TK Choir held its biennial choir concert on 1 June at the Victoria Concert Hall. After months of rigorous practice, it was truly a splendid display of choral excellence. The TK Alumni choir performed under the guidance of **Mr Foong Hak Luen**, and the TK Choir performed under their conductor, **Mr Nelson Kwei**. During the first segment of the concert, they serenaded the audience with a repertoire of songs, including their acclaimed 2017 Singapore Youth Festival pieces. After the interval, the choir entertained and mesmerised the audience with a medley from the renowned Disney musical, ‘The Hunchback of Notre Dame’. The concert was a resounding success which thrilled TKsians, alumni and parents.



## SEC 4 PICNIC

Playing *Uno* by the beach, students and teachers enjoying a picnic, football and volleyball in the sea breeze, students cycling while giggling like little children, even a remote-controlled sports car zooming through the legs of bemused bystanders ... these were some of the sights which would have greeted anyone who was at East Coast Park on 29 August.

The Secondary Four cohort had its yearly Cohort Picnic to relax and unwind after the Secondary Four Preliminary Examinations. The students certainly relished the opportunity to let their hair down and spend some time with their beloved classmates and teachers before their final preparations for the upcoming GCE 'O' Level examinations.

The weather was kind to the students despite early forecasts of stormy weather, and the students undoubtedly had a great time together as they basked in the sunlight and appreciated the cool breeze.



## CHOICES

As part of our post-exam activities, students from Secondary Three were engaged in the annual CHOICES programme where they chose from either a Sport or an Aesthetic craft. A total of eight activities were lined up for the cohort which included Pottery Making at Singapore's last kiln factory, Aaron Curry: *Fragments from a Collective Unity Exhibition* and *Screen Printed Paper Sculpture* hands-on workshop at STPI Gallery, Ukulele Workshop, Basic Pop Vocalist Course, Kickboxing, Bowling, Kinball and Tchoukball.

The activities provided our students with the opportunity to bond with their cohort mates as well as pick up new skills and knowledge. Overall, it was very well-received and our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



## NATIONAL EDUCATION LEARNING JOURNEYS

The annual TK National Education (NE) Learning Journeys (LJ) for Secondary One to Three students were conducted as part of the year-end post-exam activities.

Similar to past practice, the NE LJ followed a thematic approach where the Secondary One students gained knowledge on Singapore's environment and geography, and learnt more about Singapore's conservation efforts. This year, two new venues were included: Siloso Beach Resort and City Square Mall. Students had a whale of a time as they learnt about sustainable efforts in hotel management and at commercial buildings in their respective locations.

The Secondary Two students were able to transfer their learning from History lessons as they went on heritage trails in Central Business District (CBD) areas such as Telok Ayer, the Esplanade and Kampong Gelam. They explored religious monuments along Telok Ayer Street to experience its bustling street life, and the unique diversity and harmony of architectural styles and religions. They also learned more about what life used to be like in Kampong Glam, from its culture and communities to its trades and crafts.

Finally, the Secondary Three students visited places of interest that shed more light on Singapore's efforts in nation building. Students experienced first-hand what it is like working in an aviation company or taking an aviation course in an institute of higher learning through our Aviation Learning Journey to the Singapore Youth Flying Club. They also learnt about the Singapore aviation landscape, the history and role of aviation in Singapore's development, and the diverse range of aviation careers available. A trip to Jurong Port also allowed the students to learn the story of Singapore's transformation from a small trading post into the world-renowned global hub port and International Maritime Centre that she is today.





## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT TK

During the Mid-year Staff Seminar on 22 June, teachers learnt about the importance of learning dispositions and went on a learning journey to NUS High School of Mathematics and Science. The EAS seminar on 'First Impressions' was also carried out and received much positive feedback from the non-teaching staff.

During the school term, professional development (PD) was conducted at both the induction and school level. At the school level, the staff delved deeper into writing effective feedback to promote self-directed learning in students and how to move their students' learning forward. Two induction PD sessions were also conducted to familiarise our new staff with the major PD developments that had taken place in TK over the past two years.



## TEACHERS' DAY

The annual Teachers' Day celebration kicked off with a series of 'Teachers versus Students' games. Students got to see a different side of their teachers – sporty, funny, and even mischievous at times. Teachers then continued to enjoy the event in a memorable concert performance by the students. The musical talents of many of our students indeed left a memorable impression on everyone. Who would have thought that we had hidden talents amongst our students who could play the ukelele so well or give a wonderful rendition of ABBA tunes? The concert ended with a hilariously true-to-life surprise performance by our very own teachers, and this was met with thunderous applause by the appreciative audience. Of course, it was also on this day that students said, "Thank you" to their teachers in a million different ways, from home-baked cookies to lovingly written cards and even "marking survival packs" consisting of red pens, Milo packets and chocolates.

In the afternoon, the teachers had their customary Teachers' Day Lunch at Grand Mercure Roxy Hotel. The theme of "TKSS Safari Adventures" could not have been better exhibited as the staff gamely dressed up as rangers, animals and even as members of the Wakanda Tribe in the creatively converted "jungle" restaurant! The Best Dressed Award went to two deserving departments this year – the PE department and the Mother Tongue department.

As with previous years, the Teachers' Day Lunch was generously sponsored by the School Advisory Committee. We are also grateful to **Mr Teo Hong Lim, Mr Chia Chor Meng, Mr James Sim Hwee Meng and Mr Wong Khai Then** for sponsoring the prizes.



## RACIAL HARMONY DAY

TKsians commemorated Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on 20 July in a uniquely TK way. Based on the Know-Do-Be (KDB) framework, students acquired knowledge through hands-on activities to facilitate meaningful learning experiences. It was also the first time that the KDB activities were carried out as class-based activities, based on a thematic approach for each level. The programme this year was different from previous years as the Secondary Two level anchored the RHD commemoration activities with their Values-In-Action (VIA) causes.

They created awareness on their respective VIA causes when they put up posters in the canteen and sold traditional food such as ‘Nasi Lemak’ and ‘Prata’ during the Lower and Upper Secondary recesses. They even anchored the KDB sessions by planning and executing kite and lantern-making sessions for the Secondary One students and traditional games sessions such as ‘Bola Tin’, an adaption of the ‘Tarik Upeh’, for the Secondary Three students.

Through these activities, the students were able to appreciate and deepen the bonds across the diverse communities in TK and brought away with them the important value of tolerating differences and embracing diversity in Singapore so as to continually develop the Singaporean identity.

It is through celebrating our diversity that we will be able to strengthen racial harmony and not perceive our differences as a threat to harmony.



## MOUNTBATTEN COMMUNITY CENTRE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

This year, cadets from TK’s National Cadet Corps (Land) and National Police Cadet Corps were part of the contingent during the parade segment of the National Day Celebrations for Mountbatten Community Centre. Together with the local residents and cadets from other Uniformed Groups from schools in the area, the TK cadets truly felt the Singapore spirit and had a blast celebrating the nation’s birthday.



## CHANNEL NEWSASIA FEATURE

On 7 and 8 September, Channel NewsAsia (CNA) ran a feature on a typical lesson during TK’s Secondary Two Higher Chinese Language class. Digital journalist Ms Lianne Chia was with the class for three days to better understand how differently and innovatively the teaching and learning of the Chinese Language is being carried out today, compared to her past experiences as a student. By her own admission, Ms Chia still struggles with expressing herself fluently in the Chinese Language and was initially filled with trepidation about participating in the lesson, much less learning to love the language. However, as a result of Mrs Lee-Sem Seow Wei’s (Head Of Department for Mother Tongue) encouragement and engaging manner, as well as the friendly and helpful students she interacted with, Ms Chia was able to gradually ease into and enjoy her time at TK. In her article on her experience, Ms Chia observed that “referencing current affairs and famous people in the lesson, as well as using news articles and song lyrics that we had already known of through our social media feeds helped tremendously in emphasising the importance and relevance of the language in our daily lives.” Perhaps the most ringing endorsement was when she said, “This, I felt, was a lesson that the 14-year-old me would have appreciated.”



## TK ALUMNI NEWS

### Ministry of Education Teaching Scholarship Recipients

The Ministry of Education (MOE) Teaching Scholarship is a prestigious award given to undergraduate students who display exemplary character, strong leadership qualities and a passion for teaching. This year, six TK Alumni members received the award from MOE.

They are:

**Loh Hong Wei, Shawn**  
**Melvin Ong Yew Sheng**  
**Goh Rong Quan Nicholas**  
**Chen Si Shann, Shannon**  
**Syafiqah Begum Binte Ismail Rahim**  
**Emily Chor Wai Si**

Congratulations to all the award winners!

### TK Alumni Golf Tournament

First started in 2006 in celebration of the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the TK Alumni organised their first Golf Tournament on 23 November 2006 at the Sembawang Country Club.

This year, the bi-annual Golf Challenge was chaired by **Mr Wee Ban Hong**, the new President of the Alumni. He was assisted by **Mr Lee Kai Hung**, **Mr Satish Patel** and **Mr Kan Seng Chut**. Held on 16 May at the Singapore Island Country Club (Old Course), it was attended by 80 golf enthusiasts. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan**, Advisor for the Mountbatten Constituency Grassroots Organisation graced the event.

### Class of 70s

The TK Alumni has grown from strength to strength over the years. It comprises various groups according to their years of graduation and this year, many groups eagerly organised and enthusiastically participated in various cohort events.

Under the leadership of **Mr Jeffrey Liew Tiong Hwa**, the Class of 70s is special indeed. It is amazing to note that this group meets every month. It has also become a norm for this group to come together to raise funds for the needy students in TK. Recently, the Class of 70s raised \$15,000 to support their alma mater. The school is proud of them and thankful for their generous contribution.

### Class of 1984

About 100 members of the Class of 1984 celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the school hall on 4 August.

### Class of 1979

80 members of the Class of 1979 celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 5 October at the Grand Mercure Hotel. This was a follow-up from the previous gathering that marked their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration in 2013. The theme of the night was "The Colourful 55". The cohort went all out to create a vibrant atmosphere, and they certainly enjoyed themselves tremendously. They look forward to their 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday gathering in 2023.



## NATIONAL DAY 2018

TKsians celebrated the nation's birthday on 7 August with guests from St. Hilda's Community Services Centre and members from the Parents' Support Group.

The theme this year was 'We are Singapore', and the celebration truly embodied the theme as TKsians regardless of race and religion worked together to ensure a memorable celebration for everyone.

The day kicked off with a class activity, 'Don't forget the lyrics', where students used an online platform, 'Kahoot', to compete against each other and see who was the most familiar with iconic National Day songs.

The celebration then commenced with a grand parade by the various Uniformed Groups (UG) led by Parade Commander **Tay Jun Tat, Keith (3D)** and Parade Regimental Sergeant Major **Tan Kee Hern (3B)**, with the UG members marching smartly with pride, precision and synchrony.

The concert segment, which was devised and performed by the Drama Club students, truly embodied the theme. The audience was thrown back in time as the performers reminisced about the Golden Age of Singapore's soccer, when Singapore won the 1977 Singapore Cup thanks to talented players like Quah Kim Song. The concert also reminded the audience of how despite the adversity faced and the diversity in the population, Singaporeans were still able to unite over a common passion.

The celebration ended on a high note when four teachers – Ms Anisah, Ms Esther, Mr Muhammad Ahmad and Mr Alan Pang made a dramatic cameo appearance as hawkers to the surprise and delight of many, while the Choir members aptly sang 'Fried Rice Paradise'.

