

2 July 2010

Dear Parents/Guardian



We are pleased that our pupils had a fruitful time of learning in Semester 1 and would like to congratulate those who have done well in the competitions they participated in. Please refer to the school website at <http://www.scgs.edu.sg/> for details on results of competitions. Among these, Cheang Ko Lyn, Pri 6G, who was the 2009 Junior Division Champion in the local affiliate's Future Problem Solving Competition (Scenario Writing) attended the Future Problem Solving International Conference held in the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, USA, and represented Singapore in the On-Site Scenario Writing Competition. The competition involved Ko Lyn teaming up with two foreign pupils to write three scenarios of differing perspectives about a given topic. Ko Lyn, along with her new friends from Australia and Kentucky, USA, clinched the Second position in the international competition.

We are appreciative of our teachers who have gone the extra mile to conduct supplementary classes, lead overseas trips, supervise study camp, organise CCA camps and different activities for the pupils during the June holidays. We are also grateful for the strong support from and partnership with parents and all our stakeholders, without which the programmes would not have been so successful.

We wish to highlight the following events / activities to keep you informed.

Youth Day

There will be no school on **Monday, 5 July 2010** as it is a Youth Day school holiday for all pupils. School will resume on Tuesday, 6 July 2010.

Youth Olympic Games (YOG)

The overseas schools that SCGS is partnering for YOG are Beijing Jingshan School (China) and Unidad Educativa Emil Friedman (Venezuela). SCGS is proud to have Myra Lee Jia Wen (Diving), Lim Rui Jia Alanna (Basketball) and Giam Pei Shi Rachel (Gymnastics) represent Singapore in the YOG. Fifteen of our pupils attended the Youth Sports Conference and will be the Olympic Ambassadors of SCGS. The school has nominated three secondary pupils and two primary pupils to be the Torch Bearers. The Torch will be passing by SCGS on the morning of 13 August 2010. Students will be involved in cheering the flame as the torch passes by the school. An Olympic learning journey has been organised for 56 students and 4 teachers to the Olympic Village and competition venues. It will be a great learning opportunity for our girls. SCGS will also be sending 200-300 pupils to participate as spectators during the YOG in August. We are pleased to have World-Class Chinese speed-skater Ms Yang Yang visit the school and share with the pupils her experience.

Internationalisation Programme

The school's Internationalisation Programme provides many opportunities for pupils and staff to participate in international events, overseas field studies and school visits for bi-cultural exchanges, joint project partnerships, competitions and performances.

The Dance Group participated in the International Dance Competition at Barcelona in April 2010 and excelled by winning the Grand Prix de Europe in the Barcelona Dance Competitions, making it the best performing group in a competitive field of over 1,500 competitors. The school Choir left on Monday, 28 June for Portugal to participate in an International Choral Competition.

In June, pupils went on overseas study trips to China, Korea, the United Kingdom and Germany/Switzerland for Chinese Language immersion, Mathematics gifted immersion programmes, Literature and Humanities field studies, Innovation & Enterprise (I&E) and bi-cultural exchange.

Besides the overseas trips, the Internationalisation Programme has also seen the school hosting school leaders, teachers and pupils from countries such as Vietnam, Indonesia, Australia, India and China to learn from our best practices. For example, the school hosted pupils and staff from the Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School in Jaipur, India during the E-Learning and Enhanced Enrichment Programme period. Pupils from our school will be visiting India as part of this exchange programme in November.

A group of Pri 5 & 6 pupils will be going on a *Service Learning Trip* to Cambodia at the end of the year. This trip serves as a platform for the pupils to be exposed to the plight of the less fortunate. They will have

the opportunity to carry out planned activities to help the less privileged children living at one of the lakeside areas in Cambodia while at the same time, learn more about the Cambodian culture and lifestyle. The Mathematics and Science Departments are organising a trip to Korea for selected Pri 5 & 6 pupils at the end of the year. These pupils will visit the enrichment / gifted centre for Mathematics and Science. In addition, they will experience a local immersion programme at an elementary school. The school has also planned a horticultural and farming experience trip to Malaysia for Pri 6 pupils after their PSLE exam.

Concerts

The Secondary Choir and Band held a combined concert *Rhapsodia Giubilante* at The Esplanade Concert Hall on Sunday, 23 May 2010. The event, graced by Mr Heng Chee How, Minister of State at Prime Minister's Office also saw the Primary and Secondary String Ensembles and the Primary Choir presenting guest items at this first SCGS concert at The Esplanade Concert Hall. The success of the concert raised more than \$25 000 towards the building of the Integrated Sports Hall and Performing Arts Centre. The Dance concert, *Jewels* was held at the University Cultural Centre Theatre on 25 and 26 June 2010. Our old girl, Ms Yong Ying-I, Permanent Secretary (Ministry of Health) was our Guest-of-Honour for the event. We wish to thank the Board, Alumni and Parent Support Group (PSG) for their overwhelming support in these two concerts.

Earth Day (Wednesday, 21 April 2010)

The school celebrated Earth Day with a flea market to inculcate a sense of responsibility in caring for Planet Earth. A total of \$1911.10 was raised for charity through the sale of recycled items. The inter-class paper recycling competition is a full school event which is held yearly from Feb to Nov. This is to encourage the girls to play their part in conserving the earth through the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). Each class has 2 eco-captains to manage the paper recycling competition.

Prefects' Camps

The Primary Prefects' camp was held from 31 May to 2 June. It was attended by 57 prefects from P3 to P5 facilitated by their 8 seniors from Secondary 1 and 2 under the supervision of an adult facilitator. The senior prefects took on the role of mentors to lead and guide their newly elected juniors. The prefects worked in teams to come up with proposals. Through this activity, they learned basic presentation skills as well as to write a formal proposal. Parents were invited to attend the prefects' sharing and learning on the last day of the camp. The Secondary Prefects' camp in Kuala Lumpur which is scheduled on 3 – 4 July will also be a time for the new Prefectorial Board to bond and draw up their workplans for the year.

World-Ready Course

In line with our school's goal to nurture our pupils as world-ready women leaders, the school has further enriched the Lower Secondary Core Curriculum with a customised World-Ready Course. The key objective of this course is to enhance pupils' understanding of global issues around them and heighten their awareness of the interplay of social, economic and political factors in shaping key issues in the world. The course also provides opportunities for pupils to understand the roles of international bodies such as the UN and NATO in mediating conflicts. They will also recognise that however small their roles as individuals, they are active citizens of Singapore who can give impetus to change collectively in the world arena.

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) Examination

The LAMDA examination, established in the 19th Century, is well endorsed by premier schools locally and in the United Kingdom. Our pupils, after undergoing 10 oral communication lessons in Terms 1 and 2 are well placed for the *LAMDA Examination: Accreditation for Oral Communication Skills*. They have been recommended to skip a grade and so Sec 1s can sit Grade 2 exams and Sec 2s can sit Grade 3 exams. A total of 277 Sec 1 and 2 pupils have registered for the examination which will be held from next week.

Health Month

To promote a healthy lifestyle among our pupils, a series of activities will be organised for you and your family in the month of August. Parents and pupils were appreciative of activities organised for them in the last two years. We look forward to your continued support in encouraging a healthy lifestyle in your family. Details of the activities will be sent to you closer to the event.

National Day Celebrations 2010

The theme for National Day 2010 calls on all Singaporeans to 'Live Our Dreams, Fly Our Flags'. You are invited to join the school in the celebration which will be held on Friday, 6 August, 7.45am at SCGS School

Field. We are privileged to have Ms Lucy Lim, member of SCGS Board of Directors as our Guest-of-Honour for the occasion. Pupils will be given a time to interact and build strong bonds through activities organised by student leaders for their peers.

All pupils who are not participating in the March Past or Performing items are strongly encouraged to put on red T-shirts with school skirts/bloomers. Dismissal time for Primary and Secondary Division pupils will be at 10.15am and 10.30am respectively. Please make arrangements for your child/ward's transport if they are not taking the school bus. Parents who are attending the National Day celebration are requested to park their vehicles at the Chinese International School. We are grateful to the Chinese International School for accommodating our request to use their carpark. Kindly cooperate with their security guards. All CCA, remedial/supplementary lessons and enrichment lessons will be cancelled on that day, except for dance enrichment classes. Do note that there will be no school on Tuesday, 10 August as it is a school holiday. Dance classes will carry on as scheduled on Tuesday, 10 August.

Teachers' Day Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Tuesday, 31 August 2010. We wish to thank our prefects, PSG and Alumni for organising the celebration. Dismissal will be as usual for the Primary and Secondary classes for that day. Co-curricular Activities will be cancelled. However, the Secondary 4 Study Camp and dance classes for that afternoon will proceed as scheduled.

8th Honours Day

The 8th Honours Day to recognise pupils for their achievements in co-curricular programmes will be held on Thursday, 2 September 2010, 3.30pm at SCGS Shaw Hall. You are invited to join us in celebrating your daughter/ward's co-curricular achievements.

Graduation Ceremony

The 2010 Graduation Ceremony will be held on 18 November to celebrate our current Sec 4 pupils' completion of their secondary education. Invitation and details will be sent to Sec 4 parents nearer the date of event.

Examinations

The Semester 2 Examination Schedule for the Primary Division (Annex A) and Secondary Division (Annex B) are attached for your reference. Please be reminded that a pupil who is absent for an exam paper must produce a valid medical certificate to cover her absence. Pupils absent without a medical certificate will be given zero marks for the paper that they missed. (MCs issued by "sinsehs" or practitioners of Traditional Chinese Medicine and letters from parents are not acceptable)

End-of-Year Schedule

As practised in the last three years, the school has extended curriculum at the end-of-year for Primary 1 to 5 and Sec 3. The last day of school for the respective levels is as follows:

Level	Last day of Term 4
Primary 1 to 5	12 Nov 2010
Primary 6	4 Nov 2010
Secondary 1 & 2	29 Oct 2010 <i>(to be confirmed by MOE)</i>
Secondary 3	12 Nov 2010

Calendar of events for the Primary and Secondary Divisions are available at <http://www.scgs.edu.sg/content/view/50/62/> and <http://www.scgs.edu.sg/content/view/88/119/> respectively.

We wish everyone a fulfilling semester ahead. Please contact us at 62527966 or email scgss@moe.edu.sg should you have any queries.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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**Singapore Chinese Girls' School
(Primary Division)**

Exam Dates (July to Nov 2010)

Tentative Date	Level	Exam
13 July	P6	Prelim Oral Examination
15 July	P6	Prelim Oral Examination
16 July	P6	Prelim Listening Comprehension (EL & MT)
26 – 30 July	P6	Mock Prelim Examination (Written)
19 – 20 August	P6	PSLE Oral Examination (No school for P1 – P5 Pupils)
23 – 27 August	P6	Preliminary Examination (Written)
4 – 11 Sep 2010 : School Holidays		
14 September	P2 P5	SA2 EL Oral Examination (Curriculum Time) SA2 EL & MT Oral Examination (After School)
15 September	P2 P4	SA2 MT Oral Examination (Curriculum Time) SA2 EL & MT Oral Examination (After School)
16 September	P3	SA2 EL & MT Oral Examination (After School)
17 September	P6	PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination (No school for P1 – P5 Pupils)
20 September	P1	SA2 EL Oral Examination (Curriculum Time)
21 September	P1	SA2 MT Oral Examination (Curriculum Time)
6 – 12 October	P6	PSLE Written Examination
12 October	P5	Higher Mother Tongue
13 October	P1 – P5	EL/MT Paper 1 and 2
14 October	P1 – P5	EL/MT Paper 1 and 2
15 October	P1 – P5	Listening Comprehension
19 – 22 October	P1 – P6	PSLE Marking Days (No School for Primary Pupils)
25 – 26 October	P1 – P5	SA 2 Written Examination

**Singapore Chinese Girls' School
(Secondary Division)**

Exam Dates (July to Nov 2010)

Date	Level	Exam
1 to 15 Jul	Sec 3 & Sec 4	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Oral
20 Jul	Sec 3 & Sec 4	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension
26 Jul to 11 Aug	Sec 4	School Preliminary Exam (Written)
11 to 12 Aug	Sec 4	GCE O-Level MSP / CSP Oral
13 to 26 Aug	Sec 4	GCE O-Level English Language Oral
31 Aug – 3 Sep	Sec 4	MOELC Prelim
4 – 11 Sep 2010 : School Holidays		
13 & 14 Sep	Sec 1	English Language and Mother Tongue Oral
15, 17 & 20 Sep	Sec 2	English Language and Mother Tongue Oral
20 to 22 Sep	Sec 3	English Language and Mother Tongue Oral
23 Sep to 12 Oct <i>(To be confirmed)</i>	Sec 1 to 3	End-of-Year Written Exam
11 to 22 Oct	Sec 4	GCE O Level Written Examination (Special Papers, Third Language, Art, Media Studies, Music etc.)
25 Oct to 16 Nov	Sec 4	GCE O Level Written Examinations (Main Papers)
10 Nov	Sec 3	GCE O-Level Mother Tongue End of Year Exam (For pupils taking Higher Tongue only)
22 & 23 Nov	Sec 3	Re-examination

Notes:

1. The Sec 4 Prelim Exam Timetable has been distributed to the pupils on 12 June. A copy can be downloaded from http://www.scgs.edu.sg/images/stories/2010_prelim_timetable.pdf
2. Candidates taking the 2010 GCE O-Level Examination have been issued with their entry proofs. The entry proof of each candidate also serves as her **personalised exam time-table**. Please refer to the entry proof for details of examination date and time.
3. The GCE O-Level Examination Time Table can be downloaded from the following link <http://www.seab.gov.sg/examTimeTable/2010GCEOTimetable.pdf>
4. Pupils taking subjects at external centres are to check the exam details with their respective centres.