This is a special year for us as a school. We celebrate TK60, our Diamond Jubilee, six decades of growing from strength to strength. In recent years, there has been a concerted shift towards getting students to think critically and inventively, and at TK, we ride this exciting wave of change; as teachers, we work in teams to review our programmes and to improve on our approaches that best support student learning. In the Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), TK has done well, and we are known today for several sports. In recent years we have been National Champions for netball and floorball. With delight, we celebrate the three national titles attained by our students. Earlier this semester, ‘B’ and ‘C’ Division Football, and ‘C’ Division Girls Floorball emerged as National Champions – a wonderful gift to the school on its Diamond Jubilee! TK Band remains the best display band in the land, attaining a Certificate of Distinction at this year’s SYF Arts Presentation, with their performance and gift to the school, titled Diamond Jubilee. TK Choir’s long list of accolades both locally and internationally reflect our students’ discipline and passion for music and singing. TK Drama and Dance, too have been doing very well. We are also known for our Uniformed Groups (UG), with almost all our UGs from the 2 NCCs, NPC, to Seladang Scouts garnering the Gold Best Unit awards every year.

This year is also a little different for us, as the school underwent External Validation by MOE’s Schools Appraisal Branch. The External Validation process provides an external and objective perspective on areas of strength and improvement for our school. I am happy to share that in May this year, we received an excellent report. The external validation team had observed that, “The school has built on its strengths and garnered various achievements in the cognitive, physical, aesthetics and student leadership domains, retaining its position as an institution of distinction.” The school has been recognised for Best Practices in all 5 areas: for Teaching and Learning, Character and Citizenship Education, Student All-Round Development, Staff Well-being and Development, and Partnership.

What TK continues to be proudest of today, is our balanced emphasis on developing our students academically, and in their character development and citizenship education. This has inspired us to have a clear focus on how we have celebrated TK60 as a school. A host of TK60 events had been carried out this year. We started the year with TK60 New Year wishes, with 60 hampers made up and wrapped by our students for the elderly in the community. During Humanities week, students hunted down 60 TK facts, relating them to concepts they have learnt about in class. We had a special TK60 commemorative Road Run, the first one we held as a school at the new Sports Hub. In Art lessons, students drew images of different parts of the school. At our TK60 Sports Carnival, 60 students and staff from their respective Houses worked together to move a giant ball around the parade square. We launched the TK60 Kind Deeds project. For a couple of the projects, our students exceeded their target, sometimes by double the amount. Kind deeds abound individually, with classmates and CCA-mates. Why are kind deeds significant to us as TK turns 60? This is because we are thankful to have been part of our community for the past 60 years, want the community and all those around us to be happy that TK is where we are in the Katong area, that we have been around for 60 years, and that we intend to continue being here, giving back as members of our community for many more decades to come.

For us as a school, there is so much to be grateful for, and we are happy to celebrate our history, our students, our teachers, and the school's achievements. What has allowed TK to sustain itself, all these years? What enables us to grow from strength to strength? I think it is a result of a confluence of factors. The first factor is the strong school ethos – one so compelling, that it continues to inspire every new cohort of TK students, every new staff, teacher and school leader who joins the TK family. The school emblems, the school crest, the school song. The second factor has to do with the people at TK, our teachers and staff. Where we are today on our journey of development, has been the result of successive teams of TK staff, continuously working and growing together, guided by our shared goals for TK students. Teachers at TK continue to be key to the whole TK experience. They make all the difference for each student, each class, each cohort. The final factor is TK students themselves. Here, I am talking about both the students currently in our school, and about our alumni. When I first joined TK at the end of 2012, I conducted a couple of focus group discussions with students. When I met with the Secondary 1 students, I asked them, “How do you know what is expected of you as a TK student?” A few of them said simply, “Our seniors show us.” This is good, because when senior students role model the attributes that we value as a school for younger students, then you know we have something good going, that we have a healthy school culture.

The TK story is about our school ethos that we share, and that binds together TKsians and staff, past and present. It is about every member of the TK family. As we look ahead to the next 60 years, our TK story will continue to be a source of sustenance and inspiration for all of us in the TK family.

Mdm Haslinda Zamani
FOOTBALL

2016 will always be remembered as the year that TK Football made history, as both the ‘B’ and ‘C’ Division teams clinched the Inter-School National titles for the first time. Moreover, TK is only the second school to achieve this feat in the last 15 years, and the first East Zone school to do so. In the Finals, the ‘B’ Division team overcame the skilful and tenacious defending champions, Hong Kah Secondary School. With a header by Ng Lucas (4H), they defeated the favourites 1-0, to bring home the Champions trophy. It was a hard-fought game, but TK footballers, backed by the tremendous support of Team TK in the stands, showed calm and grit to protect the lead all the way to the final whistle.

Similarly, the ‘C’ Division team demonstrated great resilience and courage to secure the title. Perennial finalist, Jurongville Secondary School, was relentless and dogged throughout, and cancelled out Vasilieos Zikos Chua’s (2F) early header with a penalty of their own. Yet, the TK footballers stood firm, even when they were down to ten men after a team-mate’s dismissal for two late fouls. It all came down to a suspenseful penalty shoot-out in the end, where all of TK’s penalty kickers dispatched their kicks with precision. TK’s goalkeeper, Nicholas Ong (2E), also played an integral role in TK’s 4-1 win by masterfully saving the goals despite facing intense pressure from the Jurongville footballers. The players displayed grit and talent in attaining these momentous achievements, and were well supported by the teachers, school leaders and parents at every stage of their journey. The coaching team executed excellent training plans, and showed tactical brilliance and unwavering belief in the boys’ ability to succeed. The rest of the school were also instrumental to the win with their passionate support in both games. The victory, at each final whistle, belonged to every member of Team TK. The double trophies were indeed most fitting gifts to TK on her 60th birthday! Now, a greater challenge awaits the boys in 2017 to retain the titles. With the unwavering support of Team TK, however, TK Football can face the future with confidence.

FLOORBALL

TK’s ‘C’ Division Floorball team did the school proud once again by FINISHING as the National Champions for the second year in a row. Once again, in the Finals played on 31 August at the Yishun Sports Hall, TK Floorball faced familiar foe St Margaret’s Secondary School. However, the girls were battle-ready after sneaking past Coral Secondary School 5-4 in a gruelling match in the Semi-Finals.

In the Finals, TK’s floorballers showed plenty of grit and character and defeated a strong, motivated opponent by a convincing 7-3 to retain the title. St Margaret’s started very strongly and took the lead, but TK made a comeback with a five-goal spree, as Glenna Tan (2F) led the way with a hat-trick. As always, Team TK played its part in the unprecedented success, as the entire Secondary 1 and 2 cohorts, along with the teachers and school leaders, cheered the team on and gave the girls all the support they needed to see the game through.

SHOOTING

In July, TK Shooting took part in the National School Games Shooting Championship ‘C’ Division. Prior to the competition, students not only had to prepare themselves physically by lifting light weights in order to develop their arm strength, they also had to take part in physical games to promote team bonding and build overall stamina. It was no mean feat as they had to complete a few rigorous rounds of dry firing to enhance mental stability, maintain hand alignment and get used to the firing procedure.

Throughout the competition, it was all about precision and accuracy of the competitors’ aim coupled with the focus of their minds, as well as the stability of their hands, that decided who the victors were among them. The boys’ team proved their mettle and did TK proud by attaining 5th placing out of 16 teams. After a tough battle, 3 shooters, Alexander Yaw Kai Mun (1C), Kito Neo (2A) and Lukas Lim Sen En (2E) went on to the finals. The competition was indeed fierce with 24 finalists. However, Alexander Yaw Kai Mun (1C) put his best foot forward and went on to clinch 4th placing in the competition.

GIRL GUIDES

TK Guides competed in the East Division Wide Games on 30 July which was an Amazing Race-styled competition with the guides forming teams of 3-4. They had to race under the hot sun around Sentosa Island, looking for clues and completing tasks. Despite the hot weather, our guides - Tay Hui Yi (3A), Lim Qi Yi, Vera (3B) and Ariqah Bte Arman (3D) - persevered and emerged 2nd.

The second competition which the guides competed in was the annual ‘East Division Day’ on 27 August which included competitions like ‘Snack Making’, ‘Mini Gadget Making’, a recycled fashion show, painting, ‘Girls Got Talent’ competition, ‘Recycled Toy Making’ competition and a telematch.

Our talented guides from TK came in 2nd for the ‘Snack Making’ competition and 3rd for the telematch! Well done Umairah Hanisah Bte Normanshah (1D), Hani Amberlynn Bte Hirman (1A) and Khairunnisa’ Bte Sharil (3B) from the ‘Snack Making’ team and Nurul Hidayah Bte Zukerfully (3B), Hannah Bte Shafiq Abdullah (3B), Teo Yu En Shevaun (3D) and Tan Min Min Jasmine (2G) from the telematch team!
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GRADUATION CEREMONY AWARDS PRESENTATION
Several prestigious awards were presented to the Secondary 4 graduates. Congratulations to the following award recipients:

**SCHOOL EXCELLENCE**

**CHESS CLUB**
On 14 August, the TK Chess Club participated in the 45th Annual Queenstown Community Centre Chess Competition. The competition commenced with student competitors poised confidently at their seats, facing their opponents, their faces all marked with tension as they studied their opponents’ possible strategies and cautious moves on their respective chessboards. Ultimately, it was all about maintaining one’s composure Jaryl Seah (1E) won 2nd place in the under-14 category and Tan Aik Young (3F) won 2nd place in the under-16 category.

**GOLF**
TK Golfers competed in the Youth Golf Programme 2016 Interschool League Games which took place over the course of June, July and September. They faced tough competition, and had to battle against unfavourable weather conditions. However, they displayed determination and resilience throughout the game to claim the following wins in the various categories they competed in. Asher Tan Kheng Xun (2A) was also awarded 2nd in the Overall (Individual) category. Congratulations to the golfers!

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The Singapore Mathematical Olympiad is Singapore’s oldest and one of the most prestigious Mathematics competition. Every year, thousands of students from all over Singapore put their analytical skills to the test in fierce competition during the Olympiad. This year, two TKsians were awarded the Silver Award and eight received the Bronze Award, TK’s best performance to date. Joshua Yip Sujun (3B) was invited to compete in the second round. Our warmest congratulations to the following students:

Junior Category (Silver) Timothy Agus (2G)
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Singapore Schools Sports Council Colours Award Li Jia Wei (4H), Football
Junior Biology Olympiad (Silver medal) Ma Yuan Xin (4A)
Junior Biology Olympiad (Gold medal) Soo Jun Boon (4A)
Goh Chok Tong NextGen Outstanding Student Leader Award Ler Wei Qiang (4A), Eythan Ong Tzeng Junn (4C), Justin Tay You Wang (4D)
JOURNEYING THE SINGAPORE STORY

On 26 May, TK students embarked on the annual National Education Learning Journeys. The Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students went to various locations to learn about different aspects of Singapore. The Secondary 1 students learnt about Singapore's geography and environment through visiting places like ABC Waters Learning Trails @ Lorong Halus Wetland and Bollywood Veggies. Meanwhile, the Secondary 2 students travelled back in time to Singapore's past to discover more about Singapore's history and the rich heritage we have. They walked along the various heritage trails like Katong Heritage Trail and Balestier Heritage Trail, making their way through the winding streets while imagining what life must have been like, back then when Singapore was still developing. Last but not least, the Secondary 3 students took a look at Singapore's economy and nation-building efforts as they toured the ArtScience Museum and journeyed to the North-East Line Depot to learn more about our transportation system.

STUDENT LEADERS’ INVESTITURE

On 30 June, TK held its 2nd Student Leaders’ Investiture, where all student leaders (Student Councillors, CCA Leaders and House Leaders) were appointed as leaders of their respective groups. This year, Ms Pearlyn Chua, an ex-TK Head Prefect, graced the occasion as the Guest-of-Honour. Ms Chua is currently an independent producer and Arts consultant, with an illustrious career in the Arts, having previously worked at the Singapore Biennale, Singapore Art Show and Singapore International Jazz Festival. She has recently been awarded a residency by National Arts Council’s Creative Producers Development Programme. She attributed her success to the opportunities she had when she was the Head Prefect of TK and she urged the current batch of TKsians to make use of every opportunity accorded to them to learn and grow as student leaders.

Following that, Secondary 3 student leaders from each CCA and House made their way on stage to receive the plaque from the Secondary 4 leader who was stepping down, a symbolic representation of the handing over of the responsibilities. They then proceeded to recite the CCA Leaders’ pledge.

The event also saw the new student councillors, who had been through a 6-month-long probation, receive their council badges. Ms Chua presented plaques and certificates of appreciation to the Secondary 4 executive committee (exco) members as well as certificates of appointment to the Secondary 3 councillors who formed the new exco. The new President of the TK Student Council, Sherry Han Weng Yenn (3D), then gave an inspiring speech urging the 2016/17 student council to soar to greater heights. The councillors then recited the Student Councillors’ creed with pride. Finally, the whole school rose to sing the school song together, united as one TK. The event ended with the signature 33 TK Claps, reverberating in both the hall and hearts of the student leaders, past and present.

MATHEMATICS MODELLING AND HERITAGE LEARNING JOURNEY

As part of their post-examination activities, the Secondary 1 cohort embarked on an inaugural Mathematics modelling and Heritage Learning Journey at Gardens by the Bay on 24 and 26 October. Through this activity, they deepened their thinking process, and experienced first-hand how the mathematical concepts they learnt in school could be applied to everyday scenarios. They also worked as a team and learnt more about the history and cultural heritage of Singapore through plants. 20 Secondary 2 students who were part of the pilot project shared their reflections on their learning experience.

I had a fun time bonding with my classmates as well as applying Mathematics to real-life situations. The learning journey also helped to cultivate useful values in us, such as teamwork and ingenuity, especially in finding solutions. ~ Lee Hern (2C)

The learning journey has enabled me to apply mathematical skills to real-life situations and also learn about the history of different cultures in Singapore. ~ Saiman Rai (2G)
The Attributes of Learners in the 21st Century (ALiCe) programme is a signature programme at TK. This year, ALiCe integrated Geography, English and Art, and a Values-in-Action (VIA) segment.

The Secondary 1 students learnt about water quality as part of the Geographical Investigation component. They went to Kallang River, Geylang River and MacRitchie Reservoir to test the water quality – looking at pH, turbidity and dissolved oxygen. They applied their understanding of the concept of how the quality of water affects the natural environment. The students then came up with solutions on how to keep Singapore's water bodies clean as part of their VIA project, which they will implement at the end of Term 4.

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CHOICES PROGRAMME

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While half of the Secondary 3 cohort thoroughly enjoyed their time spent strumming away to Di Tanjong Katong and engaging in special hands-on workshops on paper and stencil screen printing, the other half opted for sports-related activities which included: Archery Tactical Play, Introduction to Inline Skating, Trampoline Workshop and Introduction to Climbing. All in all, the students had a delightful, fruitful time stepping out of their comfort zones, bonding with their cohort-mates and broadening their horizons.

TK GRADUATION CEREMONY 2016

It was a bittersweet affair for all during this year's TK Graduation Ceremony on 30 September, as Team TK came together to celebrate this important milestone and send off the Secondary 4 students amidst hugs and tears. The event began on a nostalgic note, with the graduands entering the hall in the same manner they had done so four years prior as fresh-faced Secondary 1 students, to cheers and applause from their teachers, parents and loved ones. The theme for this year, Breaking New Frontiers, was then introduced, and a lovingly put together photo montage capturing the meaningful moments of their four year journey at TK was well received by gasps, guffaws and grins. Mdm Haslinda then delivered a heartfelt and stirring speech, reminding them of how far they had come and how much more they had to look forward to.

Each graduand was given a copy of TK's Commemorative Book “A Song To Remember, 60 years in TK”, as well as mementoes from the Year Head and Year Mentors, and Parents Support Group. The whole cohort was then invited onto stage row by row, and presented with a special edition TK Graduate Bear, with 'TK60' embroidered on its paw, by their teachers.

Former Student Council President Eythan Ong Tzeng Junn (4C) then represented the cohort in thanking his teachers and friends for making the journey at TK such an enriching and fulfilling one. Eythan presented the certificate to Mdm Haslinda celebrating the Secondary Four students’ feat of breaking the record for “The Largest Pushball Obstacle Race” in the Singapore Book of Records. The cohort also presented the school with two benches and an Alstonia Scholaris tree. A rousing rendition of the school song, and a resounding final 33 TK Claps marked the end of the ceremony.

TK SPORTS CARNIVAL

The excitement and enthusiasm was palpable and the atmosphere electrifying, on 20 May, as TKsians got ready for the eagerly anticipated TK Sports Carnival. With a massive 80 points on offer for the House which finished first in this event, TKsians and staff from all four Houses were geared up and raring to go.

There were a total of seven games stations, ranging from the physically challenging Pull-up Challenge, to the utterly hilarious Bobble Head, where participants had a counter strapped to their foreheads and had to shake their heads as vigorously as possible within 60 seconds. The much anticipated finale was the Push Ball Challenge. The latter required 60 participants and teachers from each House – in celebration of TK60 – to move the Push Ball around the Assembly Plaza twice in the shortest possible time.

In the end, Da Vinci was head and shoulders above all the other Houses, winning five of the seven games stations and finishing second in the Push Ball Challenge. Rutherford put up a good fight and emerged second, bolstered by their victory in the Push Ball Challenge.

More importantly, every member of Team TK had a great time participating in the various activities, displaying their House spirit and exhibiting why TK is such a lively and vibrant school. That was why everyone felt like a winner.

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TEACHING FOR HISTORICAL UNDERSTANDING

This year, the History Department embarked on a Teaching and Learning project entitled ‘Teaching for Historical Understanding’ (THU). This project was a collaboration between TK and Dr Suhaimi Afandi from the National Institute of Education (NIE), Humanities and Social Studies Education Department. The project comprised lesson planning discussions, lesson observations and post-lesson reflections that took place from Term 2 to Term 4. It involved the entire History Department and all Secondary 1 History and Secondary 3 History Elective students. The project focused on developing teachers’ sound understanding of the nature of historical knowledge and equipping teachers with the pedagogical tools to scaffold students towards historical understanding, as well as the skills to design and plan lessons using the THU approach. The project also equipped students with the skills so they can apply them to their own learning.

Students developed the understanding and skills of approaching History as a disciplined inquiry into the past. In the process, they became confident in evaluating sources as pieces of evidence, to identify and analyse different interpretations of the past, and to learn to put forward a well-substantiated argument to support a claim about an event in the past.

The project also aimed to develop self-directed learners as students learnt to self-regulate their thinking especially when evaluating sources and learning about the past for historical understanding. Students were given opportunities to interpret the past using sources for evidence and come to a well-balanced conclusion about what happened in the past.

The teachers were trained by Dr Suhaimi in the understanding and teaching of historical concepts like causation, significance and evidence before designing lesson plans and implementing them in the classrooms. The teachers learnt the concepts of lesson design for History and found the sessions enlightening and eye-opening. Meanwhile, the students discovered how to make associations and understand clearly the relationship between factors that led to the outbreak of historical events. They found the THU lessons engaging and interesting.
NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

This year’s National Day Celebration marked an important milestone in the history of not only Singapore’s 51st birthday, but also TK’s 60th anniversary. Elements of the past were intertwined with the present as the emcees reminisced about the good old days of TK and Singapore while also highlighting the improvements that have been made to the school and country. Pioneers of Singapore - the elderly from St Hilda’s Community Services – also joined us in the celebration which included crowd favourites like the parade segment and performances by the NCC Land, NCC Sea and Dance. To celebrate TK60, the Drama Club put on a dramatic interpretation of a poem written by Mrs Celestine Poon, a TK Teacher. This poem lovingly traces the journey taken by TK and Singapore over the years and paints the history of TK and Singapore through the stanzas. It was adapted to include the four national languages in order to display the interconnectedness of the four ethnic groups in Singapore and show how we are able to live together peacefully and harmoniously. The school leaders and Mr James Sim Hwee Meng PBM then proceeded to cut a specially-designed cake in celebration of Singapore’s independence as well as TK’s 60th anniversary. They also unveiled a commemorative piece ‘TK60’ made up of mini origami hearts with well-wishes written on them by current and former TKians. The celebrations ended with heart-warming and rousing renditions of perennial favourites like ‘Home’ and ‘Stand Up for Singapore’.

BASKETBALL CLINIC BY THE SINGAPORE SLINGERS

On 27 July, three players from the Singapore Slingers - Singapore’s professional basketball team - conducted a basketball clinic for TK Basketball boys. On top of reinforcing the fundamentals, such as dribbling and defence, they also shared their invaluable experience as professional players. The TK basketballers thoroughly enjoyed the session and were also grateful for the opportunity to learn from professionals while also having the chance to pit their skills against them in a friendly match.

THREE CHEERS FOR OUR EVER-SUPPORTIVE PSG!

The Parents Support Group (PSG) has always been an active contributor and passionate partner of TK. As part of this year’s TK60 celebrations, the PSG prepared a special gift for the teachers during the Teachers’ Day Celebrations - a USB card printed with the TK60 logo overlaid on a picture of the school building - to show their appreciation for all the hard work and effort the teachers put in. The PSG also continued to provide heavily subsidised dinners for the Secondary 4 students who stayed for night study, with funds they raised from the sale of food in the early part of the year. They enthusiastically participated in the Racial Harmony Day Bazaar by setting up a henna booth, where parent volunteers drew intricate designs for the students.
CPR AND AED TRAINING IN COLLABORATION WITH SGH AND JAPANESE SCHOOL

Every year, TK teams up with Singapore General Hospital (SGH) to ensure that students are equipped with life-saving skills such as performing Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and operating the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This year, apart from our usual partner, SGH also invited guests from Japan who were on an exchange programme. On 20 Sep, an Assistant Professor from Kokushikan University and a group of 10 Japanese students and four teachers from Showa Daichi Gakuen High School came to TK, to share with a select group of Secondary One students what they learnt from the research being done on cardiac arrest in Japan. A lecture was conducted by the Assistant Professor before the Japanese students did a demonstration of how to do CPR and use the AED. They then led our TK students in the small group practices.

SCHOOL VISIT BY HONG KONG’S BUDDHIST SIN TAK COLLEGE

On 1 July, our school hosted 20 Red Cross students and their teachers from Hong Kong’s Buddhist Sin Tak College and reciprocated the warm hospitality they showed when members of TKSS Red Cross Youth and National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC) visited them last year.

The visit began with a tour of the campus conducted by a group of confident, engaging Secondary 3 NPCC cadets. The NPCC Head Trainers, Tan Hui San (3C) and Koh Jie-en Eldon (3E), then gave a short presentation on the school and its history. The Hong Kong students were paired up with various Secondary 2 and 3 NPCC cadets, and followed them to various lessons throughout the day. The Hong Kong students had a lively sharing session with the cadets, where they learnt more about Buddhist Sin Tak College and its various activities. There were also some hands-on activities organised for the exchange students. TK cadets broke the ice with games and taught them simple knots and lashes, which they had learnt during Campcraft. Finally, the day ended on a high as the students eagerly posed for photographs, and exchanged contacts. It was a short but truly enriching experience.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXCO FOR TK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

We would like to congratulate the following TK Alumni who have been appointed to various positions in the TK Alumni Executive Committee 2016 - 2017.

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TK60 CELEBRATIONS

TK60 BAZAAR AND RACIAL HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

In conjunction with the various events held throughout the year to celebrate TK’s momentous 60th birthday, the annual TK Bazaar was also given a unique twist this year – it was combined with the annual Racial Harmony Day celebrations. The various Secondary 1 to 3 classes were tasked with planning and manning booths offering food, games and services in order to raise money for various charities. They also had to incorporate elements of the myriad cultures seen in Singapore. Furthermore, each class had to create 3 information boards detailing fascinating facts about the diverse cultures they were focusing on. Each level was put in charge of one category – the Secondary 1 students engaged the school with their hands-on aesthetics and craft sessions, while the Secondary 2 students satiated everyone’s hunger with their scrumptious food. Last but not least, the Secondary 3 students entertained with their creative games and services, including the perennial favourite Haunted Houses. The Secondary 4 students did their part too as they wrapped hampers and presented them to various charities.

On 21 July, the bazaar kicked off with a bang and soon the school was a hive of activity. In order to emphasise the ‘Know, Do, Be’ component of our usual Racial Harmony Day celebrations, all Secondary 1 to 3 students had to note down three stalls they visited (one from each category) and what they learnt about each stall. The students used creative signs and their gift of the gab to coax and cajole customers into patronising their stalls and services. Both teachers and students were good sports and participated in the festivities wholeheartedly, knowing that at the end of the day, it was all for a good cause.

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During the Prize Presentation segment, many classes were recognised for their outstanding creativity and successes:

- **Best Decorated Stall**
  - Food: 2B
  - Aesthetics and Craft: 1B
  - Games and Services: 3C
- **Most Creative Marketing**
  - Food: 2D
  - Aesthetics and Craft: 1D
  - Games and Services: 3E
- **Best Info Board**
  - Food: 2A
  - Aesthetics and Craft: 1F
  - Games and Services: 3B

- **Best Clean-up**
  - Food: 2G
  - Aesthetics and Craft: 1G
  - Games and Services: 3D
- **Highest Sales**
  - Food: 2B
  - Aesthetics and Craft: 1D
  - Games and Services: 3B

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**PRIZE PRESENTATION DAY**

This year’s Prize Presentation Ceremony, held on 21 July, proved to be a momentous event, not only because it was TK’s 60th Anniversary but also because the Guest of Honour was none other than Ms Seah Jiak Choo, Former Director-General of Education and Principal of TKSS from 1990 to 1993.

The event commenced with the arrival of Ms Seah, who was then led into the school hall by our Principal, Mdm Haslinda Zamani, amidst the rousing fanfare by the TK Band and thunderous applause from the audience. Mdm Haslinda and Ms Seah then addressed the school in their respective speeches.

This year, the ceremony was rather unique showcasing three significant segments of TK’s past that included ‘Building the School’s Foundation’, ‘The Journey of Excellence’ and ‘Moulding the TK Graduate of Today’. One of the highlights of the event included the launch of the electronic version of the TK60 Commemorative Book by Ms Seah Jiak Choo. The book comprised 60 stories about TK and featured memories of principals, teachers, alumni, members of the School Advisory Committee and students.

As a series of photo montages were played, the audience had the opportunity to take a trip down memory lane and look back on TK’s 60 years of history. It was indeed a nostalgic moment as they not only got to see how various groups of people had come together to lay the groundwork for the school’s development and progress but also how they had enabled and enriched generations of students in the odyssey of their learning and the journey of their academic, character and Co-Curricular excellence. TK Dance put on a splendid performance entitled ‘Synergy’, displaying poise and panache with their movements on stage while TK Choir’s rendition of ‘Top of the World’ and ‘When You Believe’ was in perfect harmony.

Another highlight of the event was the presentation of the Special Alumnus Award, to Mr James Sim Hwee Meng PBM, Senior Advisor, School Advisory Committee, by our Principal Mdm Haslinda Zamani. In his citation, Mr S T Robinson, who had served in TK and who had taught and known Mr Sim for many years, related how Mr Sim had faithfully supported the school long after he had graduated. He also mentioned how grateful the school is to Mr Sim’s myriad contributions. Mr Sim served as an inspiration for TKsians to emulate his efforts to ensure that the school continued strongly in its mission to nurture future generations of TK graduates who would live out its ethos.

The prestigious N. Vaithinathan Gold Medal Award, a pinnacle award presented to a graduate who excels in academic studies as well as in CCA, went to Haikal Afiq B Mohd Rizal (4B, 2015) who received his award from both Ms Seah and Mdm Haslinda. To mark the end of the event, our Principal, Mdm Haslinda, presented a token of appreciation to Ms Seah in the form of a beautiful quilt. The quilt had been prepared by Mdm Joycelin Lim, mother of Woo Seik Yee, a former student of TK, as an expression of her sincere gratitude to the school for taking good care of her son during his four years in TK.

All in all, the prize presentation ceremony was a truly memorable and meaningful melange of ‘Diligentia, Ingenium, Dexteritas’.
DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND GALA DINNER

The school celebrated its historic 60th birthday this year. Students were involved in a wide range of activities and events throughout the year, and learnt more about the school's rich history. Anecdotes of the school based on reflections and interviews from past and present students, staff, principals and parents inspired students to scale new heights in the next sixty years and beyond.

The Diamond Jubilee Dinner held on Friday, 29 July, 2016, at the Orchard Hotel was a once-in-a-lifetime moment in history with a record number of 530 in attendance. The immense support from the alumni was evident with them turning up in full force. Groups of alumni, spanning years as early as 1959 to the more recent 2003 were present. Mr Chia Chor Meng, Chairman of the School Advisory Committee (SAC), Mr James Sim Hwee Meng PBM, Senior Advisor, members of the SAC and Parent Support Group were present at the dinner. Mr Wong Siew Hoong, Director-General of Education, who was formerly Vice-Principal and then Principal of TK, also joined in the celebrations.

Two alumni who are current Ministers graced the occasion --- Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, who graduated in 1972, and who was our Guest-of-Honour; and Mr Lawrence Wong, who graduated in 1988.

During her address, our principal, Mdm Haslinda Zamani, applauded the Team TK Spirit, which is the passion and devotion exhibited by all in the TK family in embracing and upholding the positive school culture that has nurtured countless students over sixty years. The TK Experience is truly a key factor in shaping and strengthening the school's culture, for it is the TK culture which motivates teachers to continually explore new and better ways to bring out the best in our students. She also touched on the school's significant milestones and the collective efforts of school leaders, teachers and staff over the years. Together they designed and implemented programmes that would equip students to face the challenges as they enter a keenly competitive world. She also shared that the school was well-recognised during this year's External Validation Exercise and has also been conferred all five Best Practices Awards. She concluded memorably with, “May every generation of TK students continue to inspire each successive generation to come.”

Dr Yaacob Ibrahim began his address by recounting how happy he had been to attend what was then known as “Tanjong Katong Secondary Technical School.” He was glad to be in the Science/Technical Stream as he was interested in pursuing an Engineering course at tertiary level. He had great respect for his teacher, the late Mr Andrew Yeo Boon Hin, who was a very strict disciplinarian, and who believed instilling such discipline was a key factor to learning. Mr Yeo also left a deep impression on him as a teacher with a very sincere interest in the welfare of the students. He also went on to praise some of his teachers who gave him a sound foundation in Mathematics, Science and Technical subjects. He also recalled fondly how Mr. Robinson, his team’s hockey Master, encouraged them “never, never to give up.” Finally, Dr Yaacob praised the SAC for their unwavering support of the school and highlighted Mr. James Sim as a role model for his 30 years of dedicated service to the school.

At the dinner, three video presentations were screened, starting with a photo and video montage of TK through its six decades. Next, video interviews with TK Alumni were featured and, finally, well-wishes for TK's 60th birthday from alumni and students were shown. These video presentations were viewed by all present with great delight. There were also live performances by our aesthetics groups. TK Band ushered in the night's celebration with resounding pomp and ceremony, while TK Dance brought grace and poise to the event. To end off, TK Choir – both present and alumni Choir members – serenaded us with their sweet melodies.

The class of ‘82 also presented a cheque donation to the school.

Each of our special guests received a bag containing souvenirs, a TK teddy bear, a key chain and a TK60 Commemorative book.

Our honoured guests, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Mr Lawrence Wong, and Mr Wong Siew Hoong, interacted freely with our guests, alumni, SAC members, parents and friends. They gamely joined various alumni groups for their group photographs.

The ceremony came to a fitting close as everyone stood up and sang the school song with swelling pride, led by the TK choir. It was truly a meaningful, magnificent evening that would be remembered for years to come.