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AN OPEN LETTER AUGUST 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Time truly flies, and we now find ourselves in the month of August. This month holds special significance for all of us as we come together to celebrate Singapore's 60th National Day—a remarkable milestone that marks six decades of progress, resilience, and unity.

Updates

Staff Movement

2. Farewell: We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to our outgoing staff for their service, contributions, and commitment to the students of QtPS. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours as they embark on the next chapter of their careers.

- Mr Muhammad Taufiq Bin Muhammad Abdul Rahman, attending teacher training course at NIE
- Ms Nurulain Nadiah Binte Zainal Abidin, attending teacher training course at NIE
- Ms Irene Poon, taking the next step of her professional journey beyond QtPS

Upcoming Events

National Day Celebration (8 August) & Public Holiday (11 August)

3. QtPS will be celebrating Singapore's 60th birthday on Friday, 8 August 2025. Our school-wide celebrations will include a lively mini concert and engaging classroom activities, all centred on this year's National Day theme, "*Majulah Singapura*." As there will be no recess that day, students are encouraged to bring their own snacks. They are also invited to dress in red T-shirts, along with their school shorts or skorts, socks, and shoes. Please note that students will be dismissed earlier than usual, at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 8 August.

4. In line with the National Day public holiday, Monday, 11 August 2025, will be a school holiday in lieu. Students are to return to school on Tuesday, 12 August 2025.

5. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Queenstown Family a Happy National Day.

Home-based Learning (HBL) and P6 PSLE Oral Examinations (13 and 14 August)

6. Our P6 students will be having their P6 PSLE English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations on Wednesday, 13 August 2025 and Thursday, 14 August 2025. P6 students will be given separate instructions and more details on this in due course.

7. In order to provide a conducive examination environment for our P6 students, P1–P5 students will not be required to come to school on Wednesday, 13 August and Thursday, 14 August. They will be assigned home-based learning tasks instead. More information will be provided by the respective subject teachers closer to the examination dates.

General Information

Update on Construction Activities Adjacent to the School

8. We would like to provide an update regarding the ongoing construction activities adjacent to the school, as well as the measures being implemented to minimise any potential impact on our students and staff.

9. The test piling phase was completed in July, and no further test piling works are anticipated at this stage. The school is working in close coordination with the construction company to ensure that the school environment remains safe and conducive to teaching and learning throughout the duration of the project.

10. The contractors have committed to avoiding noisy construction works during periods coinciding with assessment timings. Regular coordination meetings are held between school management and the contractors to ensure strict adherence to these arrangements, maintaining an environment conducive to teaching and learning.

11. As part of our mitigation efforts, the following measures will be implemented:

- Erection of a 12-metre-high sound and dust barrier around the construction site, to reduce the transmission of noise and dust into the school premises.
- Installation of air-conditioning units in classrooms affected by the construction, to maintain a comfortable and conducive learning environment.
- Deferral of main piling works until the both the installation of air-conditioning units and the erection of the sound and dust barrier have been fully completed, to minimise disruption to lessons.

12. Should you have further queries regarding the construction works, please contact us at qtps@moe.edu.sg.

The Caring Teacher Awards 2026

13. Since 1996, the Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) have recognised educators who go beyond classroom instruction—those who touch lives through unwavering care, compassion, and commitment to their students' holistic development. Organised biennially by the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and supported by ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and the Ministry of Education, the CTA honours teachers who exemplify what it truly means to nurture not just minds, but hearts.

14. If you know a teacher who has made a lasting difference through their dedication to the academic, social, emotional, and mental well-being of their students, nominate them for the 2026 Caring Teacher Awards. Nominations open on **1 August 2025** and close on **31 December 2025**. For more information, please visit www.cta.nie.edu.sg. Let's celebrate the teachers who shape resilient, confident learners—and a better tomorrow.

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

15. Our August calendar of events can be found on our school website, at <https://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar/>



Connect with us

16. To be updated on what has been happening in our school, please visit us at:

<p><u>Our School's Website</u> www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg</p> 	<p><u>Our School's Facebook Page</u> https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/</p>  <p>QtPS Facebook Page</p>
<p><u>Our School's Instagram Page</u> https://www.instagram.com/qtps_sg/</p> 	

Concluding Remarks

17. Sometimes, the path to success can be filled with obstacles, setbacks and moments of self-doubt. Despite the challenges we face, it is important to remember that we all have the strength and resilience to persevere and achieve our goals. Resilience is one of the essential life skills we aim to nurture in our students. When they encounter adversity, let's encourage them to face it bravely and never give up.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Olivia Cheong,
Principal