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## AN OPEN LETTER FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Happy Lunar New Year! I hope you have had a wonderful start to the new year with your child/ward. It was a pleasure meeting you all during the Parent's Briefing last month and we hope to be working closely with you on your child's /ward's development over the course of the year. This month, our Queenstowners will enjoy the Lunar New Year festivities and commemorate Total Defence Day as a poignant reminder of our collective responsibility to safeguard and strengthen our nation.

### In Celebration

#### Acknowledgement and Affirmation

2. We would like to acknowledge and affirm our 2023 Term 4 awardees for Value Award (Gratitude), Queenstown Award (Caring Citizen), our budding artists, and sports enthusiasts. They were exemplary in their work and attitude and have done well in striving for excellence! We hope that they will keep up the good work and continue to find joy in learning as they head into a new year. You may refer to Annex A for a list of our award winners.

### Upcoming Events

#### Chinese New Year School Celebrations (9 February), Public Holiday (12 February) and School Holiday (13 February)

3. QtPS will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on Friday, 9 February. This year, we celebrate the Year of the Dragon! Students are encouraged to come dressed in their traditional attire/red tops and their school shorts/skorts, school socks, and school shoes. Students will be dismissed at **10.30 am** on 9 February. Bus services will be provided for students taking the school bus on that day.

4. Students are strongly encouraged to bring some snacks, to allow them to enjoy a festive snack break with their peers in class.

5. Please note that Monday, 12 February is a public holiday and Tuesday, 13 February is a school holiday and a designated day off-in-lieu. As such, school will resume on Wednesday, 14 February. Please note that schools will be closed for the two days. This includes the General Office and the Student Care Centre.

6. We wish all our Chinese Queenstowners and their families a Happy and Prosperous Chinese New Year! To the rest of our Queenstown Family, Happy Holidays!

#### Total Defence Day (15 February)

7. The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on Thursday, 15 February 2024. This year marks 40 years of Total Defence (TD40) in Singapore. As part of our commemoration of TD40 this year, our students will experience a food disruption simulation in school on 15 February 2024.

8. This TD40 Exercise aims to prepare students for potential disruptions to our food supply chain due to climate change, protectionism, or geopolitical tensions etc., given Singapore's reliance on food imports.

9. Please note that the canteen will not serve any form of meat (e.g. chicken, fish and other seafood) on that day to encourage students to be flexible in their food choices and to be open to protein alternatives in the event of such disruptions. Following the exercise, students will reflect

on their experiences and share their thoughts and feelings with their classmates through a guided discussion on 16 February 2024.

10. Parents/Guardians, you may wish to engage your child/ward in sharing his/her experience with you and to reinforce the important message that everyone has a part to play in Singapore's Total Defence effort. We also seek your support in ensuring that you do not pack any form of meat as part of your child's snack or recess meal for that day. This is to provide your child/ward with an authentic learning experience through the food disruption simulation.

**P5 Camp (19 February- 21 February)**

11. In line with the school vision of developing our students to become "Flourishing Individuals, Future Ready Citizens", the school will be organising the cohort camp for all P5 students from Monday, 19 February to Wednesday, 21 February at Changi Coast Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre.

12. The theme of the camp is "S.O.A.R.ing Beyond Limits". Camp is a place where students not only learn how to be active participants by asking questions, seeking help and trying new things, but it is also an avenue for students to learn to be more independent and to stretch their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive abilities in a setting outside their comfort zone.

13. Through the camp, students will be able to:
- Develop their self-awareness and manage their emotions, actions and well-being
  - Respond to challenging tasks positively
  - Build close relationships with group members and collaborate with each other to achieve common goals.

**General Information**

**2024 Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers' Award 2024**

14. Nominations for the Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher's (MITT) Award 2024 is now open! Jointly presented by Tamil Murasu, Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee, and the Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union, the MITT Award recognizes Tamil Language teachers from primary and secondary schools, junior colleges and Millenia Institute who have made significant contributions to the teaching and learning of the language.

15. All Queenstowners, parents and teachers are invited to nominate their inspiring Tamil Language teachers.

16. The nomination form can be obtained from all schools or downloaded from [www.tllpc.sg](http://www.tllpc.sg). Nominations can also be made online at <https://go.gov.sg/mitt2024nominationform> and <https://go.gov.sg/mitt2024nominationformel>.

17. Do submit your nominations by **1 April 2024**.



**School's Calendar of Events (COE)**

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



**Keep in touch with us**

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

<p><b><u>Our School's Website Page</u></b> <a href="http://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg">www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg</a></p>	
<p><b><u>Our School's Facebook Page</u></b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/">https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/</a></p>	 <small>QtPS Facebook Page</small>

### Guidelines on Photography and Videography

20. Please note that photographs or video images of students or their legal guardians may be taken during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps and school concerts. The school may use and publish such photographs or video recordings in digital learning platforms, live streams, school publications, the school's website, social media channels, or other communication channels.

21. Teachers may also collect photographs and video images of students during lessons for the purpose of teaching and learning. Such photographs or video recordings will not be released publicly and will only be used in school for educational purposes. If you would like to withdraw consent to such photographs and videos being used by the school, please inform us at [qtps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:qtps@moe.edu.sg).

### In Memoriam

22. It is with a heavy heart that we share the deeply saddening news of the passing of one of our esteemed educators, Ms Harianti Bte Mohamed Ibrahim. It is an unfortunate time for the school community as we come to terms with the loss of a dedicated teacher who had played a crucial role in the lives of our students.

23. Ms Harianti's passion for education was evident in the countless hours spent nurturing the minds of our Queenstowners, fostering a love for learning and instilling values that extend beyond the classroom. The legacy that she leaves behind is one of compassion, dedication and an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of knowledge.

24. Ms Harianti will be deeply missed by colleagues, students and our QtPS family. We also extend our deepest sympathies to Ms Harianti's family.

### Concluding Remarks

25. I would like to conclude the letter with this meaningful story that aligns to the theme of Respect. This story illustrates the importance of respecting each and every individual and their strengths.

*One day, the Lion, as the King of the animals, instructed Monkey to gather an army of animals and line them up for a parade. The leopard, the black bear, the wolf, the wildcat, the donkey and the wild rabbit made up the team.*

*When the animal squad was lined up and ready, Monkey and Lion began the inspection. When the Lion reached the end of the line, he came face to face with the donkey and wild rabbit. He started to laugh.*

*The monkey was surprised and asked the Lion, "Your Majesty, what are you laughing at?"*

*The lion pointed to the donkey and wild rabbit.*

*"I am laughing at you, Monkey! How can you include these two small animals into my team? If we were at war, they could not help us to fight!"*

*Monkey smiled and replied, "Do not underestimate them, Lion. It's true that the donkey does not know how to fight a war, but he is a great trumpeter. With his loud braying, he could call the team to keep together. As for the wild rabbit, if we ever get separated in the mountains or valleys, the wild rabbit will be our messenger because he is such a fast runner."*

*Lion realised that disrespecting others because of their size was wrong and that everyone should be respected and valued for their strengths. He was impressed with Monkey's views and apologised to both the donkey and the wild rabbit.*

*Adapted from "Stories for Moral Education- Juniors" by Roger Jenkins*

Warmest regards,



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## Annex A

Class	Value Award (Gratitude)	Qt Award (Effective Leader)	Artist of the Term	Sportsmanship Award
2 Care	ASHA RANGASWAMY	AYDIN IHSAN BIN KHAIRUL OSMAN	AXEL BLAISE PANDRYA	KHOO MIN YU
2 Courage	LEONG KA YAN DETRISHA	DANIEL ZAYN LUM JUN JIE	RIHAAN GUPTA	SHREJAL D/O SARAVANAN
2 Creativity	LIM MIN HUI	BAI YUNING	RENZO NGEH LAM	JUWAIIRIAH NUR ZAWANAH BINTE JAFRI
2 Diligence	ELSA MALI LIM WEN JIE	LAU WAN XUAN, CELINE	TANG QI XUAN CONAN	NGUYEN THAI DUONG
2 Honesty	SHRIYA SUHAS SHERKAR	ATIYA INARA	SHRIYA SUHAS SHERKAR	TAN XI HAN, KYRA
2 Joy	CHU KUO-WEI	KYRUS TAN	CHU KUO-WEI	MOHAMMAD AL-FIANO SATRIA SHAH BIN MOHAMMAD ALIAS
2 Peace	MEGAN GAY	CHLOE LIM SHI EN	LIM YUI HANG CALLUM	AYDEN HAFIZ FAZLY
2 Respect	CHEONG ZI CING	SOPHIA LEE EUN HEE	PAE DANIEL IAN	NIKAIDO SHOSUKE
3 Care	EMMA LOW	NIKILIA LEE JIA YING	GAO LEXUAN	LOW WEN XIN ALEXIS
3 Courage	ATHAN ONG HONG JUN	IYLA WEE LI EN	OH ZHI KAI, ETHAN	HE MINGXUAN LUCAS
3 Creativity	LUCAS CHEW YUE CONG	CHEN PINYI FRANCIS	SNG SEE TENG	AHMAD HAYYAN BIN AHMAD SHAHIH
3 Diligence	NA'YLA SHAYSTA BINTE SAINI	VICTORIA TIANG KAI WEI	TAN YING JIA, CLARA	WOON YANN, GALE
3 Honesty	ISABELLE THAM ZI XUAN	SEE HONGYI DARIUS	TAN YI RUI	SIVARAMAN GOUTHAM
3 Joy	CLAIRE SIOW YI EN	ARSHIYA MEHREEN BINTE MD TAJUL ISLAM	TESSA YEO LIU CHING	NG YI XUAN
4 Care	FOONG JING WEI	JOVAN LAI KAI MING	LEO CHLOE	GUO ZIRUI

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4 Courage	ANAQI AL ABYAN BIN ABDUL GHANI	MUHAMMAD ILHAN HAFIY BIN HAZALI	LOW LOVENNE	TUNG JING TONG AUDREY
4 Creativity	ANISHA DIANE SANDERSON	RAJAVEL DURAIARASAN	KENJI TAN KAI JOON	ANDRE HUANG TINGKAI
4 Diligence	CHUA YU JIE, TRISTAN	NEO SI QI, KAILEY	LIM YI XUAN, TRISTAN	CHLOE LIM
4 Honesty	TAN SI YU SHERI	DARIUS XU JUNRUI	NAOMI CHAU EN TONG	KWOH KAIWEI KAYDEN
4 Joy	PETER JONATHAN TJIANDRA	MIA ZAHRA NASUHA BINTE ABDULLAH	NUR ADEENA BINTE MOHAMMED ABDUL RAZAK	KUEK LIN EN ASHLYNN
5 Care	CELESTE CHONG HUI QING	JAYDEN LEO KAI SIAN	JOAQUIN SONAM ANZIN BHUTIA	MARIANA ZHANELLA BINTE RIDZAWI
5 Courage	GOH GUAN RU	CAI YIXIN	AASHIQA BINTE UTHUMANGANY	TAN KAH HEE CHERRY
5 Creativity	NUR ALYSHA GAFOOR	NING QIHUI	NUR ALYSHA GAFOOR	LEE JI YANG, KAISER
5 Diligence	LIM REN @ITO	NUR ZAHEEN D/O MOHAMED SUHAYIL	CHEN HAI-AN	LOH YAN KIT
5 Honesty	BRENDAN YEO JOON HAN	TAN KE YUN	KELLY CH'NG YEN QI	ZHANG XINYU
5 Joy	TIFFANY SIAH EN XIN	SONG QIAN YU	HONG LIXUAN TIFFANY SIAH EN XIN	CHUA KAITLYN CASSANDRA NG
5 Peace	NURUL FARLIYANAH BINTE MOHAMAD RASHIDI	NURUL FARLIYANAH BINTE MOHAMAD RASHIDI	ERRY PUTRA BIN AZHAR	
6 Care	LIM EN XUAN	NICK NIFAIL BIN MUHAMMAD SYAZWAN	-	ALI MARIENA ZHANELL RESURRECCION
6 Courage	LEE ZE XI	CHARLOTTE ROSALIE SOH YU HAN	-	LEE KENZO
6 Creativity	GLADYS CHAN JIA XUAN	JAMIE LEE LING XUAN	-	HOON EN PING MELODY
6 Diligence	KEVAN NOVRIZKI FAIZAN	ASHLEY TAY YU XUAN	-	POH YANG ZHENG, JADEN
6 Honesty	HAN DOHYUN	CHLOE LYNN ANNATASHYA SATYAWIJAYA	-	MOHAMMED FARHAN BIN SIKANDAR SHAH
6 Joy	PAE SAMUEL AIDEN	KYLEA TAN	-	SONIT VUDDAGIRI
6 Peace	LI JUNXIU	-	-	-