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AN OPEN LETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Greetings from Queenstown Primary school once again! September is a cherished month dedicated to honouring our teachers, the guiding lights who illuminate the path of knowledge for our children. It is the perfect time to recognise the impact our teachers have on our Queenstowners' lives. I invite you to express gratitude to our teachers for their tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to enriching young lives. Happy Teachers' Day!

In Celebration

National Day Awards

2. Please join us in celebrating our teachers who have received National Day Awards this year.

1. Mr Haw Shuen Siang – National Day Award 2023 (Commendation)
2. Mrs Siti Faizah Shahrin – Long Service Award 2023

National School Games Results (Badminton)

3. We are pleased to announce the results of our National School Games Badminton Junior team. The following junior boys emerged winners in their respective tiered rounds.

1.	Khabir Khanna	4 Joy	Singles
2.	Joash Tay Yu Cher	4 Care	Singles
3.	Tan Jia Rong Teo Wei Yi Wynn	5 Diligence 5 Care	Doubles
4.	Hamilton Foong Evan Leong You Ming	5 Courage 5 Diligence	Doubles

Celebrating our Queenstowners' Attainment in Term 3, 2023

4. In keeping with our belief that every child matters and can accomplish, our school takes pride in celebrating our students' efforts and development in their character and their work with termly awards – *Artist of the Term, Sportsmanship Award, Value Award and Queenstownner (Qt) Award*. These awards serve to recognise and affirm our students as they continue to become better versions of themselves and motivate their peers to do likewise. You may refer to Annex on pages 6-8 for a list of our award winners.

Upcoming Events

Teachers' Day Celebration (31 August)

5. QtPS will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 31 August. As part of the celebration, students will be dismissed at 10.00 am on Thursday, 31 August. This will be the last school day of Term 3. Please note that we will be closing our school General Office from 10.30 am onwards and not 12 pm as mentioned in the August Open Letter as our school is being used as a Polling Centre for the Presidential Elections 2023.

Teachers' Day Holiday (11 September)

6. Following the announcement that the Presidential Elections Polling Day will be held on 1 September 2023, the Teachers' Day holiday will now be on 11 September 2023. Students need not report to school on both the above dates.

P2 CCA Fair (12 and 19 September)

7. The P2 CCA fair will be held on 12 and 19 September from 2.15 pm to 4.30 pm.

8. This event aims to give the P2 Queenstownians an opportunity to learn more about the different CCAs being offered here at QtPS before choosing one that they like. It also aims to provide a deeper experience for students who will get to try out some activities that are carried out in the different CCAs. Our older Queenstownians and current CCA members will also get an opportunity to promote their CCAs to their juniors.

P4 Learning Journey (14, 18 and 19 September)

9. The Primary 4 Cohort Learning Journey will take place at the Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery. Each class will be scheduled to go for their learning journey on one of the abovementioned dates. Through this learning journey, students will learn about and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of the Chinese community in Chinatown. The learning journey will take place after school and more details will be provided to the students in due course.

P5 NE/SS Learning Journey (26, 27 and 29 September)

10. The Primary 5 Cohort Learning Journey will take place at the Indian Heritage Centre. Each class will be scheduled to go for their learning journey on one of the abovementioned dates. Through this learning journey, students will have the opportunity to find out more about the culture, traditions, and practices of the Indian community in Singapore. The learning journey will take place after school and more details will be provided to the students in due course.

e-Learning Day and PSLE Listening Comprehension (15 September)

11. As our P1 to P5 students will be engaged in e-Learning, they will not be required to attend school on 15 September. Please refer to our Google Site (<https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/elearning-queenstown-primary/home>) on 14 September (after 6pm) for specific class instructions.

12. Our P6 students will be coming to school as they will be having their PSLE English and Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examinations on 15 September. P6 students will be given separate instructions on their reporting time in due course.

PSLE Written Examinations (28 September to 4 October)

13. The PSLE written papers will be held from Thursday, 28 September to Wednesday, 4 October. P6 students will be given separate instructions on their reporting times and examination procedures. P1 to P5 students will come to school for lessons as per normal. We wish all our P6 students all the best in the upcoming PSLE. Onward to Success!

EOY Examinations for P3 to P5 Students

14. To help you in planning a revision schedule with your child/ward, we would like to provide you with a brief overview, as shown below, of the End-of-Year Examinations for all our P3 to P5 students. A more detailed exam schedule will be given to students in Term 4.

Date	Subject
Tue, 3 October	English Language Paper 1 and Listening Comprehension
Fri, 4 October	Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and Listening Comprehension
Tue, 10 October Wed, 11 October	English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations
Tue, 24 October	English / Foundation English Paper 2
Wed, 25 October	Mother Tongue / Foundation Mother Tongue Paper 2
Thurs, 26 October	Math & Foundation Math
Fri, 27 October	Science & Foundation Science
Mon, 30 October	Higher Mother Tongue (*selected P5 students only)

General Information

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

15. Our September 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 Page</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>

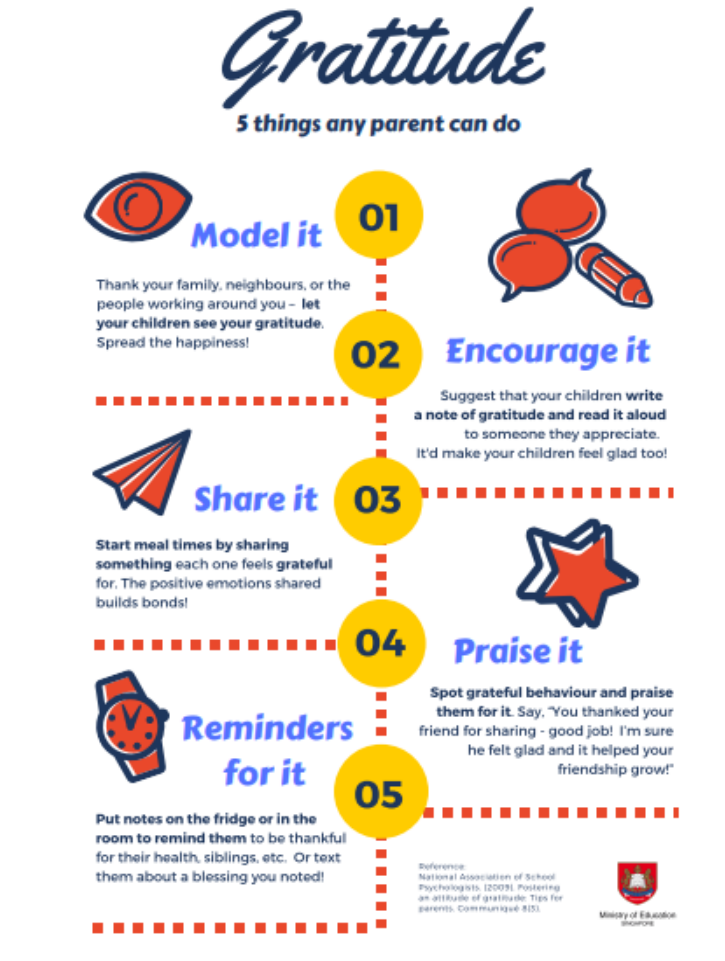
Concluding Remarks

17. The school value of Term 4 is **Gratitude**. Gratitude is defined as, “a strong feeling of appreciation to someone or something for what the person has done to help you.” Gratitude makes us feel good and do good things for others. If you are the recipient of an act of kindness or generosity, it can motivate you to do the same for others in the future (Journal of School Psychology, 2008). As parents, we all know how important it is for our children to develop an attitude of gratitude in their day-to-day actions and interactions. Studies indicate that developing a heart of gratitude in our children is highly beneficial for their mental and physical health. They include:

- Higher levels of happiness and optimism
- Improved sleep
- Less stress and an improved ability to cope with stress
- Fewer physical problems
- Reduced depression
- Less aggression
- Increased self esteem

- Improved resilience

Just as we teach our children to read and write, we can also educate them in gratitude, and it is never too early or late to start. Here are 5 simple ways to get us going (MOE, Singapore):



If you are looking to provide further social and emotional support for your child, there is a collection of resources specially created for parents that can be found in our ministry's website shown below:

Link to online resource: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/programmes/social-and-emotional-learning/sel-resources-for-parents>

18. Encouraging gratitude within our Queenstowners helps them appreciate life's blessings, develop stronger relationships, and navigate challenges with a constructive attitude. I would like to end my letter with this meaningful story that will remind us all to be grateful for the things in our lives often taken for granted.

19. *A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read, "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat – spare change from people as they hurried past.*

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. Then he put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon, the man who had changed the sign returned to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said, but in a different way."

*I wrote, "**Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.**"*

Both signs spoke the truth. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind, while the second sign conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see.

Adapted from <https://www.thetappingsolution.com/blog/short-lesson-gratitude/>

Warmest regards,



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Annex: List of Award Winners

Class	Value Award (Resilience)	Qt Award (Effective Leader)	Artist of the Term	Sportsmanship Award
1 Care	LEE KANG PING, RYAN	RUDRA MAINKAR	SLYVIA TEH SIM JEE	SLYVIA TEH SIM JEE
1 Courage	HO XIU EN HANNAH	ALINA SHARLEEZ PHUA	LIAU LE YA	SOFIA PRISCILLA MANURUNG
1 Creativity	GAY XUAN HUI	TAN YONG RUI JADEN	VICTORIA GOH SHIJIA	GEORGE WILLIAM ILLINGWORTH
1 Diligence	TAN XIN QI	CHAN CHEE KIT EVAN	TAN RUI JIE, JULIEN	ANG RUN QI, AURELIA
1 Honesty	THOMAS JAMES ALIWARGA	WU SHOU'EN MICAH	SOH EN QI JOY	QUINNTON YAK JING HENG
1 Joy	WOON EN, ELEANOR	ELENORA VAIRA DOBULIS	ZAC LEE JIA WEI	LIN ZHIQIAN JACK
1 Respect	QUINN LAI	DAI YIXUAN OLIVIA	OLYVIA WONG XI	N GABRIEL JAYVIN
2 Care	MUHAMAD KHALEEQ BIN MUHAMAD KHALIS	VISHNU GOVINDAN	GOH RUI EN	LI XINER CINDY
2 Courage	GIDEON SEAH JUN HAN	YONG MIN REY	CHARMAINE YEO YU SUEN	CHUA EUGENE
2 Creativity	RAFAEL VIGGO CHEN	TAN ZHI LIN	MUHAMMAD ZAIDI BIN SAIDI	MUHAMMAD ZAIDI BIN SAIDI
2 Diligence	HLYAN MIN KHANT	DYLAN CHUA JUN YU	TEO XIN YI, HAILEY	LAU WAN XUAN, CELINE
2 Honesty	NAZ DIYAN RAZEEN BIN DERICK RIYAN	ASHER CHONG YAN JIA	ASHER CHONG YAN JIA	TAN JIA LE
2 Joy	DING CHENXIN	NADYA HERDIANTI BINTE MOHAMMED HAFIZ	HO ENYA FABELLE	NG JING YANG JAVIS
2 Peace	ZHANG ZHENGHAN HANK	RAYAN NAEL BIN AZHAR	RAYAN NAEL BIN AZHAR	ANTIL ALICIA
2 Respect	LOW WAI YEN WENDY	TANG YU HAN EMILY	MUHAMMAD DZIKRI ADAM SHAH BIN MUHAMMAD KHALID	LIE SI TING, ZOIE
3 Care	LOIS LEE HUI EN	SOH WAI YAN, KAELYN	CHAN CHEE YONG ETHAN	GAO LEXUAN

3 Courage	TANG SHI QI, KIERA	PAK EN YA EMMALYNN	OW YONG SHAO	TANG SHI QI, KIERA
3 Creativity	YAP ENYI, EVIE	KWA SHI XUAN	MELINA HO MIN FEI	ADAM WONG
3 Diligence	CHEW J YANG	CHARLOTTE LIM YAN QI	SOH YU XUAN KECIA	OM MAN JOSHI
3 Honesty	DHIA ADLINA BINTE SISUANDI	ADAM ZAKUAN BIN SHAFWAN	KOH RUIXIANG TIMOTHY	DHIA ADLINA BINTE SISUANDI
3 Joy	SAM ZI SHAN	VISHNU KARTHIK SENTHILNATHAN	CLAIRE SIOW YI EN	SIK MING XING
4 Care	LEO CHLOE	GUO ZIRUI	FOONG JING WEI	MUHAMMAD BARIQ BIN ERWAN
4 Courage	RAYEUS YUE	TIEN YUN YI	ISHANVI SHARMA	MOHAMMAD AL- FARIZ SATRIA SHAH BIN MOHAMMAD ALIAS
4 Creativity	CHAN JIAN LE, KEN	SIOW JING HAN RYAN	TAN YING ZHAO DARREL	ANISHA DIANE SANDERSON
4 Diligence	LIM KAI EN, ELENA	LIN XINYUE ANDREA	CHUA YU JIE, TRISTAN	LEE YU QI
4 Honesty	LEW QIUNING JENNY	BIRELLI RAKSHITH	TAN YU RUI	GERALD KHOO SHENG YUAN
4 Joy	CUI JINHE	KELTON TJENG	KELTON TJENG	SHAKEEL BIN JAKIR HUSSAIN
5 Care	XANDER NGO SHEN JUN	SAYFULLAH BIN MOHAMED ASHIK	NG XIN NING CHARLENE	DESTIN LIM DE EN
5 Courage	EIKEN ONG YU CHEN	NUR LAAIQAH BINTE MOHAMAD ROSLEE	MOHAMAD ZIYAAD S/O MOHAMED SUHAYIL	GOH GUAN RU
5 Creativity	ISAC GUSTAF SIA YOU JIA LJUNGSTROEM	SANJEVIINII NATARAJAN	SANJEVIINII NATARAJAN	CHUA JEROME
5 Diligence	SAYF ADEEL BIN SHAIFUL EZHAR	MULAWIN RACHEL KO	MULAWIN RACHEL KO	KEIRA AALYA FAZLY
5 Honesty	ZHANG XINYU	KHOO YU JIN	PHUA KAI TENG VELMA	KHOO MIN XUAN
5 Joy	ENYA VICTORIA GRUBER	NYAN JIE KAI	CHUA KAITLYN CASSANDRA NG	SIM XIN YI
5 Peace		NURUL FARLIYANAH	NURUL FARLIYANAH	

		BINTE MOHAMAD RASHIDI	BINTE MOHAMAD RASHIDI	
6 Care	JERAYN KOH HAN YING	NUR SITI BINTE JOHARI	LIM EN XUAN	ROY TAN HONG SHENG
6 Courage	GAN KAI YEE	LEE WEN HUI	LEE KENZO	TIARA SUE-QI QISTI SALIMI
6 Creativity	HAYDEN CHU KANG YU	IVAN JEREMY TAN	GOH HAO GUAN	HO RUI JUN WALLACE
6 Diligence	CHNG HUI EN	VERZOSA ASHLEY TABANDA	SAIFUL RAHMAN	KAYDEN CHIA
6 Honesty	JARON LIM	TOH EN KAI, JOEL	CHOONG TZE WEI CAMERON	MUTHUKRISHNAN GOVINDAN
6 Joy	ZAHRA LAU BINTE MOHAMAD NOOR	YIM YEBIN	ELEANOR LAI RUI HUAN	YIM YEBIN
6 Peace	NUR HARLINA BINTE SAIDI		YEAN HUI	

Rethink the Way You Spend Time With Your Kids

Consider your daily time with your children. How often do you multitask with dinner, laundry or the bazillion other to-dos on your list?

While we are physically with our kids, we may not always be fully present. There is a trade off to not being completely present. The lack of such quality time with us during the day may see the children filling their “attention baskets” another way. These may include gaming on the computer, watching tiktok clips, fighting with siblings or even rebellious behaviours. Do they sound familiar?

It aims to get your attention – albeit negative attention. The reality is, kids simply want their baskets filled, and that does not matter if it is with negative attention or positive attention.

You can turn those behaviours around by making small tweaks to the time you spend with your kids; ensure it is centered around your children, intentional and clearly labelled for yourself.



Plans for the School Holidays?

Here are some interesting suggestions:

1. RSF Open House (Prior registration required)

Visitors can expect familiarisation flights with the crowd-favourite CH-47 Chinook helicopter and the A330 Multi-Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) – for the first time. They will also get to watch capability demonstrations, such as an air defence display, and get up-close and personal with RSF assets and personnel at the static display.

The open house is part of a series of events to commemorate the RSF's 55th anniversary (RSF55).

Date : 9 to 10 Sep 2023

Venue : Paya Lebar Air Base

“Think of your family today and every day thereafter, don't let the busy world of today keep you from showing how much you love and appreciate your family.”
– Josiah

2. Be inspired at the National Gallery Singapore The Gallery Children's Biennale 2023

Kit out your tiny Picassos and hit this all-time kid favourite to unravel a world of art and exploration. The Gallery Children's Biennale 2023 has a brand new showcase that kids will love. Best part? It will be open to the public right up till March 2024. There are 11 interactive and immersive artworks that respond to the theme “Let's make a better place”. Families can explore ways to create a world built upon care, respect, imagination and collaboration. Expect to engage with the artworks through conversations and digital and onsite programmes the little ones will love.

3. Aqua Adventure at HomeTeamNS Bedok Reservoir

It's been pretty hot lately, and if you're looking for a good cool off this school hols, we know just the place. Hit up the Aqua Adventure at HomeTeamNS Bedok Reservoir for a splashing good time with the brood. Did we mention it is Singapore's first integrated all-weather water adventure with three storeys? It also features Singapore's longest indoor waterslide at 114 m for the double rider slide and an indoor net obstacle arena. Plenty to keep the kiddos entertained! Note that the minimum height requirement for kids to enter is 1.25m.

