



# QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## AN OPEN LETTER AUGUST 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Time flies! The month of July was an exciting and fulfilling month where we saw the successful completion of a few school/level-wide programmes, such as the P5 NE Show, Open House, the commemoration of Racial Harmony Day and the P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations. The month of August is a special month as we celebrate Singapore's 58th National Day.

### ***In Celebration...***

#### **J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2022**

2. Our Boys' Brigade (BB) CCA achieved Distinction in the J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2022. This award was introduced to allow the BB units to evaluate themselves in the effectiveness and efficiency of the unit's programme and activities, while ensuring that the students benefit fully from its programme which focuses on holistic character development. Congratulations, boys!

#### **Girls' Brigade Drill Competition 2023**

3. Our Girls' Brigade (GB) CCA achieved 2 Bronze awards in the Girls' Brigade Drill Competition 2023. Congratulations, girls!

### ***Upcoming Events...***

#### **Athletics Fiesta for P3 to P6 students (7 August)**

4. Our Athletics Fiesta will take place on Monday, 7 August, in the morning at the stadium located at the Academy of Singapore Teachers (AST) at Malan Road. This event aims to provide our P3 to P6 students with an opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities by applying what they have learnt in Athletics during their Physical Education lessons, while promoting mass participation in physical activities. All P3 to P6 students will report to school at the usual reporting time at 7.30 am and will be dismissed from school at 12.30 pm. A separate letter will be issued through your child/ward to provide you with more information.

5. All P1 and P2 students **need not** report to school on that day.

#### **National Day Celebration (8 August) & Holidays (9 and 10 August)**

6. QtPS will be celebrating Singapore's 58th birthday on Tuesday, 8 August 2023! Our exciting celebrations will include a mini concert as well as classroom activities, all focusing on the theme for National Day 2023, 'Onward As One'. As there will be no recess break for the students, the school will be providing each student with a packet of Gem Biscuits. Students are encouraged to come dressed in red T-shirts, their school shorts/skorts, school socks and school shoes. As part of the celebration, students will be dismissed at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 8 August 2023.

7. The celebrations will be followed by a public holiday and a school holiday. Students should return to school on Friday, 11 August.

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

**e-Learning Day and P6 PSLE Oral Examinations (15 to 16 August)**

9. Our P6 students will be having their P6 PSLE English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations on Tuesday, 15 August and Wednesday, 16 August 2023. P6 students will be given separate instructions and more details on this in due course.

10. In order to provide a conducive examination environment for our P6 students, P1-P5 students will not be required to come to school on **Tuesday, 15 August and Wednesday, 16 August 2023**. They will be assigned e-learning tasks instead. Please refer to our Google Site (<https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/elearning-queenstown-primary/home>) from 14 August for specific class instructions.

**Teachers' Day Celebration (31 August)**

11. 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.

12. Please note that we will be closing our school General Office from 12 pm onwards on that day to allow our staff to enjoy their Teachers' Day celebrations.

**Teachers' Day School Holiday and Term Break (1 to 10 September)**

13. The Teachers' Day school holiday will be on Friday, 1 September, followed by the Term Break from Saturday, 2 September to Sunday, 10 September. Students will return to school for Term 4 on Monday, 11 September. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all teachers a Happy Teachers' Day, and all of our QtPS Family a restful term break.

***General Information...***



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

14. Our August 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...***

15. 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>

***Concluding Remarks...***

16. In the last Open Letter, I wrote about the school value for the term, Resilience, and how we should instil in our students the ability to bounce back quickly from setbacks and struggles while holding on to their core values and beliefs. This month, I would like to share another

aspect of Resilience, which is how we view and tackle the challenges that come our way. I would like to share this story about resilience with you.

*One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway, so it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.*

*He invited all of his neighbours to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realised what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, it quieted down.*

*A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit its back, the donkey was doing something amazing. It would shake it off and take a step up.*

*As the farmer's neighbours continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, it would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!*

*Adapted from: <http://sites.edb.utexas.edu/resilienceeducation/inspiring-stories/the-farmer-and-the-donkey/>*

17. Just like the donkey in the story, we can overcome challenges when we change the way we see them – not as insurmountable difficulties, but as stepping stones. Viewing challenges as stepping stones is a habit that children can start to develop. As our partners at home, do talk to your child / ward whenever he / she is facing a challenge, and encourage them to see the challenge as a stepping stone. When seeing challenges as stepping stones becomes a habit, our Queenstowners will have the resilience they need for success.

Warmest regards,



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## Queenstown Got Talent 2023

“That’s a wrap!”

Our Queenstown’s Got Talent 2023 grand final was held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. We had broadcast this event in April and encouraged our students to step out of their comfort zone by participating in this talent extravaganza. It was heartwarming to see friends coming together and family members bonding to showcase their talent. We had 45 submissions who took part and are proud to proclaim there are indeed many talented individuals in the school.

Congratulations to our Top 3 winners.

**Winner : Victoria Huang Li’En (P3 Creativity)**

**1st Runner Up : Nadia Hajadi (P4 Diligence)**

**2nd Runner Up : Emily May Choo Zi Yi (P4 Care)**

“Win or lose, I believe in giving my best and that is what I always do.”

— Lin Dan

## QtPS Open House

We were finally able to hold our QtPS Open House in-person on 1<sup>st</sup> July, after the pandemic years. Many parents who attended the event even shared the sentiment that schools should resume such events in-person. It was definitely much more engaging for parents and their children alike. They were happy to be able to step into the school compound to see for themselves, what the school is like and this gives them a better overall feel. As an active and supportive PSG of QtPS, we were invited as a partner to share about our initiatives in collaboration with the school. We also took the opportunity to engage the young children through sand making activities while their parents focused on understanding the advantages of selecting QtPS as a school of choice.



## Fathers@QtPS

The Fathers’ Group took some time off to participate at the recent Interdivision Telematch organized by PASSionWave @ MarinaBay. They participated at an array of activities as a team with Queenstown’s very own Dragon Boat Team - Team OneStroke. Activities included dragon boating, kayaking, cup-stacking and a laser pistol shoot-out! Each activity completed won them points. Of the eight teams that took part, we came in second place overall!

