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AN OPEN LETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings from Queenstown Primary School. Our Primary 6 students will be completing their PSLE and we believe that over the months of preparation, many of you would have witnessed the development of your child/ward cognitively, socially and emotionally. My staff and I are confident that they have put in their best effort and we thank you for walking the journey with your child/ward. During the post-PSLE period, the students can look forward to the interesting and meaningful programmes lined up for them, ranging from Secondary School talks, preparation for Prize Giving 2023 and their Graduation Party, just to name a few. Please note that attendance remains compulsory.

2. October is the month when we celebrate Children's Day. We know our students will enjoy the day planned and we wish all our students a very Happy Children's Day.

In Celebration...

Excellence in Mathematics Teaching Award (EMTA)

3. Please join us in congratulating Ms Harianti Bte Mohamed Ibrahim for receiving the Excellence in Mathematics Teaching Award 2023. The EMTA recognises Singapore Mathematics teachers who are passionate and have displayed exemplary efforts in the teaching of Mathematics, and are role models to their colleagues and the Mathematics teaching fraternity in Singapore.

National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS) 2023

4. NMOS is a National Mathematical Olympiad competition that aims to provide an avenue to challenge and stretch our students' Mathematical potential and nurture their Mathematical talent. Congratulations, Queenstowners! Well-done! Please refer to Annex A for our list of award winners.

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) 2023

5. SPSO is a national Science Olympiad competition that aims to generate greater interest in Biology, Chemistry and Physics among primary school students and nurture their talents in the Sciences. Congratulations, Queenstowners! Well-done! Please refer to Annex A for our list of award winners.

Upcoming Events...

Children's Day Celebration

6. The school will be celebrating **Children's Day on Thursday, 5 October**. There will be no lessons and a celebration has been planned for the students. Students will be engaged in class activities and this special day promises to be a joyous event that will leave them with cherished memories.

7. Students are to report to school by 7.30 a.m. and they will be **dismissed at 10.30 a.m.** Students are also required to come in their school uniform and school shoes.

8. Students are advised to bring a small bag with the following items:

- Writing materials
- Story book
- Snacks (There will be no recess.)
- Filled water bottle

9. All afterschool activities such as support programme and CCAs on that afternoon will be cancelled. Students taking the school bus will depart school on their buses immediately after dismissal. The Student Care Centre will operate as per normal. Please make the necessary arrangements for your child.

10. Please note that **Friday, 6 October 2023 is Children's Day and a school holiday for all primary schools**. Students will return to school on Monday, 9 October 2023.

P3 to P5 End-of-Year (EOY) Oral Examinations and e-Learning for P6 students (10 to 11 October)

11. Our P3 to P5 students will be having their EOY English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations on Tuesday, 10 October and Wednesday, 11 October 2023. Parents/Guardians have already been notified about the details via Parents' Gateway.

12. The **P6 students will not be required to come to school on Tuesday, 10 October and Wednesday, 11 October 2023 as they will be engaged in online learning**. This is done to provide our P6 students with an opportunity to learn independently and to be more self-directed in their learning. During these two days, they will be assigned meaningful e-learning tasks by their teachers. Please refer to our Google Site (<https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/elearning-queenstown-primary/home>) from 9 October for specific class instructions.

PSLE Marking Days (16 to 18 October)

13. The PSLE marking exercise will be conducted from Monday, 16 October, to Wednesday, 18 October, and students should not come to school on these days. All students will return to school on Thursday, 19 October.

General Information...

Haze Management Measures

14. Parents/Guardians, you would have received a notification via Parents' Gateway about the haze management measures implemented by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and schools to ensure the well-being of our students and staff.

15. Our students' well-being remains a key priority, and teachers will be on the lookout for students who are unwell or have pre-existing lung or heart conditions. As children respond differently to haze, do ensure that your child/ward always has his/her medication, such as inhalers for asthma, with him/her, and take your child/ward to seek medical attention if he/she is unwell or exhibits respiratory problems due to the haze.

16. MOE will consider closing schools if NEA's air quality forecast for the next day is in the "Hazardous" range (24-hr PSI>300). We will inform you via Parents Gateway should MOE announce a school closure.

Caring Teacher Awards 2024

17. The Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) aims to acknowledge teachers in our schools who go beyond the call of duty, nurturing the holistic development of their students and ensuring their charges grow up to be confident, independent and resilient learners for our nation. This award recognises teachers who:

- Are full-time teachers in a primary school, a secondary school, or junior college / centralised institute in Singapore;
- Possess at least three years of teaching experience in Singapore; and
- Demonstrate exemplary character, initiative, integrity, altruism, and a proven record of service to their schools and students.

18. Nominations for CTA 2024 are now open and will close on **12 January 2024**. All Queenstowners, parents and teachers are invited to nominate their caring teachers. Please submit your nomination via the online form at <https://www.cta.nie.edu.sg/nominate>, or through the QR code below.



Queenstown Primary Parent Support Group (QtPSG) News Bytes

19. Our QtPSG committee’s monthly newsletter features past and upcoming events/projects and parenting tips. The October issue is attached to this letter for your reading pleasure.


School’s Calendar of Events (COE)

20. Our October 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...

21. 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 style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">QtPS Facebook Page</p>

Concluding Remarks...

22. Our Term 4 School Value, Gratitude, centers around the concept of expressing thankfulness and being prepared to demonstrate appreciation for acts of kindness. As we emphasise to our Queenstown community the significance of practising gratitude within our school, we invite you to collaborate with us in fostering a sense of appreciation in your child/ward. Allow me to share a touching story about the power of gratitude with you.

A young man while roaming the desert, came across a spring of delicious crystal-clear water. The water was so sweet that he filled his leather canteen so he could bring some back to a tribal elder who had been his teacher.

After a four-day journey, he presented the water to the old man who took a deep drink, smiled warmly and thanked his student lavishly for the sweet water. The young man returned to his village with a happy heart.

Later, the teacher let another student taste the water. He spat it out, saying it was awful. It apparently had become stale because of the old leather container.

The student challenged his teacher, "Master, the water was foul. Why did you pretend to like it?"

The teacher replied, "You only tasted the water. I tasted the gift. The water was simply the container for an act of loving-kindness and nothing could be sweeter."

Adapted from: <https://misc-story.blogspot.com/2009/06/lesson-on-gratitude.html>

23. Let's express appreciation for the blessings that come into our lives, recognising not only the gifts themselves but also the act of giving that fills our hearts with joy.

Warmest regards,



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Annex A:

National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore (NMOS) 2023

1. The awardees are:

NAME	CLASS	AWARD
Chew Zhe Yu Adam	5 Joy	Silver
Brendan Yeo Joon Han, Jaeyen Law, Khoo Min Xuan, Ng Wei Zhe Dylan & Xu Le	5 Honesty	Bronze
Jiang Shaohong & Looi Jhe Shin	5 Joy	
Klein Sean Ludwig	5 Courage	Honourable Mention
Aw Zhi Han, Ethan Loke Ying Kit, Javier Ng Yu Heng, Jerline Lee Jia En, Kelly Ch'ng Yen Qi, Liang Deng Kai, Yeoh Shi Han & Yong Minho	5 Honesty	
Anne Liew Shu Xian, Chan Yi Xuan @ Tan Yi Xuan, Dylan Chua Qi Le, Dylan Teo Zhe Xiang, Lam Ho Peng, Liu Xuanrui, Madeleine Audrey Chandra, Song Qian Yu, Tran Ha Xuan & Yeo Tien Yu	5 Joy	

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) 2023

2. The awardees are:

NAME	CLASS	AWARD
Chew Zhe Yu Adam	5 Joy	Gold
Jaeyen Law, Khoo Min Xuan & Ng Wei Zhe	5 Honesty	Bronze
Klein Sean Ludwig	5 Courage	Merit
Hector Goh Jie En	5 Creativity	
Aw Zhi Han, Ethan Loke Ying Kit, Javier Ng Yu Heng, Keifer Ng, Koh Jia Rong, Lee Yi En Ian, Li Yanling Laticia, Liang Deng Kai, Liang Deng Xuan & Zhang Xinyu	5 Honesty	
Chen Kai Er Claire, Choy Meng Yong, Ryan, Dylan Teo Zhe Xiang, Ian Tan Jun Yan, Liu Xuanrui, Liu Yimeng, Looi Jhe Shin, Madeleine Audrey Chandra, Nyan Jie Kai, Oh Quan Liang, Jerick, Song Qian Yu, Wong Zi Feng, Kyle & Yeo Tien Yu	5 Joy	

Teachers Day Celebration

Teachers are mentors and role models to their students. They influence young minds and inculcate sound social and moral values through words and deed, within and beyond the classroom. Teachers impart learning and thinking life skills to students, to attain their full potential and enable them to seize opportunities in the future.

This year we celebrated Teachers' Day at QtPS on 31st August. We showcased the Top 10 finalists from our "Queenstown Got Talent" show on stage. The performances included songs, dance, piano pieces as well as gymnastic stunts delighted our Teachers.

Our teachers also got to take home customised aromatic candles that they had put together along with a decorative cushion for their backs – especially practical, after a long day in class.



"The best teachers don't give you the answer, they spark within you the desire to find the answer yourself."
- Author unknown

Mid Autumn-cum-Movie Night



By tapping onto our new and alumni Exco members, the QtPSG successfully organized an event that features our highly-popular Mid Autumn celebration and Movie Night event on 8th September. We had more than 200 participants registered for this meaningful event. It was heart-warming (and fun for us too!) to have witnessed families come together and bond over Mid Autumn favourites of mooncakes, tangyuan and a hot brew of Chinese Tea. All this while laying back and watching a movie together with cotton candy, pop corn and hotdog buns in hand.

Our highlight for the event was lantern-making, followed by the light-up tour around the school compound.

A big thank you to our students and their families for supporting our QtPSG events and we look forward to having you at the next one.