



# QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## AN OPEN LETTER MAY 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings from Queenstown Primary School. We hope that this letter finds you well. Semester 1 will soon draw to a close and I hope that these few months have been a positive learning journey for your child/ward.

### *Upcoming Events...*

#### **Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) for P1 to P6 students (26 & 27 May)**

2. Our PTM will take place on 26 May (8 am to 5 pm) and 27 May (2 pm to 4.30 pm). Parents/guardians are invited to meet with your child's Form Teachers and Mother Tongue teachers on Zoom for a conversation on your child's/ward's progress.

3. All parents will be required to book their timeslots online via the Parents' Gateway platform, and slots will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis, subject to availability. **The booking system will be in operation from 6 May (8 am) till 18 May (6 pm).** Form Teachers and Mother Tongue teachers will provide you with the Zoom link and password closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom and strengthening our school-home partnership!

#### **Vesak Day Public Holiday (15 & 16 May)**

4. As Vesak Day (15 May) falls on a Sunday, the following Monday, 16 May 2022 will be a public holiday-in-lieu. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 17 May 2022.

5. QtPS wishes all Buddhist members of our Queenstown Family a happy Vesak Day filled with prayer and good deeds!

#### **June School Holidays (28 May to 26 June)**

6. The last day of Term 2 will be Friday, 27 May. We will break for our June school holidays from Saturday, 28 May, to Sunday, 26 June. Students should return to school for the start of Term 3 on Monday, 27 June. Happy holidays!

### *General Information...*

#### **Safe Management Measures for Students**

7. You are strongly encouraged to inform your child's/ward's Form Teachers once your child/ward has been vaccinated against COVID-19.

8. In line with our national transition towards COVID-19 resiliency, we will gradually resume more school activities to support the holistic development and well-being of our students:

- Recess arrangements:
  - All students will be scheduled to have their recess in the canteen and to participate in Play@Recess as a level, starting from Term 2 Week 9.

9. All students will continue to adhere to the following Safe Management Measures (SMM):

- Wear masks daily, covering nose, mouth, and chin [No change]
- Visual checks by teachers and school personnel
- Temperature-taking drills will be conducted every Monday
- Fixed seating plan in groups
- Frequent handwashing and wipe-downs of personal spaces

10. Parents / guardians are reminded to **keep your child/ward home if he/she is unwell. Inform the school immediately** if your child/ward:

- has gone for a PCR COVID-19 test.
- is symptomatic (unwell) with ART+: to see a doctor as soon as possible.
- is asymptomatic (well) with ART+: to self-isolate for 72h and retest using ART. If still ART+, retest again in 24h. Child may return to school after ART- result.
- has any member of the household with ART+ or PCR COVID-19 positive. Your child/ward will be able to return to school if he/she is well. Before your child/ward leaves home, he/she is strongly encouraged to do a ART.

11. Though students need not wear the TraceTogether (TT) Token at all times, you are strongly encouraged to hold on to their TT tokens, so that we can step up contact tracing should this be needed.

#### **Queenstown Primary Parent Support Group (QtPSG) News Bytes**

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

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

13. Our May calendar of events can be found on our school website, at <http://queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar-of-events>.



#### ***Keep in touch with us...***

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

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

#### ***Concluding Remarks...***

*Once upon a time, two woodcutters named Ram and Gopal lived in a village near a forest. Ram was a hardworking and honest man. On the other hand, Gopal was a lazy and shrewd man.*

*One day, while Ram was cutting a tree on the bank of a river, the axe slipped out of his hand and fell into the river.*

*"Oh no! How will I work without an axe? That was the only axe I had!" cried Ram as he sat depressed on the bank of the river.*

*Suddenly, a water fairy appeared from the river and asked him "Ram, why are you so sad?"*

*"My axe fell into the river" replied Ram.*

*"Don't worry, I can help you," the water fairy said. She then disappeared into the river and appeared with a golden axe in her hand.*

*"Is this your axe?" asked the water fairy.*

*"No, this is not my axe," replied Ram.*

*The water fairy went into the water again and appeared with a silver axe in her hand. "Is this your axe?" asked the water fairy.*

*"No, this is not my axe," said Ram again.*

*The water fairy disappeared into the river again and appeared with an axe made of iron. "Is this your axe?" asked the water fairy again.*

*"Yes, this is my axe," replied Ram happily and he thanked the water fairy profusely.*

*The water fairy said, "Ram, I am pleased with your honesty. Keep all the three axes as a reward for your honesty." Ram returned home happily with the three axes. The next day, Ram went and sold the golden axe in the market and got a lot of money.*

*Meanwhile, Gopal, his neighbour became curious to know how Ram had become rich overnight. One day, Gopal overheard Ram narrating the story to his children.*

*The next day, Gopal went to the same riverbank, deliberately dropped his axe into the river and started crying. The water fairy appeared to Gopal.*

*"Why are you crying, Gopal?" asked the water fairy.*

*He replied, "I dropped my axe in the river." The water fairy understood that he was not being honest with her.*

*The water fairy went into the river and came back holding a golden axe and asked, "Is this your axe?" Gopal replied, "Yes, this is my axe." The water fairy became furious. She said, "I know this is not your axe. You know it too. As you have been dishonest, you will not get your own axe back!" After saying that, the water fairy disappeared. Thus, Gopal had to return home empty-handed.*

*Adapted from <https://www.lizstoryplanet.com/moral-stories-kids-honesty/the-honest-woodcutter/>*

15. Our School Value for Term 2, Integrity, is the quality of being honest and having strong, unshakeable moral principles. As we impress upon our Queenstownians the importance of acting honestly in school, we encourage you to speak to your child/ward about integrity at home, and how they can choose to do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

16. As we move into the mid-year school holidays, do take the time to rest and bond with your family. We wish you a restful June holiday and we look forward to seeing our Queenstownians again on Monday, 27 June 2022, for the start of Term 3.

Warmest regards,



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## Ideas for The Next Holiday With Your Children: How Some Spent Theirs During the March Holidays

School holiday is an opportunity to build a positive parent-child relationship. By spending quality time together, it provides dedicated moments where parent and child explore new skills, try out new activities and getting the child to share their experiences after the activity itself..

### Sudhir: "We Were Raising Funds For The Visually Impaired"

Holi is one of the most vibrant and colourful festivals on the Indian calendar of festivities. It is celebrated on the full-moon day of spring on the *Phalguna* month of the Hindu calendar (Feb-Mar).

Typically, entire streets and towns turn into an assortment of colours as people throw coloured powder into the air and splash them on others. Apart from being a spectacular sight, it makes for a great excuse to laugh over getting extremely messy. Aadi took the opportunity of this Holi Festival celebration to make some organic colours and sell it to our neighbours. The money collected, he donated it to the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped. His perception was so that the visually impaired can use the money to "buy eyes", and enable them to see colours the way we do.

### Angeline Wee: "We Went Cycling!"

We love the outdoors. This recent March holidays had me having decided to bring my 3 children to explore a new seaside destination for us - Changi Bay Point, located along the 3.6KM Changi Bay Park Connector. Changi may be a little further away for most, but for anyone with a passion for great views would appreciate the area for its panoramic vistas, in particular, at sunrise.

There were also plenty of sea-facing benches, where we rested our feet, chatted and enjoyed the snacks we brought along. For us, this trip was a true luxury—one that felt joyful, relaxing, and fun.



### Joye Foo: "We Went Go-Karting!"

We had wanted to reduce the children's screen time by bringing them outdoors. This was a unique experience as it was the first time we tried go-karting.

Kayden was really proud of himself when he overtook 3 other drivers during a session. Kaylin shared with us that, although at her own pace, she was delighted to have experienced the thrill of overtaking other drivers.

Play is definitely important as a tool where children can express emotions, foster creativity and learn about social skills as part of their development. Additionally it was a fun way for us to strengthen our relationship with our children, enjoy each others' company and share a slice of that undivided attention.