



# QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## AN OPEN LETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As the 2025 school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all staff, to express our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support. Your partnership in nurturing and enriching your child's learning journey at Queenstown Primary School has been truly meaningful, and we are deeply grateful for your continued trust and collaboration.

### In Celebration

#### MOE Service Excellence Award 2025

2. The MOE Service Excellence Award recognises MOE staff who are passionate in their service delivery, consistently serve internal and external customers with C.A.R.E. (Courtesy, Accessibility, Responsiveness and Effectiveness) and inspire their colleagues to do likewise. We would like to congratulate the following staff for achieving the MOE Service Excellence Award 2025:

Awardees	Award
Heng Meow Hoon	Gold
Wong Yew Kuan	Gold
Dahliah Binte Hussin	Silver
Hong Huishan Julie	Silver
Jevon See Chong Yuan	Silver
Lu Wei	Silver
Mahjewari D/O Rajeswari Uthirapathy	Silver
Ng Chee Kain	Silver
Ng Wee Li	Silver
Noorjehan D/O Mn Ibrahim	Silver
Siti Nur Sabrina Binte Dawood	Silver
Wan Hameezah Binte Mohamed Said	Silver
Yeo Chee Wee	Silver
Yip Li Xuan, Sarah	Silver
Zaheedah Bee Bte Mohd Samsudin	Silver

#### Academy Awards (AA) for Professional Development 2025

3. The Academy Awards (AA) for Professional Development recognise and affirm the efforts of officers in the education service and partners in education for their contributions to the professional development of the teaching fraternity.

4. We would like to congratulate Mr Leong Sek Kee, Amos, for achieving the *Associate of Academy of Singapore Teachers Award*, for conducting and facilitating workshops on the conduct of music lessons, at both the zonal and national levels.

### **8<sup>th</sup> National Text Recital Competition**

5. We would like to congratulate our Queenstowners who took part in the 8th National Text Recital Competition, jointly organised by the Committee to promote Chinese Language Learning (CPCLL), Pei Hwa Presbyterian Primary School, Chung Cheng High School (Main) and the Singapore Chinese Teachers' Literary Recital Society. The competition aims to raise students' Chinese language reading proficiency, ignite their love for learning the language, and deepen their understanding of the Chinese texts in their textbooks. Please refer to Annex A on pg 6 for our list of award winners.

### **National Chinese Challenge 2025**

6. In March, our Queenstowners performed commendably amongst primary and secondary school students in the National Chinese Challenge 2025. Jointly organized by SPH Media's Chinese Media Group and Nanyang Girls' High School, the competition aimed to cultivate interest in and passion for Chinese language and culture through engaging quizzes and game formats. Please refer to Annex A on pg 6 for the list of award winners.

### **Legoland School Challenge 2025**

7. The Legoland School Challenge is an annual competition open to schools across Asia, featuring a Primary School category for pupils aged 10 to 12 and a Secondary School category for students aged 13 to 17. This year, three of our Queenstowners participated in the competition and emerged as winners in the Junior category. Notably, they are also the first Singaporeans in the competition's history to reach the finals. We are incredibly proud of their outstanding achievement. Please refer to Annex A on pg 6 for the list of award winners.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Admin Day (12 November)**

7. The school has set aside Wednesday, 12 November as Admin Day. This is the day where the school processes the End-of-Year exam results. As all teachers will be involved in the exercise, **all P1 to P6 students need not report to school on this day.**

### **P6 Graduation Party (13 November)**

8. The P6 students will celebrate the completion of their six years of education in QtPS with the P6 Graduation Party on Thursday, 13 November. The party will start at 7.45 am and will be held in the school hall. Please note that the dismissal time for the P6 students will be as usual, at 1.30 pm. There will be a late morning brunch for the students, coupled with fun games and activities to celebrate the occasion. They will report to school in their school uniform and should bring along smart casual attire to change into for the party. Please note that more details will be disseminated to your child/ward via the Form Teachers.

### **Education and Careers Guidance Week (10-14 November)**

9. The Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Week 2025, themed "Build. Create. Change." will be held from 10 to 14 November 2025, with a series of activities designed to inspire students to explore different career pathways and develop future-ready mindsets.

10. Through these activities, we hope to broaden students' awareness of diverse professions, strengthen their understanding of the values and skills needed in the future workplace, and encourage them to embrace adaptability, resilience, and a growth mindset as they navigate their educational and career journeys.

11. During the week, students will participate in engaging activities such as a morning assembly talk by a school alumnus, who will share her education and career journey, and a

Primary 2 classroom sharing session conducted by Parent Support Group (PSG) volunteers. The week will culminate in the Cluster ECG Fair on Friday, 14 November, hosted by Queenstown Primary School, where Primary 6 students from the five schools will interact with professionals and parent volunteers through 15 industry booths and a career sharing segment featuring invited speakers. We seek your support in augmenting your child/ward's learning through discussions about their experiences at home as well.

### **Annual Prize-Giving Day – “Tapestry of Dreams” (20 November)**

12. Prize-Giving Day 2025 aims to celebrate our Queenstowners' achievements, affirm the importance of teamwork and collaboration as well as inspire others to dream big. The theme for this year is 'Tapestry of Dreams' and to honour the event, we have invited Mr Ang Khay Thye, Vice-Chairman of the School Advisory Committee as our Guest-of-Honour.

13. Prize-Giving Day will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2025 from 8.00 am to 9.30 am. All P3 to P5 students will report to the school hall, while the P6 students will proceed up to the Gallery. All students will report to school as usual, by 7.30 am. All students are to bring a storybook on that day. **P1 and P2 students are not required to come to school on this day, unless they are prize winners.** Prize Winners and concert performers will report to the designated areas and special rooms at 7.15 am. Students will be dismissed after the event, at about 9.30 am.

14. Kindly make the necessary arrangements to pick your child/ward up after the event. Parents/Guardians whose child/ward takes the school bus will not need to make alternative transport arrangements as **the school bus services will be operational** that day.

15. Please note that our students' photographs/ videos will be published on the school's website and social media platforms after Prize-Giving Day. If you would prefer that your child's/ward's photographs/videos are not published, please inform the school by 7 November 2025 via email or a call to the General Office.

### **P1 Orientation (21 November)**

16. We are excited to welcome our newest Queenstowners to the QtPS family! The P1 Orientation will be held on **Friday, 21 November 2025**. During the session, our incoming Primary 1 students will get a glimpse of school life at QtPS and take part in engaging classroom activities, where they will have the chance to meet their new classmates and teachers. If you are a P1 (2026) parent, please refer to the P1 Orientation Invitation letter dated 21 October, for more details.

## **General Information**

### **The Caring Teacher Awards 2026**

17. Since 1996, the Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) have recognised educators who go beyond classroom instruction—those who touch lives through unwavering care, compassion, and commitment to their students' holistic development. Organised biennially by the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and supported by ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and the Ministry of Education, the CTA honours teachers who exemplify what it truly means to nurture not just minds, but hearts.

18. We would like to encourage you to nominate teachers who have made a lasting difference through their dedication to the academic, social, emotional, and mental well-being of their students for the 2026 Caring Teacher Awards. Submission of nomination forms will

close on 31 December 2025. For more information, please visit <https://www.cta.nie.edu.sg>. Let us celebrate the teachers who shape resilient, confident learners for a better tomorrow.

### **Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2026**

19. The Outstanding Youth in Education Award seeks to recognise excellent young teachers for their youthful idealism, energy, enthusiasm and active involvement in the development of youths. The OYEA is open to teachers aged 35 and below, and who are presently in service. Nominations for the OYEA 2026 are now open and will close on 10 January 2026. You are encouraged to submit your nomination for any of our eligible teachers via the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/oyea2026>.

### **President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2026**

20. The President's Award for Teachers recognises excellent educators for their dedication and hard work in developing our young. These educators are role models for the fraternity and inspire students through their words and deeds. Nominations for PAT 2026 are now open and will close on 9 January 2026. You are encouraged to submit your nomination for any of our teachers via the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/oyea2026>.

### **Last Day of School for 2025 and First Day of School Arrangements for 2026**

21. The last day of school for P1 and P2 students will be 19 November 2025, unless they are receiving awards on Prize Giving Day, 20 November 2025. The last day of school for P3 to P6 students will be 20 November 2025.

22. P1 (2026) students will report on the first day of school on Friday, 2 Jan 2026, while the P2 to P6 (2026) students will report to school on Monday, 5 Jan 2025.

### **Change of School Hours for 2026**

23. **Beginning in 2026, the school hours will be standardised from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. daily**, including Wednesdays, which currently end at 1.15 p.m. This adjustment creates consistency throughout the week, and allows us to enhance our curriculum delivery to create more meaningful learning experiences for your children. We seek your understanding and continued support as we implement this change.

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

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



### **Connect with us**

25. 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>	

### **Concluding Remarks**

26. As our Primary 6 students prepare to begin a new chapter beyond Queenstown Primary School, we celebrate not only how far they have come, but also who they have become. Their years here have been filled with curiosity, courage, laughter, and learning. These are moments that have shaped their character and strengthened their hearts. As they move forward, we hope they continue to stand tall with confidence, think with discernment, care deeply for others, and lead with integrity. We believe that the values they have embraced at Queenstown will always be their compass, guiding them through life's many adventures.

27. To our P6s, thank you for leaving your mark on our school. Go forth with kindness, stay true to who you are, and know that you will always have a home here at Queenstown.

28. As we approach the end of this school year, I find myself deeply grateful for the journey of my first year at Queenstown Primary School. It has been a year marked by meaningful partnership and collaboration, made possible by the incredible warmth and support from our students, staff, and parents. The vibrant sense of community that is so characteristic of Queenstown has been both heartening and inspiring, providing a wonderful foundation for the exciting developments ahead.

29. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Max Chua Thian Keong, who will join us as our new Vice-Principal at the end of the year. He is currently Vice-Principal at Anglo-Chinese School (Primary), and together with our dedicated team, we will continue our shared commitment of developing every child to thrive as both a learner and a responsible global citizen.

Warmest regards,  
Mrs Olivia Cheong  
Principal

Annex A- Winners of 8<sup>th</sup> National Text Recital Competition

Name	Class	Category	Award
Goh Rui Han	3 Courage	Lower Primary Individual	Silver
Goh Rui En	4 Care	Upper Primary Individual	Silver

National Chinese Challenge 2025

Name	Class	Category	Award
Han Yi	5 Honesty	华文大比拼 2025	个人优异奖 (Individual Prize)

Legoland School Challenge 2025

Name	Class	Category	Award
Lim Xuan Yi Harper	1 Creativity	Junior	Winner
Jordan Teo Kai Shen	3 Courage	Junior	Winner
Lim Xuan Er, Heraldine	3 Joy	Junior	Winner