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AN OPEN LETTER JULY 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings to you at the start of a brand new term! It is our pleasure to get in touch with you again after the month-long school holiday. We hope you have had a good break and a wonderful time bonding with your child/ward.

Updates

Staff Movement

2. **Farewell:** We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Ms Natasha Quek (Level Head/ English Language) for her service, contribution, and commitment to the students of QtPS. We would also like to express our appreciation to Mrs Al Amin (Tamil Language Teacher) and Mr Chester Lim (Special Needs Officer) who have left the school. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

3. **Welcome:** We also extend a warm welcome to the new members of the QtPS family.

- Mdm Tjong Min Cui, Art Teacher
- Ms Lim Wen Xuan Venus, English and Mathematics Teacher
- Ms Vani Chawla, English and Mathematics Teacher
- Mr Teo Chee Tat, Chinese Language Teacher
- Ms Yang Jingning, Chinese Language Teacher
- Mr Yang Wenfeng, Chinese Language Teacher

In Celebration...

School of the Arts (SOTA) Primary 6 Creative Writing Competition 2022

4. A number of our P6 students took part in the Primary 6 Creative Writing Competition organised by SOTA. Of the 1 300 students who participated in this nation-wide creative writing competition, we are pleased to announce that Lim Kang Yu from P6 Honesty was selected as one of the Top 50 finalists. Congratulations, Kang Yu!

National Schools Scrabble Game e-Series 2022

5. Students from our Scrabble Club CCA took part in the above competition. The competition provided a platform for students to interact with like-minded enthusiasts and to share the finer points of the game with players from other primary schools. Congratulations to these winners and well done! The winners are:

Name	Class	Division	Category	Award
Lim Kang Yu	P6 Honesty	S1 (P6)	Cup	3rd Place, Bronze
Lucas Goh Jun Wei	P6 Honesty	S1 (P6)	Cup	5th Place, Merit
Ethan Chia Shiang Yu	P6 Joy	S1 (P6)	Bowl	2nd Place, Silver
Kylea Tan	P5 Joy	S2 (P5)	Plate	1st Place, Gold
Muthukrishnan Govindan	P5 Honesty	S2 (P5)	Plate	4th Place, Bronze
Choong Tze Wei Cameron	P5 Honesty	S2 (P5)	Plate	6th Place, Merit

Hwa Chong Info-communications Challenge (HCIC) 2022

6. Kyran Tan Kai Loon from P6 Honesty took part in the above competition and was awarded a silver medal. Congratulations, Kyran!

Mathematics Olympiad Competitions

7. A number of our Queenstowners have taken part in Mathematics Olympiad competitions over the last few months. We would like to congratulate our Critical Thinkers on their excellent performance! Well done! Please refer to Annex A for our list of award winners.

Upcoming Events...

QtPS Learning Extravaganza Open House (e-LEOH)

8. The school's annual Learning Extravaganza Open House serves to share with all our existing and potential partners in education, the school's efforts in providing a holistic education for all our students. This year, the school will be holding the LEOH in a hybrid format. QtPS student ambassadors comprising of Prefects and Lower Primary students will be hosting some preschool students and teachers from 29 June to 1 July, engaging them with exciting school tours and showing them snippets of the invigorating life in QtPS. Come 2 July 2022, join us in a live webinar where you get to interact with our Principal, teachers and students! Should you know any parent who is keen to find out more about our school, please do encourage them to visit our e-LEOH website and join our live webinar. For more information regarding the live webinar and LEOH, please access our school website at <https://queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/e-open-house-2022> or refer to the poster below.



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ONWARD TO SUCCESS

E-OPEN HOUSE 2022

JULY 2 | 9-10 A.M.

- Live Sharing Sessions
- Chat with Students and Teachers Live on Zoom
- Videos Showcasing School Programmes

Register now through this QR code!

www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg

www.facebook.com/qtps.sg

Youth Day School Holiday (3 July)

9. As Youth Day (3 July) falls on a Sunday, the following Monday, 4 July 2022 will be a scheduled school holiday. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 5 July 2022.

Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday (9 July)

10. As Hari Raya Haji (9 July) falls on a Saturday, the following Monday, 11 July 2022 will be a scheduled school holiday. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 12 July 2022. QtPS would like to wish all our Muslim students, staff and their families a holy and joyful celebration. Selamat Hari Raya Haji!

National Education (NE) Show 2022 for P5 Students

11. As part of our NE programme, each batch of our P5 students will attend the NE Show. Since 1997, the NE Show has been organised to instil a sense of pride and belonging in our students and to bring across the significance of our National Day. Every year, the National Day Parade (NDP) full dress rehearsal provides an opportunity to inculcate NE values in our students. Our P5 students are once again privileged to be part of this celebration after a two-year curtailment. All P5 students are strongly encouraged to attend the NE Show. Details of the NE Show will be given in a separate letter to all parents of P5 students in due course.

e-Learning Day and P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations (21 to 22 July)

12. As our P1 to P5 students will be engaged in e-Learning, they will not be required to attend school on 21 to 22 July. Please refer to our Google Site (<https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/elearning-queenstown-primary/home>) on 20 July for specific class instructions.

13. Our P6 students will be coming to school as they will be having their Preliminary English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations on 21 and 22 July. P6 students will be given separate instructions on their reporting time in due course.

Racial Harmony Day

14. Racial Harmony Day (RHD) will be commemorated in school on Monday, 19th July 2022. The theme for this year's RHD is 'Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic'. Class-based activities will encourage students to build friendships with people from all ethnic communities and appreciate the diversity across the different cultures. Queenstownians will learn to understand the importance of values like respect and empathy in their daily interactions with others. Students are encouraged to join in the commemoration by coming to school in the ethnic costumes of the four official races of Singapore on that day.

General Information...

Safe Management Measures for Students

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

16. 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:

- Resumption of morning assembly in the School Hall. The schedule for the respective levels is as follows:
 - P1 – P3: Every Tuesday and Friday
 - P4 – P6: Every Monday and Thursday
 - Students will report to their classrooms on the days that their level is not reporting to the Hall for assembly

17. 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 Wednesday
- Fixed seating plan in groups
- Frequent handwashing and wipe-downs of personal spaces

18. 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.

19. 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.

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

20. Our July 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...

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>QtPS Facebook Page</p>

Concluding Remarks...

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed that as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes, she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

*Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"
 "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," the daughter replied.*

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked her daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, Mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity—boiling water, but each had reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Adapted from <http://sites.edb.utexas.edu/resilienceeducation/inspiring-stories/a-carrot-an-egg-and-a-cup-of-coffee/>

22. For Term 3, our school will be focusing on the school value of Resilience. Resilience is having the ability to recover quickly from setbacks and press on. As our partners at home, do encourage your child/ward to be like the coffee beans, i.e., when faced with difficulties or challenges, he/she will work on changing the situation around him/her, to keep going, and not to give up.

Warmest regards,



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Annex A:

Mathematics Olympiad Competitions

1. The awardees for the Singapore Math Kangaroo Contest (SMKC) 2022 are:

Name	Class	Award
Kim Hyunu	6 Joy	Perfect Score
Kenji Tan Kai Joon & Tan Yu Le Andreas	3 Creativity	Gold
Tan Yi An	3 Diligence	
Wang Fengshou Paul & Nayaka Hajadi	5 Honesty	
Lam Pei Xuan, Joanne	5 Joy	
Xavier Yue	6 Honesty	
Oh Zhi Kai, Ethan	2 Creativity	Silver
Wu Zhi'en Caleb	3 Creativity	
Ng Sheng En & Kelton Tjeng	3 Joy	
Brendan Yeo Joon Han	4 Courage	
Chew Zhe Yu Adam	4 Diligence	
Sim Xin Yi & Dylan Teo Zhe Xiang	4 Honesty	
Fu Haozhe & Gracelyn Chia Sihui	5 Honesty	
Fu Yunxuan & Eleanor Lai Rui Huan	5 Joy	
Liu Boxuan & Emily Li Wei Tong	6 Honesty	
Samuel Pascal Aswinatha	6 Joy	
Ow Yong Shao & Joel Bong Hong Jun	2 Respect	Bronze
Dou Zichen, Seah Kai Jun Leo, Katelyn Minerva Tjie, Chan Kai Xuan Shane & Leo Wang Jun	3 Courage	
Tan Jia En	3 Creativity	
Chan Kai Sheng Scott	3 Diligence	
Alden Tan Xin Kai	3 Honesty	
Aiesec Lee Tsuen Jin	4 Care	
Xu Le	4 Courage	
Tan Ming Ze, Kelly Ch'ng Yen Qi & Jaeyen Law	4 Creativity	
Chen Kai Er Claire	4 Diligence	
Ng Wei Zhe Dylan & Poh Hui Xin Grace	4 Honesty	
Jerline Lee Jia En	4 Joy	
Lee Rui Zhe	5 Courage	
Kaung Linn Thant, Li Xingye Ryan, Lim Khye Teng, Damian, Aura Nagpal, Cho Kyu Jin, Hon Ding Wang Duncan, Lee Yeonwoo & Muthukrishnan Govindan	5 Honesty	
Aurelius Li, Loh Xing Chen, Jared Chong En Ze, Jaden Seah Wee Hong & Caris Lee Cai Xuan	5 Joy	
Goh Yan Feng, Gabriel Constantine Chan, Duong Chau Anh, Francesco Kai Ryuu Chan Demeglio, Lim Kang Yu & Teo Zheng Yu, Drake	6 Honesty	
Wang Vince Georgian, Lai Kai Xin Valery, Soon Ray & Teo Wei Jaan	6 Joy	
He Mingxuan Lucas	2 Care	Honourable Mention
Arielle Liew Shu En	2 Honesty	
Tan You Yee	2 Joy	
Tan Ying Zhao Darrel	3 Creativity	
Lim Jia Ler, Renfred	3 Diligence	

Arieh Libedinsky	3 Honesty	
Brandon Chen Yihan	4 Care	
Zhang Xinyu	4 Creativity	
Chan Yi Xuan @ Tan Yi Xuan & Liu Yimeng	4 Diligence	
Li Yanling Laticia, Liu Xuanrui, Ezekiel Sim Sheng Yi & Yeo Tien Yu	4 Honesty	
Madeleine Audrey Chandra	4 Joy	
Foo Fang Kai Josiah, Levi Lee Song En, Rick Low Kah Ee, Jaron Lim & Han Dohyun	5 Honesty	
Upasana Singh, Quinton Tjia Ding En, Fu Junhao & Kylea Tan	5 Joy	
Yap Zi Tao, Ding Zhi Jie Aden & Kyran Tan Kai Loon	6 Honesty	

2. The awardees for the Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) 2022 are:

Name	Class	Award
Meng Rongxuan	6 Honesty	Gold
Wang Fengshou Paul	5 Hon	Silver
Xavier Yue	6 Honesty	Silver
Duong Chau Anh & Goh Yan Feng	6 Honesty	Bronze

3. The awardees for the Singapore & Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) 2022 are:

Name	Class	Award
Tian Longhan	2 Diligence	Gold
Ishanvi Sharma, Dou Zichen & Seah Kai Jun Leo	3 Courage	
Tan Jia En & Tan Yu Le Andreas	3 Creativity	
Tan Yi An	3 Diligence	
Kelton Tjeng	3 Joy	
Aiesec Lee Tsuen Jin	4 Care	
Chew Zhe Yu Adam	4 Diligence	
Ng Wei Zhe Dylan	4 Honesty	
Wang Fengshou Paul & Kaung Linn Thant	5 Honesty	
Samuel Pascal Aswinatha & Kim Hyunu	6 Joy	
Jaydius Lee Jun Feng	2 Courage	Silver
Oh Zhi Kai, Ethan	2 Creativity	
Joel Bong Hong Jun & Ow Yong Shao	2 Respect	
Leo Wang Jun	3 Courage	
Kenji Tan	3 Creativity	
Chan Kai Sheng Scott	3 Diligence	
Looi Jhe Shin	4 Care	
Jerline Lee Jia En	4 Joy	
Lee Rui Zhe	5 Courage	
Li Xingye Ryan	5 Honesty	
Lam Pei Xuan, Joanne	5 Joy	
Wang Vince Georgian	6 Joy	
Arielle Liew Shu En	2 Honesty	Bronze
Wu Zhi'en Caleb	3 Creativity	
Lim Jia Ler, Renfred	3 Diligence	
Arieh Libedinsky	3 Honesty	

Brandon Chen Yihan	4 Care	
Xu Le & Brendan Yeo Joon Han	4 Courage	
Zhang Xinyu, Tan Ke Yun & Jaeyen Law	4 Creativity	
Yeo Tien Yu	4 Honesty	
Levi Lee Song En, Jaron Lim, Lee Yeonwoo, Fu Haozhe, Muthukrishnan Govindan, Nayaka Hajadi & Lim Khye Teng, Damian	5 Honesty	
Fu Yunxuan, Aurelius Li, Upasana Singh, Krishnaswaroop Began & Yim Yebin	5 Joy	
Goh Yan Feng, Xavier Yue, Emily Li Wei Tong, Lim Kang Yu & Yap Zi Tao	6 Honesty	
Xie Bao Anthony	2 Creativity	Honourable Mention
Chan Kai Xuan Shane, Katelyn Minerva Tjie, Tien Yun Yi & Reuven Skye Lim Jia Le	3 Courage	
Tan Zhiyuan Angela	3 Creativity	
Hector Goh Jie En	4 Care	
Song Qian Yu	4 Courage	
Khoo Min Xuan & Yong Minho	4 Creativity	
Anne Liew Shu Xian, Aw Zhi Han, Chan Yu Xuan @ Tan Yi Xuan & Liu Yimeng	4 Diligence	
Dylan Chua Qi Le	4 Joy	
Cho Kyu Jin & Trinh Bao Phong	5 Honesty	
Jared Chong En Ze & Rayyan Faaris Bin Ahmad Fidayat	5 Joy	
Duong Chau Anh	6 Honesty	
Kendric Hwang Wei Yi, Lin Jingyi Joy & Teo Wei Jaan	6 Joy	

4. Congratulations to all our winners! Your achievement is a testimony of your resilience. Well done!