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## AN OPEN LETTER AUGUST 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings! The month of August is a special month as we celebrate Singapore's 57th National Day.

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

#### **Track & Field National Schools Games**

2. Our Queenstown, Ng Tien Ern Ian of 5 Honesty, who is also a member of a local athletics club, made us proud by coming in second place in the Junior Boys 1000m event. He beat 53 other runners with a time of 3:40.21 min to claim the silver medal. Congratulations Ian for flying the Queenstown flag high!

#### **Go Academy Cup National Online Go Championship 2022**

3. 15 members from our Weiqi Club represented our school in the Go Academy Cup National Online Go Championship 2022 (May Edition) on 28th May and 29th May 2022. Congratulations to these winners and well done! Please refer to Annex A for our list of award winners.

#### **Community in Nature (CIN) Schools Award 2022**

4. Team QtPS recently received the Community in Nature (CIN) Schools Award 2022 (Merit). This award is a biennial recognition scheme to acknowledge educational institutions, educators and students who advocate for the conservation of local biodiversity.

5. Our school was recognised for our holistic Applied Learning Programme, Environmental Project-based Learning @ Queenstown Primary School (E-PBL@QtPS), which nurtures environmentally literate students who are knowledgeable about brown, blue and green issues. More details can be found in the e-booklet (page 37) at:

<https://www.nparks.gov.sg/-/media/cinsa-2022-ebooklet-4mb.ashx?fbclid=IwAR1n7vYpHfk0m9W6f88bSdOoMIzUeux0h81YD74ID2s23x84096DzUAZfFw>

QtPS Eco-stewards, let's continue to play our part in protecting the environment and taking action for positive change!

#### **J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2021**

6. Our Boys' Brigade (BB) CCA achieved the Gold Honour Roll in the J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2021. 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!

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

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

7. As our P1 to P5 students will be engaged in e-Learning, they will not be required to attend school on 15 to 16 August. Please refer to our Google Site (<https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/elearning-queenstown-primary/home>) on 14 August (after 6pm) for specific class instructions.

8. Our P6 students will be coming to school as they will be having their PSLE English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations on 15 to 16 August. P6 students will be given separate instructions on their reporting time in due course.

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

9. QtPS will be celebrating Singapore's 57th birthday on Monday, 8th August 2022! Our exciting celebrations will include a mini concert as well as classroom activities, all focusing on the theme for National Day 2022, 'Stronger Together, Majulah'. As there will be no recess break for the students, the school will be providing each student with a bun. 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 the following timings on Monday, 8th August 2022:

Level	Dismissal Time
Primary 1, 2 and 3	10.30 am
Primary 4, 5 and 6	10.35 am

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

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

### ***General Information...***

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

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

13. 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

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

- **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 or after Day 7 1200 hrs.
- **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.

15. 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

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



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

17. Our August 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...***

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

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

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

*Peter had been swimming since the age of 3. He had won many medals in swimming events since then and was given the nickname 'Dolphin'. His dream was to win an Olympic medal for his country.*

*One day Peter, and his father were travelling in a car to participate in a swimming event. While driving, their car met with an accident. Both he and his father were severely injured.*

*They were admitted to a nearby hospital. Sadly, Peter's father died due to a severe head injury, while Peter lost both his hands.*

*It took some days for him to regain consciousness. Hearing that his father was no longer with him, and the pain of losing both his hands shattered his dream.*

*After three months of treatment, Peter returned home. The void created by his father's death haunted him.*

*The days soon passed. One day, he came across an old poster crafted by his father saying, "Proud to be Peter's father. One day my son will win the Olympic medal!" Seeing this, Peter cried loudly. His mother consoled him.*

*She said, "Peter, your father always wanted you to achieve big in swimming, and I am sure you are going to fulfil his dreams."*

*He replied, "Mom, how can I? Can't you see me?"*

*She said, "This is not the end of the world. Go and find a way to achieve your dream. There is always a way, my Dolphin."*

*Peter then started exploring the path to achieve his dream and set winning a medal at the Paralympics as his target. Initially, it was very difficult for him during the training, but he was resilient and trained hard.*

*Peter started participating in the para swim events. He slowly progressed and kept breaking his records. Then, he started winning the events. After two years of hard work, he got selected to represent his country at the Paralympics.*

*Peter participated and won two gold medals and one silver medal for his country. He even broke two world records at the Paralympics.*

*After he returned from the Paralympics, he said to his mother, "Mom, I've fulfilled Dad's dream, but this is not the end!"*

*Peter went on to win multiple medals at the next Paralympics.*

*Adapted from <https://winnersstory.com/short-stories-about-resilience-1/>*

19. Resilience is one of the essential life skills we aim to nurture in our students. When they encounter adversity, let's encourage them to face it bravely and never give up.

Warmest regards,



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Annex A:

**Go Academy Cup National Online Go Championship 2022**

1. The awardees are:

Elementary Category:

Name	Class	Award
Hayden The Zhong Wei	3 Care	Gold
Dou Zichen	3 Courage	Bronze
Yong Min Ho	4 Creativity	
Lam Ho Peng	4 Diligence	
Nyan Jie Kai	4 Joy	
Chen Wen	5 Joy	Bronze Award & Top 3 for the female award (3rd Place)
Lin Tze Ran	3 Creativity	Consolation
Chen Pinyan Benjamin	3 Honesty	
Sim Xin Yi	4 Honesty	
Li Xingye Ryan	5 Honesty	
Caris Lee Cai Xuan	5 Joy	

Intermediate Category:

Name	Class	Award
Lee Yu Han	6 Honesty	Consolation
Fang Yueting	6 Joy	

Advanced Category:

Name	Class	Award
Quinton Tjia Ding En	5 Joy	Gold
Gracelyn Chia Sihui	5 Honesty	Silver and Top 3 for the female award (3rd)

Dan Certification Category:

Name	Class	Award
Quinton Tjia Ding En	5 Joy	8th position



## Let's Go On A Quest

Close to 30 families joined us for our Walking Trail Quest from QtPS to Marina Bay on a beautiful Saturday morning on the 16<sup>th</sup> July. Families that took part followed a designated trail along Alexandra Canal Park that ended at Fullerton. To make the 'quest' more challenging, groups had to complete a set of trivia and quiz questions. Many smiling faces and laughter were captured on photographs along with backdrops of Alexandra Park Connector, Robertson Quay, Clarke Quay, Boat Quay and Queen Elizabeth Walk. It proved to be a fun experience as everyone learnt more about the beauty and history of Singapore as a family. We have more exciting events coming up - stay tuned!



## Parenting Tips

As parents, we strive to nurture, protect and guide our children through each stage of their lives. However, it's not always a smooth and easy path. As they grow and develop, there are times when our kids display undesirable or unexplainable behaviour—and we don't always know how to help them when they struggle.

While these parenting pains can be frustrating, there are positive parenting tips on how to stay calm and encourage more acceptable behaviour.

Positive parenting focuses on teaching children what type of behaviour is acceptable. These techniques help to get the desired behaviour we want and allow our children to become mentally healthier and better adjusted.

### Give your child lots of nurturing physical attention

It seems simple, but children like hugs, cuddles and holding hands. Show them the affection they desire. If they aren't overly affectionate, that's okay. Know how your child likes to be nurtured and comforted.

### Offer a variety of activities for them to do

Children are more likely to misbehave when they are bored, so provide lots of engaging indoor and outdoor activities for your child such as reading, games, puzzles and nature walks, etc.

