

1 February 2023

AN OPEN LETTER FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Season's greetings! I hope that you have had a wonderful time with your families over the Lunar New Year holiday last month. As we welcome a new month, my staff and I are pleased to see that our students are enjoying their time and creating positive memories in school. This month, we look forward to having you for our Briefing for Parents, through which we hope to share important information about our school with you.

Upcoming Events...

Briefing for P1 to P6 Parents

2. Parents / Guardians, you are our very important partners because you play an important role in supporting our students in the learning and development process at home. As such, we would like to invite you to our annual Briefing for Parents on Saturday, 11 February. The objectives of this briefing are to keep you informed of school matters, as well as for you to meet up with your child's/ward's Form Teachers.

3. The details for the briefing are as below:

For Parents/ Guardians of Primary 1 & 2 Students	For Parents/ Guardians of Primary 3 & 4 Students	For Parents/ Guardians of Primary 5 & 6 Students
<u>8.00 am to 9.00 am</u> Briefing by School Leaders & Key Personnel in the Hall (Level 2) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE and Discipline Matters • Holistic Education and Queenstown Outcomes (QTOs) • Curriculum and Assessment Matters (English Language, Mathematics and Mother Tongue Languages) • PAL and CCA Fair 	<u>9.30 am to 10.15 am</u> Interaction with/ Briefing by Form Teachers in your child's/ward's respective classroom	<u>8.15 am to 9.00 am</u> Interaction with/ Briefing by Form Teachers in your child's/ward's respective classroom
<u>9.15 am to 10.00 am</u> Interaction with/ Briefing by Form Teachers in your child's/ward's respective classroom	<u>10.30 am to 11.30 am</u> Briefing by School Leaders & Key Personnel in the Hall (Level 2) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE and Discipline Matters • Subject-Based Banding • Curriculum and Assessment Matters (Science and Higher Mother Tongue Languages) • CCA Matters 	<u>9.15 am to 10.15 am</u> Briefing by School Leaders & Key Personnel in the Hall (Level 2) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 PSLE results and PSLE Scoring • Subject-Based Banding • Direct School Admission • CCE and Discipline Matters • P5 Camp

4. We look forward to meeting you at the briefing session.

Total Defence Day Celebrations (15 February)

5. The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on Wednesday, 15 February, to mark the fall of Singapore to the Japanese on 15 February 1942. This is one of the key historical events that schools commemorate as part of National Education.

6. The theme for this year's Total Defence Day is 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong'. It is a timely reminder that every Singaporean plays a part, individually and collectively, to build a strong, secure and cohesive nation. Classroom lessons and activities will remind our students of the importance of the six key pillars of Total Defence (Military, Civil, Economic, Social, Psychological, and Digital) and help them understand how they can play their part.

P5 Camp

7. In line with the school vision of developing our students to become "Flourishing Individuals, Future Ready Citizens", the school will be organising the cohort camp for all P5 students from Monday, 20 to Wednesday, 22 February at Dairy Farm Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre.

8. The theme of the camp is 'Together, We Thrive'. Camp is a place where students not only learn how to be active participants by asking questions, seeking help and trying new things, but is also an avenue for students to learn to be more independent and to stretch their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive abilities in a setting outside their comfort zone.

9. Through the camp, students will be able to:
- Develop their self-awareness and manage their emotions, actions and well-being
 - Respond to challenging tasks positively
 - Build close relationships with group members and collaborate with each other to achieve common goals.

General Information...

Safe Management Measures for Students

10. As announced by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) on 7 October 2022, children aged 5 to 11 are recommended to receive a booster dose 5 months after they have received their second dose. Booster vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 years began on 25 October. You are reminded to inform your child's/ward's Form Teachers when your child/ward has the vaccination dose or booster shot. Your child/ward will then be excused from strenuous physical activities for the next 2 weeks.

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

- 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

12. 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 an ART.

13. 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)

14. Our February 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...

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

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

Concluding Remarks...

16. As our students embark on their journey of learning here at QtPS, we hope that they learn to embody our four school values- Respect, Resilience, Integrity and Gratitude and we believe that this can only be achieved through a deep understanding of these values. As such, here at QtPS, we explore one value termly. For Term 1, we will be focusing on the value of Respect. Respect is the glue that holds relationships together and through the cultivation of this value, students can build feelings of trust and safety and learn to value others who are not only like-minded, but also different from them. Parents, as our partners in your child/ward's development, do help us to reinforce this message of respect at home.

17. I would like to conclude the letter with this meaningful quote by Laurence Sterne.

"Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners."

Warmest regards,

Ms Pearly Ng
Principal
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Back to School with Dad 2023

We hoped to encourage Fathers to play a more active role in their children's schooling journey. Our Fathers@QtPSG is back in action on 4th January, having organised a "Back to School" welcome for our students as they return to school and accompanied by their Fathers.

"Back to School with Dad" has its history started by the Centre for Fathering in conjunction with "DADs for Life" initiative, which aims to encourage fathers to accompany their children to school on the first two days of a new school year. This serves to help reassure children of their interest and involvement over their academic journey.

Our Fathers gave out copies of the "Back to School with Dad" card, which was designed for fathers to write a note of affirmation and encouragement, placed discreetly for their children to discover for themselves. We were delighted to have our Queenstown Grassroots' Advisor Mr Eric Chua sparing his time early in the morning to join us for this meaningful event. Each picture reflected the happy opportunity to engage him.

We even had a poll, asking students how they felt returning to school. Were they Nervous, Sad or Excited? Guess what most of them indicated?



"Unconditional love is loving your kids for who they are, not for what they do... it isn't something you will achieve every minute of everyday. But it is the thought we must hold in our hearts every day."

– Stephanie Marston

QtPSG continues to strive to provide avenues for parents to bond with their children, to assist at enriching our children's experience during their time at QtPS and to create memories. Working together as parent and child builds a sense of trust, patience, and a deeper understanding of each other's strengths. Often, we as parents also get a glimpse of new talents in our children during these bonding activities.

We hope to organise more diverse events, so stay tuned and please join in at our events! Better yet, come contribute your time and effort as a Parent Volunteer Just scan the QR code to express your interest.



QtPSG Exco Committee 2023

Existing

1. Ice Sherry Lee (Chairperson)
2. Joye Foo (Vice-Chairperson)
3. Mary Lau (Treasurer)
4. Sophia Leong (Marcomm Advisor)
5. Jasline Khor (Marcomm, Social Media)
6. Serene Yeo (Marcomm, Website Advisor)
7. Loretta Yeo (AM Read)
8. Louie Tai (Fathers @QtPSG)

New – Welcome!

1. Kelvin Soh (Vice-Chairperson, Marcomm Team Lead)
2. He Dajiang (Chinese Read)
3. Kiran Dadlani (International Friendship Day)
4. Oscar Sanderson (Junior Achievement)
5. Li Wei Wen (Marcomm, CA Manager)
6. Challa Srujana (Marcomm, Website)
7. Law Yock Song (Fathers @QtPSG)
8. Zachary Chua (Fathers @QtPSG)

Vision

We aspire to make a Difference in the lives of our School Community

Mission

To be an effective Partner to the School

To be an engaging Voice for the Parents

To be a caring Team for the Community