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AN OPEN LETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings from Queenstown Primary School. October is the month when Children's Day is celebrated. On this special day, we celebrate our students' unique strengths and talents and with this in mind, our PAM carnival is conceptualised. We know our students will enjoy the day planned. On this day, we also want our students to show gratitude to those who have been nurturing them and bringing them closer to success. Parents / Guardians, you play an important role and we thank you for your partnership in this journey.

Upcoming Events...

Children's Day cum PAM (PE, Art and Music) Carnival

2. The school will be celebrating **Children's Day on Thursday, 6 October**. On that day, all students will report to school as usual at **7.30 am and will be dismissed at 1.30 pm**. All after-school activities such as support programmes and CCAs on that afternoon will be cancelled. Please note that **Friday, 7 October 2022 is Children's Day and a school holiday for all primary schools**. Students will return to school on Monday, 10 October 2022.

3. We would like to wish all Queenstowners a very Happy Children's Day!

PSLE Marking Days (17 to 20 October)

4. The PSLE Marking will be conducted from Monday, 17 October, to Thursday, 20 October, and students should not come to school on these days. Please note that the teachers will be assigning work for students (P1 to P5) to complete at home on these four days. Do refer to our Google Site (<https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/elearning-queenstown-primary/home>) on 16 October (after 6 pm) for specific class instructions.

5. All students will return to school on Friday, 21 October.

Deepavali (24 October) Holiday

6. Monday, 24 October is a public holiday for Deepavali. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 25 October 2022.

7. QtPS would like to wish all Hindu colleagues, students and parents, Happy Deepavali!

General Information...

Inclusion of External Achievements in Students' Holistic Development Progress (HDP) Report

8. If you would like your child's/ward's external achievements (P1 to P5 students only) to be reflected in his/her Holistic Development Progress (HDP) report at the end of the year, please email a scanned copy of the relevant certificates to your child's/ward's Form Teachers. **The deadline for submission is 14 October 2022.**

Safe Management Measures for Students

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

10. 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

11. 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.

12. 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

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



School's Calendar of Events (COE)

14. Our October 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...

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/	 QtPS Facebook Page

Concluding Remarks...

"Gratitude should not be just a reaction to getting what you want, but an all-the-time gratitude, the kind where you notice the little things and where you constantly look for the good, even in unpleasant situations. Start bringing gratitude to your experiences, instead of waiting for a positive experience in order to feel grateful."

Mareliisa Fabrega

16. The quotation above reminds us to be grateful for the things around us. Parents/Guardians, do work with us to nurture an attitude of gratitude in your child/ward. Gratitude is a habit, a way of looking at the world and all the good things in it with a feeling of appreciation, regardless of whether or not our current situation is to our liking. Gratitude helps us to focus on what we have and replaces a sense of what we might be lacking. This will bring about greater contentment in our lives.

Warmest regards,



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Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration



QtPSG ended the September school holidays on high note with a get together for students and parents for a fun Mid-Autumn festivity. The activity-filled event took place at the school's canteen, complete with a 'mooncake and Mid-Autumn' theme.

It was a memorable and non-stop evening, from hands-on making of Snow Skin Mooncakes, Lanterns and Rabbit towels, to the ever popular booth of riddle guessing (猜灯谜). There was food too, with all-time favourites - Tang Yuan, Chinese Tea, Pomelo, Water Caltrop, Taro and traditional Mooncakes!

We capped the evening with a Lantern Tour about the school and a Lucky Draw. Everyone was delighted see our principal and our teachers present throughout and giving out prizes!

Teachers Day Celebration

We were delighted to have been invited by our School Leaders to participate in this year Teachers' Day Celebration.

Teachers play a major role in motivating our children and helping them build their self-esteem, especially during these impressionable years. They provide our children with a support system and encourage them to set and work towards their goals. By inspiring them to dream bigger, Teachers show our children that they have the capacity to change their lives through their own efforts and also make a difference in the lives of those that they come in contact with.



We took this opportunity to put together a mini concert for the Teachers. With 20 Parent Volunteers participating in this mini concert, we showcased a skit where our Exco members and their children played the role of Teachers and Students in the 1980s, Parent Volunteers performed a dance, stretched ourselves with a song segment and played games with our teachers.



What's a Celebration without a Gift?

It took weeks of hard work and co-ordination, but it was all worthwhile when we saw the smiles and happy faces of our Teachers as they soaked in the concert. Besides the concert, we had also prepared a special gift for our Teachers.