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AN OPEN LETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Time flies and we are nearing the end of the academic year for 2022. As the year draws to a close, it gives me and my staff great pleasure to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year and we look forward to your continued support next year.

In Celebration...

MOE Service Excellence Award 2022

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 2022:

Awardees	Award
Mdm Heng Meow Hoon	Gold
Mr See Chong Yuan Jevon	Gold
Mrs Bay-Teoh Wooi Ling	Gold
Mdm Aliah Hanim Binte Mahmud	Silver
Mdm Chng Sok Geok, Christine	Silver
Mdm Dahliah Binte Hussin	Silver
Mdm Goh Shu Fern Jeanna	Silver
Ms Hong Huishan Julie	Silver
Mrs Chia-Kong Su Sze	Silver
Mr Lee Chin Hua Gabriel	Silver
Mr Muhammad A'srie Bin Che Ali	Silver
Mr Muhammad Azuan Bin Ruslan	Silver
Mdm Najumunisha D/O Sahul Hameed	Silver
Mdm Noorjehan Ibrahim	Silver
Mdm Qian Li	Silver
Mdm Siti Faizah Binte Masudi	Silver
Mrs Chen Soon Shan	Silver
Ms Yeoh Mandi	Silver

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) 2022

3. SPSO is a national Science Olympiad competition that aims to generate greater interest in Biology, Chemistry and Physics among Primary school students and nurture their talents in the Sciences. Congratulations, Queenstowners! Well-done! Please refer to Annex A for our list of award winners.

26th National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition

4. A few of our Queenstownians have taken part in the 26th National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition. Congratulations, Queenstownians! Well-done! Please refer to Annex A for our list of award winners.

48th National Schools Translation Competition

5. Quinton Tjia Ding En from P5 Joy took part in the above competition and was awarded the 3rd prize. Congratulations, Quinton!

Upcoming Events...

Admin Day

6. The school has set aside Wednesday, 9 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

7. The P6 students will end their six years of education in QtPS with the P6 Graduation Party on Thursday, 10 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 come to school in their school uniforms 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.

Annual Prize-Giving Day

8. Prize-Giving Day 2022 aims to motivate our students to achieve their personal best in both their academic and non-academic endeavours. It also recognises and celebrates our students' efforts in achieving excellence in the different facets of the holistic education that we seek to provide in QtPS. The theme for this year is "Reach Higher, See Further, Shine Brighter", and to honour the event, we have invited Dr Christine Lee as our Guest-of-Honour.

9. Prize-Giving Day will be held on Friday, 18 November 2022 from 8.00 am to 10.30 am. All P3 to P5 students will report to the School Hall, while the P6 students will proceed up to the Gallery. 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.

10. Please make the necessary arrangements to fetch your child/ward after the event. Parents/Guardians whose child/ward takes the school bus will not need to make alternative transport arrangements for 18 November.

11. Please note that our students' photographs/ videos will be published on the school's website and social media platforms after Prize-Giving Day. Should you not consent to having your child's/ward's photographs/videos published, please inform the school by 11 November 2022.

P6 Art Showcase

12. The annual P6 Art Showcase is a celebration of our students' creativity and achievements. This year, the students will be leaving a legacy to their juniors and future generations of Queenstownians when they graduate. As part of their graduation project, our students revisited the topic of friendship, as they reminisced about the key moments and experiences that had characterised and shaped the bonds they have established in QtPS. Their

unique pieces displayed on our Legacy Wall will tell the stories of their journey in QtPS, so do not miss the chance of seeing the mural when you visit us!

General Information...

Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2023

13. The Outstanding Youth in Education Award seeks to recognise excellent young teachers aged 35 and below for their youthful idealism, energy, enthusiasm and active involvement in the development of youths. OYEA is open to teachers born on or after 30 June 1988, and are presently in service. Nominations for OYEA 2023 are now open and will close on 11 January 2023. You are encouraged to submit your nomination of any of our teachers. Please submit your nomination via the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/oyea2023> or through the QR code below.



President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2023

14. 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 2023 are now open and will close on 11 January 2023. You are encouraged to submit your nomination of any of our teachers. Please submit your nomination via the online form at <https://go.gov.sg/pat2023>, or through the QR code below.



First Day of School Arrangements for 2023

15. Similar to the arrangements in 2021 and 2022, P1 (2023) students will report on the first day of school on Tuesday, 3 Jan 2023, while the P2 to P6 (2023) students will report to school on Wednesday, 4 Jan 2023.

16. While this move was introduced as part of measures to safeguard the well-being of the school community during the COVID-19 pandemic, the arrangements have worked well in helping the P1 students to ease into their new school environment on the first school day, and will continue to be in place moving forward.

Donation of used school uniforms

17. To promote a green and sustainable environment, the school will be collecting the school uniforms which your child/ward has outgrown from Monday, 7 November till Thursday, 10 November. Boxes will be placed in the school canteen for your child/ward to drop off the items. We accept all uniforms which are in good condition. As such, please ensure that the donated uniforms are cleaned and without any stains before you drop them off. Only the shorts/skorts will be collected as we would be using them in the event that our students need a change of uniform during the school day.

Safe Management Measures for Students

18. 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.

19. 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

20. 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.

21. 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)

22. Our November 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...

23. 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...

"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."

Walt Disney

24. This is the time for us to bid farewell to our graduating students. Dear P6 students, we would like to leave you with this quote from Walt Disney. Don't ever give up on your dreams as they can come true if you have the courage to pursue them. It has indeed been our honour and pleasure to have witnessed you grow and blossom all these years. We wish you well as you embark on your next phase of education and hope that you will always be true to being a Queenstownner who is a Confident Individual, a Critical Thinker, a Caring Citizen and an Effective Leader, so that you will navigate the future with confidence and conviction. All the best and we will miss you!

25. I would like to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable school vacation, and I look forward to meeting you again in the new academic year.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pearly Ng', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Annex A:

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) 2022

The awardees are:

Name	Class	Award
Aura Nagpal	5 Honesty	Bronze
Han Dohyun	5 Honesty	
Lim Khye Teng, Damian	5 Honesty	
Jaden Seah Wee Hong	5 Joy	
Benedict Matthew Lawrence	5 Courage	Merit
Chua Chi Tiat, Thaddeus	5 Courage	
Kartic Vijayakumar	5 Courage	
Chloe Lynn Annatashya Satyawijaya	5 Honesty	
Choong Tze Wei Cameron	5 Honesty	
Gracelyn Chia Sihui	5 Honesty	
Thota Krishna Nandan	5 Joy	

26th National Primary Schools On-the-Spot Chinese Creative Essay Writing Competition

The awardees are:

Name	Class	Award
Han Dohyun	5 Honesty	1 st Prize
Kawase Mikio	5 Joy	2 nd Prize
Yeo Tien Yu	4 Honesty	Merit