



QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

310 MARGARET DRIVE, SINGAPORE 149303

TEL: 64741044

FAX: 64713640

Email: qtps@moe.edu.sg

School website: www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg

3 February 2022

AN OPEN LETTER

FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Greetings from Queenstown Primary School! I hope that you and your family have had a good time bonding over the Lunar New Year holiday! We are halfway into the new term, and my staff and I are happy that our students have settled well into the school. I hope the Briefing for Parents held on Friday, 21 January 2022 was a useful session for you to get to know more about the school's directions, programmes and highlights. You would also have met your child's/ward's teachers during the class interaction time. I encourage you to keep in close communication with your child's/ward's teachers, so that we can provide a memorable learning experience for your child/ward.

In Celebration...

Outstanding Contribution Award 2021

2. We would like to congratulate our staff on their outstanding contributions to our school in the service of students and education in 2021. Well done and thank you to our dedicated teachers!

3. The awardees of the Outstanding Individual Contribution Award are:

- Mr Lee Chin Hua Gabriel
- Ms Lu Wei
- Ms Siti Sabrina Bte Dawood

4. The awardees of the Outstanding Team Contribution Award (Events and Committee) are:

- General Office Administrative Team
- Prize Giving Day 2020

5. The awardees of the Outstanding Team Contribution Award (Teaching and Learning) are:

- Chinese Language CLT
- English Language CLT (P5-P6)
- Mathematics CLT (P3-P4)
- Science CLT

Upcoming Events...

Total Defence Day Celebrations (14 February)

6. The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on Monday, 14 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.

7. 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. When we are strong, we are able to respond in unity and deal with any crisis. The programme for the day 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 in Total Defence.

General Information...

Safe Management Measures for Students

8. You are strongly encouraged to inform your child's / ward's Form Teachers once your child/ ward has been vaccinated against COVID-19.
9. Heightened Safe Management Measures (SMM) will continue to be carried out to ensure our Queenstown's safety. All students will continue to adhere to the following SMM:
 - Wear masks daily, covering nose, mouth, and chin
 - Visual checks by teachers and school personnel
 - Daily temperature-taking drills
 - Fixed seating plan
 - Maintaining 1m distance between students at all times
 - Frequent hand-washing and wipe-downs of personal spaces
 - Use specific routes to and from the canteen to prevent mixing between levels
 - **Wear TraceTogether Token at all times (daily checks by Form Teachers)**
10. 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 to assess if a confirmatory PCR test is required.
 - 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** and/or **your child / ward** has been issued by MOH the **Health Risk Warning (HRW)**. Your child / ward will be able to return to school with ART- test result each day for the duration of the HRW. Before your child / ward leaves home, please submit daily photo evidence of the ART test results with the kit clearly labelled with your child's / ward's name and the date.

Updating of Student/ Parent/ Guardian Particulars

11. As a school, we must ensure that the addresses, contact numbers and commuter status of all our students are up-to-date so that they can be easily contacted in times of emergency. If there are changes to the particulars of your child or yourself, please contact us at 6474 1044.

Guidelines on photography/ videography

12. Photographs or video images of students or their legal guardians may be taken during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps, school concerts, etc. The school may use such photographs or video recordings in digital learning platforms, live streams, school publications, the school's website, social media channels, or other communication channels. Legal guardians can withdraw consent to the photo/ video being used for publicity by informing the school at qtips@moe.edu.sg. For a request to withdraw consent, the school will process the request within a reasonable time from such a request for withdrawal of consent being made.

Snack Time

13. In addition to recess, students have a designated snack time in class during the school day. Parents / guardians are encouraged to pack a snack for your child / ward every day so that he / she may eat during this time. These should be healthy, dry snacks that are easy to eat while listening in class. As Caring Citizens, students will be required to wipe down their own desks after Snack Time to show care and responsibility for the classroom environment.

Queenstown Primary Parent Support Group (QtPSG) News Bytes

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

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

15. Our February calendar of events can be found on our school website, at <http://queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar-of-events>.



School's Facebook Page

16. To be updated on what has been happening in our school, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/>



QtPS Facebook Page

Concluding Remarks...

Respect Is

*Respect is a consideration for others
Remember we are all sisters and brothers.*

*Respect is putting others ahead of ourself
Thinking less of me and myself.*

*Respect is being polite
In our speaking and what we write.*

*Respect is showing manners that are good
And loving others in our neighbourhood.*

*Respect is compassion for all
Whether they are rich or poor, big or small.*

*Respect is kindness that is shown
Doing it happily without a groan.*

*Respect is demonstrating dignity for those
Even for those that might impose.*

*Respect is being courteous too
It is how you live and what you do.*

- Catherine Pulsifer

17. Our school values are, Respect, Resilience, Integrity, and Gratitude. Each term this year, we will be exploring each of the four values. For Term 1, the value that we are focusing on is

Respect. In QtPS, we believe in cultivating respect in our students, so that they will possess the belief in their own self-worth and the worth of others. As our very important partners at home, do encourage your child/ward by reinforcing his/her positive self-image, and also by reinforcing this message of respect at home.

Warmest regards,

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

Ms Pearly Ng
Principal
Pearly_Ng@schools.gov.sg

NEWS BYTES



Queenstown Primary School Parent Support Group Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2022

As 2021 comes to a close, it's an opportune time to reflect on our second year of living with Covid-19. Despite the challenges, we rolled up our sleeves and tried our utmost to not slow down. 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.

Each is unique and have varying interests; some enjoy dancing together, while others want to whip up a new dish and for some, catching some sunlight outdoors is the way to go.

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 or even at our annual Junior Achievement Programme (JA). Just scan the QR code to express your interest.



"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 every day. But it is the thought we must hold in our hearts every day."

– Stephanie Marston



Get In Touch with us | Email : qtpsgcomm@gmail.com | www.queenstownpsg.org | www.facebook.com/qtpsg