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AN OPEN LETTER FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm wishes to you and your families as the term continues to unfold. It has been a delight to see our children settling confidently into daily routines, filling the school with energy and cheerful chatter. In February, our Queenstown Primary community will come together to celebrate Chinese New Year, a season of happiness, togetherness and tradition. Through vibrant festivities and shared moments, our students will experience the joy of celebrating culture, renewal and the bonds that bring us together as one school family.

Updates

Staff Movement

2. We extend a warm welcome to the new members of the QtPS family.
– Ms Waheeda Ismail (English Teacher)

In Celebration

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2025

3. Our Queenstowners took part in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC) last year. The QCEC is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools. Each year, young people write on a theme that stems from the Commonwealth's values and principles. The theme for 2025 was "Our Commonwealth Journey" which asked entrants to consider the relevance of journeys in a Commonwealth context, whether geographical, historical or personal. Some of our Queenstowners have achieved awards in the competition. Well done! Please refer to Annex A for our list of award winners.

Upcoming Events

Briefing for P5 & P6 Parents/Guardians (5 Feb)

4. Over the last 2 weeks, we met the Parents/Guardians of our P1-P4 students. As mentioned in my January Open Letter, the annual Briefing for P5 & P6 Parents will be held face to face in our QtPS campus on 5 February, 3-4.30pm. The objective of this briefing is to keep you informed and updated on school matters related to your child's/ward's education. More information about the briefing sessions will be made available to you via PG.

Total Defence Day (9 Feb)

5. The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on Monday, 9 February 2026. This year marks 42 years of Total Defence in Singapore, which was introduced in 1984.

6. As part of the commemoration, Queenstown Primary School will involve all students in Exercise SG Ready through a power disruption simulation conducted in classrooms during assembly periods. The simulation aims to help students understand and prepare for possible disruptions that may affect various aspects of our daily lives, such as access to electricity, water,

food supplies, and digital connectivity. Such disruptions may arise due to factors including climate change, geopolitical tensions, protectionism, and increasing digital vulnerabilities.

7. During the exercise, all classroom lights and fans will be switched off for a total period of 45 minutes during the assembly lessons in classes on 9 and 11 February, though the school will assess the situation dynamically based on adjacent construction works and may adjust this arrangement as needed. Through this experience, students will gain first-hand insight into the impact of power disruption. Guided discussions and reflections will then be facilitated by teachers during the FTGP lessons to help students process their learning.

8. Parents and guardians are encouraged to engage your child/ward in conversations about his/her experience and to reinforce the important message that everyone has a role to play in Singapore's Total Defence efforts. You may also wish to remind your child of the QtPS GRACE values — Gratitude, Resilience, Accountability, Care and Empathy — as these values will help prepare them for the exercise.

9. We seek your support in working together to provide our students with an authentic and meaningful learning experience through the power disruption simulation this 2026 Total Defence Day Commemoration.

Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations (16 Feb from 7.30 am to 10.30 am) and Public Holidays (17-18 Feb)

10. QtPS will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on Monday, 16 February. Students are to report to school by 7.30am as usual. This year, we celebrate the Year of the Horse! Students are encouraged to come dressed in their traditional attire/red tops and their school shorts/skorts, school socks, and school shoes. As part of the celebration, students will be dismissed at 10.30 am on 16 February. Please note that there will be no recess, but students may bring their own snacks for snack break.

11. Bus services will be provided for students taking the school bus on that day.

12. Please note that as Tuesday, 17 February and Wednesday, 18 February are public holidays, school will thus resume on Thursday, 19 February. We wish all celebrating Queenstowners and their families a Happy Chinese New Year! To the rest of our Queenstown Family, Happy Holidays!

Safer Internet Day

13. Safer Internet Day 2026 will be observed under the national theme "*Practise Healthy Digital Habits Together*," which encourages students to set boundaries for screen use, think before acting online, report inappropriate content, and seek help from trusted adults. At Queenstown Primary School, we will observe Safer Internet Day in the last week of February, with Cyber Wellness lessons and assembly sharing. Google's Online Safety Park will also be set up for students to visit during recess, complementing our in-school lessons. Parents will receive a Parents Gateway message from MOE on 10 February 2026, and we encourage families to continue these conversations at home as we work in partnership to support our children's digital well-being.

General Information

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

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



Connect 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/	

Concluding Remarks

16. As the term progresses, we continue to ground our work in the values that shape strong individuals and a caring community. Through experiences such as Total Defence Day, our students are guided to show gratitude for those who safeguard our way of life, build resilience in the face of challenges, take accountability for their actions, extend care to others and their surroundings, and practise empathy in everyday interactions. With your continued partnership, we will nurture these values alongside confident learning and positive character growth. We thank you for walking this journey with us, and wish our entire QtPS family a joyful, healthy and prosperous Chinese New Year.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Olivia Cheong
Principal

Annex A- The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2025 (Award Winners)

S/N	Name	Class	Award
1	Ku Qian Rui Adreena	6 Diligence	Gold
2	Peh Xin Yu Leia	5 Courage	Gold
3	Alexander Kai Mcleod Thompson	4 Courage	Gold
4	Pae Daniel Ian	4 Joy	Gold
5	Bai Yuxuan	6 Creativity	Silver
6	Javier Teo	6 Creativity	Silver
7	Lim Xue En, Erynn	6 Creativity	Silver
8	Rasik Nair	6 Creativity	Silver
9	Zheng Yue Han	6 Creativity	Silver
10	Chan Kai Xuan Shane	6 Honesty	Silver
11	Dou Zichen	6 Honesty	Silver
12	Chua Ruo Ning	5 Courage	Silver
13	Gao Lexuan	5 Honesty	Silver
14	Inuki Senarath Arachchige	5 Honesty	Silver
15	Lois Lee Hui En	5 Honesty	Silver
16	Skyler Tan Shao Huan	5 Honesty	Silver
17	Teo Rui Hong	5 Honesty	Silver
18	Liu Daisi	5 Joy	Silver
19	Lucas Chew Yue Cong	5 Joy	Silver
20	Ng Yi Xuan	5 Joy	Silver
21	Aveer Nagpal	4 Care	Silver
22	Rihaan Gupta	4 Care	Silver
23	Toh Lue Yong, Gerard	4 Care	Silver
24	Ethan Seow Wei Jun	4 Courage	Silver
25	Zhong Guanzhi	4 Courage	Silver
26	Lim Yui Hang Callum	4 Creativity	Silver
27	Lim Anyi	4 Joy	Silver
28	Sia Vinod Jaiswal	4 Joy	Silver
29	Anbu Kanimozhi Nethra	6 Creativity	Bronze
30	Chen Jiajun Donovan	6 Creativity	Bronze
31	Kee Teng Hong Clovis	6 Creativity	Bronze
32	Nur Shaistah Binte Ahmad Shahih	6 Creativity	Bronze
33	Reuven Skye Lim Jia Le	6 Creativity	Bronze
34	Ryven Loo Cheok Yeung	6 Creativity	Bronze
35	Sri Hari Thirupathy	6 Creativity	Bronze
36	Foong Jing Wei	6 Diligence	Bronze
37	Guo Zirui	6 Honesty	Bronze
38	Siow Jing Han Ryan	6 Joy	Bronze
39	Soon Jaimee	6 Joy	Bronze
40	Elsa Teo Li En	5 Courage	Bronze
41	Huang Boxuan, Jace	5 Courage	Bronze
42	Viraj Singh	5 Diligence	Bronze
43	Han Yi	5 Honesty	Bronze
44	Ja Tsawm Mai	5 Honesty	Bronze
45	Liu Yihong	5 Honesty	Bronze
46	Xie Bao Anthony	5 Honesty	Bronze
47	Xu Yuxuan	5 Honesty	Bronze

48	Zhang Luxi	5 Honesty	Bronze
49	Claire Siow Yi En	5 Joy	Bronze
50	Giovanni Athaniel Chia	5 Joy	Bronze
51	Iva Baniya	5 Joy	Bronze
52	Joel Bong Hong Jun	5 Joy	Bronze
52	Teo Boon Lue, Ryan	5 Joy	Bronze
54	Aarohi Gupta	4 Courage	Bronze
55	Ong Si Jie, Lauren	4 Courage	Bronze
56	Muhammad Aahil Bin Muhammad Ishaq	4 Creativity	Bronze
57	Chen Kai Jie George	4 Diligence	Bronze