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AN OPEN LETTER

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings from Queenstown Primary School. Our Primary 6 students will be completing their PSLE and my staff and I are confident that they have put in their best effort. We would like to thank you for walking the journey with your child/ward. During the post-PSLE period, the students can look forward to the interesting and meaningful programmes lined up for them. Please note that attendance remains compulsory.

2. October is the month when we celebrate Children's Day. We know our students will enjoy the day planned and we wish all our students a very Happy Children's Day.

In Celebration...

Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) 2024

3. Some of our P5 Queenstowners had taken part in the Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO) organised by NUS High School of Mathematics and Science. We would like to congratulate our Critical Thinkers on their excellent performance! Congratulations, Queenstowners! Well done!

4. The awardees are:

NAME	CLASS	AWARD
Tan Yu Le Andreas	5 Courage	Silver
Kenji Tan Kai Joon	5 Diligence	
Lin Hui'en & Wu Zhi'en Caleb	5 Courage	Bronze
Owen Teh Pei Yong	5 Diligence	

Upcoming Events...

Children's Day Celebration

5. The school will be celebrating **Children's Day on Thursday, 3 October**. There will be no lessons and a celebration has been planned for the students. Students will be engaged in class activities and this special day promises to be a joyous event that will leave them with cherished memories.

6. Students are to report to school by 7.30 a.m. and they will be **dismissed at 10.30 a.m.** Bus services will be provided for students taking the school bus on that day. All afterschool activities such as support programme and CCAs on that afternoon will be cancelled. The Student Care Centre will operate as per normal. Please make the necessary arrangements for your child.

7. Students are required to come in their school uniform and school shoes. They are advised to bring a small bag with the following items:

- Writing materials
- Story book
- Snacks (There will be no recess.)
- Filled water bottle

8. Please note that **Friday, 4 October 2024 is Children’s Day and a school holiday for all primary schools**. Students will return to school on Monday, 7 October 2024.

PSLE Marking Days (14 to 16 October)

9. The PSLE marking exercise will be conducted from Monday, 14 October, to Wednesday, 16 October, and students should not come to school on these days. All students will return to school on Thursday, 17 October.

Deepavali (31 October)

10. Thursday, 31 October is a public holiday for Deepavali. Students will return to school on Friday, 1 November 2024. QtPS wishes all Hindu members of our Queenstown Family a festive Deepavali!

General Information...

Inculcation of Responsibility in Our Students

11. We have observed that when students forget to bring their belongings to school, parents/guardians often deliver these items on their behalf. At QtPS, we strive to nurture responsible future citizens, and we believe that each student should learn to be accountable for their own belongings. Therefore, we kindly discourage you from delivering personal items such as pocket money, books, stationery, water bottles, or food to your child/ward through the General Office or security personnel at the Security Post. However, exceptions will be made for the delivery of essential items such as medication. By allowing students to experience the consequences of forgetting their belongings, we hope to instil a greater sense of responsibility in them. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in supporting this important aspect of their development.

Closure of Public Car Park

12. We have been informed that the public car park adjacent to the school will be permanently closed with effect from Thursday, 31 October 2024. We are currently working with the authorities to extend the deadline till 15 November 2024 (the last day of school for the year), subject to approval. We will provide you with an update in mid-October.

School’s Calendar of Events (COE)

13. Our October calendar of events can be found on our school website, at <https://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar/>



Connect with us

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

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

Concluding Remarks...

15. Our Term 4 School Value, Gratitude, centers around the concept of expressing thankfulness. Allow me to share a story about the power of gratitude with you.

Angela had been looking for a job for a while. She was a bright student and had all the necessary qualifications needed to land her dream job. After several rounds of interviews in a company, only 2 candidates were left- Angela and another candidate. Unfortunately, the other candidate was selected for the position. Though Angela was heartbroken, she took the result very positively and decided to write a thank-you note to the recruiter, thanking them for considering her for the position.

The recruiter was surprised by Angela's note and wrote her a warm reply. Angela was surprised when she received another job offer for her desired position in the same company a few days later. The recruiter had previously mentioned that she would consider Angela if future opportunities arose. As she had been impressed by Angela's thank-you note, she decided to offer her a job when an opportunity arose.

Adapted from: <https://www.vedantu.com/stories/thank-you-story>

16. It is hard to always be grateful, especially when faced with difficult situations. However, as we know from numerous scientific studies on gratitude, developing an attitude of gratitude has a long list of benefits, including making us happier, healthier, more motivated, more productive, and more resilient. We invite you to collaborate with us in fostering a sense of gratitude in your child/ward.

Warmest regards,



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