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AN OPEN LETTER JULY 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings and welcome to another exciting term of learning here at QtPS! We hope that you have had the chance to create many wonderful memories with your child/ward over the past month-long holiday. We also hope that our Muslim students, staff and their families enjoy a holy and joyful Hari Raya Haji celebration. We are pleased to get in touch with you again.

Updates

Staff Movement

2. Farewell: We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the following members for their service and contributions to the QtPS family and wish them the best as they embark on their new journeys.

- Mr Atraju s/o Kannan Ramdas (Vice-Principal)
- Ms Siti Aisah Binte Osman and Mr Radin Muhammad Bin Radin Rafie (Desktop Engineers)

3. Welcome: We are also pleased to welcome the following new members to our QtPS family.

- Mr Gordon Ranjit Maghera (Physical Education Teacher)
- Ms Winnie Tan Boon Leng (Special Education Needs Officer)
- Mr Arivalagan S/O Sivasankaran (Desktop Engineer)

In Celebration

GO Academy Cup National Go Championship 2023

4. On 15 April 2023, our Weiqi CCA students participated in the GO Academy Cup National Go Championship 2023 and performed impressively. Do refer to Annex A on pg 6 for the list of winners.

Singapore- Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS)

5. A number of our Queenstowners took part in the Singapore- Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (SMOPS). We would like to congratulate these students on their commendable performance. Do refer to Annex B on pg 7 for the list of winners.

Acknowledgement and Affirmation

6. We would like to acknowledge and affirm our Term 2 awardees for Value Award (Integrity), Qt Award (Critical Thinker), budding artists, and sports enthusiasts. They were exemplary in their work and attitude and have done well in striving for excellence! We hope that they will keep up the good work and continue to find joy in learning as they head into the new semester. Do refer to Annex C on pg 8-10 for the list of our award winners.

Upcoming Events

QtPS Learning Extravaganza Open House (LEOH) (1 July)

8. QtPS invites all current and potential partners in education to our school's annual Learning Extravaganza Open House 2023 on Saturday, 1 July 2023. This event serves to share the school's efforts in providing a holistic education for our students. This year, we are pleased to be welcoming you back on campus for the event. Our student ambassadors will be sharing some of their learning experiences and you will be able to interact with our school leaders and teachers during the event too. The event will allow visitors to step into the shoes of a QtPS student and live through the meaningful experiences specially curated for their development. Should you know any parent who is keen to find out more about our school, please do direct them to the links in the poster below.

	 <p>Scan to view programme schedule!</p>
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Youth Day School Holiday (3 July)

9. As Youth Day (2 July) falls on a Sunday, the following Monday, 3 July 2023 will be a scheduled school holiday. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 4 July 2023.

National Education (NE) Show 2023 for P5 Students (8 July)

10. Our P5 students will be provided with the opportunity to attend the NE show as part of our National Education programme on Saturday, 8 July 2023. The organisation of the NE show dates back to 1997 in order to instil a sense of pride and belonging in our students and to bring across the significance of our National Day. Every year, the National Day Parade (NDP) full dress rehearsal provides an opportunity to inculcate NE values in our students. All P5 students are strongly encouraged to attend the NE Show. Details of the NE Show will be given in a separate letter to all parents of P5 students in due course.

e-Learning Day and P6 Preliminary Oral Examinations (17-18 July)

11. Our P6 students will be having their P6 Preliminary English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations on the Monday, 17 July and Tuesday, 18 July 2023. P6 students will be given separate instructions and more details on this in due course.

12. In order to provide a conducive examination environment for our P6 students, P1-P5 students will not be required to come to school on **Monday, 17 July and Tuesday, 18 July 2023.**

They will be assigned e-learning tasks instead. More information will be provided by the respective subject teachers in due course.

Racial Harmony Day (21 July)

13. QtPS will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on Friday, 21 July 2023. The theme for this year's RHD is 'Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic.' Queenstowners will learn to understand the importance of values like respect and empathy in their daily interactions with others on this day.

Briefing Sessions on Subject-Based Banding (SBB) for parents of P4 students, and Secondary 1 Posting Exercise for parents of P5&P6 students

14. There will be briefing sessions for parents to provide information on academic matters. This information will help you guide and support your child in their growth and development based on their strengths and abilities.

Please take note of the details for the respective briefings below:

Target Audience	Date	Time	Content	Mode
Primary 4 parents	19 July 2023	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Subject-Based Banding	Zoom
Primary 5 and Primary 6 parents	25 July 2023	1.00pm - 2.00pm	Secondary 1 Posting and Full Subject-Based Banding at Secondary Schools	Online Webinar via Zoom

Do look out for more information which will be shared via Parents' Gateway nearer to the date.

General Information

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

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



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	
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Our School's Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/>



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Concluding Remarks

16. Term 3 will be an eventful term with many student development experiences. Students may also start to feel the rigour and demands of the curriculum this term. To support our students as they continue to learn and grow, we would like to encourage them to embody the value of **resilience** in leading and managing themselves deliberately and mindfully this term. We hope to instill in our students the ability to bounce back quickly from setbacks and struggles while holding on to their core values and beliefs.

Please find below some strategies that you can use to develop resilience in your child:

Be <u>Empathetic</u>	This refers to the capacity of parents to put themselves in the shoes of their children and to see the world through their eyes. What matters most to our children is for their parents to understand what they are going through instead of being upset with or disappointed in them.
Set realistic goals	Guide children in setting attainable goals that align with their abilities and interests. This allows them to experience a sense of accomplishment and help them build confidence along the way.
Help children recognise that <u>mistakes are experiences from which to learn from</u>	Resilient children tend to view mistakes as opportunities for growth and learning while those who are not as hopeful often see mistakes as failures. Emphasise that mistakes are not only accepted, but also expected. Let children know that they are accepted and loved even when they make mistakes. This will inadvertently serve as models for dealing with mistakes and setbacks in the future.
Teach children to <u>solve problems</u> and <u>make decisions</u>	Teach children to solve problems and make decisions. Resilient children define problems, consider different solutions, attempt what they judge to be the most appropriate solutions and learn from the outcome. To reinforce this problem-solving attitude, parents are strongly encouraged to engage their children in thinking about possible solutions instead of offering

	them readily. When children develop their action plans with the guidance of parents, their sense of ownership and control is reinforced.
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Allow me to share with you a short story of resilience. Do challenge yourself to guess who this resilient person might be before you reach the end of the story!

17. *Once upon a time, in the quaint town of Edinburgh, there lived a determined woman. Despite facing financial difficulties and the loss of her mother, she pressed on, writing away in coffee shops, breathing life into the words that she wrote. She created a magical world through her descriptive and interesting style of writing.*

However, when she sent her manuscript to publishers, countless rejection letters piled up. Being resilient, she refused to let them deter her. Finally, her perseverance paid off when a small publishing house, Bloomsbury, recognised the magic within her pages and decided to take a chance on her novel. Her books flew off the shelves once published and the woman became a household name. The world was changed forever. The book captivated readers of all ages, igniting a literary phenomenon like no other.

Despite the overwhelming success that followed, she faced additional obstacles along her journey. Criticism, controversies, and personal struggles threatened to overshadow her accomplishments. Yet, her resilience shone through as she remained unyielding and she continues to create magical worlds that bring joy to millions even today.

This incredible woman's story is a testament to the power of resilience. She teaches us that no matter the challenges we face, with determination and unwavering belief in ourselves, we can overcome any obstacle and create magic in our own lives. Her name? J.K. Rowling.

Adapted from 'How J.K. Rowling went from struggling single mom to the world's most successful author'
<https://www.insider.com/jk-rowling-harry-potter-author-biography-2017-7>

Warmest regards,



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Annex A: List of Award Winners (GO Academy Cup National GO Championship 2023)

Elementary Category:

Name	Class	Award
Mathilda Kho Rui Chen	4 Diligence	Consolation
Lin Tze Ran	4 Creativity	Consolation

Intermediate Category:

Name	Class	Award
Fang Tiancheng	4 Courage	Silver
Yong Minh	5 Honesty	Silver
Lam Hong Jie	5 Diligence	Bronze
Chan Chee Kit Evan	1 Diligence	Bronze
Dou Zichen	4 Courage	Consolation
Caris Lee Cai Xuan	6 Joy	Consolation
Lee Kenzo	6 Courage	Consolation
Cheong Hui Qi Charlene	5 Creativity	Participation
Tan Yi Long Larry	5 Diligence	Participation

Advanced Category:

Name	Class	Award
Chen Wen	6 Joy	Gold Award and Top Female Player Award
Hayden The Zhong Wei	4 Care	Silver
Gracelyn Chia Sihui	6 Honesty	Bronze
Hon Ding Wang Duncan	6 Honesty	Bronze

Kyu Certification Category:

Name	Class	Award
Chan Chee Yong Ethan	3 Care	Bronze

Dan Level Category:

Name	Class	Award
Quinton Tjia Ding En	6 Joy	Consolation

Annex B: List of Award Winners (Singapore-Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools [SMOPS])

Name	Class	Award
Lee Rui Zhe	6 Courage	Silver
Chew Zhe Yu Adam	5 Joy	Bronze
Gracelyn Chia Sihui	6 Honesty	Bronze
Levi Lee Song En	6 Honesty	Bronze
Li Xingye Ryan	6 Honesty	Bronze
Wang Fengshou Paul	6 Honesty	Bronze
Aurelius Li	6 Joy	Bronze
Fu Yunxuan	6 Joy	Bronze
Lam Pei Xuan, Joanne	6 Joy	Bronze

Annex C: List of Award Winners (Values/Qt/Artist/Sportsmanship)

Class	Value Award (Integrity)	Qt Award (Critical Thinker)	Artist of the Term	Sportsmanship Award
1 Care	Yee Ruo Qi	Slyvia Teh Sim Jee	Rudra Mainkar	Muhammad Syakir Bin Suhaimi
1 Courage	Lau Jing Xi	Wen Ruohan	Goh En Yong Joseph David	Lau Jing Hui
1 Creativity	Kwa Bo Xuan	Fun Qi Xin	Gabrielle Lee Yu En	Charlotte Ngu Huey Yin
1 Diligence	Lee Taemin	Oh Zhi Chern, Samuel	Seah Sok Teng, Eleanor	Vetrivel Pream
1 Honesty	Oh Wei Cai, Jannik	Quinnton Yak Jing Heng	Maino Hattori	Chua Yu Han, Hannah
1 Joy	Chan Hui En	Lee Yeonjae	Elenora Vaira Dobulis	Lee Yeonjae
1 Respect	Chua Ruo Yi	Wilson Zheng Han	Alexa Wu Meixing	Mo Heeyun
2 Care	Toh Yu En Cyra	Nathan Chee Jian Kai	Zara Qasrina Binte Mohammed Zailani Razikin	Vishnu Govindan
2 Courage	Bernice Lee Tian Le	Nee Xin En Faith	Lim Anyi	Kaylen Han Rui

Class	Value Award (Integrity)	Qt Award (Critical Thinker)	Artist of the Term	Sportsmanship Award
2 Creativity	Zaahid Haarun Bin Mohammed Abdul Razak	Low Jia En	Celest Lim Kai Xuan	Ari Huynh
2 Diligence	Dylan Chua Jun Yu	Liam Pan Kai Jie	Lau Wan Xuan, Celine	Sakthivel Pream
2 Honesty	Muhammad Aahil Bin Muhammad Ishaq	Wang Qianmo	Atiya Inara	Moo Jin
2 Joy	Syukri Awra Bin Shaiful Ezhar	Cai Qianhui	Haley Er Yu Tong	Aw Jun Le, Wayne
2 Peace	Aarohi Gupta	Adiv Seth	Luo Zhenzhen	Mabel Gan Zhi En
2 Respect	Toh Lue Yong, Gerard	Dhaarani Saravanan Ramya	Skyler Kuah	Pang Tian En Aidan
3 Care	Low Wen Xin Alexis	Emma Low	Nikilia Lee Jia Ying	Kieran Ng Zheng Heng
3 Courage	Kaelem Jen Muzahar	Cheah Pei En	Alyssa Yee En Ya	Tan Zhi Kai Kayden
3 Creativity	Sng See Teng	Venius Soh Zi Ning	Kong Pengzhi	Huang Li'En Victoria
3 Diligence	Han Jia En Mika	Aesha Ariana Binte Ahmad Wira	Zhang Luxi	Victoria Tiang Kai Wei
3 Honesty	Tan Ruixi, Dawn	Ashley Tan Gek Suang	Ho Yixi Janelle	See Hongyi Darius
3 Joy	Sik Ming Xing	Lin Songwei Samuel	Sam Zi Shan	Vishnu Karthik Senthilnathan

Class	Value Award (Integrity)	Qt Award (Critical Thinker)	Artist of the Term	Sportsmanship Award
4 Care	Ku Qian Rui Adreena	Zhang Zheyu Dylan	Tay Yu Cher, Joash	Shanna Tang Zhi Xin
4 Courage	Katelyn Minerva Tjie	Zheng Yue Han	Kishan Gopal	Chia Wei Lyn
4 Creativity	Mikel Gabriel Lim Ding Feng	Kenji Tan Kai Joon	Lau Wan Ting, Stella	Wong Yi Xuan
4 Diligence	Anbu Kanimozhi Nethra	Mathilda Kho Rui Chen	Tee Zhi Kai	Brandon Baquirin Moo Wei Jie
4 Honesty	Birelli Rakshith	Lee Jie Xuan Jayrius	Alisha Virmani	Tan Yu Rui
4 Joy	Ng Sheng En	Nur Adeena Binte Mohammed Abdul Razak	Helena Arissa Binte Hairil Ashraf	Nur Khaisyah Binte Shafie
5 Care	Wong Loke Wan Zekarus	Zereth Yu-Hrng Devadas	Abia Maria Shajan	Jayden Leo Kai Sian
5 Courage	Choong Tze Ping Madison	Mohamad Ziyaad S/O Mohamed Suhayil	Juhanah Hibbah D/O Mohamed Ali	Elisa Wang Jia En
5 Creativity	Sasikumar Mridula	Jayden Chiok Tze Ting	Karissa Tan Shi Hui	Caleb le En Song
5 Diligence	Angelyn Yeow Xinyi	Yang Lin Jia	Sayf Adeel Bin Shaiful Ezhar	Oliver D' Low
5 Honesty	Aw Zhi Han	Jaeyen Law	Xu Le	Yeoh Shi Han
5 Joy	Tran Ha Xuan	Madeleine Audrey Chandra	Oh Quan Liang, Jerick	Lee Yoo Ri
5 Peace			Amelia Teo En Hui	
6 Care	Abdul Heryzan Bin Abdul Halil	Jen Jing Hsuen, Jenna	Jerayn Koh Han Ying	<u>Nur Siti Binte Johari</u>
6 Courage	Lee Kenzo	Dya Daniya Binte Mohamed Ramlee	Lim Zi Xin	Ashley Chen Jingwen
6 Creativity	Wong Yi Xiang	Michelle Lee Mei Zhi	Lim Jing En	Chong Yi Xuan
6 Diligence	Melody Zhang Xinyu	Poh Yang Zheng, Jaden	Sheryl Lee Jia Le	Glen Teno
6 Honesty	Javier Ten Yu Hee	Murugappan Swetha	Soo Li Qing	Chloe Lynn Annatashya Satyawijaya
6 Joy	Eleanor Lai Rui Huan	Kawase Mikio	Upasana Singh	Lee Zun Meng
6 Peace			Lim Rui Sen	Muhammad Adryan Alfian Bin Mohammad Azmy