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AN OPEN LETTER APRIL 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Greetings! Welcome back to a new school term here at Queenstown Primary School. It has been so lovely talking to our young Queenstowners, hearing about the wonderful break they have had with you.

Upcoming Events...

International Friendship Day (6 April)

2. The school will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) on Thursday, 6 April 2023. This day is dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with neighbouring countries and beyond. This year's theme is 'Singapore in Asia'.

3. The IFD commemoration aims to nurture in students the spirit of care, friendship, respect, and collaboration with people of all nationalities. Students are taught to recognize the importance of connectedness between our neighbouring countries, celebrate the region's diversity and vibrancy and promote the spirit of friendship and collaboration. Lessons to commemorate IFD will take place in the students' classrooms, and we look forward to a meaningful and engaging IFD for all our Queenstowners.

Good Friday (7 April)

4. Friday, 7 April 2023 is a public holiday for Good Friday. Students will return to school on Monday, 10 April 2023. QtPS wishes all Christian members of our Queenstown Family a blessed Good Friday!

Earth Week 2023 (17 to 21 April)

5. Here at Queenstown Primary, we have been working on honing every Queenstowner to be an Eco-steward. As part of the Applied Learning Programme, students embarked on environmental project-based learning during their Experiential Week in Term 1. During this programme, students reflected on the environmental concerns that we face here in Singapore as well as globally. Students then created products to raise awareness on the various issues that they had learnt about. During Earth week from 17 to 21 April 2023, selected projects will be showcased in line with the theme of 'Adopting a Zero Waste Lifestyle'. Environment Ambassadors from each class as well as members of the Science and Green Club will also be conducting sharing sessions aligned to the theme during the pre-assembly periods. In order to support the cause, we encourage you to partner us in reinforcing the importance of sustainable living with your child / ward at home.

Hari Raya Puasa (22 April) and Public Holiday-in-Lieu (24 April)

6. As Hari Raya Puasa falls on a Saturday (22 April), the following Monday, 24 April 2023 will be a public holiday-in-lieu. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 25 April 2023. QtPS wishes all Muslim members of our Queenstown Family a joyful Hari Raya Puasa!

Labour Day (1 May)

7. Monday, 1 May 2023 is a public holiday for Labour Day. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 2 May 2023.

General Information...

Celebrating our Queenstowners' Attainment in Term 1, 2023

8. In keeping with our belief that every child matters and can accomplish, our school takes pride in celebrating our students' efforts and development in their character and their work with termly awards – *Artist of the Term, Sportsmanship Award, Value Award and Queenstowneer (Qt) Award*. These awards serve to recognise and affirm our students as they continue to become better versions of themselves and motivate their peers to do likewise.

9. Here is a brief overview of the Values and Queenstowneer Outcomes of each Term: You may refer to Annex on Pages 8 and 9 for a list of our award winners.

	Value of the Term	Queenstowneer Outcome of the Term
Term 1	Respect	Confident Individual
Term 2	Integrity	Critical Thinker
Term 3	Resilience	Caring Citizen
Term 4	Gratitude	Effective Leader

ABCs on Motivation from Lakeside Family Services

10. The Lakeside Family Services have been strong partners of Queenstown Primary School in the last few years, providing us with the Triple P– Positive Parenting Programme. This year, they have provided us with some useful parenting tips titled the *ABCs on Motivation* which is attached on Page 7 for your reference.

2023 Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards

11. Nominations for the Distinguished Chinese Language Teachers Awards is now open! Supported by the Ministry of Education, this award recognises the contributions of Chinese teachers who:

- inspire interest in the Chinese Language and culture
- use creative and engaging teaching methods/ learning activities
- have a passion for teaching
- command respect and are well-loved by students, parents and fellow teachers

12. All Queenstowners, parents and teachers are invited to nominate their inspiring Chinese Language teachers.

13. Nomination forms can be accessed from <https://bit.ly/dclta2023>. For more information, do email zbschools.sph.com.sg.



14. Do submit your nominations by **30 April 2023**.

Queenstown Primary Parent Support Group (QtPSG) News Bytes

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

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

16. Our April calendar of events can be found on our school website, at

<https://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar/>



Keep in touch with us...

17. 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...

18. Our School Value for Term 2, Integrity, involves having strong principles that guide our actions and standing up for what is right, even when no one is watching. This is an important quality as learning how to behave with integrity helps to contribute to the creation of a positive learning environment and builds meaningful relationships. Integrity is more than just being honest; it is acting ethically, consistently and in a trustworthy manner. Therefore, having integrity helps us to take responsibility for our words, thoughts and actions. There is no better time than now to teach our students the value of integrity as this secures the foundation of our interconnected relationships – both online and offline.

19. Here are some tips to reinforce the value of integrity at home:

Articulate Family Values
Family values impact the development of a healthy child. Family values must be intentionally articulated through parent's words and actions.

A Moral Vocabulary
Words like honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage are core to family beliefs. Use them, and others, to express and reinforce your family values. Have meaningful conversations and encourage your child to talk about these values.

Affirm Respectful Behaviour
When your child shows integrity, praise them. Let them know that honesty and respect for others is more highly valued than wealth or intelligence.

Be a Role Model
Children watch and learn from your actions. By role-modelling, parents can help children understand how integrity is part of a successful and rewarding life.

Why do you think we should tell the truth even if someone might be angry or there might be consequences?

What promises have you made that you know you won't break?

(Adapted from <http://www.rootsofaction.com>)

20. This amazing story of Andy Roddick, the American tennis player always comes to mind when I think about the value of integrity. As I conclude this month's open letter, I would like to share this inspiring story with you too.

During the 2005 Italian Open, American tennis player Andy Roddick was playing the Spaniard, Fernando Verdasco in the round of 16 in Rome, Roddick was the favourite to win the match and advance in the tournament.

Roddick dominated the match as expected and was about to win the match when something unusual happened. Roddick could not return Verdasco's hard serve, but the linesman had called the serve out, awarding Roddick the point and the match.

With the crowd cheering, Verdasco ran to the net to shake Roddick's hand and congratulate him on the victory. However, Roddick knew that the serve had not been out, but had hit just on the line, making it in.

Now Roddick could have kept this information to himself and accepted the victory. Instead, Roddick informed the umpire that the ball had been in and offered to show him

the mark on the clay where the ball had hit to prove his point. The umpire reversed the call and awarded the point to Verdasco.

Verdasco made the most of this turn of events and came back to win the entire match. Roddick's honesty had cost him at least tens of thousands of dollars, perhaps much more, depending on how far he could have advanced in the tournament. However, it was clear that integrity was more important to Roddick. He might have lost a tennis match that day, but he had certainly set a great example of integrity and sportsmanship for athletes everywhere.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pearly Ng', written in a cursive style.

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NEWS BYTES



Queenstown Primary School Parent Support Group Newsletter

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Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is a programme dedicated to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy by providing in-school and after-school programmes for students from Kindergarten to Junior College, which focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

QtPS Parent Volunteers spent two half-days delivering the programme to our Primary One and Primary Two students. External parties were engaged for the Primary Three to Primary Five students to share learning experiences instead.

At **JA Ourselves**, compelling stories were read aloud along with hands-on activities, to demonstrate helping, working, earning and saving to the Primary One audience. The goals and the objectives of the Program included increasing the students' understanding of personal economics, helping students to discover choices individuals make, introducing students to the concept of money, with an emphasis on earning and saving and helping students to gain an awareness of the role education play towards their future

For the Primary Two children, **JA Our Families** emphasizes the roles we play in the local economy and engage students with activities about needs, wants, jobs, tools and skills as well as interdependence. It aims to provide insights to the way jobs provide for a family's needs and wants, the types of jobs family members hold, how each family member contributes to the well-being of the family and to gain awareness towards the importance of working to pay for needs and wants.

Let us know if you would like to volunteer your time, as we look forward to have more Parent Volunteers join us such that we can take on the Primary Three classes from 2024 onwards.

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

— John Dewey

Holiday Basketball Workshop

Were you with us on 12th March, Sunday for our Holiday Basketball Workshop at Singapore Sports Hub? The Fathers@QtPS organized a Basketball Clinic for Parent-and-child to a fun way of learning basketball and to embrace the love for the game. Both parents and their child were taking shots, running drills and learning the fundamentals of the game. They were supported through the practices by Team JumpShot, the competitive basketball girls' team of Queenstown Community Sports Network (CSN). They were also treated to watching games as the Pink Warriors 3X3 took place at the expanse of the Sports Hub.



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Parenting Tip: **ABCs** on Motivation

A - Autonomy

Let your children take ownership of their studies. Guide them to make a study plan. Discuss what and when to study. Teach them how to prioritize. Allow them to experience the consequences of their actions or the lack thereof without blaming. Don't say "I told you so," but rather say something like, "That must have been difficult, what can you do differently next time?" Nag less, encourage more. Take them on a journey of self-discovery by using curiosity questions like, "What do you think are you good at and how can I support you?" Help them discover what their strengths and interests are. Get their own ideas on how they wish to be supported.

B - Belongingness (Relatedness)

Let your children feel that they are an essential part of something wonderful. When they are studying, consider putting aside your devices and entertainment to show your support. Be present, praise their efforts along the way. Encourage study groups with friends (with supervision), whether face-to-face or even on zoom. Arrange play dates with your children's friends with the same interests academically or recreationally. Relating with others helps develop intrinsic motivation to succeed.

C – Competence. Set your children up for success. Start with easier revisions/questions/tasks/subjects that are in their strong suit. Praise the effort and process more than the results. Encouraging statements like, "You put in so much effort to show the steps required to answer this question!" and "You were so close to getting the right answer, good try!" goes a long way in building confidence and competence. The more they experience success, the more confident and motivated they will be in trying, even when the task at hand seems tough.

For additional resources on motivating your child to learn, please refer to this [online resource](https://www.educationcorner.com/motivating-your-child-to-learn.html)



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Annex: List of Award Winners

Class	Value Award (Respect)	Qt Award (Confident Individual)	Artist of the Term	Sportsmanship Award
1 Care	Luna Aisyah Binte Suhaimi	Lee Jie Cong Jayvion	Lee Yi Kuan	Luna Aisyah Binte Suhaimi
1 Courage	Ngeow Nin An, Kaeden	Brooklyn Lim Zhi Xuan	Keian Joshua Goh	Liau Le Ya
1 Creativity	Charlotte Ngu Huey Yin	Mak Cooper Castrey	Fun Qi Xin	Karius Ng Zheng Rui
1 Diligence	Goh Xin En	Cruz Bong Shao Heng	Oh Zhi Chern, Samuel	Lee Taemin
1 Honesty	Loo Qiao Er	Tang Zi Jing	Quinnton Yak Jing Heng	Neev Anay Chaube
1 Joy	Ayden Hadeef Ibnu Alfian Daniel	Alecia Eleora Teh	Lee Yeonjae	Chan Hui En
1 Respect	Alexa Wu Meixing	Charmaine Tam Jia Xuan	Jordan Teo Kai Shen	Seet Jun Ze, Kayden
2 Care	Zheng Chuxi	Lee Yan Zhen Eva	Kerryn Chia Xin Yi	Nina Ng
2 Courage	Fyodore Ethan Limanto	Lim Anyi	Khadeejah Sumayyah Binte Ahmad Syafii	Leong Jing Ni Phoebe
2 Creativity	Celest Lim Kai Xuan	Lim Min Hui	Lee Yue Shan Clarissa	Tan Jun Yang Declan
2 Diligence	Tay Li Yang	Nguyen Thai Duong	Li Yuxuan	Loh Ren Ern
2 Honesty	Goh Enya	Kacy Ch'ng Yen Cheng	Gwendolyn Loh Siqi	Gwendolyn Loh Siqi
2 Joy	Ng Jing Yang Javis	Teo Xian En Megan	Chan Tsz Ching Abbie	Clarix Xu Qirui
2 Peace	Lim Le Xuan, Tyler	Olive Jessica Tan	Sri Samhita Vuddagiri	Ethan Soong Zhande
2 Respect	Ong Ruo Lin	Pae Daniel Ian	Cassandra Mah	Dhaarani Saravanan Ramya
3 Care	Kieran Ng Zheng Heng	Gao Lexuan	Soh Wai Yan, Kaelyn	Thota Krishna Siddharth
3 Courage	Mharaizah Aqeela Binte Ridzawi	Sylvie Margaret Lanaria Tan	Chan Yu Ning @ Tan Yu Ning	Toh Zi En Randall
3 Creativity	Huang Li'En Victoria	Huang Boxuan, Jace	Zheng Hao	Nur Huaira Adlynashah Binte Azham Shah
3 Diligence	Om Man Joshi	Joel Bong Hong Jun	Alfya Binte Muhammad Imran	Wong Yong Rui Aetius
3 Honesty	Yap Yi Cheng, Kenzo	Tan You Yee	Samantha Wong Qing Le	Muhammad Arfa Wibiyanto
3 Joy	Tessa Yeo Liu Ching	Chua Kaley Claire Ng	Eliza Jetsun Bhutia	Claire Siow Yi En

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4 Care	Amal Anand Akela	Chan Kee On, Keegan	Lee Ying Xuan, Levelle	Muhammad Dzal Aidi Bin Muhammad Khalid
4 Courage	Ellyze Bek Ann Ya	Nur Alisha Jayne Binte Khairudin Lamb	Ellyze Bek Ann Ya	Mohamed Irfan Bin Mohamed Rizal
4 Creativity	Emily-Grace Ang	Tan Jia En	Lin Hui'En	Ng Tien Rui, Benjamin
4 Diligence	Chan Kai Sheng Scott	Lozachmeur Megan	Tang Guan Ting, Lucas	Chan Kai Sheng Scott
4 Honesty	Chirag Singh	Tan Si Yu Sheri	Soon Jaimee	Birelli Rakshith
4 Joy	Lee Guan Yi Braden	Lim Ren Hui	Wong Jeng Yuen Ashley	Muhammad Fateen Dayyan Bin Mohamad Faidzal
5 Care	Abia Maria Shajan	Ng Xin Ning Charlene	Umar Ukail Al- Helmy Bin Ahmad Syafii	Vani Victor
5 Courage	Chia Yi Xuan Chloe	Kayden Lim Zheng Zhe	Low Lovelle	Chia Yi Xuan Chloe
5 Creativity	Ning Qihui	Nur Alysha Gafoor	Ning Qihui	Maria Serafima Muhmad Fawzi
5 Diligence	Loh Yan Kit	Tng En Rae	Nur Zaheen D/O Mohamed Suhayil	Mulawin Rachel Ko
5 Honesty	Senthilnathan Annhiramil	Lee Yi En Ian	Low Jun En Ethan	Lee Yi En Ian
5 Joy	Yeo Tien Yu	Chen Kai Er Claire	Keely Er Yu Xuan	Keely Er Yu Xuan
5 Peace	Luna Aisyah Binte Suhaimi	Lee Jie Cong Jayvion	Lee Yi Kuan	Luna Aisyah Binte Suhaimi
6 Care	Goh Xin Yi Chloe	Alina Tan	Ali Mariena Zhanell Resurreccion	Alina Tan
6 Courage	Ayden Duhlian	Teo Lin Yan Nicole	Ayrton Tan	Tan Jun Zhe Nathan
6 Creativity	Ahn Seungjoon	Guruprasad Samarth	Lim Hong Kai Jovian	Lee Chi Lin
6 Diligence	Dakshayani Nithya Balakrusnan	Queenie Koh Zi Hui	Seth Tye Chuan Kai	Lucas Lee Guo Sheng
6 Honesty		Mohammed Farhan Bin Sikandar Shah	Murugappan Swetha	Javier Ten Yu Hee
6 Joy	Azzahra Perdanakusuma Meidianto	Matthew Lozachmeur	Sonit Vuddagiri	Xanthos Neo Shao Rae
6 Peace	Muhammad Adryan Alfian Bin Mohammad Azmy		Nur Harlina Binte Saidi	