

QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# An Open Letter August 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Time flies and we are now in the month of August. This month is a special month as we celebrate Singapore's 59th National Day.

## Upcoming Events...

### National Day Celebration (8 August) & Holiday (9 August)

- 2. QtPS will be celebrating Singapore's 59th birthday on Thursday, 8 August 2024. Our celebrations will include a mini concert as well as classroom activities, all focusing on the theme for National Day 2024, 'Together, As One United People'. As there will be no recess, students are encouraged to bring their snacks on that day. Students are also encouraged to come dressed in red Singapore-themed T-shirts, school shorts/skorts, socks and shoes. As part of the celebration, students will be dismissed at 10.30 am on Thursday, 8 August. Bus services will be provided for students taking the school bus on that day.
- 3. Friday, 9 August is a public holiday. Students should return to school on Monday, 12 August.
- 4. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Queenstown Family a Happy National Day.

#### e-Learning Day and P6 PSLE Oral Examinations (13 to 14 August)

- 5. Our P6 students will be having their P6 PSLE English and Mother Tongue Oral Examinations on Tuesday, 13 August and Wednesday, 14 August. P6 students will be given separate instructions and more details on this in due course.
- 6. In order to provide a conducive examination environment for our P6 students, P1-P5 students will not be required to come to school on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>13 August and Wednesday</u>, <u>14 August</u>. They will be assigned e-learning tasks instead. More information will be provided closer to the examination dates.

#### Teachers' Day Celebration (29 August)

- 7. QtPS will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 29 August. As part of the celebration, students will be dismissed at 10.30 am on Thursday, 29 August. Bus services will be provided for students taking the school bus on that day. This will be the last school day of Term 3.
- 8. Please note that we will be closing our school General Office from 12 pm onwards on that day to allow our staff to enjoy their Teachers' Day celebrations.

#### Teachers' Day School Holiday and Term Break (30 August to 8 September)

9. The Teachers' Day school holiday will be on Friday, 30 August, followed by the Term Break from Saturday, 31 August to Sunday, 8 September. Students will return to school for

Term 4 on Monday, 9 September. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all teachers a Happy Teachers' Day, and all of our QtPS Family a restful term break.

### General Information...

#### School's Calendar of Events (COE)

10. Our August calendar of events can be found on our school website, at <a href="https://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar/">https://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar/</a>



#### Connect with us

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

Our School's Website Page www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg	
Our School's Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/	QtPS Facebook Page

## Concluding Remarks...

There was once a brave king named Vikram. One day, he had to fight with only a few soldiers against a large army and was defeated. He ran for his life and took shelter in a cave.

He lost all of his courage on that day and became very depressed. As he gazed at the ceiling of the cave, an interesting scene captured his attention.

The king noticed a small spider trying to weave a web across the cave ceiling. But as the spider crawled up the cave, a thread of its web broke, making it fall down. However, the spider didn't give up. It continued to try to climb up the cave again and again until finally, it successfully completed the web.

Vikram thought to himself, "If this small spider can face failure so many times with such bravery, why should I give up? I will try until I succeed." The mere thought of not giving up gave strength to the defeated king.

Vikram left the jungle and found his brave soldiers. He fought against the large army and was defeated again. But this time, he would not give up the fight.

He fought again and again against the large army and finally, after many attempts, defeated them and regained his kingdom.

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12. Sometimes, the path to success can be filled with obstacles, setbacks and moments of self-doubt. Despite the challenges we face, it is important to remember that we all have the strength and resilience to persevere and achieve our goals. Resilience is one of the essential life skills we aim to nurture in our students. When they encounter adversity, let's encourage them to face it bravely and never give up.

Warmest regards,

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