



# QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## AN OPEN LETTER MAY 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. We are fast approaching the end of Semester 1, and it is a good checkpoint for us to reflect on the progress and success of our Queenstowners together. Our Queenstowners have learnt and grown much these last two terms with your valuable support and under the guidance of our teachers. This month, we will strengthen our School-Home Partnership with you, our Queenstown Parents / Guardians, through our Parent-Teacher-Child Conference (PTCC). My staff and I look forward to conversing with you on your child's / ward's strengths and progress, and how we can work together with you to support our Queenstowners towards success.

### ***In Celebration...***

#### **International Friendship Day (IFD)**

2. IFD was commemorated on 5 April this year and our Queenstown Parent Support Group (QtPSG) put together a wonderful IFD exhibition at the School Hall. At the exhibition, the students visited the interactive booths which were set up to showcase different countries' history, culture and tradition. The students had an exciting time learning about the different countries.

3. We are grateful for the strong support and invaluable contributions from our QtPSG. Their efforts have enabled our students to learn more about ASEAN and other countries. Parents, thank you for making a difference for students in QtPS! You are awesome!

### ***Upcoming Events...***

#### **Sports Day (10 May)**

4. Our school Sports Day will take place on Friday, 10 May from 7.30 am to 12.00 pm for all students. The theme for our Sports Day is 'Sports for Everyone. Everyone for Sports.' Through the event, we seek to promote a sporting culture amongst our students and to raise awareness of inclusive sports and an appreciation of everyone's unique strengths and talents.

5. More details of the event will be sent via the Parents' Gateway (PG) platform nearer the date. Students taking the school bus and those attending the school's Student Care Centre (SCC) will have their transport and after-school care services provided as per normal school days. The respective vendors have been notified of the 12.00 pm dismissal. Parents of students enrolled in external Student Care Centres should contact their respective centres to make the necessary arrangements.

#### **Vesak Day Public Holiday (22 May)**

6. The Vesak Day Public Holiday will be on Wednesday, 22 May. QtPS wishes all Buddhist members of our Queenstown Family a Happy Vesak Day.

**Parent-Teacher-Child Conference (PTCC) for P1 to P6 students (23 & 24 May)**

7. Our PTCC will take place on 23 May and 24 May. Parents / Guardians are invited to meet with your child’s / ward’s Form Teachers, together with your child, on Zoom for a sharing of your child’s / ward’s learning experiences and a conversation with Form Teachers on your child’s / ward’s progress. Your child / ward is strongly encouraged to be present with you at the conference. If he / she cannot do so, please inform his / her Form Teachers in advance.

**Time:** 8 am to 4.00 pm (23 May) & 8 am to 3.00 pm (24 May)

**Duration per session:** 10 minutes

8. Form Teachers will provide you with the Zoom link and password closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom and strengthening our school-home partnership!

**QtPS Learning Extravaganza (29 June)**

9. Learning Extravaganza (LE) 2024, formerly known as Learning Extravaganza Open House (LEOH), will be held on 29 June this year. The event aims to provide parents / guardians of Queenstown Primary School with a deeper understanding of the unique and holistic learning experiences our students go through. Through this year’s lineup of programmes, students will be empowered to develop leadership skills and confidence. We look forward to having you join us at LE 2024 so that you can gain a better understanding of what your child / ward gains from the Queenstown Experience. You can also learn how you can partner with our school to bring out the best in your child / ward. For parents who might have missed the performances during the recent Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation by our performing arts CCAs, do also join us for LE 2024 to enjoy them. You may refer to our school website <https://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/le2024/overview/> for more details. Do register your interest to attend LE 2024 on Parents Gateway through the registration form.



***General Information...***

**School’s Calendar of Events (COE)**

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



**Connect with us**

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

<p><b><u>Our School’s Website Page</u></b>  <a href="http://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg">www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg</a></p>	
<p><b><u>Our School’s Facebook Page</u></b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/">https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/</a></p>	 <p>QtPS Facebook Page</p>

***Concluding Remarks...***

*Sam was eleven years old and went fishing regularly from the dock at his family’s cabin on an island in the middle of a lake in New Hampshire.*

*On the day before the fishing season opened, Sam and his father went fishing early in the evening. Sam tied a small silver lure and practised casting his fishing line. The lure struck the water and caused coloured ripples in the sunset, then silver ripples as the moon rose over the lake.*

*When his pole doubled over, Sam knew something huge was on the other end. His father watched with admiration as the boy skilfully worked the fish alongside the dock.*

*Finally, Sam very gingerly lifted the exhausted fish from the water. It was the largest one he had ever seen.*

*Sam and his father looked at the handsome fish, gills playing back and forth in the moonlight. His father lit a match and looked at his watch. It was 10 P.M. – two hours before the fishing season opened. He looked at the fish, then at Sam.*

*"You'll have to put it back, son," he said.*

*"Dad!" cried Sam.*

*"There will be other fish," said his father.*

*"Not as big as this one!" cried Sam.*

*Sam looked around the lake. No other fishermen or boats were anywhere around in the moonlight. He looked again at his father.*

*Even though no one had seen them, nor could anyone ever know what time he had caught the fish, Sam could tell by the clarity of his father's voice that the decision was not negotiable. He slowly worked the hook out of the lip of the huge fish and lowered it into the water.*

*The creature swished its powerful body and disappeared. Sam suspected that he would never see nor catch such a great fish again. And he was right, Sam has never again caught such a magnificent fish as the one he landed that night long ago.*

*Sam is now a successful architect in New York City, and he takes his children fishing from the same dock where he had caught that magnificent fish. Every time he goes fishing with his children, he remembers the lesson that his father had taught him about doing the right thing, even when no one else is looking.*

*Adapted from: 'The Catch of a Lifetime' by James P. Lenfestey from 'A 4th Course of Chicken Soup for the Soul: More Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit'*

12. Our School Value for Term 2, Integrity, is the quality of being honest and having strong, unshakeable moral principles. As we impress upon our Queenstowners the importance of acting with integrity and upholding strong moral values in school, we encourage you to speak to your child / ward about integrity at home, such as thinking about how their actions might affect others around them, and choosing to do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

13. As we move into the mid-year school holidays, do take the time to rest, recharge and bond with your family. The last day of Term 2 falls on Friday, 24 May. We wish you a restful June holiday and we look forward to seeing our Queenstowners again on Monday, 24 June for the start of Term 3.

Warmest regards,



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