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AN OPEN LETTER APRIL 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings and welcome back to a new term at Queenstown Primary School! We trust that you had a restful and enjoyable break with your child/ward.

Announcements...

Long Service Award

2. Behind every successful school is a team of dedicated and committed staff and it gives me great pleasure and joy to share with you a group of staff who will be receiving their Long Service Award. Congratulations to all the recipients!

No	Name of Staff	Award Title (No of Years)
1	Mdm Asanamal Bivi d/o Kothari	25
2	Mrs Chia-Kong Su Sze	25
3	Mdm Sherlyn Li Seow Keng	25
4	Mr Surendran s/o Sathiamurthi	25
5	Mdm Asmahiah Bte Abu Bakar	20
6	Dr Kow Hui Meng	20
7	Mdm Poon Pei Ping	20
8	Ms Ivy Tan Yen Peng	20
9	Mr Kwek Hong Wee	10
10	Mr Mohamad Noor Bin Salim	10
11	Mdm Thillagavathy d/o Vaithinathan	10
12	Ms Toh Bin Bin	10
13	Ms Ho Li Ming	5
14	Mdm Kwek Sor Hian	5
15	Ms Tan Seek Ling	5

In Celebration...

2018 Raffles Scholarship (Primary 5 - 6)

3. We are pleased to announce that Seri Asma-Ina Syukrina Binte Abdull Rahman from P5 Joy has been awarded the 2018 Raffles Scholarship (Primary 5 – 6) for her excellent learning attitude as seen in her academic achievement in the Primary 4 examinations last year. We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to Seri Asma-Ina Syukrina and her parents. Congratulations, Seri Asma-Ina Syukrina! You have made QtPS proud!

Upcoming Activities...

International Friendship Day 2018

4. We will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) on Friday, 6 April 2018. This is a day dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with its neighbours, and aims to nurture in students the spirit of friendship and collaboration among different people. Our Queenstown Parent Support Group (QtPSG) will be setting up booths to represent different countries. At each booth, rich information on the country's history, culture and tradition will be shared and presented to the students.

Mass Borrowing Activity by National Library Board (NLB)

5. Our school is collaborating with the NLB to encourage students to read for pleasure. As part of our efforts, we will be conducting termly mass borrowing sessions for our students. During these

sessions, a wide variety of books will be brought to the school for our students to browse and borrow on the spot. Students can also approach the NLB librarians for book recommendations. In Term 2, the mass borrowing sessions will be conducted from **Wednesday, 4 April to Friday, 6 April**.

6. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following so that your child/ward will be able to borrow the books.

- Ensure your child/ward brings his/her school EZ-Link card / library card from 4 April to 6 April 2018.
- Pay the fines (if any) in your child's/ward's library account
- Return all books in your child's/ward's account before the mass borrowing activity
- If your child/ward has lost his/her library card, please report the loss at any public library and make a new library card. (Note: A fee will apply for a new library card).

7. Kindly ensure that the NLB books borrowed in the school from **4 April to 6 April 2018** are returned to any public library by the due date that is indicated on the loan receipt. This is a teachable moment parents/guardians can tap on to share with your child/ward the importance of being a 'Responsible Individual'.

General Information...

Safety Matters

8. Student safety is our priority. In our January Open Letter, I shared with you some of the safety measures that we have put in place to ensure the safety of our students and I would like to thank parents/guardians for complying with these measures. Attached on page 4 is the updated school site map indicating the traffic flow for vehicles entering the school, the location of pedestrian gates and safe walking routes. For the safety of our students, parents/guardians are advised not to pick up or drop off their child/ward at the public car park situated between Block 83 Strathmore Avenue and the multi-purpose pavilion along Dundee Road. Please make use of the public car park situated on the other side of Block 83 instead. Students who walk to school from Strathmore Avenue are advised to follow the safe walking route as indicated on the school site map. As the safety of our students is of utmost importance to us, please comply with our safety measures.

Cyber Wellness Tips

9. Almost every child is exposed to screen time in one way or another. Research has shown that increasing screen time leads to decreasing productivity. How then can we help our children to manage their screen time? We have curated some articles that we hope will be of help to you.

- a) What the Screen Time Experts Do With Their Own Kids
<https://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2018/02/07/what-the-screen-time-experts-do-with-their-own-kids/>
- b) Parents, we need to look up from our phones. Here's why (and how).
https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2018/01/22/parents-look-up-from-your-phone/?utm_term=.9dab0cb9e027
- c) Selected Research On Screen Time And Children
http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org/sites/default/files/kidsandscreens_0.pdf?utm_source=tr.im&utm_medium=plus.url.google.com&utm_campaign=tr.im%2F1cP17&utm_content=link_click
- d) Parents' mobile use harms family life, say secondary pupils
http://www.bbc.com/news/education-39666863?utm_source=tr.im&utm_medium=no_referer&utm_campaign=tr.im%2F1V9Cz&utm_content=direct_input

10. Let us work hand in hand to help our children navigate the cyber world responsibly.

Queenstown Primary Parent Support Group (QtPSG) News Bytes

11. This is a monthly newsletter published by our QtPSG committee which will feature 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)

12. Please access the calendar of event for the month of April at our website, <http://queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/school-calendar-of-events> or through the QR code below.



Concluding Remarks...

*“People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred.
Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.
Be kind anyway.*

*If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some
genuine enemies.
Succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.
Be honest and sincere anyway.*

*What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.
Create anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.
Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today, will often be forgotten.
Do good anyway.*

*Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.
Give your best anyway.”*

Mother Teresa (1910 – 1997)

13. The school value that we will be focusing on for the month of April is **Sincerity**. Mother Teresa, a well-known Humanitarian, dedicated her life in serving the poor, sick, helpless and orphaned. Through the life and example of Mother Teresa, we can learn to be honest and truthful; to always mean what we say and say what we mean; to do good deeds without asking for rewards; and to be sensitive to the feelings of others. There is so much we can learn from Mother Teresa. Parents/Guardians, do take some time to ponder over the verses above and to share with your child/ward your reflection.

14. Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!

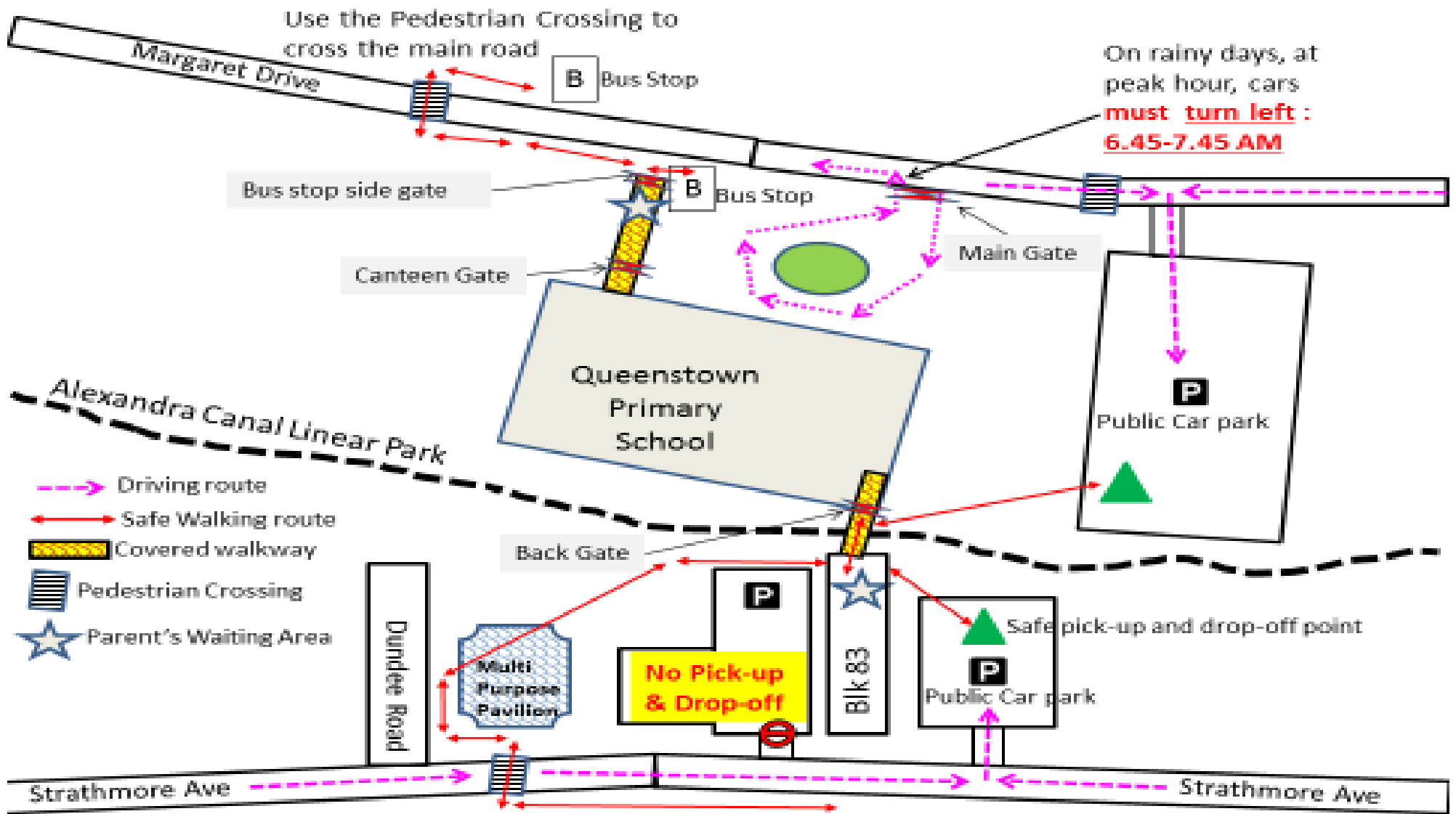
Warmest regards,



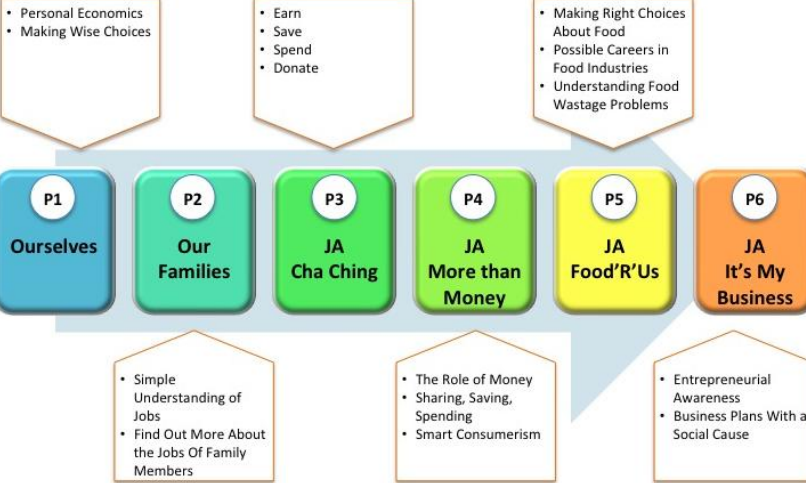
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Overview of JA @ Queenstown Primary School



On 5th & 6th March 2018, our Parent Volunteers took time off for 2 mornings to bring a real world perspective to the P1 & P2 students of QTPS.

Based on syllabus and materials that Junior Achievement (JA) provided, Parent Volunteers got to facilitate discussions and activities, add their personal experience where appropriate, and encourage teamwork and leadership skills to the students of P1 and P2.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

Nelson Mandela

Events : April 2018

6th April
International Friendship Day

7th April
Parenting Workshop : The 5 Love Languages

11th April
Leaders Meeting

Father's Group Feature:

Kayaking With Dad!
(Dates coming soon)

Find out more from us!

The 5 Love Languages

Date : 7th April 2018
Time : 9am to 12pm
Venue : School Library
Fees : \$5 per pax / \$8 per couple
Speaker : Dr Neo Teck Koon Simon

International Friendship Day



QTPS will commemorate International Friendship Day (IFD) on 6th April this year. IFD is a day dedicated to the understanding of Singapore's relations with neighbouring countries and beyond. It aims to sensitise our children towards the geo-political realities inherent in Singapore, as well as nurture in our students the spirit of friendship and collaboration among different people.

At QTPS we will be having booths represented by different countries. Parent Volunteers will showcase cultural exhibitions and provide hands-on activities for our students.