



# QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## AN OPEN LETTER JULY 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Warm greetings to you at the start of a brand new term! It is our pleasure to get in touch with you again after the month-long school holiday. We hope you have had a good break and a wonderful time bonding with your child/ward.

### *Updates...*

#### **Staff Movement**

2. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the following staff for their service, contributions and commitment to students. They will not be with us from this semester and we wish them well in their endeavours.

- Mdm Hafizah Bte Nordin, transferred to Punggol View Primary School
- Mr Jason Seng, posted to Academy of Singapore Teachers
- Mdm Thillagavathy d/o Vaithinathan, resigned from service

3. At the same time, we extend a warm welcome to the following new additions to the Queenstown family:

- Mdm Heng Meow Hoon, ICT Manager
- Mdm Angelina Gan, Allied Educator (Learning and Behavioural Support)
- Ms Wan Hameezah Bte Mohamed Said, Malay Language Teacher

### *In Celebration...*

#### **27th Shoutan Cup National Weiqi (13X13) Competition for Primary Schools**

4. A group of our students from our Weiqi CCA participated in the above competition. Congratulations to these winners and well done! The winners are:

Category	Award	Participants	Class
Individual Category	Bronze (8 <sup>th</sup> position)	Matthias Koh Yun Kang	6 Care
	Bronze	Qian Zeming	4 Honesty
	Participant	Lightland Ling Phan Thi , Anthony Chua Peng Xuan & Tan Yu Tong Nicole	3 Diligence
	Participant	Chan Ai Ki	3 Honesty
	Participant	Tay Shen Thaddeus	4 Diligence
	Participant	Xu Shuochao	4 Honesty
	Participant	Goh Kang Qi, Rhesa	4 Joy
	Participant	Josh Loh Yucheng	5 Diligence
	Participant	Foong Ye Heng & Wang Wuyang	5 Honesty
	Participant	Elliot Hwong Rui Teng , Foong Jing Heng & Xavier Koh Wen Rui	5 Joy

#### **Singapore Math Kangaroo Contest (SMKC) 2018**

5. SMKC is a competition that allows students to apply the Mathematical knowledge they have learnt in school. A group of our students from P4 to P6 took part in the competition. Congratulations and well-done, Queenstowners! The winners are:

Award	Participants	Class
Gold	Lim Yung Ler, Rayden (Lin Yongle) & Woo Bin Rui, Ray	4 Honesty
	Jaden Tjeng	4 Joy
	Sun Beichen & Xiong Allison	5 Honesty
	Foong Jing Heng	5 Joy
Silver	Qian Zeming, Kwong Tsz Yan Priscilla, Ryan Lim Zen Wye & Srivatssan Ayyasamy	4 Honesty
	Lim Kang Rong, Eythan Duhlian & Teo Wei Jeen	4 Joy
	Lee Jayden Seojin, Julien Leong Qicheng, Gopal Anurupa Ajeet Wagle & Lok Jun Yi	5 Honesty
	Dominic Oeij, Tran Thai Ly Thuy, He Zhunzhun & Teo Poh Huan	5 Joy
	Feng Yining, Mahima Manoj Adattuvalappil & Chew Caven	6 Care
Bronze	Dhruv Raj Chitrada, He Weiheng Ryan & Goh Yi Xuan Rissa	4 Honesty
	Subramaniam Saminathan Suresh, Sujithkumar Vani Krishna, Danica Goh Le En (Wu Le'en), Araki Taiju, Otto Theodore Carpenter, Fu Yunqi, Lee Minyu & Lok Zi Yi	4 Joy
	Ahmad Rizky Alkiano, Eyo Yang Zheng Xu, Wang Yucen, Foong Ye Heng, Rajat Chandy Augustine & Yang Lin Xuan	5 Honesty
	Xavier Koh Wen Rui, Leong Teng Koon, Ni Haoran, Lee Wei Jun, Elliot Hwong Rui Teng & Sahni Aarya	5 Joy
	Koh Matthias Yunkang & Poh Eve Lyn	6 Care
	Seow Li Wen Scot & Cyrus Tan Jing Xuan	6 Courage
	Lin Yuzhe Isaac & Fiona Jane Tan	4 Diligence
Participation	Xu Shuochoao, Glynnis Neo Hyu Han (Liang Yuhan), Cedrik Hwang Hong Yi (Huang Hongyi), Nevyn Neo, Wei Xiaomin, Lua Jun Yuan (Lai Junyuan) & Li Ziqi Angela	4 Honesty
	Yu Boyuan, Tan Si Ting Shermaine, Pey Yu Cen (Bai Yucen), Sun Hao Bo, Eason Ong Yu Sheng (Wang Yusheng), Kynan Jayden Irawan, Jeremy Siah De En, Ahire Vibhav Prabodh, Tay Yong Loke, Jeevarathinam Dhanasekar Anirudh Raman & Siow Jia Xuan, Alyssa	4 Joy
	Aarav Malik & Madupu Sanjana Reddy	5 Honesty
	Mattheus Siau, Kong Shuozi, Seri Asma-Ina Syukrina Bte Abdull Rahman, Xu Anlei, Lee Wei Yang, Merrill & Ankit Karan Venkateswaran	5 Joy
	G Srivarshini, Kothamasu Pranavasai Bhavesh, Wong Zhi Yi, Keree, Julian Mahieu, Wayne Kan Kar Hsien, Liu Rui Yi Winnie, See Chee Yung, Wang Jiayi, Andrea Ling Rui Qi, Ameera Farhana, Mo Thant Cin, Lum Shao Young, Galupo Mikaela Joy Yu, Mohammad Iman Bin Mohd Jumari, Ban Xin Hui, Divya Thirupathy, James Maagdalone, Kagrana Nyasha Samir, Leong Xin Yi, Low Zi Ting, Mohamed Nifaaz S/O Mohamed Ismail, Nathan Neo & Vetsa Karthikeya	6 Care
	Tarun Vijayakumar & Sumit V Jaiswal	6 Courage

### *Upcoming Activities...*

#### **Temperature-taking Exercise**

6. As a preparatory measure, please note that all students are required to have a personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) at all times. There will be a Temperature-taking Exercise on **Thursday, 28 June**, as part of our standard procedure for safety and security measures. Please ensure your child/ward has an ODT in working condition and brings it to school with immediate effect.

#### **Mass Borrowing Activity by National Library Board (NLB)**

7. 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 3, the mass borrowing sessions will be conducted from **Wednesday, 11 July to Friday, 13 July**.

8. 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 and a bag to store the books borrowed from 11 July to 13 July 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).

9. Kindly ensure that the NLB books borrowed in the school from **11 July to 13 July 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'*.

### **P1 Open House**

10. We will be holding our annual Open House on Saturday, 14 July, from 9 am to 12 pm. For prospective parents and students, this event seeks to engage and inform them about our QtPS programmes through interactions with our students, teachers and school leaders. For existing parents and students, it is a showcase of a cross-section of QtPS school life, with exhibits and activities covering our academic, co-curricular and enrichment programmes. If you know of any parent/s who is/ are keen to find out more about our school, please do help to encourage them to join us at the Open House.

### **P6 Preliminary Oral Examination**

11. All P6 students will be sitting for their Prelim EL/MT Oral examination on **Thursday, 2 August and Friday, 3 August**. As such, **all** P1-P5 students **will be dismissed at 12.30 pm on these 2 days** so that teachers and our P6 students can get ready for the examination in the afternoon. Please make the necessary arrangements to fetch your child/ward at **12.30 pm** on these two days. Parents/Guardians whose child/ward takes the school bus will not need to make alternative transport arrangements as the school bus arrangements will continue as per normal on 2 August and 3 August.

### **National Education (NE) Show 2018 for P5 Students**

12. As part of our NE programme, each batch of our P5 students will attend the NE Show. Since 1997, the NE Show has been organised 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. Our P5 students are privileged to be part of this celebration where they get to preview the NDP on **Saturday, 21 July**. All P5 students are expected 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.

### ***General Information ...***

#### **Lee Kuan Yew Fund for Bilingualism (LKYFB) Resources and Programmes**

13. Bilingualism is a cornerstone of Singapore's education system. The LKYFB was set up to support programmes that nurtured bilingual learning, particularly the learning of the Mother Tongue Languages. One such programme is the TV series 'Junction Tree', the first local bilingual TV programme for young children. The series is available in English-Chinese, English-Malay and English-Tamil at <https://video.toggle.sg/en/kids>. Parents/Guardians of P1 and P2 students, do encourage your child/ward to watch this programme.

#### **Queenstown Primary Parent Support Group (QtPSG) News Bytes**

14. This is a monthly newsletter published by our QtPSG committee which will feature past and upcoming events/projects and parenting tips. The July issue is attached to this letter for your reading pleasure.

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

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



***Concluding Remarks...***

*“He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever.”*

Chinese Proverb

16. This evocative quote reminds us to not just ask questions, but to ask good questions. Many a times, we often do not ask questions because we are fearful of appearing foolish. In the month of July, we will be focusing on the school value of **Questioning Mind**. Let's encourage our children to ask questions. Let's learn along with them through the questions they ask.

17. Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Pearly Ng', located below the text 'Warmest regards,'.

Ms Pearly Ng

Principal

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## ***The Second Half of the School Year!***

So, we've pulled through the first half of the year in 2018 – that was fast.

What have we, as parent-and-child learnt in the first half of the year? Is there anything we can do better in the remaining 6 months? After all, if we want our child to learn continuously, we ought to walk the talk.

Some food for thought:

- Set a schedule – whether this is for your child's learning needs or to ensure we allocate time for them, managing expectations is always beneficial for both sides.
- Build emotional engagement with your child - Talk to your child about how they are feeling about school; give them positive ideas about how they can cope or do better.
- Celebrate achievements – regardless of how minute an achievement, it's about building reinforcements for our children. Every little bit helps.
- Leave encouraging notes – ever thought of leaving them a simple note to remind them that you've got their little backs and that you love them? You may wonder how it helps. Well, remember the multitude of times when you had a tough day at work, and you feel like giving up? What did looking at a picture of your family do for you? That's what the notes will do for them.



**“The most important thing in the world is family and love”**

*John Wooden*

## Revising Your Parenting Style to Understand the Psyche of your Adolescent / Teenager

**Date** : 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Time** : 9 am to 12pm

**Venue** : School Library


**Fees** : \$8 per pax /  
\$15 per couple

**Speaker** : Dr Richard Lim

Lunch Provided

Relevant for Parents with children from P4 – P6

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To register : <https://tinyurl.com/Understand-Your-Child-Psyche>

## Events : July 2018

7<sup>th</sup> July

Revising Your Parenting Style to Understand the Psyche of Your Adolescent / Teenager

11<sup>th</sup> July

Leaders Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> July

School Open House

**Father's Group Feature:**

28<sup>th</sup> July

Breakfast With Dad

**BREAKFAST WITH DAD**

