



QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

310 MARGARET DRIVE, SINGAPORE 149303

TEL : 64741044

FAX : 64713640

Email: qtps@moe.edu.sg

School website: www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg

3 February 2017

AN OPEN LETTER *FEBRUARY 2017*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Greetings from Queenstown Primary School! We are into the fifth week of the new term and we are happy to see that our students have settled well into the school. In our continuous effort to provide a good learning experience for your child, we seek your cooperation to ensure that your child attends school regularly and participates in all school activities so that we can work together to prepare him/her for the future.

Updates...

Back to School with Dad 2017

2. This is a national initiative to encourage all fathers to send their children to school on Tuesday, 3 January. The intent of this initiative is to send the message to the children that their father cares about them and their academic journey. We were delighted to note that a number of fathers heeded the call and accompanied their children to school. Thank you fathers for stepping up to take a more visible role in your children's school life. If you would like to join the Fathers' Group, please write to Mr Mike Ang at qtpsgcomm@gmail.com. Mike is the Vice-Chairperson of the QtPSG (Parent Support Group) and also the Head for the Fathers' Group.

Upcoming Activities...

Total Defence Day

3. The school will commemorate Total Defence Day on Monday, 13 February, to mark the fall of Singapore to the Japanese on 15 February 1942. This is one of the key historical events that schools commemorate as part of National Education. It serves to remind us that no one else is responsible for our security and well-being and as such, we must defend Singapore ourselves. The programme for the day will inculcate in our students the five aspects of Total Defence (Military, Civil, Economic, Social, Psychological) and how they can play a part in defending the country.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math – STEM Week from 6 to 10 Feb 2017

4. STEM Week is organised with the aim of heightening our students' awareness in the integrated use of knowledge and skills in the four disciplines i.e. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to solve problems in the real world. Students will be exposed to various fun-filled games and activities that promote scientific and mathematical thinking. P3 to P6 students will design and construct toys and models that are undergirded by scientific and mathematical knowledge.

Briefing for P1-P6 Parents

5. We would like to remind you that the briefing, originally scheduled on Saturday, 4 February is now **postponed to Saturday, 18 February 2017** in view of the Chinese New Year period. Please refer to the letter that was given out to you (dated 19/1/2017) for the details of the briefing. We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to attend this briefing and we look forward to your attendance and participation in the briefing session.

Reminders about School Procedures...

'Elevenses' (Snack Break)

6. Our students' safety and health are our priorities. In the January Open Letter, we informed you that besides the daily half-hour recess break, we will be introducing an additional break between lessons. Over the past weeks, we have noticed a number of students consuming tidbits for their elevenses. To help instil healthy eating habits in our students, we strongly encourage parents to provide their children with a healthy snack (eg: biscuits, bread, a packet of milk, finger food, healthy cereal bar, fruits [whole and not cut, as cut fruit loses its nutrients easily], etc) for your child which can be consumed within 15 minutes.

In Celebration

3rd National Primary School Go Championships 2016

7. A group of our students from our Weiqi CCA participated in the above competition in November 2016. Congratulations to these winners! They have made QtPS proud!

Category	Award	Recipient	Class in 2016
Team Category – Primary 5	Champion	Foong Zi Heng	5 Care
		Liu Hao Zhe	5 Care
		Foong Jing Heng	3 Care
Top 10 Finalist	7th Place	Jonathan Koh Zhao Yun	6 Care
	9th Place	Foong Zi Heng	5 Care
Individual Category – Primary 3	Consolation	Kong Shuozi Wang Wuyang Foong Ye Heng	3 Care 3 Creativity 3 Diligence
Individual Category – Primary 4	Bronze	Matthias Koh Yun Kang	4 Care
Individual Category – Primary 5	Consolation	Liu Hao Zhe Foong Jing Heng (P3 student participating in P5 category)	5 Care 3 Care

General Information...

The President's Award for Teachers (PAT) 2017

8. The PAT gives national recognition to the critical role that teachers play in moulding the future of our nation. It pays tribute to excellent teachers who, through word and deed, inspire both their students and peers. The nomination for PAT 2017 is now open. Please encourage your child to submit his/her nomination of any of our teachers who have inspired him/her. Nomination forms can be obtained from the General Office. Alternatively, your child/ward can submit his/her nomination via the online form at <http://www.academyofsingaporeteachers.moe.gov.sg/professional-excellence/awards/other/public&aid=1>

The closing date for nominations is **Friday, 17 February 2017**.

Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2017

9. This award acknowledges teachers who have been instrumental in igniting a love for the English Language and are effective in helping their students speak and write better. Passionate about making English interesting and relevant to their students, these teachers are innovative in engaging their students to help them learn English better. The award also salutes them for their continual learning and constant efforts to upgrade themselves to benefit their students and school. Nomination for this award is now open. Please encourage your child to submit his/her nomination of any of our English Language teachers who have inspired him/her. Nomination forms can be obtained from the General Office or downloaded from <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>. The closing date for nominations is Friday, 7 April 2017.

Queenstown Primary Parent Support Group (QtPSG) News Bytes

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

School's Calendar of Events

11. Please refer to Annex 1 for the calendar of events for the month of February. You can also access it at our website, <http://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/others/coe-for-parents>. Kindly note that the **dates are subject to change** and we will keep you informed accordingly.

Once again, we thank you for your continual support, and together we will lead our students to reach their potential in academic excellence and character building.

Warmest regards,



Ms Pearly Ng
Principal
Pearly_Ng@schools.gov.sg

QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

310 MARGARET DRIVE, SINGAPORE 149303

TEL : 64741044

FAX : 64713640

Email: qtps@moe.edu.sg

School website: www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg



Annex 1

*Calendar of Events in February...

**We try our best to provide the most updated Calendar of Events but sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances that are beyond the school's control, we may have to make changes to the schedule. We will inform you accordingly and as early as we can.*

WEEK	DAY	DATE	ACTIVITIES	STAFF / STUDENTS INVOLVED	TIME
5	Wed	01 Feb	1-to-1-interaction [Student Suggestion Scheme P6]	P6 Students	During curriculum time
			P1 Care – Diligence Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (1/10)	P1 Care – Diligence	8.45 am – 9.45 am
			South Zone Football Competition (Senior) VS Cantonment Primary	Senior Football members	2.00 pm – 4.35 pm
			P5 Creativity Science LJ	P5 Creativity	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm
	Thurs	02 Feb	P3 Hon & P3 Joy SwimSafer Programme (2/10)	P3 Hon & P3 Joy students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			P1 Honesty - Respect Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (1/10)	P1 Honesty - Respect	11.15 am – 12.15 pm
			P6 EL/FMath Afternoon Lesson	P6 Standard EL students & P6 Peace FMath	1.45 pm – 2.45 pm
			P4 Joy ICT Lesson	P4 Joy	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
			P6 Sci/FSci Afternoon Lesson	P6 Sci/FSci students	2.45 pm – 3.30 pm
	Fri	03 Feb	South Zone Basketball Competition (Junior)	Junior Basketball members	3.00 pm – 5.45 pm
			P3 Cre & P3 Diligence SwimSafer Programme (1/10)	P3 Cre & P3 Dil students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			South Zone Basketball Competition (Senior)	Senior Basketball members	1.00 pm – 3.45 pm
6	Mon	06 Feb	P3 Care & P3 Courage SwimSafer Programme (2/10)	P3 Care & P3 Cou students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			P1 & P6 Photo taking	P1 & P6 students	During curriculum time
			Sale of School Uniform	-	12.30 pm – 2.00 pm
			South Zone Basketball Competition (Junior)	Junior Basketball members	1.00 pm – 3.45 pm
			P6 Afternoon Lesson	P6 Math/FMath, 6 Peace FEL 6 Courage Science	1.45 pm – 2.45 pm
			P4 Care ICT Lesson	P4 Care	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
			P6 Afternoon Lesson	P6 HMTL, FMTL, MTL	2.45 pm – 4.00 pm
			South Zone Football Competition (Senior) VS Zhonghua Pri	Senior Football members	3.00 pm – 5.35 pm
	Tue	07 Feb	Prefect's General Meeting	Prefects only	3.45 pm – 5.00 pm
			P2 Peace ICT Lesson (2/2)	P2 Peace	10.45 am – 12.15 pm
			P2 Diligence ICT Lesson (2/2)	P2 Diligence	12.15 pm – 1.45 pm
			South Zone Football Competition (Junior) VS Jingshan Pri	Junior Football members	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm
	Wed	08 Feb	P5 Diligence Science LJ	P5 Diligence	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm
			P1 Care – Diligence Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (2/10)	P1 Care – Diligence	8.45 am – 9.45 am
	Thurs	09 Feb	P4 Care & Cre Museum-based Learning Pilot Programme (Phase 2)	P4 Care & 4 Cre	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
			P3 Hon & P3 Joy SwimSafer Programme (3/10)	P3 Hon & P3 Joy students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			P1 Honesty - Respect Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (2/10)	P1 Honesty - Respect	11.15 am – 12.15 pm
			P6 EL/FMath Afternoon Lesson	P6 Standard EL students & P6 Peace FMath	1.45 pm – 2.45 pm
P4 Courage ICT Lesson 2			P4 Courage	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	
P5 Courage Science LJ			P5 Courage	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	
P6 Sci/FSci Afternoon Lesson			P6 Sci/FSci students	2.45 pm – 3.30 pm	
South Zone Football Competition (Junior) VS KCPPS			Junior Football members	3.00 pm – 5.30 pm	
South Zone Basketball Competition (Junior)	Junior Basketball members	3.00 pm – 5.45 pm			

WEEK	DAY	DATE	ACTIVITIES	STAFF / STUDENTS INVOLVED	TIME
6	Fri	10 Feb	P3 Cre & P3 Diligence SwimSafer Programme (2/10)	P3 Cre & P3 Dil students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			P4 – P5 Student Leadership Camp (Day 1)	P4 – P5 student leaders	7.45 am - Overnight
			South Zone Basketball Competition (Senior)	Senior Basketball members	2.00 pm – 4.45 pm
	Sat	11 Feb	P4 – P5 Student Leadership Camp (Day 2)	P4 – P5 student leaders	7.45 am – 12.00 pm
7	Mon	13 Feb	P3 Care & P3 Courage SwimSafer Programme (3/10)	P3 Care & P3 Cou students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			Assembly: Total Defence Day	Whole School	12.45 pm – 1.15 pm
			P6 Afternoon Lesson	P6 Math/FMath, 6 Peace FEL 6 Courage Science	1.45 pm – 2.45 pm
			P4 Creativity ICT Lesson 2	P4 Creativity	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
			South Zone Football Competition (Senior) VS Holy Innocents' Pri	Senior Football members	2.00 pm – 4.35 pm
			South Zone Basketball Competition (Senior)	Senior Basketball members	2.00 pm – 4.45 pm
			P6 Afternoon Lesson	P6 HMTL, FMTL, MTL	2.45 pm – 4.00 pm
			Prefects' Investiture rehearsal	Prefects only	3.30 pm – 5.30 pm
	Tue	14 Feb	P2 Creativity ICT Lesson (1/2)	P2 Creativity	12.15 pm – 1.45 pm
			P5 Honesty Science LJ	P5 Honesty	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm
	Wed	15 Feb	P1 Care – Diligence Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (3/10)	P1 Care – Diligence	8.45 am – 9.45 am
			P4 Cou & Hon Museum-based Learning Pilot Programme (Phase 2)	P4 Courage & Honesty	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
	Thurs	16 Feb	P3 Hon & P3 Joy SwimSafer Programme (4/10)	P3 Hon & P3 Joy students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			P1 Honesty - Respect Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (3/10)	P1 Honesty - Respect	11.15 am – 12.15 pm
			P6 EL/FMath Afternoon Lesson	P6 Standard EL students & P6 Peace FMath	1.45 pm – 2.45 pm
P4 Diligence ICT Lesson 2			P4 Diligence	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	
South Zone Football Competition (Junior) VS SJI Jr			Junior Football members	2.00 pm – 4.30 pm	
P5 Joy Science Learning Journey			P5 Joy	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	
Fri	17 Feb	P3 Cre & P3 Diligence SwimSafer Programme (3/10)	P3 Cre & P3 Dil students	7.45 am – 9.45 am	
Sat	18 Feb	Briefing for Parents (P1 – P6 Parents)	Parents	8.00 am – 12.30 pm	
8	Mon	20 Feb	P3 Care & P3 Courage SwimSafer Programme (4/10)	P3 Care & P3 Cou students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			Assembly: Prefect's Investiture and FTGP	Whole school	12.15 pm – 1.15 pm
			P6 Afternoon Lesson	P6 Math/FMath, 6 Peace FEL 6 Courage Science	1.45 pm – 2.45 pm
			P4 Honesty ICT Lesson 2	P4 Honesty	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
			South Zone Football Competition (Senior) VS ACS Jr	Senior Football members	2.00 pm – 4.35 pm
			P6 Afternoon Lesson	P6 HMTL, FMTL, MTL	2.45 pm – 4.00 pm
	Tue	21 Feb	P2 Peace ICT Lesson (2/2)	P2 Peace	12.15 pm – 1.45 pm
	Wed	22 Feb	P1 Care – Diligence Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (4/10)	P1 Care – Diligence	8.45 am – 9.45 am
	Thurs	23 Feb	P3 Hon & P3 Joy SwimSafer Programme (5/10)	P3 Hon & P3 Joy students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			P1 Honesty - Respect Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (4/10)	P1 Honesty - Respect	11.15 am – 12.15 pm
			P6 EL/FMath Afternoon Lesson	P6 Standard EL students & P6 Peace FMath	1.45 pm – 2.45 pm
			P4 Joy ICT Lesson 2	P4 Joy	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
			P6 Sci/FSci Afternoon Lesson	P6 Sci/FSci students	2.45 pm – 3.30 pm
		Internationalization Programme meeting (1)	Selected P5 students	3.45 pm – 5.00 pm	
Fri	24 Feb	P3 Cre & P3 Diligence SwimSafer Programme (4/10)	P3 Cre & P3 Dil students	7.45 am – 9.45 am	
9	Mon	27 Feb	P3 Care & P3 Courage SwimSafer Programme (5/10)	P3 Care & P3 Cou students	7.45 am – 9.45 am

WEEK	DAY	DATE	ACTIVITIES	STAFF / STUDENTS INVOLVED	TIME
			P6 English CA1	P6 Students	During curriculum time
			P3 Diligence ICT Lesson (1/2)	P3 Diligence	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
9	Tue	28 Feb	P6 MT CA1	P6 Students	During curriculum time
	Wed	01 Mar	P6 Math CA1	P6 Students	During curriculum time
			P1 Care – Diligence Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (5/10)	P1 Care – Diligence	8.45 am – 9.45 am
	Thurs	02 Mar	P3 Hon & P3 Joy SwimSafer Programme (6/10)	P3 Hon & P3 Joy students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			P6 Science CA1	P6 Students	During curriculum time
			P1 Honesty - Respect Show & Tell Enrichment Programme (5/10)	P1 Honesty - Respect	11.15 am – 12.15 pm
			P3 Courage ICT Lesson (1/2)	P3 Courage	2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
			Internationalization Programme meeting (2)	Selected P5 students	3.45 pm – 5.00 pm
	Fri	03 Mar	P3 Cre & P3 Diligence SwimSafer Programme (5/10)	P3 Cre & P3 Dil students	7.45 am – 9.45 am
			P6 HMTL CA1	P6 HTML Students	During curriculum time
			Internationalization Programme meeting (3)	Selected P5 students	3.45 pm – 5.00 pm

Parent Involvement Matters!

... are more positive about school.

... perform better in school

... get better grades & score higher on tests!

... attend school regularly.

Research shows that children with involved parents ...

... have better social skills.

... get their homework done on time.

... are more likely to be successful.

... are more likely to graduate and go on to higher education.

Dear Parents:

**Children matter to us;
We matter to them;
Parental involvement matters!**

Events: Jan/Feb

3 Jan 2017:

Back to School With Dads

13 Jan 2017:

Welcome Party for New Parents

8 Feb 2017:

Leaders Meeting & "Lo Hei"

11 Feb 2017:

Family Hike

25 Feb 2017:

*Junior Achievement Training **

** Volunteered Parents*



W
E
L
C
O
M
E



P
A
R
T
Y
2
0
1
7

CONTACT US | Email: qtpsgcomm@gmail.com | www.queenstownpsg.org | www.facebook.com/qtpsg