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AN OPEN LETTER

MARCH 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. We are fast approaching the end of Term 1 and we hope that this letter finds you well. It has been a busy term and we hope that both you and your child/ward are having fun learning. We are looking forward to a great finish to the term.

Upcoming Events...

Experiential Learning Week (10 to 14 March)

2. Hands-on learning experiences are a wonderful way for our students to grow their knowledge and develop 21st century competencies. In line with our endeavour of developing our students to be Critical Thinkers and Caring Citizens, this year's *Experiential Learning Week* which will be held from Monday, 10 March to Friday, 14 March, aims to expose our students to a wide range of activities. The activities are:

- Introduction to Computational Thinking (CT) programme which aims to develop our students' ability to break down a complex problem into simpler steps, identify patterns that are relevant to solving the problem, and finally to design the logical steps and rules in order to achieve the desired outcome.
- Values in Action (VIA) provides learning experiences that support students' development as socially responsible citizens who contribute meaningfully to the community, through the learning and application of values, knowledge, and skills. VIA fosters student ownership over how they can contribute to the community.
- Social Skills Through Art uses Art as a platform for our students to develop, make meaning and apply their social skills through various art-related activities.
- Math Trail aims to show our students the real-world applications of Mathematics and develop their problem-solving abilities within their daily experiences.
- The Junior Achievement (JA) programme allows students to better appreciate real world concepts and skills, and to understand the relevance of basic skills such as financial literacy.
- Environmental Project-Based Learning @ QtPS allows our students to explore and address environmental problems while building on skills like teamwork, communication, critical thinking, and reflection.

3. The table below shows a brief overview of the programmes for the various levels:

Level / Programme	Environmental Project-Based Learning	Junior Achievement	Values in Action	Computational Thinking	Social Skills Through Art	Math Trail
P1	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	
P2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
P3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
P4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
P5	✓	✓	*	✓	✓	
P6	✓	*	*	*	*	

*The programmes for the levels will be conducted at a later date

4. As *Experiential Learning Week* progresses, do support your child's/ward's learning by getting your child/ward to share with you what they have learnt and experienced. We look forward to an enriching *Experiential Learning Week* for all our Queenstowners. We would also like to extend a special 'thank-you' to all our Parent Volunteers for helping out in the *Experiential Learning Week* programmes.

March School Holidays (15 to 23 March)

5. The March School Holidays will be from Saturday, 15 March, to Sunday, 23 March. School will reopen for Term 2 on Monday, 24 March. We wish everyone in our Queenstown Family a restful term break!

Hari Raya Puasa (31 March)

6. Monday, 31 March is a public holiday. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 1 April. QtPS wishes all Muslim members of our Queenstown Family a joyful Hari Raya Puasa!

General Information...

Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2025

7. Nominations for the annual *Inspiring Teacher of English Award* are now open! This national award, presented by the Speak Good English Movement and The Straits Times and with the support of MOE, acknowledges English Language teachers who:

- Exemplify the use of good spoken and written English.
- Promote learning-centred approaches during English lessons.
- Choose pedagogies appropriate to learners' readiness, interests, and learning profiles.

8. All Queenstowners, parents and teachers are invited to nominate their inspiring English Teachers. Nomination forms for the Teaching Award can be downloaded from

<https://www.languagecouncils.sg/goodenglish/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>



9. Do submit your nominations via email to Mrs Ong Lay See at lim_lay_see@moe.edu.sg by **14 March 2025**.

Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award 2025

10. Nominations for the *Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award* are now open! Jointly organised by the Malay Language Council of Singapore, Malay Language Teachers Association, Berita Harian and the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee, this award recognises Malay Language teachers who:

- Instil knowledge, skills and interest in the learning of the Malay language, literature and culture, as well as their care and concern for the well-being of their students; and
- Demonstrate the values of Arif Budiman, a learned person who contributes to society through excellent and exemplary service as an educator.

11. All Queenstowners, parents and teachers are invited to nominate their inspiring Malay Language Teachers. Nominations can also be made online via <https://go.gov.sg/agab2025>.



12. Do submit your nominations by **4 April 2025**.

Most Inspiring Tamil Teachers' Award 2025

13. Nominations for the *Most Inspiring Tamil Teacher's (MITT) Award* are now open! Jointly organised by Tamil Murasu, the Tamil Language Learning and Promotion Committee, and the Singapore Tamil Teachers' Union, the MITT Award recognises Tamil Language teachers who have made significant contributions to the teaching and learning of the language.

14. Nominees should be:

- Teachers who nurture students' interest in Tamil Language by using innovative methods to make lessons more interesting and engaging; and
- Dedicated and passionate teachers who demonstrate a keen interest in students' well-being while developing 21st Century Competencies for them to be future-ready.

15. All Queenstowners, parents and teachers are invited to nominate their inspiring Tamil Language Teachers. Nominations can also be made online via <https://go.gov.sg/mitt2025>.



16. Do submit your nominations by **4 April 2025**.


School's Calendar of Events (COE)

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



Connect with us

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

<p><u>Our School's Website</u> www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg</p> 	<p><u>Our School's Facebook Page</u> https://www.facebook.com/qtps.sg/</p>  <p>QtPS Facebook Page</p>
<p><u>Our School's Instagram Page</u> https://www.instagram.com/qtps_sg/</p> 	

Concluding Remarks...

19. Our School Value for Term 1, Respect, also encompasses respect for the environment. In QtPS, we aim to nurture our students to respect and take good care of the environment. As our very important partners at home, do encourage your child/ward to take small steps towards conservation. Together, we can protect Mother Earth and make this planet a better place for generations to come.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Olivia Cheong,
Principal