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AN OPEN LETTER MARCH 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1. Greetings from Queenstown Primary School! How quickly time flies and we are fast approaching the end of Term 1. It has been a busy term and we hope both you and your child are enjoying the process of learning.

Updates...

P5 Head Prefect Election 2018

2. The P5 Head Prefect Election took place on 29 January 2018. It came at the end of a week-long campaign for our three Head Prefect candidates, Chia Kae Lyn, Sahni Arya and Kwong Tsz Nok Samuel. All the teaching staff and students were given the right to vote for their choice of the Head Prefect. At the end of the election process, **we congratulate Samuel for being elected the P5 Head Prefect!** Kudos to Kae Lyn and Arya for running a good campaign too. Good effort!

Upcoming Activities...

Experiential Learning Week @ QtPS (5 March – 9 March)

3. We value experiential learning as it aims to provide breadth and overall balance to our students' co-curricular experience; develop social-emotional competencies, 21st century skills and to instil the right values in the students. Since 2013, Experiential Learning Week @ QtPS has been an annual event involving our P1 to P5 students. This year, it will be the first time we involve the P6 students.

4. The programme brings together a group of parents and corporate volunteers who take on the important role of a facilitator to implement the Junior Achievement (JA) programme, while affirming our meaningful partnerships between the school, parents and external organisations. JA programme, by JA Singapore Ltd, a subsidiary of JA Worldwide (a global non-profit organisation), is based on 6 sequential themes, teaching students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through interactive stories, games, group activities, experiments and presentations.

5. The volunteers will show our students how to generate wealth and manage it effectively; how to create jobs which make their communities more robust; how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace; how businesses contribute to a city and also the skills people need to work in specific careers. Through their involvement in Project Work and Integrated Learning, our P3, P4 and P5 students will then put these lessons into action.

6. Experiential Learning Week @ QtPS also allows for the inception of VIA activities for the P2 and P3 levels. The common aim for these 2 programmes is to inculcate responsibility for the common areas that they use. The P2 students will be embarking on a level-wide initiative – Clean and Beautiful Toilets, organised by the Restroom Association of Singapore. They will learn the importance of good sanitary habits and cleanliness, and also take ownership of beautifying the toilets in our school. The P3 students will be participating in the Buddy Clean programme which takes place on the 7 March 2018 during curriculum hours. They will learn the importance of keeping the school clean, thereby inculcating positive social values and norms on cleanliness amongst students.

7. To extend learning, the P3 students will be going to *KidZania so as to allow them to put what they have learnt in their JA programme to practice. This will take place on 8 March 2018.

*KidZania is an interactive indoor theme park where children can learn about different careers, the inner workings of a city and the concept of managing money.

8. To facilitate exposure of coding and computational thinking, the P4 and P5 students will go through a series of coding lessons conducted during school hours. Through these lessons, students will learn how to apply what they have learnt in their Math and Science lessons to develop coding and computational thinking skills.

9. The P6 students will also be going through a Cyberwellness Workshop during curriculum hours. As students get increasingly dependent on the internet for information, they are also susceptible to the dangers that lurk behind it. Thus, this workshop will equip them with the necessary skills and attitudes, so that they know how to keep themselves safe from the internet and to prevent gaming addiction.

General Information...

Travel Declaration

10. As part of emergency management to safeguard your child's health and that of all students and staff in the school, students are required to declare their travel plans for the upcoming holidays. We are using our school's MC Online Learning Management System for the submission of travel declarations. All students are required to declare their travel plans whether they are travelling or not. For P1 students, online declaration will only be effective from Semester 2. For the travel plan declaration in March, all P1 students will do so through the Travel Declaration Form which is issued through their Form Teacher. Please submit the completed form to your child's Form Teacher by **Monday, 5 March 2018**. For parents of P2 to P6 students, we seek your cooperation in submitting your child's travel declaration for the school holidays in March online through his/her MC Online account at https://www.mconline.sg/LEAD/login/lms_login.aspx by **Monday, 5 March 2018**.

11. A step-by-step guide on how to fill in the online declaration can be found in MC Online under Announcement after you login with your child's login ID and password. Should you need any clarification, please approach your child's Form Teachers who will be able to guide you through the process.

12. We seek your cooperation to make accurate travel declaration.

Inspiring Teacher of English Award 2018

13. 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 downloaded from <http://goodenglish.org.sg/inspiring-teacher-of-english-award/nomination-information>. The closing date for nominations is **Friday, 6 April 2018**.

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 March issue is attached to this letter for your reading pleasure.

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

15. Please access the calendar of event for the month of March at our website, <http://www.queenstownpri.moe.edu.sg/others/coe-for-parents> or through the QR code below.



Concluding Remarks...

Your Best

*If you always try your best
Then you'll never have to wonder
About what you could have done
If you'd summoned all your thunder.*

*And if your best
Was not as good
As you hoped it would be,
You still could say,
"I gave today
All that I had in me."*

From: "Suzie Bitner Was Afraid of the Drain" by Barbara Vance

16. Indeed, the quality of our work reflects our commitment towards it. Quality work requires an attitude of wanting to do things right or better, even if it takes a little longer or requires a greater effort to do so. Parents/Guardians, do work with us to encourage your child/ward to give their best in whatever they do and to always strive to produce quality work.

17. Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead! We would like to wish our students a safe and meaningful holiday during the March school break. Enjoy your quality time with your child and we look forward to seeing your children when Term 2 begins on Monday, 19 March 2018.

Warmest regards,



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NEWS BYTES



Queenstown Primary School Parents Support Group Newsletter

March 2018

Introducing our 2018 QTPSG Committee

Chairperson	- Ice Lee
Vice Chair	- Teo Cher Hwa
Vice Chair	- Mike Ang
Marcomm	- Zar Ni Kyaw
Facebook	- Selina Wee
CA Chat Room	- Joye Foo
IFD	- Rupal
JA	- Angeline Wee
Am Read	- Loretta Yeo
Chinese Read	- He Da Jiang
RCR	- Poh Sook Sun
Recess	- Alex Goh
Fathers' Group	- Mike Ang



From Left : Zar Ni, Cher Hwa, Joye, Angeline, Rupal, Mrs Ho, Mdm Poon, Ms Ng, Mrs Tan, Ice, Celestine, Sook Sun, Selina, Chris, Da Jiang, Alex, Loretta, Mike

“Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved”

Mattie Stepanek

Upcoming Events: March 2018

5th & 6th March
Junior Achievement Training

10th – 18th March
Term Break

21st March
Leaders Meeting

24th March
Breakfast with Dad

24th March
Family Walk



Chinese New Year is a traditional and very important Chinese holiday. It is also known as the Spring Festival, which is a literal translation from the Chinese name. It is also referred to as the Lunar New Year because the Chinese calendar is lunisolar. A lunisolar calendar uses both the moon phase and the solar year. School Leaders and Parent Volunteers got together on 14th February 2018, for a popular Chinese New Year activity – a “Lohei” session - to mark the beginning of the new year. It was a meaningful event where well-wishes, laughter and a special dish of Lohei salad was ‘tossed’. It was a great way to reiterate the continued close collaboration between QtPS and the QtPSG.