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AN OPEN LETTER MAY 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Warm greetings from Queenstown Primary School. We hope that this letter finds you well. How quickly time flies! As Semester 1 is slowly drawing to a close, I hope that these few months have been a positive learning journey for your child/ward.

In Celebration...

International Friendship Day (IFD)

2. IFD was commemorated on 6 April this year and our Queenstown Parent Support Group (QtPSG) put together an IFD exhibition at the School Hall. At the exhibition, booths were set up to represent different countries. At each booth, rich information on the country's history, culture and tradition were shared with our students.

3. We are grateful for the strong support and invaluable contributions from our QtPSG. Their efforts have not only enabled our students to learn more about ASEAN and other countries, the IFD exhibition was also extended to students from the Rainbow Centre. Parents, thank you for making a difference for students in QtPS and the Rainbow Centre! You are awesome!

17th Inter-school National Scrabble Championship 2018

4. Students from our Scrabble Club CCA took part in the above competition. The competition provided a platform for students to interact with like-minded enthusiasts and to share the finer points of the game with players from other primary schools. Congratulations to these winners and well done! The winners are:

Division	Category	Award	Participants	Class	
Junior (Individual Event)	Bowl	3 rd Place	Lim Kang Rong	4 Joy	
		Participation	Shi Yongxuan	3 Courage	
Senior (Individual Event)	Plate	10 th Place	Ni Haoran	5 Joy	
	Bowl	2 nd Place	Galupo Mikaela Joy Yu	6 Care	
		8 th Place	Christine Chan	6 Honesty	
		9 th Place	Mo Thant Cin	6 Care	
		10 th Place	Ainsley Jaden Kartili	6 Care	
		Participation		Danyl Wong Jing Xiang	5 Care
				Edric Chua Qi Xiang	5 Honesty
				Divya Thirupathy	6 Care
				Tarun Vijayakumar	6 Courage
				Shermaine Wong Xin Yi	6 Honesty
Junior (Team Event)	Bowl	1 st Place	Teo Le Ying	3 Care	
			Shi Yongxuan	3 Courage	
			S. Jeyanidhi	4 Diligence	
			Lim Kang Rong & Teo Wei Jeen	4 Joy	
		Participation		Zavier Ong	3 Care
				Jenson Tang	3 Creativity
Senior (Team Event)	Bowl	2 nd Place	Ainsley Jaden Kartili & Galupo Mikaela Joy Yu	6 Care	
			Kumaresan Harshini Hirthika & Tarun Vijayakumar	6 Courage	
			Ni Haoran	5 Joy	

Division	Category	Award	Participants	Class
	Cup	3 rd Place	Edric Chua Qi Xiang	5 Honesty
			Mo Thant Cin	6 Care
			Christine Chan Kai Xin & Shermaine Wong Xin Yi	6 Honesty
			Linus Leong Wei Cheng	6 Joy
		Participation	Danyl Wong Jing Xiang	5 Care

Girls' Brigade Company Award 2017

5. This is an annual award in which the girls of the Girls' Brigade (GB) have to complete various badge work and meet different criteria set by GB HQ to achieve it. For the effort they had put in, our GB girls attained the **Silver award**. Congratulations, girls!

J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2017

6. Our Boys' Brigade (BB) CCA achieved the **Bronze Honour Roll** in the J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2017. This award was introduced to allow the BB units to evaluate themselves in the effectiveness and efficiency of the unit's programme and activities while ensuring that the students benefit fully from its programme which focuses on holistic character development. Congratulations, boys!

Ops Baca 2018

7. A group of our students participated in the above Malay Language story acting competition. Congratulations to these winners and well done! The winners are:

Category	Award	Participants	Class
P2 Category	1 st Place	Nur A'esyah Binte Misnawi	2 Care
		Sumayyah Binte Md Hamkah	2 Courage
		Nur Shahidah Binte A Azuddin & Dayyan Zeffi Bin Muhammad Azreel (Reserve)	2 Honesty
		Mohamed A'riq Bin Mohamed Asmail	2 Joy
P3 Category	3 rd Place	Aliyah Qiassatina Binte Zamrin & Safar Bin Idris	3 Creativity
		Sharifah Nurin Syaurah Binte Syed Muhamad Faizal (Reserve)	3 Diligence
P4 Category	Consolation prize	Dean Muhammed Darwisy Bin Roslan, Muhammad Reeyan Aqashah Bin Muhammad Ariff & Ayra Syazarina Binte Mohammad Abdillah (Reserve)	4 Courage
		Muhammad Khairullah Bin Idris	4 Creativity
		Aaliya Reihana Binte Abdul Ghani	4 Honesty
Overall Category	3 rd Place		

Raffles Institution Primary Mathematics World Competition (RIPMWC) 2018

8. A group of our students took part in the above challenge. Congratulations to these winners and well done! The winners are:

Award	Participants	Class
Distinction	Sun Beichen	5 Honesty
Credit	Wang Jiayi, Ban Xin Hui, Vetsa Karthikeya, Kothamasu Pranavasai Bhavesh & Mohamed Nifaaz S/O Mohamed Ismail	6 Care
Participation	Lok Jun Yi	5 Honesty
	Xavier Koh Wen Rui, Foong Jing Heng, Dominic Oeij & Ni Haoran	5 Joy
	Lum Shao Young, Mohammad Iman Bin Mohd Jumari, Mahima Manoj Adattuvalappil, Low Zi Ting, Koh Matthias Yunkang, Feng Yining, Leong Xin Yi, Liu Rui Yi Winnie, Nathan Neo, Divya Thirupathy, James Maagdalone, Ameerah Farhana, Chew Caven & Julian Mahieu	6 Care
	Sumit Vinod Jaiswal, Tarun Vijayakumar & Cyrus Tan Jing Xuan	6 Courage

National Schools Games Swimming Championship

9. Students from our Swimming CCA took part in the above competition. Congratulations to these winners and well done! The winners are:

Award	Participants	Class
Boys' 50m Freestyle	Matthew Wee Yuexian	4 Creativity
	Sam Choo Sze Jian	4 Joy
	Lim Cheng Yu	5 Honesty
	Alexander Carmelo Camacho Dela Paz	5 Honesty
	Raiyan Leong Ming Xi	5 Joy
Boys' 50m Breast Stroke	Raiyan Leong Ming Xi	5 Joy
Boys' 4 X 50m Freestyle Relay	Lim Cheng Yu, Alexander Carmelo Camacho Dela Paz & Irfan Lau Bin Mohamad Noor	5 Honesty
	Raiyan Leong Ming Xi	5 Joy
Girls' 50m Freestyle	Sam Elizabeth Maria Bilkes	5 Courage
	Zia Bryce Joson Inumerable	5 Honesty
Girls' 50m Breast Stroke	Joanne Chong	4 Joy
	Zia Bryce Joson Inumerable	5 Honesty

Upcoming Activities...

SA 1 matters

10. All P3 to P6 students will be sitting for their SA1. The timetable for the SA1 examinations, including the topics to be tested, has been given to your child/ward in early April. Please guide your child/ward in planning his/her daily revision. As assessments are an integral part of the school curriculum, **any absence from school examinations must be supported by a medical certificate.** Please note that the school **will not** administer make-up examinations for students who are absent for written examinations. Should your child/ward be unable to take the assessment due to valid reasons, please contact and inform your child's/ward's teacher(s).

11. **Please also ensure that your child/ward continues to attend school after the SA1 examinations, as lessons will continue after the examinations.** Teachers will be going through the questions in the examination papers, and will provide feedback so that your child/ward knows what went wrong and how to go about getting it right. It is important that your child/ward **does not miss lessons after the examinations** because this is when feedback is provided to help your child/ward learn and improve. **Family holiday plans should only be planned during the official school holiday period. We seek your kind cooperation in this matter.**

e-Learning Day cum Meet-the-Parents Session

12. Thursday, 24 May 2018 is the school's e-Learning Day cum Meet-the-Parents Session. On this day, all students **do not** need to report to school. Instead, they will access the school's subscribed Learning Management portal, MC Online, at their stipulated time, to learn and do the work that has been assigned. This e-learning exercise is also to ensure the school's readiness for Home-Based Learning (HBL) in the event of an emergency.

13. For families who do not have computers and/or Internet access, your child/ward may access the e-learning in school. Our Computer Laboratories will be opened that day from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm. Consent forms will be given to students who would like to access the e-learning in school. The e-learning instructions and information will be disseminated to all students through their respective Form Teachers nearer to the date.

14. 24 May is set aside for parents to meet with their child's/ward's teachers to discuss his/her progress and to collect his/her Report Book. You will receive an invitation from your child's/ward's Form Teacher nearer to the date. Please indicate on the response slip any alternative arrangement if you are unable to meet the teachers on the date set aside for this event.

15. Our Learning Management portal is available 24/7 for access. Students can keep up with their lessons at home by logging in to access the fun and interactive online resources for English, Mother Tongue, Mathematics and Science at their own time.

General Information...

Queenstown Primary Parent Support Group (QtPSG) News Bytes

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

School's Calendar of Events (COE)

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



Concluding Remarks...

Once upon a time, there were four seeds who were good friends. Taken up by the wind they finally landed in a jungle clearing. There they remained, hidden in the ground, hoping they would be able to grow to become beautiful trees. However, when the first seed began germinating, they realised it wouldn't be such an easy task. In that clearing, there lived a group of monkeys and they would amuse themselves by throwing bananas at any plant they noticed was starting to grow.

They threw so many bananas at that first seed that it was almost split in two. When it told the other seeds what happened, they all agreed it would be better to wait for the monkeys to move on, before they attempted to grow. Well, they all thought that, except for one seed, who thought she should at least attempt it. When she tried, she was pelted with bananas, and was left folded over in two. The other seeds got together and asked her to stop trying, but that little seed was determined to become a tree, and time and again she would try and try. On each new occasion, the little seed would end up doubled over, but she didn't give up. Every time the monkeys pelted her with bananas, she tried even harder, despite her friends begging her to stop, and telling her to wait until the monkeys left. And so, for days, weeks and months, the little plant was attacked by the monkeys, and she always ended stooped and doubled over.

Then one day, she didn't double over. She was hit by a banana, and then another, but none of them managed to make her stoop. She had taken so many blows, and had been doubled over so many times that she was full of hard knots and scars that helped her to grow more strongly than the other seeds. Her slim trunk got thicker and more resistant, until it could withstand the impact of a banana, and she was already so well-developed that the monkeys could not uproot her from the ground. So there she stayed, growing and growing.

Thanks to the extraordinary strength of her trunk, she could continue overcoming all difficulties, until she became the most majestic tree in the jungle. Meanwhile, her friends remained hidden in the ground, and they continued as ever, hoping that those horrible monkeys would abandon the clearing.

Adapted from: <https://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-tales/seeds>

18. This month, we would like to focus on the school value of **Perseverance**. As the author David Cottrell, wrote in one of his management books, "Success is not about luck or the economy. It's about making a conscious choice that No Matter What, you will keep moving forward to your goals." Let us learn from the little seed who didn't give up. Let's set our goal and work towards it. If we get knocked off our path due to one reason or another, we should persevere and stay the course. Parents/Guardians, do work with us to encourage your child/ward to persevere. We believe that every Queenstowner is unique and talented, capable of accomplishing much if he/she perseveres in his/her effort to realise his/her potential. Let's reinforce this same message in school and at home.

19. Thank you and have a wonderful month ahead!

Warmest regards,



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Happy Mother's Day!

This year Mother's Day falls on the 13th May

A mother's love is always pure
No trace of insecurity but a better cure

A mother's love maybe strict
But her loving way to make you stick

A mother's love is always true
It's all you need to get you through

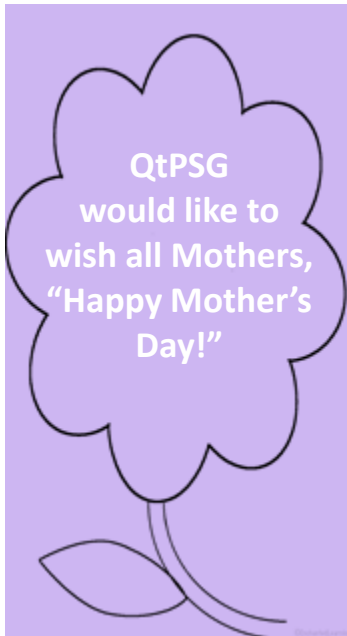
A mother's love can seem like hate
She's only firm to keep you safe

A mother's love is a shelter
In times of troubles you don't have to fear

A mother's love is always there
In simple ways she'll show she cares

A mother's love can never compare
With anyone else's anywhere

It is always here to stay ...



QtPSG
would like to
wish all Mothers,
"Happy Mother's
Day!"

"Mother's love is peace.

It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved"

Erich Fromm

Events : May 2018

5th May
Father's Group Meeting

9th May
Leaders Meeting

26th May – 24th June
Term Break

Father's Group Feature:
12th May
Kayaking With Dad!



Well done Team QtPSG IFD Team! Parents from 12 different countries came together on 6th April 2018 to showcase their countries' culture, games and costumes. Parents and students had a great time sharing, learning and completing their 'passports' when 'travelling'! . Check out our Facebook Page for more pictures @QtPSG

