



# QUEENSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## AN OPEN LETTER NOVEMBER 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Time flies and we are nearing the end of the academic year for 2018. It has been a wonderful year filled with events that enriched the learning experiences of our students. As the year draws to a close, it gives me and my staff great pleasure to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year and we look forward to your continued support next year.

As a school, we partner parents to realise the potential of our students. Our Parents Support Group (PSG) has been instrumental in the many successful and enriched learning experiences of our students. To show our appreciation to our Parents Support Group (PSG) for their commitment and contribution, the school will be hosting an appreciation ceremony cum breakfast buffet on Wednesday, 14 November from 7.30 am to 9.00 am in the Band Room. Thank you for your support!

The December holidays are just around the corner. Good Cyber Wellness habits play an integral part to ensure the safe well-being of students as it is expected that they will have more opportunities to be online during this period. We have included in this November Open Letter, a tip sheet which we hope you would find useful as you partner us in ensuring that your child / ward stays safe in Cyber Space. Included in this tip sheet is a list of different websites which provides more information on how to help your child / ward practise good Cyber Wellness habits at home. Please refer to them to find out more on how to keep your child / ward safe.

### *In Celebration...*

#### Australian Mathematics Competition

1. Our students took part in the Australian Mathematics Competition and we are pleased to announce the winners. Congratulations to these winners and well done! The winners are:

Award	Participants	Class
High Distinction	Sun Beichen	5 Honesty
	Ni Haoran	5 Joy
Distinction	He Weiheng Ryan & Ryan Lim Zen Wye	4 Honesty
	Jaden Tjeng	4 Joy
	Lok Jun Yi, Eyo Yang Zheng Xu, Xiong Allison & Wang Yucen	5 Honesty
	Foong Jing Heng & Dominic Oeij	5 Joy
Credit	Tharun Anand	3 Co
	Ethan Low Zhi Yuan	3 Dil
	Kam Yau Shing & Christopher Lim K Rui	3 Joy
	Li Ziqi Angela, Qian Zeming, Lim Yung Ler, Rayden (Lin Yongle), Wei Xiaomin & Woo Bin Rui, Ray	4 Honesty
	Lim Kang Rong, Otto Theodore Carpenter, Sun Hao Bo, Jeremy Siah De En, Yu Boyuan, Eythan Duhlian, Subramaniam Saminathan Suresh, Eason Ong Yu Sheng (Wang Yusheng), Lok Zi Yi, Lee Minyu & Sujithkumar Vani Krishna	4 Joy
	Julien Leong Qicheng, Ahmad Rizky Alkiano, Lee Jayden Seojin & Gopal Anurupa Ajeet Wagle	5 Honesty
	Lee Wei Jun, Seri Asma-Ina Syukrina Binte Abdull Rahman, Leong Teng	5 Joy

Award	Participants	Class
	Koon, Sahni Arya, Kong Shuozi, Yang Lin Xuan, Xavier Koh Wen Rui & Elliot Hwong Rui Teng	
Proficiency	Shi Yongjie, Yang Hui Lin (Yan Huilin) & Gad Avani Sachin	3 Care
	Kong Yue Mi	3 Courage
	Dylan Tan Khai Kit	3 Creativity
	Len Zen Li & Poh Hui Eran Joyce	3 Diligence
	Hana Lau Binte Mohamad Noor	3 Honesty
	Mathaley Prahnav & Charissa Chua Rui En	3 Joy
	Fiona Jane Tan & Lin Yuzhe Isaac	4 Diligence
	Nevyn Neo, Xu Shuocho, Lua Jun Yuan (Lai Junyuan), Cedrik Hwang Hong Yi (Huang Hongyi), Kwong Tsz Yan Priscilla, Sam Hong Yi, Srivatssan Ayyasamy, Goh Yi Xuan Rissa, Quah Yong Xi & Glynnis Neo Hyu Han (Liang Yuhan)	4 Honesty
	Danica Goh Le En (Wu Le'en), Kynan Jayden Irawan, Teo Wei Jeen, Ahire Vibhav Prabodh, Fu Yunqi, Pey Yu Cen (Bai Yucen) & Jeevarathinam Dhanasekar Anirudh Raman	4 Joy
	Madupu Sanjana Reddy & Alpha Eh Kre Thu	5 Honesty
Mattheus Siau Yi Hern, Lee Wei Yang, Merrill & Teo Poh Huan	5 Joy	
Pass	Reia Gan (Yan Ruiya)	3 Joy

### ***Upcoming Activities...***

#### **Deepavali – Tuesday, 6 November 2018**

2. All colleagues and students celebrating Deepavali will be dismissed at 10.00 am on the eve of Deepavali - **Monday, 5 November**. For the safety of these students who will be dismissed at 10.00 am, parents / guardians are requested to make the necessary transport arrangements to fetch your child / ward from school. Happy Deepavali!

#### **Admin Day**

3. The school has set aside **Wednesday, 7 November** as the day to process the SA2 exam results. As all teachers will be involved in the exercise, **all P1 to P6 students need not report to school on this day**.

#### **P6 Graduation Party**

4. The P6 students will end their 6 years of education in QtPS with a P6 Graduation Party on **Thursday, 8 November**. The graduation party will start at 8.15 am and end at 1.00 pm in the school hall. Please note that the dismissal time for the P6 students will still be 1.30 pm on 8 November. Students will be allowed to put on their Sunday best for the party. The teachers have planned a sumptuous brunch for the students, coupled with games to celebrate the occasion and we look forward to having fun with them. Please note that more details will be disseminated to your child/ ward via the Year Head.

#### **Annual Prize-Giving Day**

5. This year, we have set aside **Thursday, 15 November** as our school's Annual Prize-Giving Day to celebrate the success of our students and teachers. The event will be held in our school hall from 7.30 am to 11 am. Only parents of prize recipients and performers will be invited. Parents of our P6 students may attend the ceremony to mark the end of their child's 6 years of journey with QtPS. Parents of prize winners and performers will receive the invitation in due time and more information will be given then. Please note that **all P1 and P2 students need not report to school on this day**. **All P3 to P6 students will be dismissed at 11 am** after the event. Please make the necessary arrangements to fetch your child / ward at **11 am**. **We seek your understanding and look forward to your support.**

#### **P1 (2019) Orientation Programme**

6. The school will be conducting the P1 Orientation Programme for our P1 (2019) students on **Friday, 16 November**. As such, all P1 to P6 students need not report to school on this day.

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

#### **Applicable only to P6 parents / guardians – 2018 Sec One (S1) Posting Exercise**

7. Your child / ward has been given the S1 Information Booklet. The booklet provides useful information for you and your child / ward when choosing secondary schools. As part of our post-PSLE activities, we have organised talks by various secondary schools. We hope that through these talks, our P6 students are better prepared to transit to the next phase of their lives.

8. The PSLE result is scheduled to be released **tentatively between 22 and 26 November 2018**. Please look out for the announcement over the Media. If you or your child / ward is unable to collect the result slip personally, please authorise an adult to collect it on your behalf. The Authorisation Form is available in the S1 Information Booklet.

#### **Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA)**

9. The Outstanding Youth in Education Award seeks to recognise excellent young teachers for their youthful idealism, energy, enthusiasm and active involvement in the development of youths. With effect from 2012, the age criterion for OYEA has been revised to **35 years and younger**. For OYEA 2019, it is open to educators who are born on or after 30 June 1984. Nominations for OYEA 2019 are now open and will close on **Tuesday, 8 January 2019**. You are encouraged to submit your nomination of any of our teachers. Nomination forms can be obtained from the General Office. Alternatively, you can submit your nomination via the online form at <https://tinyurl.com/OYEA2019>, or through the QR code below.



#### **President's Award for Teachers (PAT)**

10. The President's Award for Teachers gives national recognition to experienced teachers for their dedication and hard work in developing our young. These teachers prepare students for life, as well as model commitment to continuous learning and enterprise. They inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds. Nominations for PAT 2019 are now open and will close on **Tuesday, 22 January 2019**. You are encouraged to submit your nomination of any of our teachers. Nomination forms can be obtained from the General Office. Alternatively, you can submit your nomination via the online form at <https://tinyurl.com/2019PAT>, or through the QR code below.



#### **First Three Days of School 2019**

11. The new academic year will begin on **Wednesday, 2 January 2019**. The time-table will be suspended on the first three days of the new academic year for Form Teachers to establish schedules and routines in the classroom, set expectations and bond with the students. As such, all P2 to P6 students need only bring along with them their stationery, handbook/note book and a storybook on the first three days of school.

#### **Purchase of books and school uniforms**

12. The booklist for 2019 will be given to your child / ward together with the release of the Report Book. The dates and time for the sale of the books and school uniforms will be indicated on the booklist.

### Donation of used textbooks and school uniforms

13. To promote a green and sustainable environment, the school will be collecting the school shorts and skorts which your child / ward has outgrown, as well as used textbooks from **Thursday, 8 November till Monday, 12 November**. As we are launching our 'enhanced' version of the school uniform, we will not be collecting the uniform tops. Boxes will be placed in the school canteen for your child/ ward to drop off the items. We accept all textbooks and uniforms which are in good condition. As such, please ensure that the donated uniforms are cleaned and without any stains before you drop them off. Only the shorts/skorts will be collected as we would be using them in the event that our students need a change of uniform during the school day. Please do not donate the Science textbooks as the PSLE curriculum includes content from P3 to P6. The textbooks collected will be offered to students in need of them.

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

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



### *Concluding Remarks...*


*“Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and grieves which we endure help us in our marching onward.”*

Henry Ford (1863-1947)

15. This is the time where we bid farewell to our graduating students. It is indeed hard to imagine that these adorable little boys and girls who joined us six years ago have grown and blossomed, ready to embark on their next phase of growth and development. We wish them well and hope that they will always keep close to their hearts the teachings and school values that we have taught them all these years. Dear P6 students, we would like to leave you with the quote from Henry Ford. Remember that it's through life experiences that your character is built. All the best and we will miss you!

16. I would like to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable school vacation, and I look forward to meeting you again on 2 Jan 2019.

Warmest regards,



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# HELPING YOUR CHILDREN PROTECT THEIR PERSONAL DATA ONLINE



## What is Personal Data?



Personal data refers to data, whether true or not, about an individual who can be identified from that data; or from that data and other information to which the organisation has or is likely to have access.

Source: PDPC website

Some examples are: includes full name, date and year of birth, contact number, home address, medical conditions, identification number, geographical position (for example, the location data tracked on a mobile phone) and Internet Protocol (IP) address.

It can also include data that can be processed to learn, record or decide something about an identifiable individual. Some examples are daily routines of an individual such as frequent hangouts and online browsing habits. These can be used to compromise the user's personal safety or privacy.



## Why is it a Concern?



Data may be misused by third parties for:

- Illegal online activities such as phishing, scams, identity theft and influence of personal opinion
- Tracking a person which may lead to crimes such as kidnapping and burglary
- Financial gain



## How can Parents Help?



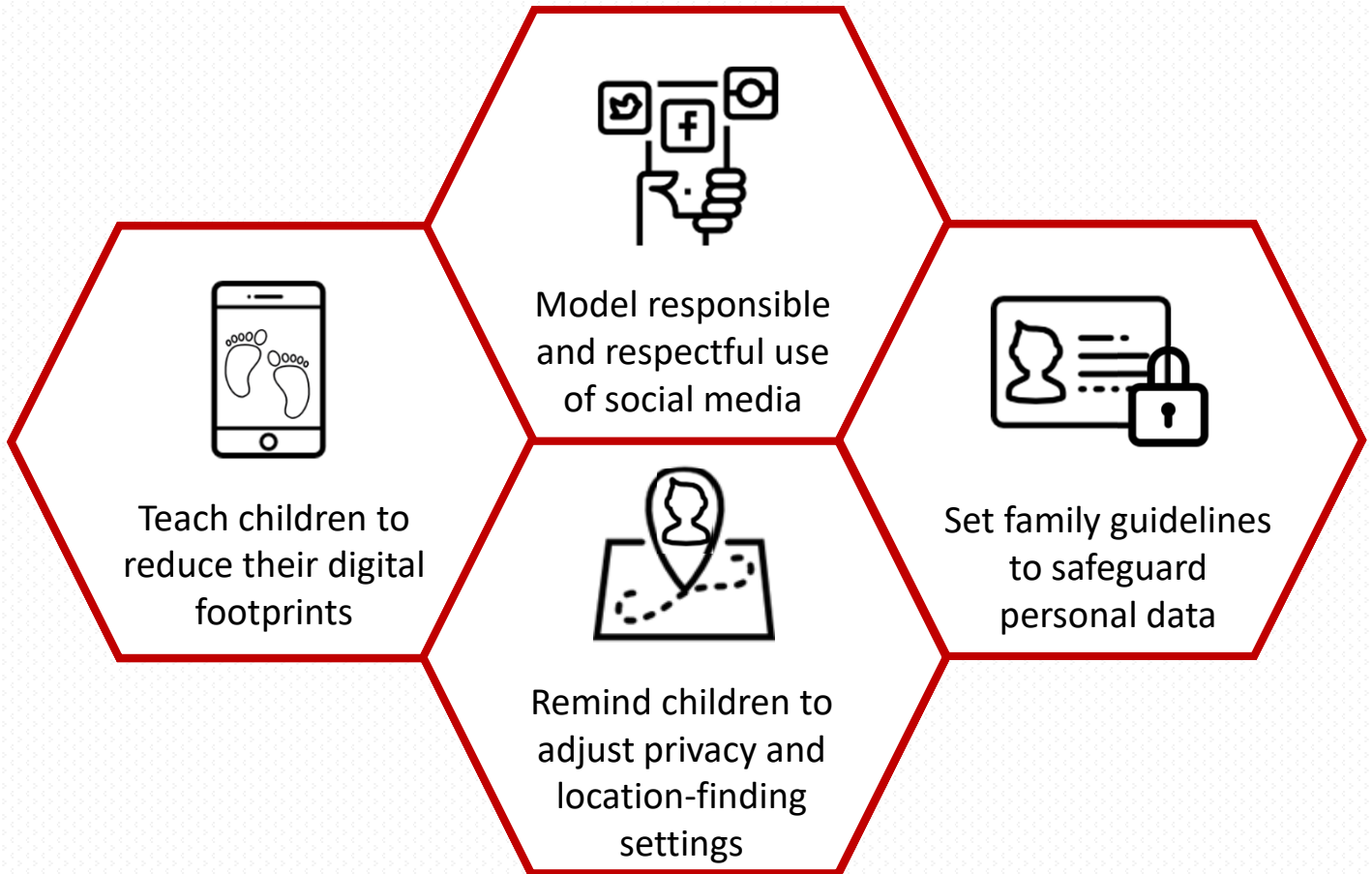
Parents can help their children to safeguard their personal data by:

- ✓ Modelling and guiding responsible and respectful use of social media, e.g., think before posting information about children.
- ✓ Discussing with children their personal data practices such as the need to be mindful about posting personal data and the dangers of sharing information.
- ✓ Reminding children about setting strong and unique passwords, and reviewing privacy and location-finding settings on devices and social media accounts.
- ✓ Teaching children to reduce their digital footprints, e.g., asking friends not to post or tag photos of them without permission.





## Key Messages



## Resources



### Ministry of Education

MOE's Cyber Wellness Portal has useful tips, strategies and resources on various cyber issues. You can also access it through "The ICT Connection" mobile app.

[ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/cyber-wellness-101/handling-inappropriate-content](http://ictconnection.moe.edu.sg/cyber-wellness/cyber-wellness-101/handling-inappropriate-content)



### Media Literacy Council

Media Literacy Council provides information, tips and resources on managing personal information online.

[medialiteracycouncil.sg/Online-Safety/sharing-personal-information-online](http://medialiteracycouncil.sg/Online-Safety/sharing-personal-information-online)



### Personal Data Protection Commission

Personal Data Protection Commission Singapore shares useful information and tips on protecting personal data.

<https://www.pdpc.gov.sg/Individuals/Protecting-Your-Personal-Data>

