



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Time has flown by. Not too long ago, we began the year and we are already halfway past Term 1 and will very soon celebrate Chinese New Year at the end of this week. I take this opportunity to wish all Chinese students and their parents/guardians, and staff a very Blessed and Joyous Lunar New Year!

The following are some school matters I would like to highlight and I look forward to your support.

Congratulations to our Football and Volleyball Teams

Our school's Football "B" Division Boys team has done very well in the Zonal rounds of the Football Championships. They completed all their matches with an unbeaten record and have now proceeded to the Schools' Premier League. They are certainly a skilful team, playing with good teamwork and the ability to play intelligently according to the game strategy. We wish them well as they proceed to the next level of competitions.

Both our Volleyball "B" Division Girls and Boys teams have done very well in the South Zone Championships. Both teams qualified for the semi-finals of the competition and it was thrilling to watch them in their efforts. Our Boys team succumbed to a very strong Fairfield Sec team but pressed on despite the height disadvantage. They have finished 4th in the South Zone Championships and now qualify for the National Schools rounds.

Meanwhile, our Volleyball Girls team played a magnificent match against Queenstown Sec. Despite losing the first game, our girls never lost determination or focus. They returned to win the next two games with convincing margins and we congratulate them for qualifying for the South Zone Championship Finals to be played on 20 February (Tue). You are most welcome to join us in supporting our team at the Delta Sports Complex.

School Chinese New Year Celebrations –15 February 2018 (Thu)

Our school will be celebrating the Chinese New Year on Chinese New Year eve. Students will report to school as usual and lessons will be conducted for the first 2 periods of the day. This will be followed by a Concert presented by our students and staff to celebrate the occasion. As a multi-racial nation, we will also celebrate our racial diversity. As a tradition, we are hosting old folks together with Lions Befriender@Mei Ling Street to celebrate and ring in the Year of the Dog!

Students have been told that school will be dismissed by **11 am** that day and they should bring a snack for themselves as they will not have a recess break after the first 2 lessons. Also, please note that Monday, 19 February is a school holiday in lieu of Saturday.

Common Tests – 23 February (Fri) to 2 March 2018 (Fri)

As reflected in the school calendar, Common Tests will be conducted during the period stated above. Students have been informed as to the schedule and the content that would be covered for the tests they will be taking. Please advise your child/ward to spend his/her time wisely before this to prepare so that they can have a good understanding of how much they have learnt over the term.





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School Camps – 8 and 9 March 2018 (Thu-Fri)

Please note that all our students will be having the opportunity to experience learning through camps that will be held on the final two days of Term 1. The experiential nature of the camps with the different focus will provide them opportunities to forge stronger relationships with their peers and teachers. Students will be challenged to overcome obstacles that they may find difficulty with and in that process build resilience and determination.

For Sec 1s, 4s and 5s, they will have non-residential camps while the Sec 2s and 3s will have their 2-day residential camp. More details of these camps will be provided soon. Parents/Guardians should note that the camp experience is heavily subsidized by the school and we will require all students to also pay their part for the camp.

I am also writing early to you so that you do not write to ask for your child/ward to be excused from the camp as he/she will miss out the valuable learning experience that has been planned. Leave requests will not be granted especially with the intent to extend the school holidays.

Financial Assistance Scheme

The Ministry of Education provides the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) for students from families that have run in rough times financially. I want to encourage you, if your family is experiencing financial difficulties to apply for this support. Your information would be kept confidential as our aim is to ensure provisions for our students that can support them in their educational pursuits and development. If you have any queries, please check with your child's Form Teachers or call the school office.

Conclusion

Over the past weeks, I have had the opportunity to meet with parents/guardians at the Meet-the-Parents as well as at "Breakfast with the Principals". I am thankful for the positive responses from many of you as you show commitment to your child's education by making the effort to attend these meetings.

I also have had the opportunity to meet with various students over the past weeks. I am heartened that they have a determination to do well in their time here in Queensway Sec and are proud to be in this school. They have dreams and desires to be a blessing to the community and know that their education here will provide them the foundation with which to enable them to achieve their goals. I encourage you to engage with your child/ward, to hear what his/her ambitions are. I have also encountered some students who have little idea what they want to pursue in their lives. I encouraged them to take time to think it through and come back to share with me their thoughts and dreams. Having hope and aspiration is important. When they drive towards their goals, they will find greater purpose for what they do as we believe they will find their "Success through Diligence".

Yours sincerely

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Principal

