



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have just completed 3 weeks in Term 2 and much has happened for our school community, and we are looking forward to more that is to come.

58th Queensway School Speech Day

Last Friday, we commemorated our school's Speech Day, recognizing the efforts and contributions of students and staff. It was a grand celebration, and we were honoured that Mr Denis Tang, Director, Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau, could grace us by being the Guest-of-Honour. Mr Tang is a Queenswayan who was also the Head Prefect in 1978. He has had a long and distinguished career in public service and he credited our school's processes for nurturing and developing him as a student in QSS.

Aside from the recognitions to students and staff, we were treated to excellent performances by students who have completed their Singapore Youth Festival Presentations. We are certainly proud of all our students!

Congratulations to our Girls' B-Division Team

Our school was presented with a wonderful celebratory present by our Girls' Football team this morning when they were crowned National Schools B-Division Champions. This is the 2nd consecutive National title for our B-Division team. I was also particularly proud and delighted for the girls in our graduating cohort. These girls have won the National title since they were in Sec 1 and clinched the National title for QSS each successive year! A truly outstanding achievement and display of discipline, commitment and excellence in their efforts to train and displaying a class of teamwork that sets a mark of excellence! Our congratulations to the girls, their teachers and coaches. We must also commend their parents for encouraging and supporting their daughters as many of these girls train 6 days a week, and without their parents behind them, it would be most challenging.

Congratulations to our Malay Dancers

Those of you who were present at our Speech Day would have enjoyed the Malay Dance performance. There was lots of energy and their synchrony and timing was worked to perfection. Thus, it was no wonder that they were awarded the Singapore Youth Festival Distinction Award when they performed their item just over a week ago. It was certainly nice to see that our Sec 1 students could rise to the challenge and contribute to this showpiece, and equally happy to see that there were boys performing, adding a good balance to the whole presentation. I congratulate our teachers and their instructor who worked tirelessly with these students and guided them to the high level of competence that they displayed.

Congratulations to our B-Division Boys Football team

Though our Boys B-Division team bowed out at the Quarter-Finals of the National Schools Football Championships, I want to affirm our young men who demonstrated our school's values in their pursuit of the National title. Their dedication to training and discipline displayed was heartening. It is worth noting that the bulk of our team were Sec 3 students and were thus smaller in physique when compared to their opponents. However, though their chances seemed slim, they pressed on for each other and the team all the way to the final whistle. Though it was disappointing not to be able to progress further in the competitions, our students' sense of responsibility and excellence was clearly seen. They took responsibility to put in the effort in training and preparations, and gave their very best in



PEOPLE DEVELOPER
2018-2017



2012-2017



2001, 2005, 2011



2007-2012



2004-2012



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each of their matches. Excellence does not mean that we will always finish 1st. Rather, excellence is best seen in the spirit and heart of each of our Queenswayans, and our B-Division Football team demonstrated it for us. Our congratulations to the teachers and coaches for nurturing this quality in our students.

Annual Track & Field Meet – 18 April 2019

We will hold our Annual Track & Field Meet this Thursday from 2.00 – 5.00 pm. All students will be dismissed at noon for lunch, and are required to report to Queenstown Stadium by 2.00 pm.

CCA Stand-down

With the exception of some CCAs who still have their Singapore Youth Festival Presentations and other competitions, CCAs would stand-down from 15 April 2019 till after the Mid-Year Examinations.

Mid-Year Examinations

As informed earlier, Sec 1 students will not have Mid-Year Examinations. All other levels will have their examinations and they have already been provided with the examination schedule. Do guide your child/ward to make good use of his/her time to prepare well for this. Excellence is about giving our best in preparations for any test or challenge we may encounter, so this is the time for them to devote time to this effort.

Afternoon Study Programme, 15 April – 3 May 2019

To support students to have an environment to study, we will commence the Afternoon Study Programme from 15 April 2019. The programme will run from 2.30 to 5.00 pm and teachers will be present to monitor as well as to be available for students to consult with them. Students who have not been performing to expectations have been identified by their teachers and are expected to be present. We look forward to your support as we help your child/ward in reviewing and learning the work that they should know.

Conclusion

We are very much heartened by your positive response to the school's approach to having students lock their handphones away for safekeeping. Aside from seeing the greater attention during curriculum hours, we are seeing a higher level of student interaction during recess time and students seem to be learning "the lost art of conversation".

While speaking with parents during "Breakfast with Parents", it is apparent that some of you are having challenges in communicating with your child/ward due to the effects of the use of the smartphone. In reality, the problem is not with using it as much as the "over-use" of the phone. I advise that you take time to dialogue with your child/ward on the appropriate self-regulations and effort they must make. There are useful strategies in Parenting websites and you may wish to look to these for suggestions. Centre for Fathering and Focus on the Family are useful references. Let us work together from the school and home-front to help our students find "Success through Diligence".

Yours sincerely,

Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal

