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Dear Parents/Guardians.

It has been a very busy Term 3, and before we know it, we will soon be coming to the close of the term. Examinations have already begun for the graduating levels and soon the other levels too. There have been a number of Parents Gateway (PG) letters sent to all parents/guardians both from MOE and also school, and I am appreciative that the majority of you respond when a response is required. I would like to highlight the important upcoming events and also celebrate our students' achievements in this letter.

Presidential Election 2023

The Presidential Election will be held on 1 September 2023. Our school will be used as one of the centres supporting the elections. As such, some of our facilities will have to be handed over to the Elections Department on 30 August, while the rest of the school will be handed over on 31 August.

As such, there will be changes to the programme for both 30 and 31 Aug.

30 August 2023

Teachers Day Concert and Celebrations will be shifted to 30 Aug.

- Sec 1 to 3, 4N students will have lessons according to the timetable till 12 noon.
- Sec 4E/5N students will have a change in their Prelims timetable for both days. They will only have Mathematics Paper 2 on 30 Aug. Following which, they will have a break before report back to their classrooms by 11.40 am.
- All students and teachers will proceed to the school hall at 12 noon for the Teachers Day concert. Students will then return to their classrooms and be dismissed after the concert at 2.40 pm.

31 August 2023

Students will report to school as per normal.

- Sec 1 to 3, 4N will be dismissed from school at 10.20 am.
- Sec 4E/5N students will have their Humanities (History/Geography) paper and be dismissed after that at 9.40 am.

Revised Examination schedule due to Presidential Elections

The upcoming election necessitates a change of examination schedule. We have already sent the revised Sec 4 Express/Sec 4 Normal Preliminary and Sec 4 Normal (Academic/Technical) GCE "N" Level schedule to parents via PG. Please check that you received it.



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Teachers Day Celebrations

As mentioned above, you will note that we have had to shift our Teachers Day Celebrations. We will appreciate and celebrate our teachers commitment and care for their charges on Wednesday, 30 September this year. I am very proud and heartened by the efforts of our QSS teachers who are prepared to go the extra mile for their charges. This is not just in helping your child/ward to do better in their academic work but also to become a better version of themselves in the way your child/ward conducts his/her life both now and in the future. Our teachers give the care to nurture the right attitudes and aptitude to help their charges not only think for themselves, but others, especially when they show respect for their peers and take responsibility for themselves and their actions.

While I know that many parents/guardians and your child/ward are appreciative of your child's/ward's teachers, please remember that we are also public servants and have to abide by the code and conduct of a public servant. Each year I remind students and their parents/guardians that they need not and should not buy anything expensive, but something that is thoughtful and expresses their appreciation and care for their teachers. Something that is personally crafted certainly has a greater value than price, as it takes time and effort.

I also want to remind everyone that Teachers Day, being a school holiday now falls on Monday, 11 September and students should not come to school on that day.

Singapore Junior Science Olympiad

Our students recently participated in the Singapore Junior Science Olympiad and we are very pleased with their outcomes.

We are especially proud of Joshua Gideon Tan Hyok of class 401 who attained a Gold Award in the Chemistry Olympiad. This is a very high level of achievement and are heartened that he continues to pursue his passion in Science, being also a recipient of the Mrs Lee Tzu Hong Award.

Besides Joshua, we are also very proud of the other students who participated in The Singapore Junior Science Olympiad. Please see their results as follows:



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Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad 2023

Name	Class	Results	
Joshua Gideon Tan Hyok	401	Gold Merit	
Caitlin Chan Yin Zi	401		

Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad 2023

Class	Results	
401	Silver	
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401	Honourable Mention	
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Singapore Junior Physics Olympiad 2023

Name	Class	Results	
Muhammad Aaqil s/o Mohamed Nasser	401	Bronze	
Ng Yan Kai	401	Bronze	
Samuel Shiloh Ng	401	Bronze	
Wang Ting Rui	401	Bronze Bronze	
Joshua Heng Teck Yong	402		
Lam Shu En Emily	402	Honourable Mention	
Sin Ming De Xavier	402	Honourable Mention	

Singapore Physics League 2023 (Team Event)

Name	Class	Team Name	Team Results
Muhammad Aaqil s/o Mohamed Nasser	401		Silver
Samuel Shiloh Ng	401	Newton's	
Joshua Heng Teck Yong	402	Apple 2	
Ng Yan Kai	401		Honourable Mention
Wang Ting Rui	401	Sherlock Ohms#	
Lam Shu En Emily	402		
Sin Ming De Xavier	402	The state of the s	

National Schools Games

Football

Last Friday, we were pleased to support our Football C-Division Girls team in their finals against Meridian Secondary School. Our girls played gallantly against a very strong team and gave their very best. They were determined and committed to doing well before their Sec 2 friends and teachers who were there to support them. Though they finished runners-up, they did our school proud by their determination, playing a much stronger second half in the match.



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Basketball

Our C-Division Boys team played a very competitive 3rd/4th placing match against Fairfield Methodist Secondary School. They trailed significantly in the 1st quarter, being down 24 – 6. This did not deter them, and the team pulled together to make a determined challenge for the rest of the game, which was closely challenged. They eventually lost out by 2 points. I am very proud of the team that demonstrated tremendous character to pull together as a team and I am sure they would go on to do even better as they progress into the B-Division competitions next year.

Volleyball

Our C-Divison Volleyball Girls team lost a closely contested semi-finals match and were determined to do their best in their 3rd/4th placing match against Fairfield Methodist Secondary school. They did not disappoint as they played with greater composure than when playing in the semi-finals. This time, they rose to the occasion and did themselves and our school proud by winning and clinching the 3rd place finish.

Hockey

Our Hockey C-Division Boys team have done well and qualified for the semi-finals to be played at Seng Kang Stadium against Seng Kang Secondary School this coming Monday, 21 August at 4.30 pm. Do consider going down to support them.

Queenstown 70th Anniversary and National Day Celebration

Finally, for those living in the Queenstown area and if you are not aware, Queenstown is turning 70 years on 23 September. Queenstown division will be planning a 70th Anniversary celebration in conjunction with our National Day. Do come by our school this Saturday, 19 August and join in the community celebrations from 5.30 pm onwards. Our band and uniformed groups will be also representing our school in the parade. You may purchase tickets from Queenstown or Leng Kee CC or RC if you would like to redeem meals and a fun pack.

Warmest regards,

Peter Tan Chong Tze

Principal