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Dear Parents/Guardians,

2023 seems to have just begun and we are already at the close of Term 1. It has been a busy but satisfying term as we see schooling life returning to normalcy after 3 years of COVID-19 management. We weathered through this as a Nation and school and I am very grateful that our students, with the support of parents, took responsibility to keep watch over their health status and kept to measures to prevent and reduce spread of the virus. Also, my grateful appreciation to teachers and staff, who had to take on additional duties above that of teaching, to man the school gates to ensure that students arriving to school were well and do contact tracing when there were cases of concern. Thankfully, we have become stronger and resilient, as a school and Nation, and better equipped to handle other future challenges that may come our way.

I shared in my earlier letters some of the activities that were organised for our students, starting with Orientation Week, when they took time to bond as a class with their teachers through a myriad of activities. Our Sec 1 students were composed in the Full Subject-Based Banded (FSBB) classes and things have gone very well, as the intended objective of fostering friendships and collaborations among students from various courses were clearly seen and experienced. Things can only get better as they grow through their years in QSS. I must thank our QSS teachers for making this happen as they worked with their classes to foster a strong class culture and spirit. Class mentors also started to get to know their students better as they spend personal Teacher-Student Conferencing time in the mornings when Silent Reading is taking place for the other students. We hope that the opportunities to foster good relationships in school will help to strengthen their sense of well-being and connection to our school.

National Schools Games – Football Girls

Our B-Division Football Girls team did our school proud by clinching the 3rd place finish with a 5-2 win over Bowen Secondary School. Captain Nahwah Binti Mohammed Aidilreza played a captain's game, scoring 4 goals in this playoff. This team narrowly lost in the semi-finals, playing a heroine's game in torrential downpour that afternoon, but unfortunately could not find the goal to bring the game further losing 3-2 to Meridian Secondary School, the eventual Champions. Nevertheless, we are very proud of our students' efforts and commend them for winning their final match of the season in such convincing manner.

Singapore National U-16 Women's Team

Even as our B-Division Girls' team did well in the National Schools Championships, we were also pleased to note that 2 of our students, Charlotte Chong from Sec 413. and Qarissa Putri Ramadhani from 312, have both been selected to represent the National U-16 Women's team for their youth sports exchange in Okinawa, Japan. We are heartened that our students represent themselves and our school well and have the opportunity to shine at a higher level. It would be good to see these students follow in the footsteps of other Queenswayans who have gone on to represent Singapore at the senior level.



Honouring the Past, Inspiring our Future.

National Schools Volleyball Championships

As mentioned in the last letter, our "B" Division Girls team were Champions in the South Zone, while our "B" Division Boys team finished Runners-up. This qualified them for the National Schools Championships. I am pleased to share that our Girls team have qualified for the 1st time to be in the round for the top 8 teams, though our boys have unfortunately bowed out, despite a very valiant challenge. We affirm our "B" Division Boys for their determined effort and wish our "B" Division Girls every success as they resume their competition next term.

National Schools Football Championships

Our "B" Division Boys Football team qualified for Division 2 of the National Schools Football League after the preliminary rounds. There are altogether 5 Divisions in the National Schools Football League. After the 1st round of matches, our team emerged top of their table and will now also go into the best of 8 for the next round. We also commend our Football "B" Division boys for their very determined effort to do well, while exhibiting good sportsmanship in the field of play. We wish them well in the matches that will resume in Term 2.

Singapore Youth Festival Presentations

Our different performing arts CCAs will be participating in the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations, where they will be adjudicated for their presentations in the coming weeks. In most of these venues, audience are welcomed, though there are strict time schedules for admission. Should your child/ward be participating in one of the performances, I would encourage you to give him/her your support.

Conclusion

This morning, I presented 25 students who were nominated by their peers and teachers for being "caught" exhibiting our school's values of Discipline and Respect, as part of "Catch U Doing GREAT! There were well over 230 nominations and each of these students were affirmed by their Class Mentors.

For Term 2, we will be looking for the exemplification of Responsibility in our students and, in addition to nomination by peers and teachers, we would also be inviting parents/guardians to nominate your child/ward should you catch them doing so outside of the school context. As I urged earlier, you may want to consider if our school's values and other values would be something for you and your family to have as "Family Values". Invite your children to agree on what these family values will be and find occasion to celebrate catching each other displaying the values.

You would also receive your child's/ward's report card with his/her Term 1 Weighted Assessment outcomes. It would be helpful to take some time to help them understand what he/she can do to make improvements for the next 3 terms. Your support and encouragement would also go a long way towards their progression. As you support your child/ward in their efforts of development in academics, CCA and values development, remember that diligence is necessary to make it happen and as in our school's motto, we will find "Success through Diligence"!

Yours sincerely,


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