



# QUEENSWAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The new school term has begun and I am glad to see that students are maintaining their good attitude of learning both in class and co-curricular programmes. While the majority of students have been responsible with mask wearing and keeping to Safe Management Measures (SMM), we are still having to remind some of your children about bringing their thermometers to school daily. Please help us to remind your child/ward that they should always leave for school with, besides all their books and learning materials, their masks on and their thermometers. After more than a year of doing so, this should be second-nature.

## **Launch of 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations – 9 April 2021**

This year, Queensway Secondary School celebrates our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since her founding on 2 September 1961. Over the years, we have impacted over 100,000 students and made a significant difference to their lives. I have had the privilege to engage with many of the illustrious alumni of our school who have gone on to make a difference in Singapore. Among our alumni are senior public servants in various governmental services, business persons, teachers, nurses and sports personalities, to name a few. In the coming months, we will be sharing stories of some of these that we know will inspire our students.

We scheduled 9<sup>th</sup> April as our X-Country Meet to launch the celebrations of our school's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. However, due to current SMM requirements, we will not be able to conduct our X-Country in an external venue. This has not dampened our spirits and instead, we will have the launch in school on 9 April.

I am pleased to share with you that Mr Eric Chua, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Social & Family Development and Ministry of Culture & Communications, Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC will be our Guest-of-Honour to launch the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations as well as our 60 Million Steps Challenge.

As we will not be able to have many invited guests, we will be sharing the proceedings of the event via Facebook Live. We will progressively include information in the webpage for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. You can check it out at <https://go.gov.sg/qss60th>.

That morning, all students, including, Sec 2 and 4/5 students, will have to report to school by 7.40 am. The proceedings for the morning will begin from 8 am with all staff and students involved virtually. A special performance to celebrate the occasion will be enjoyed by all that morning. Our Guest-of-Honour will also be putting the finishing touches to the very attractive and vibrant art mural created by our Art teachers, members of the Art Club and some of our alumni that depict the experiences that Queenswayans enjoy!

## **60 Million Step Challenge**

Our school is one of the very rare schools in Singapore, especially for a government school, to be in exactly the same site that she has been since her founding. Our history is very much integrated with Queenstown, the 1<sup>st</sup> satellite town created in Singapore.

As we have been blessed to be in this community these past 60 years, we are launching the 60 million steps a week challenge for the month of April till May. All students, staff, alumni and parents of our students are encouraged to participate in this challenge. With this challenge, every step that we take would be converted into rice that would be distributed to the needy and elderly residents in the



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Queenstown area. This is one way we can bless the community that has nurtured and continues to nurture our Queenswayans.

Being our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are having this challenge over 4 weeks to remind ourselves to maintain a healthy lifestyle as it generally takes at least 21 days to build a new habit. Every 40,000 steps will convert to 1 kg of rice. Thus we are hoping to raise 6,000kg of rice to distribute to the needy and elderly residents in Queenstown. I am thankful that sponsorship for the rice has been secured from a company and a group of my former schoolmates. So it is now up to us to meet or even exceed the challenge so that we can be a blessing to others.

We are also grateful to Health Promotion Board for sponsoring the trackers for our use and all students will be issued a tracker. Parents interested to be part of the 60 Million Steps Challenge may sign up using the link above. Should you want to receive a tracker, we have limited stock available and can provide you with one, while stocks last. Also, should you want to also sponsor daily necessities that will also go to the needy and elderly in Queenstown, please visit our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary site to pledge your sponsorship.

In addition, all students who accomplish the target of 60,000 steps per week over the 4 weeks will receive a limited 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt!

## **Ask Me Anything About... Blended Learning**

MOE has introduced Blended Learning (BL) as a key part of the schooling experience for our Secondary School and JC/MI students to nurture self-directed and intrinsically motivated learners. It will be implemented in the second half of 2021.

What exactly is Blended Learning? What will it look like for your child? What are parents' roles in it? To know more, join us at MOE's upcoming Facebook live session, Ask Me Anything About... Blended Learning - what it will look like for your child and you.

When: Tuesday, 30 March 2021, 8 – 9PM

Where: MOE's Facebook site

Who's on it: Mr Aaron Loh, Director of Educational Technology at MOE, and Dr Jiow Hee Jhee, Programme Leader of Digital Communications and Integrated Media programme at Singapore Institute of Technology, member of the Media Literacy Council and Films Consultative Panel

RSVP via the link (<https://fb.me/e/3HLbxmzWi>) to get reminders to the session!

## **Conclusion**

2021 is a significant year for us in QSS and it is also heartening to hear that our Government is able to relax certain SMM processes. This has been made possible because we, as citizens and residents, have chosen to be responsible in the wearing of face masks and keeping to the advisory to keep healthy.

As members of the QSS community, we also expect our students to do their part in being responsible students that can ensure that all students and staff can have a meaningful and productive time in school. We look forward to being able to do more for our students as SMM measures ease but it requires that all of us in the QSS community do our part. I am confident that as all of us pull together both as a Nation and school, we will be able as our motto says, to find "Success through Diligence".

Yours sincerely,

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Principal