

NOTICE OF SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Annual General Meeting for Quarry Hill Primary School Council will be held on Monday March 16th, 2026, at 5.45pm. This meeting will precede the Annual Reporting Meeting when the School's Annual Report will be presented. In 2026 there are three parent vacancies, a community member (as required) and one DE vacancy by rotation for a two year term, and any interested parents are urged to nominate for School Council. The whole school benefits from a variety and diversity of opinion on Council, and the value of fresh ideas and enthusiasm should not be underestimated.

The current School Council is as follows:

Retiring this election (2026)

Parent Members

Peter Gollan, Nadia James, Andrew Ellis

DE Members

Narelle Jones, Tova Penno

Retiring next election (2027)

Parent Members

Elia Andrews, Rhayven Milliner, Karissa Cameron, Travis Toms

DET Members

Merryn Walker

Thank you to the retiring members who have made valuable contributions to School Council. Retiring councillors, who meet eligibility criteria, are welcome to nominate for further tenure on School Council. Nomination forms are available from the office. Nominations are to be lodged at school by 3:30pm on Friday February 20th, 2026. A ballot (if required) will be held on Friday March 6th, 2026.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#). Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages:

-Amharic -Arabic -Chinese -Dari -Gujarati -Mandarin -Somali -Sudanese -Turkish -Urdu -Vietnamese

SUPERVISION REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

Hi everyone! Just a quick reminder that our school grounds are supervised from 8:45am before school and until 3:45pm after school. Outside of these times, supervision is only provided for students attending OSHClub or other organised activities. If you're staying after school for a play and a catch-up with other parents (which we love to see!), please make sure your child is being actively supervised by you during that time.

We also kindly ask that families vacate the junior astro turf and playgrounds by 4:00pm, as these areas are part of OSHClub's licensed program and need to be available for their use.

Thanks so much for helping us keep our school a safe, respectful, and welcoming place for everyone! 😊

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or School Council employee or volunteer.

Students' accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare. They can be obtained by parents for individual students. Parents of students at Quarry Hill Primary School are reminded that Quarry Hill Primary School does not have a whole of school policy.

COMPASS

Please ensure you are logging on to Compass, our Parent Portal, regularly to check for unexplained absences/approvals needing to be made. If you are having any issues logging onto Compass, please contact the office.

ANAPHYLAXIS AND ASTHMA

We have several children enrolled who suffer from severe allergies to a variety of things including nuts and nut products, dairy & wheat, which can result in them going into anaphylactic shock. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. At Quarry Hill several strategies are in place to deal with this.

We are an Allergy Aware school. Students are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating to minimise the risk of contamination. Often boxes and packages are sent to school for art construction activities and are very useful. However, do not send any packages for use at school that have contained dairy, wheat, nuts or nut products, so that we can minimise the risk of children with allergies coming into contact with products that may cause a reaction. Action Plans for Anaphylaxis and also for Asthma are required for all children who suffer from either and must be obtained from the family doctor. Please ensure that your child has an updated plan if they suffer from Asthma or are at risk of experiencing Anaphylaxis. A copy of this plan must be provided to the school immediately.

ASTHMA ALERT - SPACER USE IN SCHOOLS

A reminder to families of children with asthma of the policy regarding single person spacer use. This means that schools are no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their Asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with Asthma symptoms. Spacers should always be used when administering reliever 'puffer' medication because:

- Using a spacer with a 'puffer' ensures that more medication reaches the airways.
- Spacers are much easier for children to use than a 'puffer' alone and allows school staff to help students/children during an Asthma attack, often in an emergency situation.
- Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools are instructed to follow.

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with Asthma does not have their own spacer available, if it is a first asthma attack, or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. If your child requires medication and does not have their own spacer, a cost of \$10.00 will be charged to cover the purchase of the spacer. Even if your child has mild Asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school staff. Please ensure your child's puffer and spacer are in their bag each day. For further information, visit the Asthma Australia [website](#).



SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club are due by 9:00am Friday 13th February. No late orders will be accepted. To order the books online and pay with your credit card via the LOOP facility visit

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx>

The LOOP facility eliminates the need to put your credit card number on the order form and/or hand over cash. For paper copy book orders remember to please include your child's name and classroom number and/or teacher on the top of the form and return to office with correct payment by due date.

NEW OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

During the holidays we had some turf laid in our Centenary Garden. Students have been enjoying this outdoor learning space. Thanks to the PFA and the community to contributing the funds for this last year. Feel free to check out this space when you are next on site.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



KIND		
Abel B	Room 13	For speaking kindly to others, and treating classmates and adults with courtesy and care.
Zara C	Room 7	For keeping the school environment clean by picking up rubbish.
Willow M	Room 5	For her kindness, caring and thoughtfulness towards her classmates.
Mateo P	Room 9	For being such a great helper and a kind member of our class.
Swayde P	Room 6	For helping our new class members to feel welcome!
BRAVE		
Elijah A	Room 16	For a brave start to Year 3.
Ava G	Room 12	For being brave in circle time and setting high expectations during learning.
Edie H	Room 17	For your brave start at QHPS.
Sadie H	Room 17	For your brave start to QHPS.
Stella H	Room 17	For your brave start to QHPS.
Leo M.C	Room 10	For being brave in his learning, approaching school with a positive attitude and demonstrating persistence by always trying his best.
Eli S	Room 14	For making a great start to Grade 5 and contributing his ideas to class discussions!
Memphis T	Room 1	For a fabulous start at Quarry Hill in Grade 1.
Mastery W	Room 11	For having a great start to Grade 4- being organised and ready to learn and listening carefully. Keep it up!
Bella W	Room 8	For a brave start to Prep. Bella you are a star- keep shining bright!
Hunter W	Room 2	For being brave during your first week of school.



Quarry Hill Primary School is committed to helping students develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be safe and respectful users of technology. We are also aware that students' online experiences often move seamlessly between school and home, and are therefore aiming to develop, with your support, a whole-of-community approach to keeping our students safe online. We will be sharing a range of information, tips and resources for parents and carers from the eSafety Commissioner ([eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)) that you can use with your family to help create positive experiences for your children online. We encourage all parents and carers to keep an eye on our school newsletter for information you can use to build your knowledge, skills and understanding of online safety.

Online safety for every family

The eSafety Commissioner ([eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)) has released resources to help parents and carers from all backgrounds protect their families online.

The Online Safety for Every Family resources cover how to:

- get started with social media
- enjoy safer online gaming
- help your child if they are bullied online.

To make sure more families can start a conversation with their children about online safety, the resources are available in English, Simplified Chinese, Arabic, Burmese, Dari, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi, Sinhalese, Swahili, Tamil, Tigrinya, Uyghur and Vietnamese.



Term 1, 2026

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

Term 1 topics:

- **Social media age restrictions explained – a guide for parents and carers (30 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into secondary school (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in upper primary school (ages 11 to 12) and Year 7.
- **Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



EVERYONE WELCOME!

PFA MORNING CUPPAS

FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM 9AM
QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL BUSHLAND

QHPS

Prep-2 Choir!



Do you love singing and music? Want
to be part of a fun group, and sing
with your friends?

- For Preps to Grade 2
- Starting Week 4,
Tuesday 17th Feb

Meet at the Bushland
Shed, 11:30 on
Tuesdays

STEM CLUB DISCOVERY CENTRE

STEM Club is an engaging after-school program for students who love to explore, experiment and create. Each week offers hands-on science activities that build curiosity, practical STEM skills and confidence. It's a fun and supportive way for young learners to test ideas, try new things and develop their passion for science. STEM Club runs once a week during the school term, with sign-ups required at the beginning of each term. The program will return in Term 1, 2026, with an eight-week program starting on Thursday, February 12th.

STEM Club runs every week from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Enrol for just \$100 for the full 8-week term. With fresh challenges each week and highly engaging activities, it is the perfect after-school program for budding inventors, young scientists and energetic problem-solvers. Each term explores a different mix of exciting topics, including coding with Spheros and Bee-Bots, building circuits, designing rockets, experimenting with chemistry, exploring space in our inflatable planetarium, investigating the human body, engineering wild weather solutions, uncovering minibeasts, creating special effects in movie magic and much more.

TERM 1 FOCUS: Coding & Robotics

The program will run for 8 weeks for Term 1 2026.

Dates: Thursdays 12th Feb – 2nd April Time: 4pm-5pm

Cost: \$100



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BENDIGO ALL GIRLS TERM 1 AUSKICK

Thursdays 4:00pm starting 19th February at Weeroona Oval

Girls aged 5-12 years old
\$55 per person (includes a football!)

