The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
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Newsletter No. 17

Our Vision:
QHPS students are empowered to be engaged learners. Our community fosters a culture of respect and belonging.

2026 TERM DATES
Term 4: 5th October - 18th December
2027 TERM DATES
Term 1: 27th January (students start 28th January)- 27th March

Principal: Anne Rochford
School Council President: Andrew Ellis
PFA President: Michelle Kennedy
PFA Vice President: Rhayven Milliner

~OUR VALUES~

Kind
I understand that everyone is different.
I co-operate.
I respect myself, others, and the environment.
I am community minded.
I belong.

Curious
I am a learner.
I seek knowledge.
I ask questions.
I explore and wonder.
I create.

Brave
I am honest.
I am independent.
I have high expectations.
I am resilient.
I am open to feedback.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 3rd	Various times	2027 Prep Transition
Wednesday 4th- Friday 6th	All day 8:30am-8:50am 3:35pm-3:50pm	Grade 6 Urban Camp Book Fair open in the Library Book Fair open in the Library
Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th	8:30am-8:50am 3:35pm-3:50pm	Book Fair open in the Library Book Fair open in the Library
Tuesday 10th	Various times	2027 Prep Transition
Friday 13th	9:00am 12:30pm-1:30pm	PFA Community Cuppa (Multipurpose Kitchen) Grade 3/4 Incursion (see Compass event for details)
Tuesday 17th	Various times	2027 Prep Transition
Thursday 19th	All day	Curriculum Day- no students at school
Thursday 26th	TBC	School Disco (more information to come)
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 8th	9:30am-11:00am	Statewide Orientation Day
Tuesday 15th	All day Arrival time of 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start	Grade 6 Big Day In (at school) Grade 6 Graduation (BSE Auditorium)
Friday 18th	9:00am-1:30pm	Last day of term (early finish- 1:30pm)

Reminders:

ENROLMENTS & CLASS PLACEMENTS 2027
If your child will not be attending Quarry Hill Primary School in 2027, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible. If there are any considerations for placements for student classes in 2027, please discuss with Anne Rochford or your child's teacher, and then send in writing by Friday November 6th, to Anne.Rochford@education.vic.gov.au
Please note that it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers.



2027 BOOKLISTS
2027 Booklists have been sent home with each student. Orders for booklists need to be completed online, with all instructions included on the sheet. Booklists completed online by Monday 7th December will be delivered to the school before the end of term. Booklists submitted after this date will be delivered to the school in January. Further details regarding collection will be communicated through Compass and the Newsletter. Any questions regarding the booklist, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

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CHINESE SINGING COMPETITION

Last weekend, we had five groups of students take part in the Chinese Singing Competition at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. We are very proud of all our students who participated in this competition. Congratulations to the following students who walked away with a prize/award:

Grade 5/6 (11 groups in total)

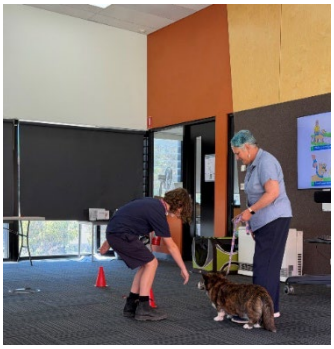
- **1st Prize- Group Singing:** Charlotte S; Darcy B
- **Participation Award:** Macy D, Anika E

Grade 3/4 Groups (10 groups in total)

- **2nd Prize- Group Singing:** Charlotte D, Dylan P, Ayva T
- **3rd Prize- Group Singing:** Ava C, Bridget S, Lucy J
- **Participation Award:** Eleanor J, Poppy Q, Kiara B

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Last week, we had Tracy, and her Cardigan Corgi, Izzy, come in for a visit to talk to our Grade 3-6 students about living responsibly with pets. Thank you to Ms Fry for organizing this.





SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Our Book Fair is being held soon in our Library. Students can purchase a wide range of books, stationery, and posters, and enter into the competitions that will be running.

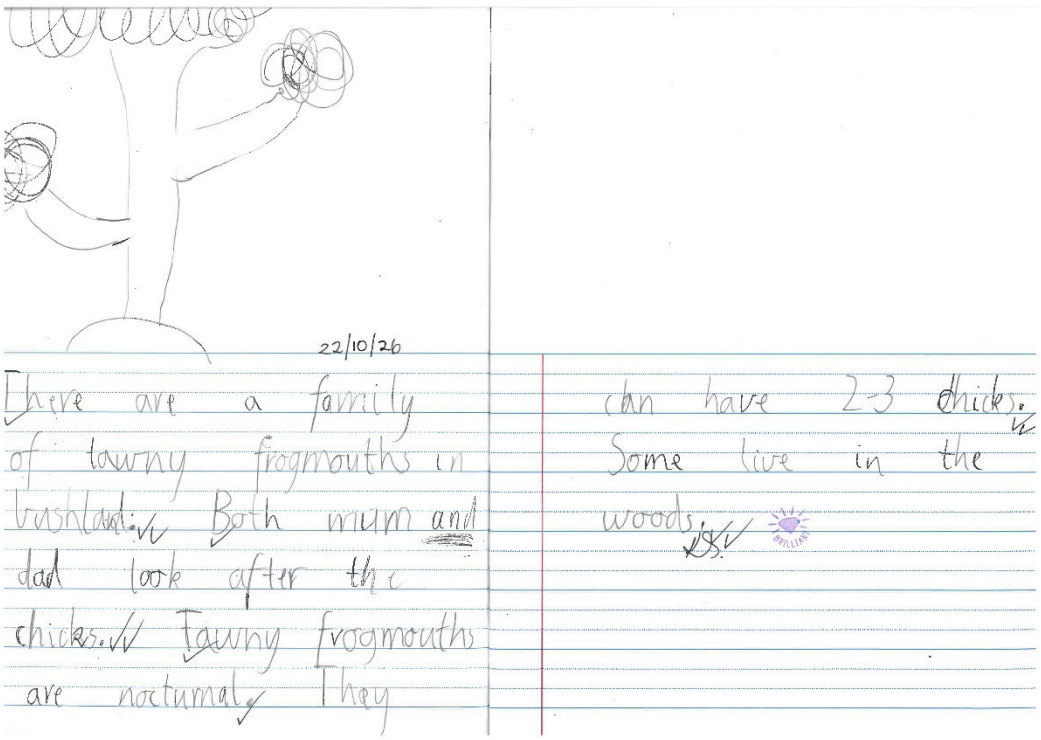
Starting from Wednesday 4th November, and running through until Wednesday 11th November, the Book Fair will be open each day from 8:30am-8:50am, and then from 3:35pm-3:50pm.

Cash and EFT will be available at the Book Fair for purchases. A pre-payment form has also been sent home via Compass to families.



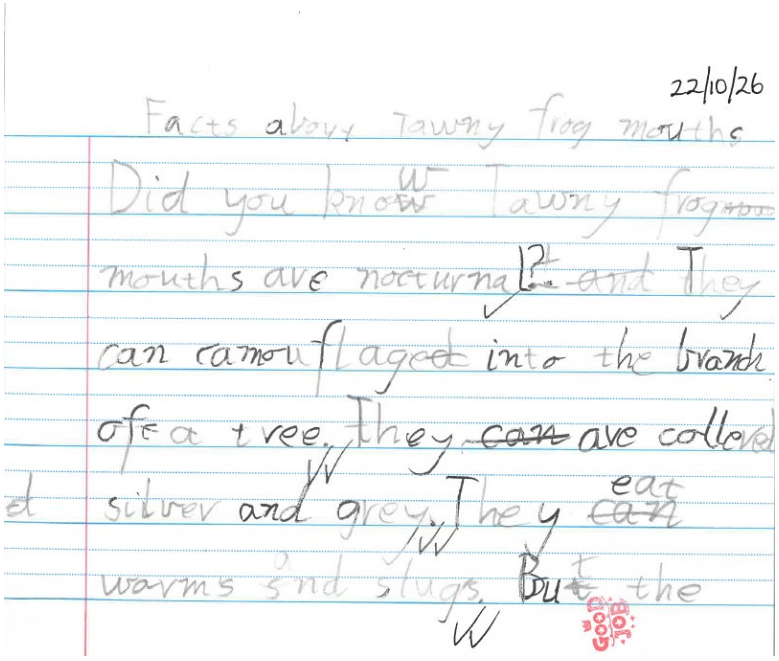
TAWNY FROGMOUTH WRITING

After learning of our special Tawny Frogmouth visitors in Bushland, and reading the book, 'How Frogmouth Found Her Home', Grade One students in Room 7 researched some facts to record during their InitiaLit1 Storybook session.



22/10/26

There are a family of tawny frogmouths in bushland. Both mum and dad look after the chicks. Tawny frogmouths are nocturnal. They can have 2-3 chicks. Some live in the woods.



22/10/26

Facts about Tawny frog mouths

Did you know Tawny frog mouths are nocturnal and They can camouflaged into the branch of a tree. They ~~can~~ are called silver and grey. They eat warms and slugs. But the coolest thing is that they are in my school's bushland. They also are found close to Melbourne.

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GRADE 2 KYABRAM FAUNA PARK EXCURSION

On Wednesday 14th October, our Grade 2 team ventured over to Kyabram Fauna Park for an exciting day of learning and exploring.















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COLOUR FUN RUN

On Friday 16th October, we hosted our Monty's Colour Fun Run. It was wonderful to see the smiles on the students faces as they ran through obstacles and got blasted with colour!

Thank you to Mr Turner and Narelle for organising this.

A big thank you to those who donated for this event. We raised $7500 to go towards our new senior playground!











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Every day at school makes a big difference

Kind
Curious
Brave
QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Regular attendance helps children feel connected, build confidence and achieve their goals. We also recognise that every child's circumstances are different, and for some families, attending school every day can be challenging.

The research is clear

Even a small amount of time away from school adds up.
Here's what the numbers show:

1 day a fortnight
(fortnightly = 2 weeks)

= 20 days of school missed in a year

That's 4 weeks of learning time lost.

1 day a week

= 40 days of school missed in a year

That's 8 weeks of learning time lost (or almost an entire term).

More school days = better opportunities

Good attendance helps children keep up, build friendships, feel a sense of belonging and set themselves up for the future.

- **Make school a priority** — Every day counts.
- **Talk about any worries.** — We're here to help and support.
- **Be on time.** — It helps children start the day calm and ready.
- **Work together.** — Families and school are a team.

Small steps. Big impact.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND		
Jarvis C	Room 10	For consistently showing kindness, respecting our school rules and being a thoughtful community-minded student. Great job, Jarvis!
Millie S	Room 6	For consistently being a kind and caring friend to all of her classmates.
Tala W	Room 1	For looking out for others in the classroom.
CURIOUS		
Sadie B	Room 8	For your huge improvement in your reading and writing. Keep it up superstar!
Orson B	Room 17	For having high expectations and completing your Storm Boy assessment.
Edge D	Room 11	For his quick recall of number patterns in our "Minute to Win It".
Rafferty H	Room 7	For making a great plan for his superpowers persuasive writing.
Dominik H	Room 2	For doing a great job bridging to 10 in Maths.
Erin M	Room 13	For consistently showing curiosity during our Black Cockatoo lessons by asking thoughtful questions and always striving to learn more.
Charlotte M	Room 5	For always being curious, asking thoughtful questions and showing enthusiasm for learning.
Charlotte R	Room 13	For consistently producing strong work in English, showing great effort, creativity and pride in your reading and writing.
Ryder W	Room 12	For his strong questioning during out Black Cockatoo unit.
BRAVE		
Khai H	Room 16	For working hard to take on feedback to improve his reading fluency.
Mateo P	Room 9	For always listening to and acting on feedback he is given.
Brae-Leigh W	Room 14	For incredible improvement in your handwriting.



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Protect your child's privacy online



As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child manage their personal information, online identity, and the content they share. Thinking of posting a photo of your child? It's worth pausing to consider what might be revealed. Photos and videos can unintentionally share more than you realise - like school uniforms, locations, or daily routines.

Here are a few simple ways to protect your child's privacy online:

1. Check for identifying details before sharing images or videos. Is your child's school, sports team, or location visible?
2. Have open conversations with your child about when it's okay to take and share photos, videos, or other content.
3. Involve your child in the decision-making. It's a great opportunity to model consent and build their digital literacy and confidence.

Term 4, 2026

eSafety parents and carers webinars

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

Term 4 topics:

- **Navigating screen time: tools for today's families (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and lower secondary school.
- **How connection and belonging shapes children and young people's vulnerability online (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.
- **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.
- **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.
- **How AI is influencing new online risks for children and young people (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

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