The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Thursday, November 12th, 2026
Newsletter No. 18

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		
Friday 13th	9:00am 9:00am 12:30pm-1:30pm	BSE Transition Scavenger Hunt (see Compass event for details) 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	 2:30pm-3:30pm 3:30pm-4:45pm	School Disco- casual clothes and gold coin donation Prep-Grade 2 Grade 3-Grade 6
Friday 27th	9:00am	Issue 8 Book Club orders due to the office (last issue for the year)
DECEMBER		
Friday 4th	9:00am-3:30pm	Last day for borrowing from the Library
Tuesday 8th	9:30am-11:00am	Statewide Transition Day
Monday 14th	9:00am	All library books due back
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:

PFA COMMUNITY CUPPA TOMORROW 9AM (FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER)
PFA are hosting a 'Community Cuppa' tomorrow morning at 9am in the Multi Kitchen.
All parents and carers are warmly invited to come along for a relaxed cuppa and chat with others from the school community. No need to bring anything.
Younger children are also very welcome to come along with their parent.



CURRICULUM DAY
Next Thursday 19th November is a Curriculum Day (no students at school).

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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TRANSITION AT QUARRY HILL PS

Students are beginning to talk about and get excited about the end of term and moving up into their new classes, which is a timely reminder of how we approach transition at QHPS.

Teachers are already finding opportunities to familiarise students with the spaces they will be moving into. This includes taking students to visit current classrooms during fruit snack, sending them on little 'jobs' and encouraging them to take their work to show teachers in the next year level. These small, informal interactions help students become more comfortable with their new surroundings and the people they may be working with next year.

While we have not yet finalised which teachers will be in each grade (although we expect to know by statewide transition day on the 8th of December), these early visits help students become familiar with new spaces, see familiar faces and begin to feel more at ease about the changes ahead.

On December 8th, students will be told their new classrooms and teachers. They will move into their new rooms and spend the morning getting to know their teachers and becoming familiar with their new learning environment and class.

Following this, students will continue to have opportunities to visit their new classrooms throughout the remainder of the term. They will continue to take their work to show their new teachers, be sent on small tasks by their current teachers and spend time getting to know the people and spaces in a relaxed, familiar way.

At QHPS, we recognise that successful transition is not just about knowing which classroom to go to on the first day. It is about building familiarity, connection, and confidence over time, so students can begin the new school year feeling comfortable, supported, and ready to learn.

UPDATE INFORMATION

As a school, we need to make sure our records are up to date so we can reach you quickly in an emergency or share important news about your child.
Please take a moment to review your details on Compass, including phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contacts, and medical or allergy information.
If any updates are required, please make updates on Compass, or contact the office.
Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate.

LIBRARY NEWS

There will be no more borrowing available from Friday, 4th of December**.**
All books will be due back by Monday 14th of December, so that the library can be cleaned in preparation for 2027.

LUNCHBOX FOOD/FRUIT SNACK/WATER

Whilst we are very lucky to have fresh fruit delivered each week for students to enjoy, this fruit does not always last long in the office with our active, hungry students.
Please ensure you are packing a fruit snack for your child/ren each day to enjoy.
With the weather warming up, please also ensure your child/ren bring a water bottle to school to be able to keep hydrated.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is currently overflowing with students belongings. If you have misplaced an item recently, please check the lost property box (located at the sliding door entrance to the quad).
With the sunshine well and truly upon us now, please also check your student has their hat each day.
If they have lost their hat, broad-brimmed hats are available at the office for $12.

JUST LIKE YOU INCURSION

This week, our Year 1–6 students took part in the **Just Like You** incursion with Emma. The session provided a valuable opportunity for students to explore disability, difference, and inclusion, and to develop a greater understanding of what it means to see things from someone else's perspective.

Through discussion and engaging activities, students were encouraged to challenge assumptions, recognise that everyone has different strengths and needs, and consider how their words and actions can help others feel accepted and included.

A lovely reminder of our QHPS values of being Kind, Curious and Brave, and the importance of recognising that while we may not all be the same, we all deserve to belong.



LULU IN THE CLASSROOM

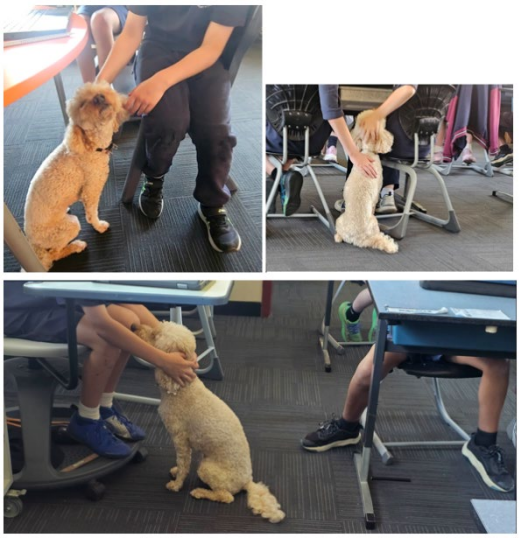
Lulu is continuing to build her confidence as she visits classrooms around the school. As she becomes familiar with each classroom, its students, and routines, she will gradually become more comfortable exploring the space. Once she is settled and comfortable, she may be given the freedom to move around the classroom off lead.

This is an important part of helping Lulu feel relaxed and at home in our learning spaces. It also means we all have a responsibility to respect her need for safe, uninterrupted movement.

Classroom doors need to remain firmly closed whenever Lulu is visiting. Students need to be mindful of this when leaving the room to go to the toilet, get a drink or complete a job. Always checking that the door is securely closed behind them.

Giving Lulu the freedom to move around comes with the responsibility of making sure she stays safe.

Thank you for helping us make our classrooms a comfortable, welcoming, and safe place for Lulu to visit!



SCHOOL DISCO HELPERS NEEDED

The much loved Disco is coming up in a few weeks on Thursday 26th November and we are looking for some helpers to assist on the day during the following times:

Setting Up Helpers - 9.00am - 11.00am
-Putting the decorations up and setting up for the Disco
-General preparations

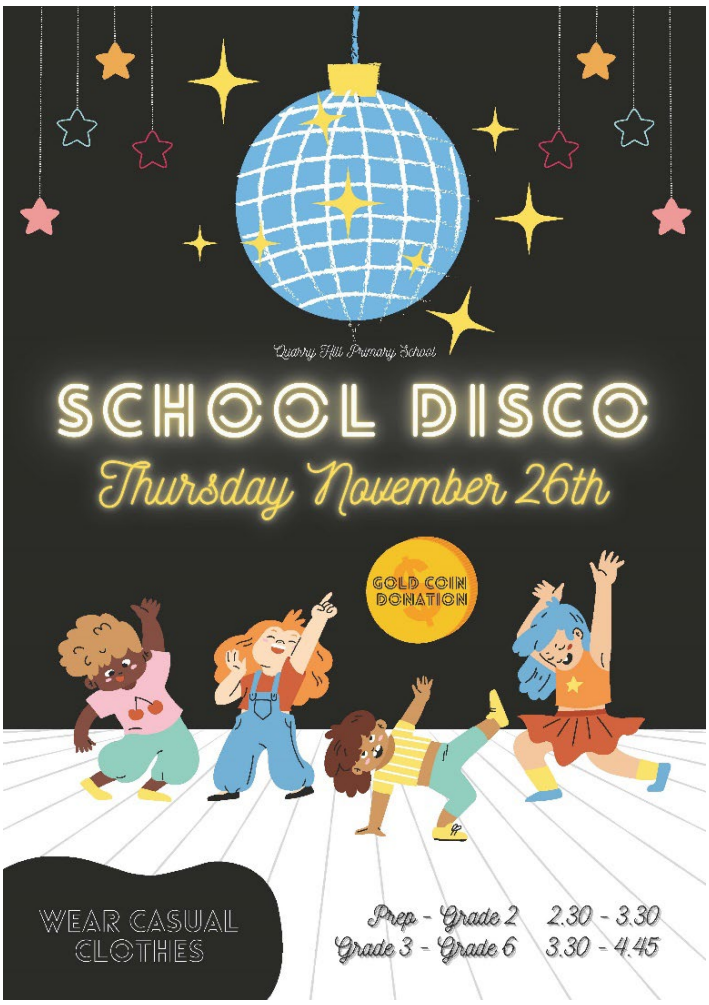
Junior Disco Helpers - 2.15pm - 3.30pm
-Serving popcorn and Zooper Doopers
-General assistance

Senior Disco Helpers - 3.30pm - 4.45pm
-Serving popcorn and Zooper Doopers
-General assistance

Packing Up Helpers - 4.45pm - 5.15pm
-Taking down decorations and packing up

Please let the staff in the office know if you are available to assist at any of these times.
All helpers will need to send through a Working With Children Check to the office.
The Disco is such a fun event to be part of, and it is a welcoming and low pressure space for new parent volunteers to join in.

Thank you,
QHPS Parents and Friends Association



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND		
Alexander P	Room 8	For always showing kindness, care and respect towards other. You are a wonderful role model for being KIND!
Cove R	Room 17	For always showing kindness to everyone in our class.
CURIOUS		
Remy C	Room 7	For displaying strong work habits to finish his InitiaLit worksheets.
Rey G	Room 13	For demonstrating strong storytelling in her narrative, The Shoe. Well done.
Parker L	Room 1	For contributing interesting ideas during class discussions.
Japhy M	Room 9	For his dedication to improving his writing by adding extra information.
Phoebe P	Room 5	For showing wonderful leadership qualities, always being willing to help others, and setting a positive example for your classmates.
Harry R	Room 6	For designing a 'Hologram Drone', then creating an 'eye-catching' advertisement for it!
Mastery W	Room 11	For working hard on all activities and showing a positive attitude towards learning.
Emmanuel W	Room 14	For thoughtful and meaningful contributions to our class discussions about our novel 'Dirrarn'.
BRAVE		
Addison H	Room 16	For becoming more confident when asking for help.
Eleanor J	Room 10	For consistently setting high expectations for herself and embracing feedback to improve her learning.
Cove C	Room 12	For being brave and trying all things new and exciting on Year 6 camp.
Harper M	Room 2	For being brave and telling the class about your Disney ship trip.



Kind
Curious
Brave

Our Junior School Council students have interviewed our QHPS staff and this is what they found out!

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Spotlight on Teaching and Learning:

Daily Reviews in Maths

This week we continue our Spotlight on Teaching and Learning, where we will share the importance of Daily Reviews in Maths.

What are Daily Reviews?

Daily reviews in maths are short, focused sessions at the start of a lesson (usually 5–7 minutes) where students revisit previously taught concepts.

Why Daily Reviews are important?

Strengthens Long-Term Memory:

- Daily reviews help students retrieve previously learned information, which strengthens memory and reduces forgetting.
- Retrieval practice is proven to be more effective than simply re-reading or re-teaching.

Builds Connections Between Concepts:

- Reviewing prior knowledge allows students to link new learning to existing understanding, creating stronger conceptual frameworks.

Improves Fluency and Confidence:

- Frequent practice with key skills (e.g., number facts, counting) helps students become automatic and fluent, freeing cognitive load for higher-order thinking.

Identifies Gaps Early:

- Teachers can quickly spot misconceptions or gaps in understanding and address them before they become entrenched.

Supports All Learners:

- Particularly beneficial for students who need extra reinforcement, including those in intervention programs or with learning difficulties.

Aligns with Research:

- Research on spaced repetition and retrieval practice shows that revisiting material regularly leads to deeper learning and better retention.





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STARTING YEAR 7 IN 2027?

We warmly invite all students starting BSE Year 7 in 2027 and their families to our **2027 Year 7 Information Evening.**

- **Wednesday 18 November 2026**
- **BSE Stadium – 6.00pm start**
- **BBQ from 5.30pm**

Come along, enjoy a BBQ and discover what life at BSE has to offer!

It's a great opportunity to meet our staff, explore the exciting opportunities available to students and find out everything you need to know about making the move from primary to secondary school.

We'll cover Year 7 camps, booklists, uniforms, orientation day, student wellbeing, college expectations and the many programs and activities available to our students.

Interested in Music?

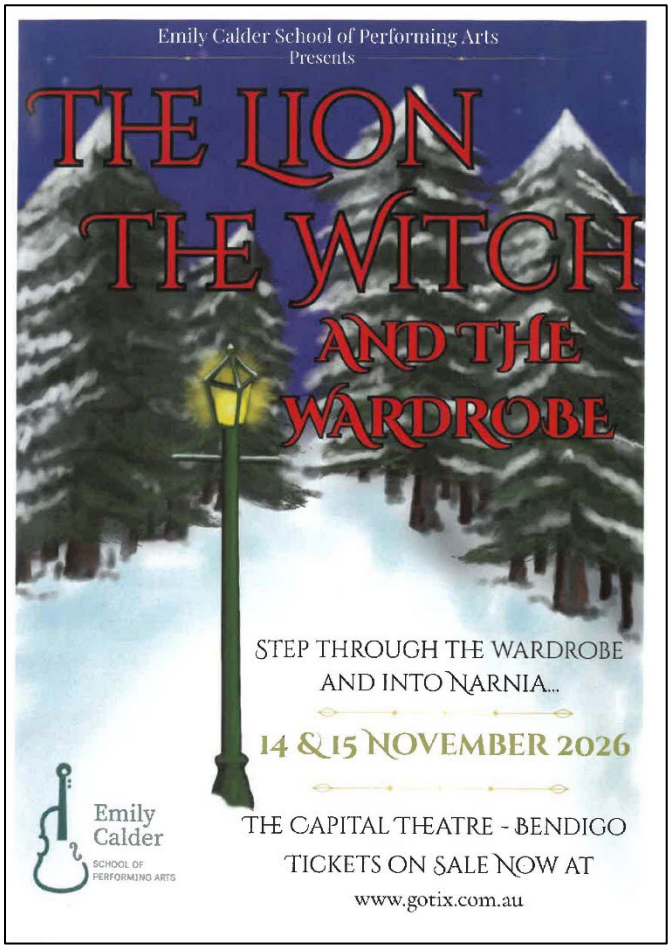
Our Music Program is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their musical interests and talents. Scan the QR code below to register your interest and find out more about joining the program in 2027.

No bookings or registrations are required to attend the evening – just bring the family!

We look forward to meeting our future Year 7 students and their families!

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