



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School

Thursday, November 27th, 2025

Newsletter No. 19

Our Vision:

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

2025 TERM DATES

Term 4: 6th October - 19th December

2026 TERM DATES

Term 1: 27th January (students start 28th January) - 2nd April

Term 2: 20th April - 26th June

Term 3: 13th July - 18th September

Term 4: 5th October - 18th December

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 28 th	9:00am 9:00am-9:15am	Issue 8 Book Club Orders due to the office Prep-Grade 2 Open Classroom
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DECEMBER

Thursday 4 th	All day 2:30pm-4:45pm	JSC Human Rights Casual Dress Day (Gold coin donation) QHPS Disco P-2: 2:30-3:30pm 3-6: 3:30-4:45pm
Monday 8 th	All day	Grade 5/6 Big Day Out
Tuesday 9 th	9:30am-11:00am	Statewide Transition Day
Wednesday 10 th	All day	Human Rights Day (grade level activities)
Friday 12 th	9:00am	Special Assembly - 2026 School Leaders and Calder Balsillie Award
Monday 15 th	9:00am	P-2 Christmas Concert (Quadrangle)
Tuesday 16 th	12:00pm 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start	Grade 6 Graduation Lunch (For students and staff- at QHPS) Grade 6 Graduation (at BSE in the Auditorium)
Friday 19 th	9:00am-1:30pm	Last Day of Term 4- Early Finish

Reminders:

• 'No hat, no play'

-Spare hats available at the office for \$12.

• Booklists and contributions

-Booklists have been sent home with each student. Orders for booklists need to be completed online, with all instructions included on the sheet. Any questions regarding the booklist or contributions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

• Grade 5/6 Big Day Out

-Please consent/make payment on Compass by Friday 5th December.

• Grade 6 Graduation Lunch

-Please complete and return order form, and make payment through the office, by Monday 8th December.

• Library News

-No more borrowing available after Friday 5th of December.

-All books due back by Monday 15th of December.

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SCHOOL DISCO HELPERS

Thank you to those parents/carers who have signed up to help at our upcoming School Disco on Thursday 4th December.

If anyone with a Working with Children Check is able to help with the senior disco (3:30pm-4:45pm), or with packing up after the disco (4:45pm-5:15pm), please let the office know at your earliest convenience.

P-2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Grade Prep-2 Christmas Concert is upcoming on Monday 15th December. On this day, students in Grade Prep-Grade 2 can wear Christmas clothing/Christmas accessories for the day. The concert will be held in the Quadrangle.

ONLINE CHINESE SINGING COMPETITION 2025 – GRADE 1 & 2 AWARDS

Our Grade 1 and 2 students proudly represented our school in the 2025 Online Chinese Singing Competition. Working beautifully in their groups, the students showed excellent teamwork, supported one another, and practised with commitment and enthusiasm. Their courage to perform and their joyful participation shone through in every rehearsal and final recording. Congratulations to our award-winning groups for their wonderful effort, dedication, and outstanding achievement!

The Best Team Performance Award

Lucy J

Dylan P

Ava C

Bridget S

The Most Expressive Singing Award

Caius L

Harry R

Millie G

Alby B.R

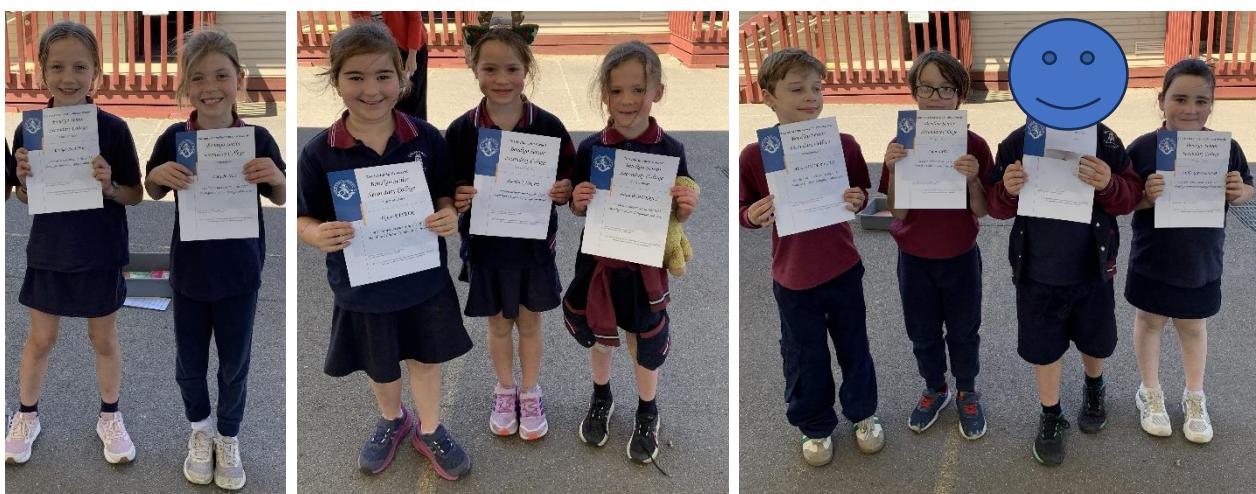
The Joyful Spirit Award

Iris N

Hannah M

Piper B

Amelia K



GRADE 2 KYABRAM FAUNA PARK EXCURSION

On Tuesday 18th November, our Grade 2 students ventured to Kyabram Fauna Park for the day. Students were able to spend the day in the sunshine, exploring the bushland and wetland sanctuary for native wildlife.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



KIND		
Riva F	Room 9	For making thoughtful choices, treating others with respect, and always out of her way to include others.
Arielle S	Room 13	For always being a super helpful computer troubleshooter when technology gets tricky!
CURIOS		
Aldren B	Room 10	For a great start on his Fantasy Narrative.
Piper B	Room 1	For great reading of our multi-syllable words in Room 1.
Tabby C	Room 9	For her incredible growth in finding and using her voice this year. We are so proud of her bravery, her perseverance, and every milestone she has achieved.
Remi D.T	Room 7	For working hard to make her letters smaller when writing.
Lucy J	Room 6	For always being curious about learning and always striving to do her best.
Archer K	Room 16	For displaying high level independent learning skills.
Zara L	Room 17	For showing curiosity in class by asking thoughtful questions to extend her knowledge.
Evie N	Room 8	For amazing improvement in your reading. Keep up the great work!
Wolfie S	Room 1	For your excellent reading of our multi-syllable words.
BRAVE		
Phoebe P	Room 2	For consistently giving her best effort and always trying hard to succeed.
Lexie W	Room 12	For always setting high expectations in the quality of her work. Great effort, Lexie!

P.F.A News

The PFA would like to thank the school community for their support throughout this year. Together we have helped to support our school through community events and fundraising.

Here is a summary of the fundraising money the PFA have contributed to school projects this year:

Literacy contributions to books	\$1000
Math contributions to resources	\$1000
Camps contributions	\$1000
Grade 6 awards	\$480
New Centenary Area	\$5000 (This project is to be completed over holidays)

Some highlights of the year were the Bulb fundraiser, Easter Raffle, Mother's and Father's Day Stalls, Pizza Lunch Day, Book Week Community Cuppa, Staff Appreciation Day and the recent Spring Picnic in the Bushland.

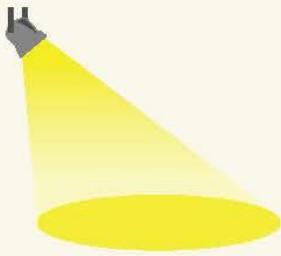
We are looking forward to the Disco and Mango fundraiser in the next couple of weeks!

We look forward to supporting our school community again next year.

Warm regards,

QHPS Parents and Friends Association





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.



24/11/2025

What is happening, when and why?

From **10 December 2025**, social media platforms must take reasonable steps to deactivate social media accounts held by children under 16 and prevent new accounts. A “social media platform” is one that enables social connection and user interaction.

The Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024 introduced these restrictions to delay exposure to social media risks and to allow time for digital literacy and maturity.

Which platforms are affected?

As of November 2025, the following platforms are included:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- TikTok
- X (formerly Twitter)
- YouTube
- Threads
- Reddit
- Kick
- Twitch

This list is subject to review. Platforms may be added or removed over time. Children under 16 can still use **YouTube Kids** and view regular **YouTube** without logging in (with limited functionality).

Will children under 16 break the law if they continue using social media?

No. Children, parents, carers, and teachers will not face penalties. Platforms are responsible for enforcement and may face fines if they fail to comply.

What about existing content?

Platforms may deactivate accounts for users under 16 instead of deleting them, but this is not guaranteed. Encourage your child to download any data they want to keep (such as posts, chats, photos, and videos) before December 10.

Can under-16s bypass the limit?

No system is perfect, and some children under 16 may try to bypass age restrictions, similar to other age restricted activities. Platforms must take steps to prevent this, including blocking fake IDs, AI tools, deepfakes, and VPNs that disguise location.



How will age be checked?

Each platform will choose its own methods for age checks, guided by eSafety's regulatory advice and international best practices.

Platforms must follow the Online Safety Act and Privacy Act when handling personal information, and they cannot force Australians to use government-issued IDs – reasonable alternatives must be offered.

They should also have processes to fix mistakes, allow reporting of underage accounts, and provide reviews if someone is wrongly restricted.

How can I support my child?

- Explain what is happening and reassure children they are not breaking the law.
- Help them reflect on what they enjoy online and find alternatives.
- Be aware some may turn to gaming, messaging apps, or AI chatbots – check ratings, privacy settings, and risks.
- Report any cyber bullying to the platform or [eSafety](#). For further support, consult a healthcare provider, [Kids Helpline](#), [Dolly's Dream Support Line](#), or a [parent helpline](#).

For more information visit: www.esafety.gov.au



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QUARRY HILL OSHCLUB UPDATES

Hello families,

We only have 4 weeks of the school year left! Please see below themes and special events for December!

We are running out of spare hats for children to use, please make sure they have a hat in their bag to use at OSHClub.

It seems there have been some glitches in the bookings or some reoccurring bookings have finished before the end of the school year, please double check you have the bookings needed for the end of term.

We are now collaborating with Vic Kids Eat Well, they are helping us to make healthy choices and swaps in the kitchen!

Here's to a great end to the year-Quarry Hill OSHClub Team



Service Times: Morning 6:45am-9am / Afternoon 3-6pm
Holiday Program 6:45am-6pm

REMINDERS

Names on children's items - our lost property is overflowing and many do not come with names. If you are missing something please come and check in our room.

Please ensure if your child is attending OSHClub this term that they have a hat in their bag.

CLASS DOJO

We have now restarted Class Dojo! Please scan the attached QR code to see what OSHClub is doing each week!



Alternatively, you can follow this link:
<https://www.classdojo.com/u/p/addKid?target=class&class=689c273f3336f6b8b4667493>

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LEGENDS OF THE WEEK:



WEEK 7

Service Times: Morning 6:45am-9am / Afternoon 3-6pm
Holiday Program 6:45am-6pm

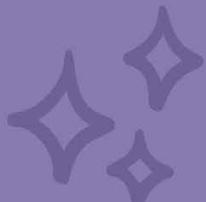
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