

# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
Newsletter No. 5

## Our Vision:

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

### 2026 TERM DATES

Term 1: 27<sup>th</sup> January (students start 28<sup>th</sup> January) - 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Term 2: 20<sup>th</sup> April - 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Term 3: 13<sup>th</sup> July - 18<sup>th</sup> September  
Term 4: 5<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> 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

APRIL		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:05am 9:00am-2:30pm	Special Easter Raffle Assembly Last day of Term 1 (Early Finish)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	All day	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All day	School Photo Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Various times	Grades 3-6 Swimming Program
MAY		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Various times	Grades 3-6 Swimming Program
JUNE		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All day	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Various times	Grades P-2 Swimming Program
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### Reminders:

- **Tomorrow- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**
  - 9:05am- Special Easter Raffle Assembly
  - 2:30pm- Early Finish
- SunSmart  
- 'No hat, restricted play (indoors/under cover).' Hats can be purchased from the office for \$12.
- CSEF  
-If you hold a concession card, please fill out a 2026 CSEF form at the office.
- Curriculum contributions  
-Curriculum Contributions can now be paid through direct deposit/at the office.  
\$225.00 per child- Prep to Grade 5.  
\$235.00 per child- Grade 6.
- Swimming Program  
-Complete approval/payment through the Compass event  
-Complete the Google form (available [here](#) and on the Compass event)  
-Fill out and return the hardcopy medical form to your child's classroom teacher



## BEING SAFE ON THE ROAD

In the week leading up to the holidays Road Safety has been a topic of conversation in classrooms. It is important our children develop the skills, attitudes and behaviours to be safer on our roads as passengers, pedestrians and users of bikes and scooters.

Before hitting the road in the upcoming school holidays it might be time to check that your child is travelling in the car seat that is safest and most suitable for their size.

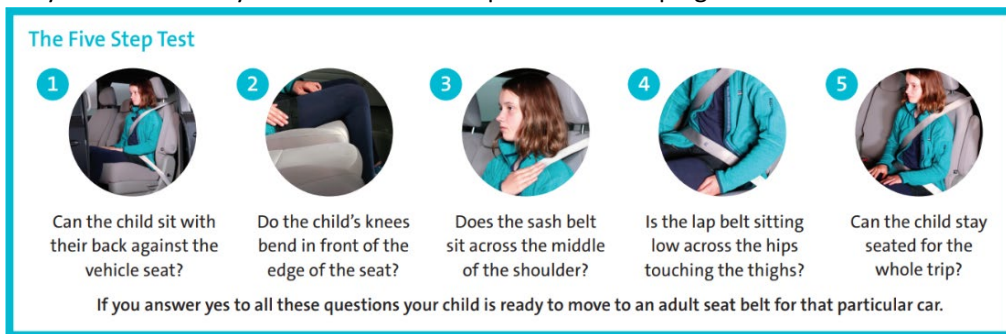
Young kids should stay in rearward facing car seats until they no longer fit, with products available that allow children to rearward face until two or three years of age.

Older kids should stay in a booster seat until they can safely pass the '5 step test', which usually happens when they reach 10 to 12 years of age. (This surprised me too.)

Children are often moved out of a booster seat way too early. Like babies and toddlers, older children are also at risk of serious injury in the event of an accident. Adult seat belts are designed for average sized adults (a minimum height of 145cm)

While height is important, it is not the only indicator. You should also consider how your child sits in the seat. It is recommended that you only move your child out of their booster seat once they have passed the **5-Step Test**. Here's what to look for:

1. Can your child sit with their back against the vehicle seat?
2. Do your child's knees bend in front of the edge of the seat cushion?
3. Is the lap belt sitting low across your child's hips and touching their thighs?
4. Does the sash belt sit across the middle of your child's shoulder?
5. Can your child stay seated correctly like this for entire trip without slumping?



[Vic Roads Child Restraints, Booster Seats and Seatbelt Readiness](#)

[Royal Children's Hospital Child Car Seat Safety](#)

Happy holidays and safe travels

Anne

QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
JSC PRESENTS

# Staff Spotlight

**Mrs. Morcom**

**Were you the chatty student or the quiet student?** From memory, the quiet student. But I certainly make up for it now!

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** Spending time with my family and finding new cafes that have delicious coffee.

**Beach or Mountains?** Beach

**If you could meet any famous person who would it be?** Patrick Dangerfield

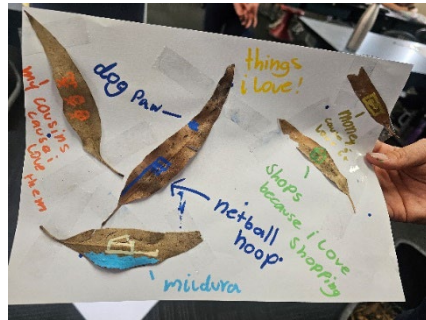
**What job would you have if you weren't a teacher?** I am not sure there is another job that I would enjoy more than teaching. However something in travel would be very cool!



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

## HARMONY DAY

On Friday, 27th March, our school community enjoyed a wonderful Harmony Day. Students worked in multi-age groups to complete three engaging activities celebrating the message that *Everyone Belongs*. Throughout the rotations, they explored and appreciated the many cultures within our community, shared stories, created collaborative work, and reflected on the importance of inclusivity, respect, and understanding. It was a joyful reminder that our differences make us stronger and that harmony grows when we learn from one another.



## GRADE 5 TABLOID SPORTS

Over the last two weeks the grade 5 students have been making sporty activities to do with their buddies. First they had to combine in groups of four. Then they had to come up with a tabloid sport such as mini soccer, beanbag toss, T-ball etc. The reason that we do tabloid sports is to encourage preps to join in games, give a good first impression about sports, learn co-operation skills, and for them to have fun. Every group started with their own buddies, and after five minutes, they would rotate to the next group. Each week, the grade fives would work with five to six different groups each session. The grade fives really enjoyed it and I hope the preps did too.

By Darcy and Tye

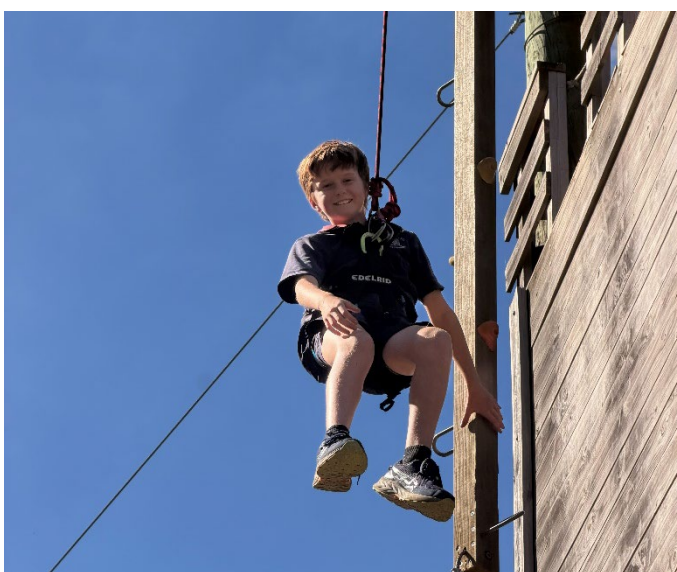


## Tin Cans for Art

We are collecting clean, empty tin cans for exciting art projects coming up next term! If you have any at home, please ensure they are thoroughly washed, labels removed if possible, and free from sharp edges, then send them into the art room. Your donations will help support creative, hands-on learning in the art room—thank you for your support!

## GRADE 5 EXCURSION

Our Grade 5 students travelled to the PGL Adventure Camp in Kyneton on Monday for their excursion. Students and staff enjoyed a fun-filled, jam packed day.



# Wellbeing spotlight



At Quarry Hill Primary School, we believe learning is about more than reading, writing and maths. For students to thrive academically, they must also feel safe, connected and confident.

That's why we explicitly teach Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).

## What is SEL?

Social and Emotional Learning helps children develop skills to:  
Understand and manage their emotions, Build positive relationships,  
Solve problems respectfully, Make safe and responsible decisions,  
Show empathy and kindness, and Persevere when learning feels  
challenging.

These skills support students to be **Kind**, **Curious** and **Brave**, not just at school, but in life.

## Why do schools teach SEL?

Research consistently shows that when students feel connected and emotionally safe, Attendance improves, Behaviour concerns reduce, Academic achievement increases, and students develop stronger resilience. SEL is not an “extra”; it is foundational to learning. Children cannot engage deeply with academic content if they are dysregulated, anxious or disconnected.

## Working Together

Families play an important role in strengthening social and emotional skills. Using shared language around emotions, problem-solving and respectful communication helps children feel consistent support between home and school.



# Cyber Safety

With the holidays just around the corner, your children might be spending more time online for entertainment and to connect with their friends. As a parent or carer, you can help them have safe and positive experiences online. Have a conversation with your child today about how to stay safe online and to deal with online safety issues like cyberbullying, inappropriate content or unwanted contact. eSafety has lots of great advice and resources for parents and carers to help keep young people safe online.

Are your children spending **a lot of time online?**

eSafety eSafety.gov.au

**REPORT IT!**

If you see seriously harmful online content report it at [eSafety.gov.au/report](https://www.esafety.gov.au/report)



Term 2, 2026

## eSafety parents and carers webinars

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

### Term 2 topics:

- **Navigating screen time: tools for today's families.** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and lower secondary school.
- **Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men.** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in upper primary and secondary school.
- **How AI is influencing new online risks for children and young people.** Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- **The trust trap: navigating friendships, pressure and manipulation online.** This webinar is designed to support shared viewing and conversations between parents/carers and young people (13+).



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



eSafety Commissioner

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[www.esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

**BULB FUNDRAISER ORDERS CLOSING NEXT FRIDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**Bulb Fundraiser**  
Quarry Hill Primary School

Orders Close  
April 10th  
2026

*Products available to order until this date unless sold out prior*

**Tesselaar**  
Fundraising with Bulbs

Go ON-LINE to place your order at:  
[www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/QUARRYHILL](http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/QUARRYHILL)

QHPS keeps 40% of the profits!



# Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: **22/04/2026**



**LEADING IMAGE** School Photos

[leadingimage.com.au](http://leadingimage.com.au)

Scan to order!



**Quarry Hill Primary School**  
**DON'T MISS OUT!**

To order your school photos:

1. Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

**!** Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **NR9MSRDB**



**LEADING IMAGE** School Photos

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Phone: 5443 3537

In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.



4-7 YEAR OLDS\*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

\*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA)

## BENDIGO AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL | 9AM-3PM  
WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO  
\$55 PER PERSON



# EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



MERCY JUNORTOWN SPORTING PRECINCT APRIL 7 - 17

ST LIBORIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL APRIL 7 - 17

GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL APRIL 7 - 17



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CHECK OUT OUR DAILY SPORTS SCHEDULES AND PROGRAM INFORMATION ONLINE!

## NEEDLE-FREE Flu Vaccination for Kids

A new way to protect children this flu season

For many families, flu vaccination comes with one extra challenge: NEEDLES.

FluMist® is a needle-free nasal spray Flu vaccine for children aged 2-17 years, now available at Bendigo UFS.

- ✓ Quick and simple nasal spray
- ✓ Administered by a Pharmacist or Nurse
- ✓ Longer Protection
- ✓ Available privately in Victoria
- ✓ Approximate Cost: \$80

We are currently taking expressions of interest for FluMist® in 2026

Scan the QR to register your interest or to learn more.



Bendigo UFS pharmacies

BENDIGO LEGO® USER GROUP PRESENTS



# BENDIGO BRICKS 2026

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS 2016-2026

160+ LEGO® EXHIBITS / FUN WITH BRICKS PLAY AREA / PIXELART PLAY WALL  
BENDIGO BRICK MARKET / COFFEE & FOOD VENDORS / LUCKY BRICK & RAFFLE

11-12 APRIL

BENDIGO EXHIBITION CENTRE

TICKETS \$10  
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