



# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
 Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
 Newsletter No. 7

## Our Vision:

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

### 2026 TERM DATES

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

MAY		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	All day	School House Athletics Carnival- tomorrow *Students to wear house colours. *Students will require lunch, snacks, and a drink bottle. The canteen <b>will not</b> be open. *Students to be dropped at La Birpa Athletics Complex from 8:45am. Families welcome to attend. Students will walk back to school with teachers for collection at normal time of 3.30pm.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Curriculum Day- no students at school
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	2027 Prep Information Session
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm-3:30pm	Open Classrooms
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15am All day	2027 Prep Information Session Division Cross Country (selected students)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	11:05am-12:00pm	Grade 5 and 6 Production Auditions (more information on page 5)
JUNE		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All day	Curriculum Day- no students at school
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
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Various times	Grades P-2 Swimming Program (last day)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Student Led Conferences
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Last day of term (2:30pm finish)

### ~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.

### Reminders:

- Grade P-2 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
- Lost property and labelling items  
 We currently have a large amount of items in our lost property box. A lot of jumpers found out in the yard lately, have been found without names written on them. Please ensure students belongings are labelled so they can be returned to the rightful owner.
- Hungry students  
 With the cooler weather, there has been an increased number of extra hungry students. Please make sure your child has enough food in their lunch box each day. We do have a fresh fruit program here at school; however, this is only for students that have forgotten their fruit.



## PREP 2027 ENROLMENTS

We are now accepting Prep 2027 enrolment applications. If your child has a sibling here at Quarry Hill Primary School who is starting school in 2027, please fill out an enrolment form and hand it into the office. Also, if you know of any family or friends wishing to send their child to Quarry Hill Primary School, please pass on this information. Enrolment information can be found on our website [here](#), and packs can be collected from the office. Application forms are due to the office by Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July.

## THANK YOU!

A big thank you for all the donations for our Mother's Day Stall!  
We raised over \$630.

## BENDIGO COMMUNITY HEALTH SESSION

Last week, students in Grades 5/6 were involved in a session with Bendigo Community Health. The session delivers essential information on the risks and harms of vaping, with the goal to give children the knowledge and confidence to say no to vaping.



## GRADE 3/4 THANK YOU

Grades 3 and 4 would like to thank Mr. Gollan for his time and sharing his wonderful knowledge about plants, humans, and animals. In our Life and Living unit, we explored how different traits are influenced by both the environment and genetics.





## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



KIND		
Alyssa S	Room 7	For the kind way she supports other students.
Romsey T	Room 11	For being a kind and helpful team member.
CURIOUS		
Kyaw Klay Kee D	Room 12	For exploring his learning capabilities and for having a great start at Quarry Hill Primary School.
BRAVE		
Amelia L	Room 16	For demonstrating an improvement in her reading fluency by listening to feedback.



### *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!

**JSC ANNOUNCEMENT**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**JUNE**  
**18TH**



QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**JSC PRESENTS**

# Staff Spotlight



**Mrs McIntyre**

**What is your favourite ice cream flavour?**  
Cookies and cream

**Summer or winter?**  
Summer

**Early bird or night owl?**  
Early bird

**If you could meet any famous person, who would it be?**  
J.K Rowling

**What job would you have if you weren't a teacher?**  
A vet

-  Kind
-  Curious
-  Brave

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

# Teaching and Learning Spotlight



## Classroom Expectations: Supporting Successful Learners



**Mr Donohue**  
**Learning Specialist and Classroom Teacher**

Quarry Hill Primary School is committed to creating classrooms where every student can learn successfully. Our Teaching and Learning Spotlight helps families understand the evidence based practices we use to support students to be Kind, Curious and Brave learners.

At Quarry Hill Primary School, expectations are explicitly taught through our Creating Our Learning Environment (COLE) program at the beginning of each term and are revisited regularly throughout the year. This supports a calm, focused learning environment where students feel safe, confident and ready to learn.

Our expectations are guided by our school values of being Kind, Curious and Brave.

- Kind learners listen respectfully and support others.
- Curious learners participate, ask questions and engage in their learning.
- Brave learners attempt challenges, take risks and keep trying when learning feels difficult.

### Why This Matters

Students learn best when expectations are clear and consistent. When students understand what successful learning behaviours look like, they feel more confident and focused. Clear expectations create predictable classrooms where students can concentrate on learning and support one another.

### What this looks like at Quarry Hill Primary School

In our classrooms, students practise expectations such as:

- Listening attentively when the teacher or another student is speaking
- Beginning their learning promptly and staying on task
- Participating in partner and class discussions
- Attempting challenging work and asking for support when needed

Teachers model, practise and revisit these expectations throughout the year as part of our Responsive Teaching approach. This protects valuable learning time and helps every student remain engaged and supported.

### How families can support learning at home

You can support your child by:

- Encouraging them to listen and follow instructions
- Talking about showing respect to teachers and classmates
- Reinforcing the importance of effort and persistence
- Reminding them that mistakes are a normal part of learning

***When school and home work together, students feel more confident, stay more engaged and achieve greater success.***

# PRODUCTION

## AUDITION INFORMATION

for grades 5 and 6

*The QHPS Production of "AUSTRALIA" is only  
4 months away, so auditions for performance  
roles are going to be occurring on*

***MAY 27<sup>th</sup>***

***from 11:05am to 12:00pm  
in the Music Room***

This is *only* for grades 5 and 6.

The passages to be read at auditions are with  
your teachers. You *don't have* to memorise  
them, but *if you do*, it would look really good  
to the audition panel!

See you all there!!!





## Parental controls and conversations to keep you child safe

No parental control tool is 100% effective. They are a helpful starting point but they're not a complete solution on their own. What really makes a difference is helping build your child's online safety habits by combining technology with open conversations, guidance and trust.

Alongside parental control tools, you can help keep your child safer by:

- talking with them about what they like to do online, the risks involved, and how to be safer online
- making sure their online activities are supervised, especially for younger children
- joining in their online activities when you can – play a game together, watch what they watch, explore apps side by side
- being aware of who they are connecting with online
- teaching them to follow the [steps for reporting](#) online abuse
- encouraging your child to reach out to a trusted adult for support if something doesn't feel right.

Using parental controls as a conversation starter, rather than secret setting, helps children understand why boundaries exist. Involving them in decisions about what's set and reviewing them together as they grow can reduce stress, increase trust and mutual understanding and make online rules clearer and easier to follow. When your child feels they are trusted, they're more likely to come to you for help when it really matters.

## Support for neurodivergent families

Every young person deserves to feel safe, confident and empowered online. For many neurodivergent young people, the digital world can be a powerful place to connect deeply, explore interests, and thrive in ways that work for them. The eSafety '[Using your neurodivergent mind to thrive online](#)' page is designed for neurodivergent young people, including autistic young people. It offers practical guidance on online safety, building good digital habits, and using personal strengths to navigate the online world with confidence.



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)

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**LOWES**

# 20% OFF SCHOOLWEAR

**INSTORE & ONLINE**

**ZERO MEMBERS GET AN EXTRA 5% OFF!\***

\*T&C's apply. Not in conjunction with any other offer. Excludes mark downs & gift cards. No Rainchecks. Discount applies to original prices, not markdown prices.

**5 DAYS ONLY! | MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, & 17<sup>TH</sup>**



**AFL PLAY**

## COME & TRY

### UNDER 10 GIRLS COMPETITION

The Bendigo Junior Football League are looking at creating an Under 10 Girls Competition in 2026

Gather some friends and join in some activities at Mercy Junortown Sporting Precinct Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 4:15pm



Girls born in 2016, 2017, 2018 or prior to 30 April 2019

## STRIKERS NETBALL

### MONDAY 29TH JUNE *Clinic*

**COST \$50**  
6-14YO  
Includes a free kids ticket to home game & some giveaways



**BENDIGO SOUTH EAST COLLEGE, GYMNASIUM**  
KECK STREET, FLORA HILL

1:00PM - 1:20PM	CHECK IN
1:30PM	CLINIC & ACTIVITIES COMMENCES
4:00PM	CLINIC FINISHES
4:00PM	SIGNATURES, PHOTOS & PACKS
4:30PM	PICK UP

BYO Drink Bottle and Snack



**REGISTER NOW**



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