Quarry Hill Primary School

POPPET HEAD BLAST

Thursday 5th November 2026

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 6th	All day 8:30am-8:50am 3:35pm-3:50pm	Grade 6 Camp Book Fair open in the Library Book Fair open in the Library
Monday 9th	Various times 8:30am-8:50am 3:35pm-3:50pm	Variety Disability Incursion (Grades 1-6) Book Fair open in the Library Book Fair open in the Library
Tuesday 10th	Various times 8:30am-8:50am 3:35pm-3:50pm	2027 Prep Transition Book Fair open in the Library Book Fair open in the Library
Wednesday 11th	8:30am-8:50am 11:00am 3:35pm-3:50pm	Book Fair open in the Library Remembrance Day - a minute's silence Book Fair open in the Library
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	 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
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 8th	9:30am-11:00am	Statewide Transition 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)



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 tomorrow, 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – Thursday 11th NOVEMBER

At 11:00am on 11th November each year, a minute's silence is traditionally observed to remember those who have died or suffered in wars and conflicts around the world.

Staff and students will observe a minute's silence at school on Wednesday 11th November at 11.00am.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders for Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club are due to the office 9am Friday 27th November.

No late orders will be accepted. This is the final issue of Book Club for the year.

To order the books online and pay with your credit card via the LOOP facility visit https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx

The LOOP facility eliminates the need to put your credit card number on the order form and/or hand over cash. For paper copy book orders please include your child's name and classroom room number and/or teacher on the top of the form and return to office with correct payment by due date.

STUDENT VOICE ACTION GROUP – ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY DATA

Our Student Voice Action Team recently met to explore the results of the 2026 Attitudes to School Survey. Students worked together to analyse the data, celebrate areas where our school is doing well and identify opportunities for improvement.

It was wonderful to hear their thoughtful discussions and ideas about how we can continue to make Quarry Hill a place where everyone feels safe, connected and valued.

Their feedback will help guide our next steps as we continue to strengthen student voice and belonging across our school.

Here are some of the quotes from students: *"82% of gr 6 girls think that their teachers help them do their best, but only 45% think they know how they learn… those numbers seem to contradict one another?!", "55% of year 5 girls are afraid to go online, but maybe that's because they've done a lot of online safety and they now know about the risks online".*



STATE ATHLETICS

A big congratulations to Anika E and Lexie W who recently competed in the State Athletics in Melbourne.

Anika competed in the Long Jump, placing 13th, and Lexie ran a PB in the 800m, placing 14th.

Well done girls!!



SCHOOL DISCO HELPERS NEEDED

The much loved Disco is coming up in a few weeks on Thursday 26th November.
We need some parent helpers to assist on the day.

Here are the ways you can help:

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

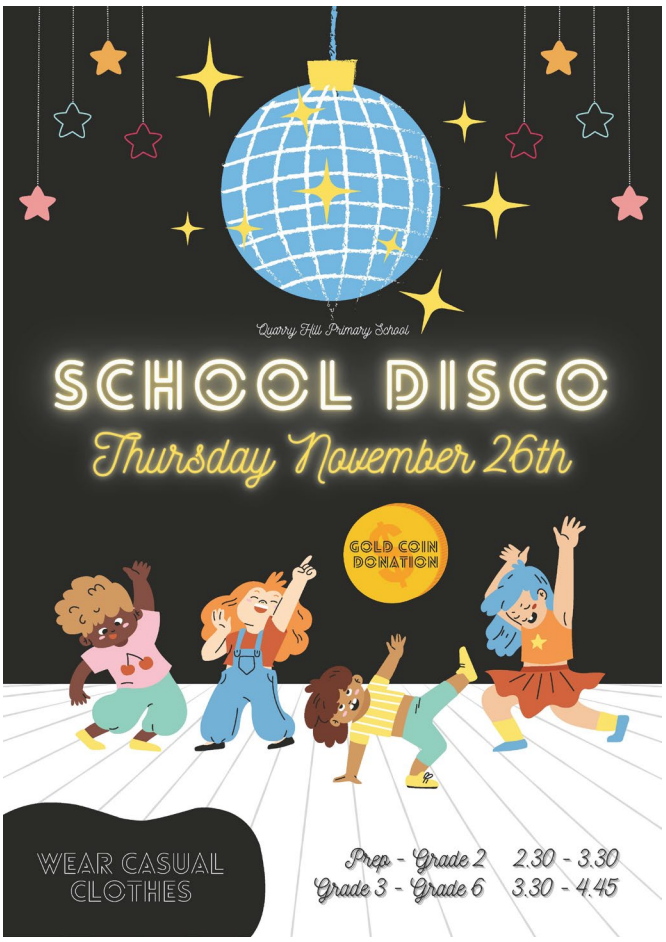
Junior Disco Helpers - 2.15pm - 3.30pm
-Serving popcorn and Zooper Doopers
-General assistance

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

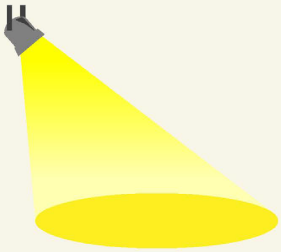
Please let the staff in the office know if you are available to assist at any of these times.
All helpers will need to show a Working With Children Check to the office.
The Disco is such a fun event to be part of, and it is a welcoming and low pressure space for new parent volunteers to join in.

Thank you,
QHPS Parents and Friends Association



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND		
Aldren B	Room 12	For showing respect to others in and out of the classroom.
Ari C	Room 7	For always treating others with respect and care.
CURIOUS		
Aurora B	Room 11	For her contributions to our Tom Appleby theme and activities.
Mason B	Room 16	For his willingness to learn new things and take on all learning challenges.
Mason B	Room 1	For being curious during Maths with our shape sorting.
Lily D	Room 8	For an outstanding attitude towards learning. Lily you always try your hardest and seek knowledge.
Oden M	Room 17	For making connections between our novel study and other history events.
Billy M	Room 2	For doing a great job discussing if you would use an observation or survey to collect data.
Elsie P	Room 5	For showing determination and a cheerful attitude towards all class activities.
BRAVE		
Bronte L	Room 9	For learning all her tricky words and extending herself by learning how to write them.
Frankie M	Room 10	For speaking at assembly for the first time with courage and confidence. Awesome effort, Frankie!



Spotlight on Teaching and Learning:

Speaking & Listening

This week we continue our Spotlight on Teaching and Learning, where we will share how we ensure all students engage in opportunities to speak and listen every day.

Speaking & Listening

Speaking and Listening is an important part of learning at school. Students develop their skills in interacting with others and speaking to an audience. These skills are practised across all areas of the curriculum as students share ideas, listen to others, ask questions, explain their thinking and speak confidently with different audiences.

What do we do at QHPS?

At Quarry Hill Primary School, we foster strong oral language skills by encouraging every student to think, talk, listen, and respond in all lessons. Through both formal and informal activities, students build confidence, vocabulary, and effective communication skills.

Students engage regularly in the following speaking and listening activities.

Opportunities to Respond

- Cued Thinking Time
- Choral Response
- Gestured Response
- Pair Share/Cold Call
- Mini Whiteboards
- Say it Again, Better

Activities and Routines

- Morning Circle
- Paired Fluency Routines
- Vocabulary Routines
- Show and Tell (P-2)
- Formal Oral Presentations

Speaking to an Audience

Learning to speak confidently in front of others is an important skill that students will use throughout their lives. At school, we encourage all students to have opportunities to share their ideas, explain their thinking and speak to an audience. We have a 'no opt out' approach, which means every student is supported to participate rather than avoid speaking tasks.

We recognise that speaking in front of others can feel challenging for some students, so we adapt tasks to help them build confidence gradually. For example, a student might first speak to a small group of chosen classmates before working towards speaking to a larger audience. Our goal is to ensure every student feels supported while developing the confidence and skills to communicate their ideas clearly.