



Quarry Hill Primary School

POPPET HEAD BLAST

Thursday 18th December 2025

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

DECEMBER

Friday 19 th	9:00am-1:30pm	Last Day of Term 4- -Assembly at 9:05am (time change due to forecasted hot weather) -Early finish at 1:30pm
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JANUARY 2026

Wednesday 28 th	All day	Start Up Day Interviews (More info to come) Prep Testing Day
Thursday 29 th	All day	Grade 1-6 First Full Day of School for 2026 Prep Testing Day
Friday 30 th	All day	Prep Testing Day

FEBRUARY 2026

Monday 2 nd	All day	Prep First Full Day of School for 2026
Every Wednesday in February	All day	Prep Rest Day

Reminders:

- Early finish:** Last day of Term tomorrow. Assembly will be at 9:05am (due to forecasted hot weather), and students will be dismissed early, at 1:30pm.
- Booklist Collection:** Narelle will be in the office from the 12th of January at various times. If you would like to collect your books, just ring to make sure she is in the office. Otherwise book collection will be Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st from 8.00am to midday.
- Start Up Day Interviews (Grades 1-6):** In early January, you will receive important information via Compass regarding the interviews. Please keep an eye out for this.



Made possible thanks to our Foundation Partners



STAFFING FOR 2026

Classroom Teachers	
Prem Rm 8	Krista Pedley-Smith
Prep Rm 9	Jess Telford
Grade 1 Rm 1	Kelly Mitchell
Grade 1 Rm 2	Shae Walsh
Grade 1/2 Rm 7	Kath Schmidt 0.8, Bonnie McIntyre 0.2
Grade 2 Rm 6	Lauren Clark 0.6, Tess Morcom 0.4
Grade 2 Rm 5	Sarah Broadbent (Semester 1)
Grade 3 Rm 16	Sarah Edwards 0.8, Chriss Mertens 0.2
Grade 3 Rm 17	Amie Goodwin
Grade 4 Rm 10	Clinton Donohue
Grade 4 Rm 11	Maria Tzaros
Grade 5/6 Rm 12	Mitchell Graham
Grade 5/6 Rm 13	Tamieka McErvale
Grade 5/6 Rm 14	Tonya Jones 0.8, Chriss Mertens 0.2
Specialist Teachers	
Art	Brooke Wilson 0.8
PE/Music	Ross Turner 0.6/0.4
Chinese	Minyu Xu 0.6
Library	Bonnie McIntyre 0.4
Principal	Anne Rochford
Assistant Principal	Merryn Walker
MH WL	Rebekah Fry 0.6
Leading teacher	Sarah Edwards 0.2
Education Support Staff	
Business Manager	Narelle Jones
Administration	Renae Irwin
Wellbeing	Kerryn Phillips
Student Support	Luci Tanashevich
	Whitney Nunn
	Angela Connelly
	Tracy Adamson
	Taylah Rennie
	Tom Guerra

WELCOME TO ALL

You may have read recently that our school was a recipient of a Bank First Community Grant. Using this funding, we have installed "Welcome" signs to celebrate the diversity within our school community.

You can find the full story on the Bank First website here:

<https://www.bankfirst.com.au/about-us/articles/welcome-to-all>

ANDREW CALDER BALSILLIE AWARD

Congratulations to Noah S in Grade 4 for being the winner of our Andrew Calder Balsillie Award! This Award recognises a student's achievement for 'active participation and making an outstanding contribution to the school community.'



GRADE 6 AWARDS

Congratulations to our Grade 6 Award Recipients!

A big thank you to Education Plus for their contribution to our prizes for our award winners.

- The Morton Family Maths Award- Abby S
- The J.A. Johnstone Art Award- Chloe T
- Sports Award- Dyson S
- Maureen Egan Sprint Award- Dyson S and Zoe D
- The Pinnell Swimming Trophy- Sullivan H and Leni F
- The Florence Campbell Memorial Scholarship- Wynter B and Taite C-S
- Citizenship Award- Beth L and Patrick W
- Music Award- Eva K
- Best All Round Student Award- Izzie J
- Dedicated To Studies Award- Henri T
- LOTE Award- Oliver C
- Isaac Ireland Values Award- Abigail E
- Heidi Teague Young Historian Award- Zoe D
- Grade 6 Overcoming Adversity to Achieve Award- Tilly B
- STEM Award- Imogen O
- Bike Ed Award- Dayeesha C-G
- Kitchen Garden Award- Ariah W
- The Dianne Elliott Scholarship Award- Taite C-S and Chloe T

2026 LEADERSHIP ROLES

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in obtaining a 2026 Leadership role:

School Captains: Alec B and Evie J

Vice Captains: Lucie E and Spencer A

First Nations Leader: Braxton B, Mietta S and Ryder W

Peel House Captains: Ryan D and Royce T

Malcolm House Captains: Bex C and Quinn C

Amer House Captains: Billy K and Mietta S

Harkness House Captains: Alby P and Isla W

Girls in STEM: Charlotte R and Erin M

Environmental Leaders: Jack J and Fern W

Performing Arts Leaders: Anna H and Jobe B



THANK YOU JIM

Thank you to Jim, our School Crossing Supervisor. We appreciate your dedication to keeping our students safe.



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ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT

Our Grade 5/6 students were lucky enough to have a visit from Essendon Football Club players last Thursday 11th December.



JACINTA ALLAN CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNERS

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our Quarry Hill Primary School community.

Several of our talented students recently took part in the Jacinta Allan Christmas Card Competition. Their creativity and effort were outstanding, and we are very proud to announce that the following students were awarded certificates in recognition of their entries:

- Hayden B
- Quinn H
- Sara B
- Gracie M
- Frankie M
- Kaisa G

The competition provided a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their artistic talents and represent our school in the wider community.

Message from Jacinta Allan:

I would like to thank the students of Quarry Hill Primary School for entering my Christmas Card Competition this year. I received many beautiful and imaginative entries from several schools, and the high-quality work by all students made my task of choosing the winning entry very difficult.

I have chosen Kaisa G as the winner, congratulations Kaisa!

Thank you to everyone that participated.

My best wishes to everyone at Quarry Hill Primary School for a safe and Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Jacinta Allan MP

Congratulations to all of our certificate recipients on this wonderful achievement and thank you to all students who participated.

