



# Quarry Hill Primary School

## POPPET HEAD BLAST

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### 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

MARCH		
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	NAPLAN- Grade 3 and Grade 5 Language Conventions
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	NAPLAN- Grade 3 and Grade 5 Maths
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:45pm	QHPS School Council Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Issue 2 Book Club Orders due to the office
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm-2:00pm	Harmony Day Multi-Age Activities
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am-5:30pm	Grade 5 Excursion- PGL Kyneton
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	3:30pm	Easter Raffle Tickets due to the office
APRIL		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All day	School Cross Country 9-11am: Senior (3-6) 12-3pm: Junior (P-2)
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
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Various times	Grades P-2 Swimming Program

### Reminders

- 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.
- Easter Raffle  
- Donations for prizes to be handed into the office.  
- Tickets to be returned (with payment) by 3.30pm Tuesday March 31st.
- 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



## Do you have a younger child at home?

Join 1000 Books Before School and make your home a reading home! Enjoying books together is the best way to help your child develop a love of reading. Reading daily encourages a love of language and story, helping to build vital skills that will set them up for success at school and beyond.

All children aged up to five years old are invited to sign up. It's free, and any book counts – whether at home, storytime, playgroup, creche or kinder. You can even read the same book over and over again! Click on the link below to get started- The local Bendigo Library is participating in this initiative!

<https://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/1000books/>



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



### KIND

Sara B	Room 10	For always showing respect for herself, others, and the environment, which helps to create a positive classroom community.
Mia H	Room 7	For providing support to other students to ensure they have their learning resources organised.
Olivia J	Room 13	For being inclusive, respecting others and making her peers feel as if they belong.
Archer K	Room 11	For being a terrific, helpful camper at Grade 4 Kookaburra Camp!

### CURIOUS

Harper B	Room 5	For being curious, eager to learn, and asking great questions.
Reuben D	Room 8	For always listening carefully and respectfully and taking pride in your work- well done, Reuben!
Hamish M	Room 9	For your fantastic work in InitialLit. You have worked hard to sort and recognise the initial sounds in words.
Harvey R	Room 2	For working hard to read your book each morning.
Arlo W	Room 1	For putting great effort into learning new tricky words and growing as a reader.

### BRAVE

Bex C	Room 14	For using her voice and being brave to share her ideas with the class.
Anika E	Room 12	For independently completing all work tasks and being open to feedback.
Lucy J	Room 17	For always checking in with members of our class and helping those in need.
Andy M	Room 16	For demonstrating high expectations and care with his handwriting.

**Bulb Fundraiser**  
Quarry Hill Primary School

Orders Close  
April 10th  
2026

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QHPS keeps  
40% of the  
profits!



# Grade 3 excursion

Last week, our long-awaited excursion finally arrived, and it was an unforgettable experience! We began the day bright and early with a delicious breakfast at school before hopping on the bus to Central Deborah Gold Mine.



Our adventure started with the Talking Tram Tour, where we learned about the rich history of Bendigo and admired the city's key landmarks and monuments. Next, we had the opportunity to explore the hidden underground tunnels of a real gold mine that operated during the gold rush boom of the 1900s. We experienced firsthand what life was like for miners during this challenging era, discovered how an incredible 929kg of gold was unearthed at Central Deborah, and witnessed traditional mining equipment in action—plus, we even saw gold in its natural state!



After lunch, we boarded the bus and headed to Peppergreen Farm. Here, we were able to explore the farm before beginning our activities. Students painted their pots before planting seeds, and also engaged in a hands-on experience where they learnt how to cook with local, seasonal produce. They even picked ingredients straight from the garden before making a delicious capsicum dip.

The day was full of history, nature and appreciation for our wonderful town. It was a memorable experience for all!

