



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
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Our Purpose:

To provide a creative and nurturing learning environment that enables everyone to achieve their personal best.

Principal: Jo Menzel
School Council President: Tim Shanahan
PFA President: Clive Enever

2018 TERM DATES

Term 2 April 16 – June 29
 Term 3 July 16 – September 21
 Term 4 October - December 21

IMPORTANT DATES

| | Time | Details |
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| May | | |
| Friday 18 | 1.30pm – 2.30pm | Grade 6 Transition Sports (@QHPS) |
| Monday 21 st | 7.00pm | School Council Meeting |
| Tuesday 22 nd Wednesday 23 rd | Various | Gymnastics Program Prep – Grade 4 only |
| Wednesday 23 rd | Various | Cross Country Re-Scheduled |
| Thursday 24 | 11.00am 7.00pm | Grade 3/4 excursion to Discovery Centre Prep 2019 Information Session |
| Friday 25 | 9.00am – 11.00am 9.30am 1.30pm – 2.30pm | Open Morning Prep 2019 Information Session Grade 6 Transition Sports (Kennington) |
| Tuesday 29 th Wednesday 30 th | Various | Gymnastics Program Continues Prep – Grade 4 only |
| June | | |
| Friday 1 st | 9.00am | Division Cross Country – Selected Students Only |
| Monday 4 th | 3.45pm – 4.45pm | School Council Subcommittee Meetings |
| Tuesday 5 th Wednesday 6 th | Various | Gymnastics Program Continues Prep – Grade 4 only |
| Thursday 7 th | 7.30pm | PFA Meeting Multipurpose Staffroom |
| Friday 8 th | 1.30pm – 2.30pm | Grade 6 Transition Sports (Strathfieldsaye) |
| Monday 11 th | All Day | Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 12 th Wednesday 13 th | Various | Gymnastics Program Continues Prep – Grade 4 only |
| Tuesday 19 th | All Day | School Athletics |
| Friday 22 nd | TBC | PFA Social Catch Up Bendigo Club |
| Monday 25 th | 7.00pm | School Council Meeting |
| Tuesday 26 th | All Day | Parent/Teacher/Student Led Conference (students only required at school for their appointment) |
| Friday 29 th | 2.30pm | End of Term 2 Early Finish |

~OUR VALUES~

Integrity:

Being true to oneself
 Being honest
 Owning our choices
 Respecting people, property & environment
 Being Positive ambassadors for QHPS.

Sense of Belonging:

Feeling safe
 Being part of a community
 Being inclusive and accepting
 Being committed to friendliness and caring for others.

Passion for Learning:

Being curious, inquisitive, active thinkers and engaged learners.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Writing Showcase

Along with the families from Rooms 1, 2, 5 and 6, I was invited last Friday to attend a celebration of narrative writing produced by the students in these rooms. What a wonderful event it was! I was fortunate to have a number of children read their stories and share their illustrated books with me. I was taken on adventures that had strong characters, interesting settings, and sometimes very scary action! Each story had a problem to overcome and a solution for that challenge at the end. The children sought feedback from the parents who read their work and shared that with their classmates. It is fair to say, there was an enormous amount of pride in those rooms. Thank you to everyone for contributing to this event. The children will remember this for a long time.



Gymnastics Program

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our Gymnastics Program commenced for our Preps to Grade 4s on Tuesday. These sessions will be held at Jets Gymnastics centre in Golden Square where the children get to use some amazing equipment in a specialised setting. By participating in these classes, students have an amazing opportunity to develop their strength, balance and body control. It also provides an ideal opportunity to learn about teamwork and dedication. The time required to master the fundamental gymnastic skills requires a great amount of patience, dedication and perseverance. All of these skills are so important throughout life. Best of all though is that it can be really, really good fun!

Overseas Learning Experience – China

As you read this newsletter today, I will be sitting on a bus on my way to the airport with Jasmine, Bel, Lola and Lucas. They will no doubt be full of excitement and busily chatting to the students from other local Bendigo schools while I check, and recheck, that I have the passports and the tickets! We will be away for 10 days and will return the week of Monday, June 4th. In my absence, Craig Harrop will be the Acting Principal. Craig will be the contact person if you have any questions or concerns during this time.



This Week is Education Week

Our Open Morning for Education Week is on this Friday May 25th from 9:00am to 11:00am. There will be two information session times offered for prospective parents of 2019 students. The first is at 7:00pm on Thursday May 24th and the second is at 9:30am on Friday May 25th. Visitors are welcome to our school throughout the morning and join in the activities.



Reminder: Enrolments for 2019

A reminder to families that the school has been advised by the region that it is to restrict its enrolments and apply the 'school neighbourhood zone.' This 'school neighbourhood zone' has been devised taking into consideration the location of other local Primary Schools. A map of the school zone is available at the school. The school's capping/ceiling figure is 375 students.

The following guidelines apply for schools with enrolment ceilings:

Where there is insufficient accommodation at a school for all students who seek entry, students are enrolled in the following priority order:

- Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood government school.
- Students with a sibling at the same permanent residence who are attending the school at the same time.
- All of the students in order of closeness of their permanent residence to the 'school neighbourhood zone' boundary.

On Friday May 25th the classrooms will be open for you to view and a tour of the school for prospective parents conducted by the School Captains and Craig Harrop will be held at 10.30am.

If you have a sibling starting next year I would encourage you to enrol them as soon as possible or if you know that you will not be here at Quarry Hill PS next year, please let us know. This enables us to have a better idea about the number of Prep children we can enrol and also about the grade levels where there may be places available.

Have a great week.

Jo Menzel
Principal

GYM PROGRAM PREP- GRADE 4 ONLY

Our Gymnastics program began yesterday Tuesday May 22nd. Below is a list of times and days that classes will be attending their session.

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| Tuesday | 22 nd & 29 th May, 5 th & 12 th June | |
| | 9.30am - 10.30am | Room 8 & Room 9 |
| | 10.30am - 11.30am | Room 7 & Room 6 |
| | 11.30am - 12.30pm | Room 1 & Room 2 |
| | 12.30pm - 1.30pm | Room 4 & Room 5 |
| Wednesday | 23 rd & 30 th May, 6 th & 13 th June | |
| | 9.30am - 10.30am | Room 14A & Room 14B |
| | 10.30am - 11.30am | Room 15A Room 15B |

The Gymnastics Program will be run at the Jets Gym, Golden Square for Grade Prep - 4 on the days listed above. The lessons will be of 60 minutes duration and will be conducted by qualified Gymnastics instructors. Children are required to wear loose fitting clothing without zips and extra buttons. School polo shirts, shorts and tracksuit pants are suitable.

NO DRESSES or SKIRTS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Passion for Learning

- Aaliah L (Room 10B) for demonstrating your wonderful insights during our reading response activity.
- Archie G (Room 12B) for his high application & level of persistence when working on Maths problem solving tasks.
- Kasey L (Room 12B) for demonstrating a constant application to learning tasks & working to a high standard.
- Seth S (Room 12A) for always listening carefully to instructions & to his classmates during class discussions.

Confidence

- Aimee M (Room 14A) for creating a great persuasive piece of writing.
- Oscar T (Room 3) for displaying confidence & concentration during our "Early Warning Investigation".

Persistence

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| Isabella S (Room 7) | for rereading her writing to ensure meaning isn't lost. |
| Billie JW (Room 8) | for working hard to hear & record the sounds in the words she is attempting to write. |
| Organisation | |
| Tyler C (Room 15B) | for always coming to school organised & ready to learn. |
| Alexis C (Room 14B) | for completing her home reading diary every night & bringing it to school each day. |

School Nurse Visit

Kerrie McCosh, primary school nurse, will be visiting our school in June this year. The purpose of this visit is to undertake health assessments and discuss health concerns that parents and/or teachers may have with their children/students.

Prep Grade Health Assessments: All parents of Prep grade children should have received a Health Questionnaire to complete. Please return the form to the school before June 15th 2018. If you do not wish your child to be seen by the school nurse, please sign the non-consent section and return the form to the school.

Referrals (All Grades): Parents and/or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, physical abilities, medical conditions, behavioural and parenting issues. Please collect a referral form from the school office. Completed forms are to be handed into the school office prior to June 15th 2018. Should parents wish to have an interview with the School Nurse, please indicate your request on the form. Please note: You can talk to the school nurse at any time throughout the year. The school has her mobile phone number.

Landscaping & gardening help wanted!



Quarry Hill Primary School has been fortunate to receive the grant from the Department of Education for the new Sensory Garden, and thanks to the efforts of our Wellbeing worker Kerryn Phillips, has also recently been successful in securing a grant from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation. Soon it will be time for us to finish off the Sensory Garden space and rejuvenate the Kitchen Garden.



Do you have expertise that might help us? Do you work for a landscaper, or are you a keen gardener?

Maybe you have experience in wicking beds? Can you build a creek bed or know where to source some large rocks? Do you have logs we can use for stepping and know how to put them in place? There are so many skills we'd love to make the most of!

Please get in touch with Joan O'Brien, School Council member, via the office or on 0414 707 248.

STUDENT REPORTS VIA COMPASS IN 2018

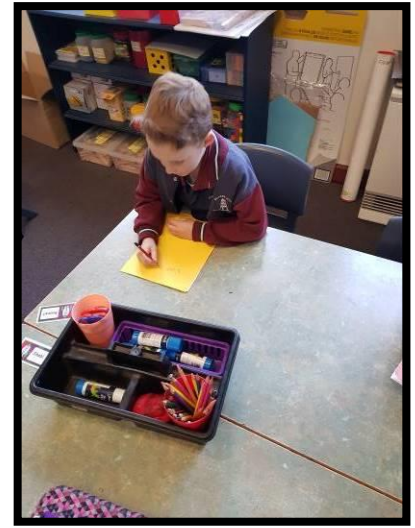
Student Reports will be circulated to families electronically, via Compass for the first time. In previous years, the reporting process required approximately 4000 pieces of paper to be used. This included drafts (during editing), final copies and information sheets provided to families. Reports, this semester, will be released to families via Compass on Friday June 22nd. We aim, through this change, to save a significant amount of paper and to streamline the process of manually preparing reports to be sent home. If you require a paper copy, this can be requested at the parent/teacher/student led conference on Tuesday June 26th. Thank you in advance for your support of this change.

NARRATIVE WRITING ROOMS 1, 2, 5 & 6

On Friday rooms 1, 2, 5 and 6 opened their classrooms to showcase the narrative writing pieces completed over the past 5 weeks. All of the students went through the writing process to plan, write, publish and create their own story. They then recorded themselves reading it and watched it back or read it to a partner to ensure that it made sense.

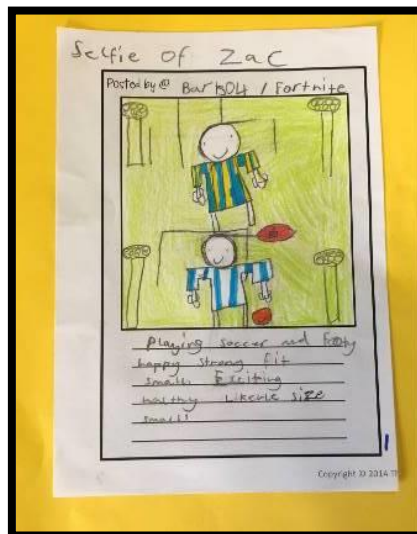
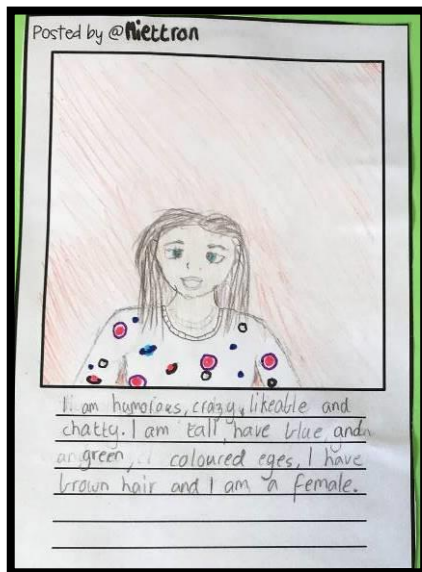
Throughout this whole process they focused on the purpose of their text, adding further details and continually cross-checking the structure of a narrative.

Every single student produced a book and the class teachers are extremely proud of the hard work shown. Well done everyone and thank you to those that could make it in to see the finished product!



ROOM 14B

These are character selfies from 14B!! We looked at finding internal and external character traits of ourselves.



P.F.A News

NEXT MEETING

The next PFA meeting date is Thursday June 7th at 7.30pm in the multipurpose room. New members welcome.

RESOURCES FROM CYBER SAFETY PARENT SESSION

The ever-changing nature of the internet can pose challenges for parents who wish to keep on top of their children's technology use. While children might seem to be tech savvy, they still need a parent's guiding hand to help make sure their online experience is positive and safe. Presenter Kris Bobetic from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation has passed on the following links to support parents.

Links:

eSafety Commissioner website is excellent for reporting offences. This website assists with the removal of shared images without consent.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Need help keeping up with new/trending apps? This website lists apps, games and social media in alphabetical order and provides valuable information. Privacy settings, reporting abuse and parent information can found on this website.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking>

iParent website is very useful for parents. It has plenty of tips and practical steps, so you can help your child explore safely and manage online issues should they arise.

<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

Parental controls for internet service providers, gaming consoles, web browsers, streaming services, smartphones and tablets can be found here.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/online-safeguards/parental-controls>

