



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.

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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
June		
Thursday 7 th	7.30pm	PFA Meeting Multipurpose Staffroom
Friday 8 th	All Day 1.30pm – 2.30pm	JSC Dress Like A Pirate Day – Gold Coin 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
Thursday 14 th	All Day	Inter School Soccer – Selected Students Only
Friday 15 th	12.00pm – 2.00pm	RRRR Launch Day Book Club Closes
Tuesday 19 th	All Day	School Athletics
Friday 22 nd	6.30pm	Reports sent home via Compass 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	11.00am 2.30pm	Pizza Lunch Day 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,

Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday

A reminder that Monday June 11th is a Public Holiday. There will be no school on this day.

Overseas Learning Experience

Bel, Jasmine, Lola, Lucas and I returned from our eight days in China last Saturday. We began our journey in Beijing where we were able to experience the grandeur and history of landmarks such as the Forbidden City and The Great Wall. Our one night stay in Beijing was extended to two nights, when storms in Shanghai meant our flights were cancelled. These are the 'not so fun' bits of international travel!

We managed to secure flights for the next morning and arrived in Shanghai the following afternoon. We still managed to squeeze in a visit to Shanghai Circus World to witness what is considered one of the best acrobatic shows in the world. The performers combined traditional Chinese arts and modern technologies to create a wonderful insight into China's ancient culture and civilisation as well as highlight its modern achievements. Awe inspiring and just downright dangerous!

The next four days were spent in Suzhou where the children toured the ancient water town of Tongli, had the opportunity to visit our Sister School, Wencui Primary School and catch up with our recent homestay visitors Crystal, Linda and Ethan. This was a real highlight for them as they got to participate in classes and join in all of the activities. Whilst teaching styles are quite different, and classroom layouts are more reminiscent of when I went to school, the Chinese teachers want the best for their students and appear to have great relationships with them. Our group was made feel very welcome and was treated to lots of waves, smiles and greetings in English.

Our trip concluded by heading back to Shanghai where we went on a night river tour to experience the neon lights of the Shanghai skyline. Thankfully it was a fairly clear night by Shanghai standards! It was so nice to experience the wintery sunshine when we landed in Melbourne on Saturday. We take the blue sky for granted, but for millions of Chinese, grey smog and overcast skies are the norm.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Bel, Jasmine, Lola and Lucas for being such wonderful travelling companions and being such great ambassadors for our school and for the program. I'm proud of the way they involved themselves wholeheartedly into the experience.

The Overseas Learning Experience component of our Team China program is now over for 2018. We will now focus on our Homestay Program, where we host Chinese students from our Sister School, Wencui Primary School in late October through until early December. If you would like to host a student (or a teacher), please put in an expression of interest. Details are provided further in the newsletter.



Dress like a Pirate Day

Our Junior School Council hopes that you will support childhood brain cancer research by joining us for Dress like a Pirate Day this Friday, June 8th.

Dress like a Pirate Day is an annual national event created to generate awareness and much needed funds for children's brain cancer. All funds raised are allocated to research projects across Australia through The Adventurers and The Kids' Cancer Project. A very worthwhile cause. I hope that you will support this Junior School Council fundraiser.

Q: Why is pirating so addictive?

A: They say once ye lose yer first hand, *ye get hooked!*

Chinese Immersion Program 2018

Quarry Hill Primary School will again be hosting students as part of the school's on-going Chinese Cultural Exchange Program. The Chinese students from Suzhou Industrial Park usually arrive in week 2 of Term 4 (mid-October) and leave in the first week of December. Bendigo Team China schools are currently collecting information to determine the number of Chinese students we are able to host.

I am seeking expressions of interest from families to host a Chinese student for four or eight weeks during their visit. The Chinese students are usually 10-11 years old and have just entered Grade 5 (Chinese school year begins in September).

Families are paid a weekly payment to cover costs associated with the Chinese student. Last year the payment was \$240.00 per week.

If you are interested please complete the slip below and return it to school or reply by email to menzel.jo.j@edumail.vic.gov.au If you would like more information or would like to speak with a family who hosted last year, please feel free to contact the school.

Please return below:

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Our family is interested in hosting a:

(Please tick)

- Chinese student
- Teacher
- Happy to host either

For:

- Four weeks
- Eight weeks

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____ Room: _____

Your name: _____

Family members living at home: _____

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.

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

QHPS RESILIENCE, RIGHTS AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS LAUNCH DAY - FRIDAY JUNE 15TH 2018

The *Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR)* learning materials have been designed for teachers in primary schools to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills.

All students from Prep-6 will be participating in a range of activities from the RRRR curriculum. The school will be open to parents and families to come into classrooms and experience what the RRRR curriculum is all about. Classrooms will be open from 12.00pm-2.00pm.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Passion for Learning

- Billie M (Room 1) for consistently demonstrating active listening in the classroom.
Atticus S (Room 4) for his enthusiastic approach to his endangered animal work.
Jacob D (Room 2) for demonstrating a Passion for Learning, always participating in class discussions & trying his best.
Byron JL (Room 12B) for being an inquisitive thinker across all learning areas.

Persistence

- Skylar B (Room 12A) for her dedication to completing her data investigation to a very high standard.

Getting Along

- Tamika R (Room 5) for being kind & a positive member of our community.
Chase M (Room 9) for getting along with his classmates.
Perry T (Room 3) for being a helpful & constructive member of Room 3 when working in the garden.

Confidence

- Lachlan B (Room 14A) for an excellent detailed piece of homework on the 'Flora & Fauna of Australia'.
Cody R (Room 8) for confidently asking herself questions as she reads to help her understand the storyline in greater depth.
Reid S (Room 8) for confidently composing a descriptive sentence & using a conjunction to extend his ideas.
Lily T (Room 7) for having the confidence to attempt new words in writing.

Integrity

- Jemma P (Room 14B) for being a respectful & courteous listener at our Discovery Centre excursion.
George T (Room 6) for having a positive week & giving each task his all. Well done!

Organisation

- Madison B (Room 10B) for your excellent efficiency when completing class tasks.

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.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

This year we will be replacing the traditional parent-teacher interviews with Student Led Conferences. Students will be involved in sharing their learning goals, work samples and discussing their progress over the semester. These conferences will be held on Tuesday June 26th 2018. You will be required to attend with your child for the 15 minute timeslot chosen on this day. Students will not be attending school other than their conference time. The conferences will run from 9.00am to 6.00pm and will be booked via our new Compass portal. Semester 1 reports will be available to access on Compass this year as well. Please ensure that you are using Compass regularly for class/school updates, behaviour notifications, learning tasks and reports. More information will be sent home with instructions on how to book your conference time closer to the date. If you need any help using or accessing Compass please contact the office or Sarah Edwards for assistance. A note with details how to book your conference will go home next week.

STUDENT ABSENCE - Notify the school of your child's absence

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, by either phoning the absence line, 5443 3537, by email quarry.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or directly on the Compass portal.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind. If you have changed contact details please ensure you notify the school.

PREMIERES' READING CHALLENGE 2018

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premieres' Reading Challenge:-

Room 2	Thom H
Room 3	Sarah W, Amelia B
Room 4	Charli H, Jacob W, Olivia L, Mietta W, Ollie O
Room 5	Amelia W, Kade S, Thomas A, Finnley RS, Jemima W
Room 6	Isaiah M, Edward B
Room 7	Giana E, Luciana C
Room 8	Lincoln N, William HS
Room 12B	Laila T, Megan C, Xanthe T
Room 14B	Demi M
Room 15A	River H
Room 15B	Zofia K



QHPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2018 TUESDAY JUNE 19th

Each year the school holds its whole school athletics carnival at the Flora Hill Athletics track. Students participate in various events to earn points for their House. All students are encouraged to wear their House colour on the day. The carnival runs between 9.00am – 3.00pm.

Students are to be dropped at the track at 8.45am on the day, not at school. Parents and friends are welcome to come down and support all students at the event. We will be running a 4x100m Parent/Teacher Relay so we are looking for parents to compete in this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Social Event

Book your spot early for the PFA Social Night – **Friday June 22nd at 6:30PM.**

Purely social, the evening is to nurture our school community and foster relationships between families, staff and students. An agenda of having a relaxing evening and enjoying the company of other members of the school community and some great fun and prizes.

Tickets are a very reasonable \$15.00 per adult. At the Bendigo Club from 6:30pm there will be finger food – including nibblies for the kids. Drinks are available - bought over the bar to suit your preference.

Tickets are [available now](#) and we encourage you to [book early](#) for catering purposes. There is a limit to the number of people who can be accommodated. [Get your ticket/s here.](#)

Some of the Goodies for the night: [Wine! Books! Crafts! DVD! Kid's Stuff & more!](#)



Morning Tea

On Thursday, join Heidi and other parents at 9.00am for a cuppa and chat in the Multipurpose staff room.

A cuppa is a great way to come together as parents and special thanks goes to Heidi for championing this initiative.

The second hand uniform shop is open both **Monday** afternoons (3:30pm - 3:45pm) and again **Thursday** mornings during the cuppa-time catch ups from 9.00am-10.00am. The uniform items can be purchased for just 50c each *and we are always very grateful for any uniform donations that families are happy to pass on.*

Become a Member

The PFA is open to all members of our school community to join. Mums, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents and Carers are all eligible and welcome.

Your involvement can be small or large and together will create an amazing community for our children.

Come along to our next meeting or see the office for a membership form, it is just 50 cents to join and then have input in supporting our kids, their teachers and support staff.

More detail on meeting times and other events over the coming year will be available shortly and we welcome any involvement or support from the school community.

Contact the office (Narelle) in the first instance for further information.

Clive Enever
President PFA



Dress like a.....

PIRATE DAY!

On Friday the 8th of June come dressed like a pirate for a gold coin donation to support



THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT

To help end brain cancer in children.

There will be activities at lunchtime in the library and a parade at assembly so be prepared for a swashbuckling day o' fun.



Friday 8th of June...

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