



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 4 October 8 - December 21

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1 January 30 – April 5

Term 2 April 23 – June 28

Term 3 July 15 – September 20

Term 4 October 7 – December 20

IMPORTANT DATES

	Time	Details
November		
Thursday 22 nd – Saturday 24 th	All Day	Energy Breakthrough
December		
Thursday 6 th	4.00pm-5.30pm 6.00pm-8.00pm	School Disco- Prep-2 Grades 3-6
Monday 10 th	Various	Swimming Program Commences
Tuesday 11 th	9.00am – 11.00am	State Wide Orientation Day
Wednesday 12 th – Friday 14 th	Various	Swimming Program Continues
Monday 17 th	Various	Swimming Program Concludes
Tuesday 18 th	All Day	Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 19 th	5.30pm	Grade 6 Graduation Bendigo Club
Friday 21 st	1.30pm	End of Term 4

~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.

2018 ORIENTATION PROGRAM DATES FOR NEW 2019 PREPS:

- **Tuesday 13th November 2018** Classroom Visit 1 (12.45pm – 1.45pm)
- **Monday 19th November 2018** Classroom Visit 2 Classroom Visit and meet Buddies (12.45pm – 1.45pm)
- **Tuesday 11th December 2018** - Statewide Transition Day (whole school, including 2019 Preps) (9.30am – 11.00am)

“The Bushland Crew” need helpers to plan and run the Election Day sausage sizzle on November 24. We are holding a planning meeting this Thursday at 9:30am in the old staff room. We’d love to see lots of you there, or we’d love you to put your name down at the office to help on the day. Also, the school BBQ will be used at Energy Breakthrough that weekend, therefore we are in need of borrowing a BBQ for use on the day. If you can help with the loan of BBQ, please contact the office.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2019 Prep Transition (Prep Picnic)

On Monday we had the first of our Prep 2019 transition sessions. The Prep Picnic gave our new students and their parents the opportunity to visit the school and join in some fun activities before sharing a picnic lunch together. Unfortunately, the weather was not overly kind, leaving many of the surfaces wet. We managed to find some undercover spaces to use, and lots of laughter and excitement could be heard around the school.



The following information is from KidsMatter about the importance of school transition:

Starting school is an important time for children and families. Children who make a positive start to school are more likely to:

- *Feel comfortable, relaxed and valued*
- *Feel excited and motivated to learn*
- *Have good relationships with others*
- *Develop a sense of belonging within the school community.*

Starting school is not just about the first day. It's a process that begins when children and families start to prepare in the year before, and continues as children experience their first days, weeks and months of school. The process involves a number of changes for children and families, and everyone reacts differently.

For some children the change brings excitement about making friends and learning new things, while for others the change can leave them feeling nervous and overwhelmed. You may reflect on your own school experiences and be reminded of the mix of emotions you felt when starting school.

Families play an important role in supporting children to manage the transition to primary school. With the support of your child's early childhood educator and school teacher, you can help them to cope with the new challenges by developing their social, emotional and learning skills. Supporting your child's skills in these areas contributes to their mental health and wellbeing.

Children who are mentally healthy are better learners, have stronger relationships and are better able to meet life's challenges.

Remembrance Day – Sunday 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.

Sunday 11th November 2018 commemorates the 100th anniversary of Remembrance Day.

Given that Remembrance Day falls on a weekend this year, we will hold a minute's silence at school on Friday November 9th at 11.00am.

RSL poppies, pins and bracelets are available for purchase from the office.

Personal Belongings Brought to School

As is the usual practice throughout the year, Principals have been asked by the Department of Education and Training to remind the school community of the following:

- Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.
- The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
- Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Have a great week.

Jo Menzel
Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

PASSION FOR LEARNING

Andraya C (Room 12A) for enthusiastically participating in his garden project.

INTEGRITY

Liam Y (Room 10A) for being very mature in your application to all learning tasks.

Campbell T (Room 15B) for leading by example and representing QHPS in a positive manner.

GETTING ALONG

Alice W (Room 15A) for displaying team work skills in group activities.

Kade S (Room 5) for always being positive and getting along with others.

CONFIDENCE

Annabelle M (Room 9) for her great weekend recount writing.

PERSISTENCE

Isabella S (Room 7) for borrowing 152 books in the past two years from our library and never having an overdue book.

Iris M (Room 14B) for being an active problem solver and showing strong persistence skills when working out how to build a Halloween pumpkin!

ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH 2018

Preparations have continued for the 2018 Energy Breakthrough. The team, Kasey, Jorja, Aaliyah, Lola, Luca, Konrad, Henry, Nick, Izzak, Perry & Jason have been working hard on their fitness and navigating the vehicle around the Tom Flood velodrome each week. They have now begun work on their presentation and are finalising the colour theme for the vehicle. Watch this space for the unveiling. These students will be involved in an endurance event consisting of competing in a vehicle powered solely by themselves. The team of 10 riders will cycle for a total of 14 hours over two days and will also have to deliver a presentation about the vehicle. This fantastic opportunity could not be offered without the generous support of sponsors. Thank you to all our fantastic sponsors: -



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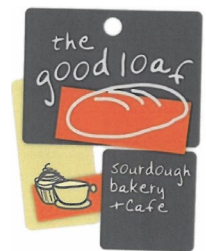
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NEWS FROM THE BUSHLAND

The Bushland Dreaming project is now moving into full planning mode. Across November and December we'll be creating a site plan for the seasonal garden beds (to line up with the six Dja Dja Wurrung Seasons), beginning to choose local native plants, beginning to think through the wall mural and planning the Welcome to Country gateway. Most of the work will occur in the first two terms of 2019, as local native plants are best put down in autumn. The mural and gateway will be built across Term 1 & 2 and we're planning a working bee for March, a planting day in April and a big launch celebration in NAIDOC week in July. Anyone and everyone are invited to join the Bushland crew for this project.

And we need help! We are calling for help in two areas at this stage:

1. If you can help us run the sausage sizzle on Election Day we'd be most grateful. Let Narelle know in the office.
2. Are you a landscape architect or a landscape designer? We're looking for help to design a site plan for the garden beds.

P.F.A News

NEXT MEETING

The next PFA meeting date is Thursday November 22nd at 7.30pm in the multipurpose room. New members welcome.

QHPS DISCO

Thursday December 6th

Multipurpose Room

Prep to Grade 2 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Grade 3 to 6 6.00pm to 8.00pm

The annual QHPS Disco is BACK Thursday 6th December in the multipurpose room & astro turf. The Preps, Grade 1 & 2's (**juniors**) will kick it off at 4.00pm and finish at 5.30pm followed by the Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6's (**seniors**) at 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Our DJs are back with their great tunes, lights and smoke machine, AND a new photo booth!

This year we are doing things differently from previous years.

It will now be a PREPAID EVENT.

The junior disco will cost \$4.00. This will include entry into the disco, 1 fruit box drink, 1 sausage in bread, 1 zooper dooper & unlimited photos in the photo booth.

The seniors will cost \$5.00. This will include entry into the disco, 1 can of soft drink, 1 sausage in bread, 1 zooper dooper & unlimited photos in the photo booth.

Glow sticks will be available to purchase on the night 3 for 50 cents.

All students who are attending will need to pre-purchase their wristband prior to the disco. Sales can be made directly through the office now.

NO SALES of wristbands ON THE NIGHT.

All students will need to be dropped off at the multipurpose room and have their names marked off and wristbands put on. NO PASS OUTS ON THE NIGHT. All students will remain in the multipurpose room and astro turf area at all times. All students will need to be picked up by a parent/carer from the same place after their session time too please.

We will once again be asking for volunteers to help on the night serve sausages, drinks, ZD and sell glow sticks. A rooster will be placed on the notice board outside Room 5 shortly, so choose an activity and time that will suit you. Without your support we can't bring these fantastic events to life. Thank you for your continued support.

QHPS PFA

MORNING TEA

A cuppa is a great way to come together as parents and on Thursday, join other parents at 9.00am for a cuppa and chat in the multipurpose room. The second-hand uniform shop is open both **Monday** afternoons (3:30pm -3:45pm - kindly opened by Rachele Bertuch) 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. Contact the office (Narelle) in the first instance for further information.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Eaglehawk Children's Festival

- Inflatables
- Mobile Play Zone
- Face Painting
- Animals 2 U
- Helium Balloons
- Native Animal Display
- Story Time
- Sand Sculptures
- Free Swimming
- Concert Band

BBQ
Sausages and Veggie Burgers \$1 each
Water available
Bring your chair or picnic rug

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16th November, 2018
3.30pm – 6.30pm
Canterbury Park
(Parking in Napier or Denham Street)

For more information contact Eaglehawk Community House on 5446 8322 - Bring your bathers & towel for free swimming @ Peter Krenz Leisure Centre.

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