

The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School Wednesday March 27th 2019 Newsletter No. 8

Our Vision:

QHPS students are empowered to be engaged learners. Our community fosters a culture of respect and belonging.

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

Principal: Jo Menzel

School Council President: Joan O'Brien

PFA President: Renee Selkrig

~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

	Time	Details
MARCH		
Thursday 28 th	6.00pm	OSLE Fundraising dinner at Bendigo Stadium
Sunday 31 st	9.00am-1.00pm	Bushland-Large working bee
APRIL		
Tuesday 2 nd -Wednesday 3 rd	9.40am	Grade 3/4 Swan Hill Camp Rooms 15A & 15B
Wednesday 3 rd -Thursday 4 th	9.40am	Grade 3/4 Swan Hill Camp Rooms 4, 14A, 14B
Friday 5 th	9.00am 2.00pm	Easter Raffle drawn Assembly
	2:30pm	Last day of Term 1- early dismissal
Monday 22 nd	All Day	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd	9.00am	First day of Term 2
Thursday 25 th	All Day	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Monday 29 th – Wednesday 1 st May	ТВС	Scholastic School Book Fair
Tuesday 30 th		Cross Country – Ken Wust Oval
	9.00-11.00am	Grades 3-6
	12.00-2.00pm	Prep-Grade 2
MAY		
Friday 17 th	Various	School Photo Day
JUNE		
Monday 10 th	All day	Queen's Birthday Public holiday
Thursday 13th	All day	Curriculum Day
JUNE Monday 10 th	All day	Queen's Birthday Public holiday

Reminders: Bushland Working Bee this Sunday 31st March from 9.00am-1.00pm. Free sausage sizzle lunch at the conclusion, all welcome.

OSLE Fundraising dinner at Bendigo Stadium Thursday 28th March commencing 6.00pm.







STUDENT LEADERSHIP, THE MAYOR AND OUR VALUES

We know that leadership skills help instill confidence in children, and supports them to solve problems creatively and work collaboratively with others. It gives them many opportunities to develop responsibility and the ability to make things happen.

At last Friday's assembly, we welcomed the return of Margaret O'Rourke, the Mayor of the City of Greater Bendigo to present badges to our 2019 student leaders. It was a great opportunity for the students to meet one of our community leaders and witness first hand how leadership skills can transfer into adult life.

In her role as Mayor, Ms O'Rourke works hard to demonstrate our very own school values of Kind, Curious and Brave. She needs to be understanding of difference, be cooperative and respectful and definitely community minded. All of these attributes fall within the value of kind. She would constantly seek knowledge and ask lots of questions in order to create different ways or working and generate different ideas. As Mayor, it is important to be curious.

Being honest and independent is also very important. She would have high expectations of herself and other council members and would definitely seek feedback from the community that she represents. This ticks all of the boxes under the banner of brave.

By stepping into leadership roles, the following students also embody our school values. These roles will hopefully help provide them with a real sense of purpose. Congratulations to everyone that applied. It takes courage to put yourself forward!

Junior School Council:

- Rhumehni W
- Ella B
- Mikayla F
- Layla F
- Avery M

Library Monitors:

- Yazmin H
- Laila T
- **Kids Matter:**
 - Megan C
 - Milly S
 - Mia D
 - River H

Environmental Leaders:

- Elise S
- Anouk A
- Sebastian S

Buddy Support Leaders:

- Louis S
- Nevayah H
- Byron JL

Koori Leader:

Taleah M

- Jacob W
- Llovd V
- Ellianna L
- Lily M
- George P
- Mia D
- Maggie W
- Sebastian S
- Ted K
- Jenna S
- Freya N
- Keara R
- Madison B
- Keara R
- Ewen M
- Keira G

TERM 2 BEGINS ON TUESDAY APRIL 23RD

Please note that Easter falls on the last weekend of the school holidays. The Easter Monday is a public holiday. School resumes on Tuesday April 23rd.

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY APRIL 25TH

The ANZAC Day public holiday will be on Thursday April 25th. No students are required at school on this day.

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STAFF CAN BE CURIOUS TOO

From the Music Room - Jeremie Collard

On Monday the 18th of March, I attended a Musical Futures PD held at Crusoe College. As soon as I walked in there were guitars, keyboards, bass guitars and ukuleles as far as the eye could see and I was curious as to how this whole thing was going to work. I immediately rubbed my hands together and thought to myself, this should be fun....and it was! The Musical Futures Program moves away from a traditional music education into an informal learning environment with non-formal teaching (focusing on playing and not bookwork). It gets students playing together immediately through the following steps:



- Teacher demonstrates on the instrument and verbally explains the process
- Students play
- Repeat with various songs/rhythms/instruments

The audio and visual resources were a great addition to the program and all participants were given a copy of these to use in their own classroom. I look forward to implementing more of this teaching practice in the classroom to allow students to enjoy a musical education based around making music together, collaborating, and experimenting with sound and having fun. Don't worry, we will still be doing the formal hand sign, beat keeping and recorder blowing as well.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND SAFETY TRAINING (CUST) - PUPIL FREE DAY THURSDAY JUNE 13TH

As a staff, we will be undertaking Cultural Understanding and Safety Training (CUST) as part of the Department's commitment to the Marrung: Aboriginal Education Plan. This training will take place on Thursday June 13th. This day will be a Curriculum Day for staff. Please note that this is the Thursday after the long weekend. Information on CUST:

The Department of Education and Training Loddon/Campaspe Region will facilitate the Cultural Understanding and Safety Training. The training is designed to be delivered to school staff (including administration staff).

This training is a key commitment in Marrung: Aboriginal Education Plan, Victoria's ten-year plan to support improved outcomes for Koorie learners across early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education. The purpose of the training is to increase understanding of Koorie culture, history and experience to ensure a strong foundation for culturally inclusive practices.

Training also aligns with the Framework for Improving Students Outcomes, including the state-wide priority positive climate for learning.

The training will cover the following topics:

- Welcome to Country/Acknowledgement of Country
- History: pre- and post-colonisation
- Aboriginal communities today
- Inclusion and reflective practice
- Aboriginal perspectives in the Victorian Curriculum
- Opportunities to discuss the pathway for our school following the training.

Please note that Thursday June 13th will be a Pupil Free Day.

PFA - EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Our dedicated team of parents from the Parents and Friends Association have been spending many hours organising prizes for the Easter Raffle which will be drawn on the last day of Term 1 – Friday April 5th. A big thank you to all PFA members for the work going into this fundraiser. A big thank you too, to all families for the generous donations of Easte goodies. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase. The first 10 prizes will be drawn at a 9:00am assembly, and the rest of the prizes will be drawn shortly after in the staffroom and handed to the winners in the classroom.

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EARLY DISMISSAL ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM

Term 1 concludes on Friday April 5th. As mentioned above, the PFA Easter Raffle major prize winners will be drawn at a short asssembly at 9:00am. The final assmbly for Term 1 will begin at 2:00pm with the students being dismissed at the earlier time of 2:30pm.

Have a great week.

Jo Menzel Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND

Arya R (Room 2) for always helping those around her. Well done!

Laila T (Room 10B) for always displaying kind and considerate behaviour towards all

classmates.

Jacob D (Room 14A) for always looking out for his peers.

Sullivan H (Room 7) for being friendly and welcoming towards a new classmate.

Evie S (Room 9) for being a kind class member to everyone in Room 9 and helping

others.

CURIOUS

Kade S (Room 6) for applying count on and count back strategies to find the difference

in subtraction.

Kaylee L (Room 15A) for helping her peers to understand maths problems.

Flynn S (Room 5) for always asking interesting questions and being a passionate learner.

Ella D (Room 2) for using interesting adjectives in her writing.

BRAVE

Harper-Lee B (Room 14B) for always setting high expectations with all of her classwork!

Rhumehni W (Room 10A) for asking questions and being open and receptive to feedback.

Brave

ROYAL FREEMASONS AGED CARE VISIT.

On Monday the 25th of March, Room 1 had the opportunity to visit the residents at the Royal Freemasons in Flora Hill. The students were able to read stories to the residents and engage in conversations. This experience aligns with our inquiry topic for this term "Growing Older and wiser".

This was a new experience for many students and it was pleasing to see the students demonstrating our school values 'Kind, Curious and Brave' when interacting with the residents. We look forward to our next visit.

Miss Alexia Boyd.











ANZAC APPEAL BADGES

Anzac Day will be commemorated on Thursday April 25th 2019. Junior School Council will be selling Anzac Appeal badges and wristbands from next Monday 1st April in the office.

Anzac Appeal items range from \$2.00-\$5.00 and will be sold every day next week before school from 8:45am. Badges will also be sold in the first week of Term 2.

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UPDATED POLICIES ON THE QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

All our policies are in a cycle of review. As we update a policy we will let you know through the newsletter. You can find the policies on our School Website on the <u>school policy</u> page.

Visitors in Schools Policy

It is important that we have procedures in place to manage visitors to our school grounds to ensure the safety of staff and students. It is also necessary for us to monitor the presence of visitors in the event of an emergency. Please read along with our Volunteers in School Policy.

Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy

Quarry Hill Primary School staff have a number of legal obligations in relation to child safety reporting and this policy is for them. However it is important parents and carers are aware of the various legal obligations that apply to staff and what steps staff are expected to take if they have any concerns about child safety or disclosures are made to them.

COLLECTING STUDENTS

Correct attendance information is vital to keep the school running in a safe and orderly manner. If you need to collect your children during school hours, please make sure you come via the office to sign them in or out before collecting your child. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP TO SWAN HILL

The Grade 3/4 camp will be to Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement and is next week.

This is an overnight camp where the children will undertake activities to develop their understanding of the life of Australia's early pioneers. The cost of the camp is \$135.00 (\$85.00 if you have already paid the deposit) and final payments are due by Friday. A final note was home this week with some reminders.

Camp dates: Rooms 15A & 15B Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Rooms 4, 14A & 14B Wednesday 3rd – Thursday 4th April 2019

Term 2 Lunchtime Circus Program at Quarry Hill PS

All grades from Prep to Grade 6 welcome

Every Wednesday from 11am-12pm in the Multi-purpose room

Sessions begin week 1 on April 24th, 10 sessions in Term 2

Forms available at the QHPS Office





For more info call Vern on 0402 462 526

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What's coming up courtesy of the PFA?

Easter Raffle-Prizes Drawn

Friday 5th April

9.00am-Assembly

Last day of Term 1

Easter Raffle: The Easter raffle is in full swing for 2019 and donations are still being accepted. Please place your donation in the basket located in your child's classroom. Please return all tickets (sold or unsold) with all monies to the office by Thursday 4th April.

If you sell a ticket to someone who is not a student at QHPS please write the name & room number of the student who will be collecting the prize on the day.

ALL PRIZES MUST BE COLLECTED ON THE DAY.

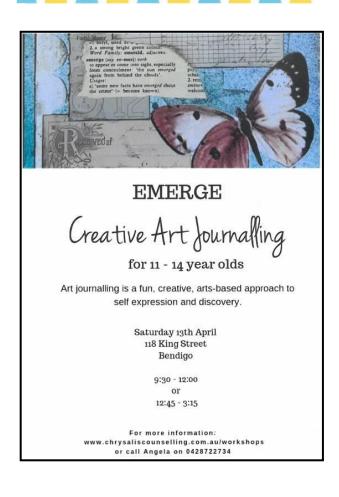
SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second had uniform shop will be open on Fridays from 3.30pm-3.45pm and again during the cake and cuppa catch up on Thursday mornings from 8.45am-10.00am. As our weather is beginning to change we welcome all to come down to the multi-purpose room and pick up a bargain with each item just 50cents. All donations welcome.



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Invite you to join us at

BUSHLAND DREAMING WORKING BEE

Communal work gatherings take place to accomplish tasks for all students to benefit.

We welcome all contributions of help no matter the size, every bit makes a difference

We hope to accomplish on the day;

Building garden beds for seasonal gardens, filling creek bed with more stone, mapping out larger tree plantings for May, Window box/gateway installation and upgrades, fencing, preparing wall for mural eg painting and general weeding and tidying of Bushland Area.

Please bring along:

Family, friends and all extended members of Quarry Hill Primary School Community.

Other things people can bring to the Working Bee: wheelbarrows, shovels, crow bars, rakes, paint rollers/brushes, hats, water, and garden gloves

Sunday 31st March at 9am

Finish at 1pm with a free sausage sizzle lunch.

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Get into the vacation mindset with fun activities at Holiday Club.

It's almost school holiday time and you know what that means – **Holiday Club!**Join us for a fun time with positive learning outcomes in **Jungle Jam!**Here's some of the activities that we could have in store for you:



GOING HUTS

Our adventure through the jungle wouldn't be complete without some jungle friends.

Today we'll each select from a range of different animals and build them a home to live.

This isn't just any home though, this home is ALIVE! We'll plant some fast-growing grass seeds on our huts so that we can watch them grow.

THE JUNGLE BAKE OFF

In the depths of the jungle, using only the suns rays, We're going to build an oven and eat cookies today!

Today we're going to put our skills to the test and create a home-made solar powered oven. You can even take it home at the end of the day!

All that work will make us hungry, so we'll bake some healthy cookies in our ovens once we're done.





ENTER THE JUNGLE LAB

Get your science kit on, today we're entering the Jungle

It's slimy

It's oozy

It's CLEAN?

Discover the chemistry as we measure, mix and mould our very own animal eggs (bath bombs and soaps with an animal figure inside).

The fun continues at home where you can watch your animal eggs hatch before your very own eyes.

Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and join in the fun, visit: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs.

You can also call our friendly Customer Care Team on **1300 105 343** - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at Jungle Jam.

The Camp Australia Team



To find locations near you and to book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

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