



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Wednesday May 22nd 2019
Newsletter No. 14

Our Vision:

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

2019 TERM DATES

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
MAY		
Thursday 23 rd	7.00pm All Day	2020 Prep Information session JSC Casual Dress Day
Friday 24 th	9.30-11.00am	Education Week Open Morning & 2020 Prep Info
Sunday 26 th	9.00am-1.00pm	Bushland Working Bee-Planting day
Tuesday 28 th Wednesday 29 th	Various	Gymnastics Program Prep – Grade 4 only
JUNE		
Tuesday 4 th Wednesday 5 th	Various	Gymnastics Program Continues Prep – Gr 4 only
Monday 10 th	All day	Queen's Birthday Public holiday
Tuesday 11 th Wednesday 12 th	Various	Gymnastics Program Continues Prep – Gr 4 only
Thursday 13 th	All day	Curriculum Day- Students not required
Tuesday 18 th Wednesday 19 th	Various	Gymnastics Program Continues Prep – Gr 4 only
Wednesday 19 th	9.15am-12.00pm	Kids and Worry Workshop
Tuesday 25 th	All Day	Student Led Conferences- Students from Grades P – 6 attend their interview session with their parents. Students are only required at school for their appointment.
Friday 28 th	2.30pm	Last Day of Term- Early dismissal

REMINDERS:

JSC Casual Dress-Dream Job Day- Thursday May 23rd

Bushland Planting Day-Sunday May 26th 9.00am-1.00pm

Gymnastics Program Starts-Tuesday May 28th

Please return all notes



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Dear Parents and Carers,

CELEBRATING CAREERS DURING EDUCATION WEEK

At home last week I was pondering this year's theme for Education Week, 'Celebrating Careers' and was roughing out a plan in my mind of things I needed to organise and prepare. This was interspersed with other family demands so it was really just part of 'the things that go through your mind' as you plan your life! It wasn't until I sat down to watch TV that the idea of career choices really jolted into my consciousness. An ad came on promoting a particular model of car. The premise was that parents were asked to come to school and talk to the children about their careers, and interestingly all of the examples that flashed on the screen showed stereotypical gender bias. The firefighter and pilot were both male and the nurse a female. Now I am not saying that there is anything wrong with males being firefighters and pilots or nurses being female. Everyone is free to choose their careers. The challenge for schools and the wider community is to ensure that we are not inadvertently sending messages that limit thinking rather than expanding options and possibilities for both sexes. Along with the firefighters, nurses and pilots, I look forward to hopefully seeing some Legoland designers, freelance food bloggers and Pixar animators on Thursday May 24th. Welcome to the 21st Century! The world is changing so fast!



BUSHLAND PLANTING DAY – THIS SUNDAY MAY 26TH

With approximately 600 native plants to plant in the Bushland, we are calling out to our community to come along this Sunday, May 26th (9.00am – 1.00pm) to help with this big task. You don't have to stay for the whole time – any help would be greatly appreciated. Please bring shovels, trowels, crowbars, gloves, tin snips etc. to help make the task much easier. The school is endeavouring to tighten our OHS processes, and as such, we will be asking our adult volunteers to sign in as part of the required safety practices of the Department of Education. I thank you for your understanding regarding this new process.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE WEARING OF OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the cooler weather upon us, it has become apparent that a number of students may have outgrown the jumpers they wore the previous season as there are a range of jumpers and hoodies being worn that are not part of our school uniform.

The PFA has a small number of second jumpers and jackets for sale for 50 cents, but we are desperate for more donations – particularly in larger sizes. I hope that families can help us out to increase our supply.

If families would like extra assistance with school uniforms, please do not hesitate to contact the office. We are happy to help.



I call upon all of our parents and carers to support the wearing of our uniform. Under our school value of Kind, our hope is that it enhances school pride, unity and community spirit.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

A reminder to families that Quarry Hill Primary School draws its enrolments from our 'school neighbourhood zone.' This 'school neighbourhood zone' has been devised, in consultation with our Regional Office, taking into consideration the location of other local primary schools.

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.

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The school's 2020 Prep Information Session will be held this **Thursday May 23rd beginning at 7:00pm** and again on **Friday May 24th at 9.30am**. These meetings will be held in the Staffroom. Classrooms will be open for you to view and a tour of the school for prospective parents conducted by the School Captains.

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.

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUND

Dogs are an important part of life for many Quarry Hill Primary School families, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. The school appreciates this inclusion and values pet ownership as an educational experience. We also acknowledge other people can find contact with dogs stressful, even frightening. Over the last couple of weeks we have been asking families to refrain from bringing dogs on site. Please help us make it a more comfortable environment for everyone.

Have a great week.

Jo Menzel
Principal

GYM PROGRAM PREP- GRADE 4 ONLY

The Gymnastics Program starts **Tuesday May 28TH** and will be run at Jets Gym, Golden Square for Grade Prep – 4. The cost will be \$32.00 with payments being accepted in office or via QKR. 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

Sessions will be either on a Tuesday or Wednesday & the classroom schedule is as follows:

Tuesday 28 th May, 4 th , 11 th , 18 th June:	9.30-10.30am	Rooms 15A & 15B
	10.30-11.30am	Rooms 14A & 14B
	11.30-12.30am	Rooms 4 & 5
	12.30-1.30pm	Rooms 1 & 2

Wednesday 29 th May, 5 th , 12 th , 19 th June:	9.30-10.30am	Rooms 8 & 9
	10.30-11.30am	Rooms 6 & 7

KITCHEN GARDEN

Thank you to all those parents who gave up their time to work on our election day BBQ. Our flow of sausage sales was steady during the day and we were able to raise about \$700.00 which will go towards our Kitchen Garden project. I would also like to thank all those people who donated exercise bikes and blenders for our smoothie machine. We would like to thank Eric Shaw who has been able to put his engineering talents to work to construct our first smoothie machine. We are still looking for any old blenders (working or not).

Thanks from the Kitchen Garden Team.



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

We will be holding Student Led Conferences on **Tuesday June 25th**. Students will not need to be in attendance except for their conference time. These conferences will once again be made via the Compass portal. Students from Prep to 6, with support from their teachers, will be involved in presenting information about themselves as learners to their parents/carers. Students may discuss their goals and how they have achieved them or are working towards them and share samples of their work to show their growth over the semester. We encourage our students to have a voice in many areas of the school, including their learning. These conferences encourage our students to reflect on themselves as learners and continue to challenge themselves by working with teachers to set achievable goals and identify strategies needed to meet these goals. More information will be available as we get closer to the date.

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PUBERTY & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Puberty and Personal Development Program will be taking place at our school on Wednesday the 12th of June. This event will be held between 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the Multipurpose Building. This program has replaced the previous in class sessions and is open to all Grade 5/6 students and their parents, guardians or special person.

The session will consist of a short introduction and a separate session for boys and girls. Grade 5/6 teachers alongside our two school nurses will be supporting students and their parents, guardians or special persons during this session. All Grade 5/6 students are encouraged to attend the information session and must be accompanied by an adult if they are in attendance on the evening.

This program aims to provide children with the appropriate information regarding the physical, emotional and social changes experienced in developing from a child into a young adult and the process of human reproduction. This program has been developed within the Department of Education and Family Planning Victoria Information and Resources.

If you have any questions about the upcoming information session please contact:

Sam McCloud – Grade 5/6 Teacher
Debbie Hughes – Primary School Nurse (DET)
Phone: 5440 3321
Grade 5/6 Team

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND

Asha B (Room 10A) for always using lovely manners and respect to those around her.

CURIOS

Sharlette D (Room 14A) for independently collecting her homework and completing it all in one night.

Sienna M (Room 14B) for taking care with the presentation of her work!

Hunter T (Room 15B) for demonstrating a solid work ethic when completing learning tasks.

Adrian L (Room 15B) for asking questions and seeking feedback to improve his work.

Max D (Room 2) for always sharing his interesting ideas with the class.

Rachael W (Room 14A) for working diligently on your spinner investigation.

Tom H (Room 4) for working hard to learn his times tables.

Chloe T (Room 8) for using a range of interesting words in her writing.

Harry J (Room 5) for consistently practising his home spelling words and transferring this hard work into his writing.

Taite CS (Room 9) for trying his best in writing to spell new words with correct initial sounds.

BRAVE

George T (Room 14A) for persisting through technology glitches and completing his Australian Symbol Poster

Beth L (Room 7) for independently creating a wonderful weekend recount with excellent spelling attempts.



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WHEN IS ANXIETY NORMAL?

You may have read the alarming headline in one weekend's paper *'The anxiety epidemic gripping our kids.'* In this article a number of researchers and other professionals were in agreement that anxiety is more widespread than ever before. At QHPS we would agree with this which is why we are supporting CCS Family and Relationship Services to run a workshop at our school.

When: Wednesday 19th June

Time: 9.15am – 12.00pm

Where: Quarry Hill PS (room to be confirmed)

Cost: Free

Who should attend: Any parent or carer who would like practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

Bookings or enquiries: Ring the office on 54433537

HEAD LICE

We have been notified of several cases of head lice at QHPS. It is important that we ask you to make the time to check your child/children's hair for any sign of live head lice and/or eggs and treat your child's hair appropriately so that we can prevent further cases. We thank you for supporting us with this matter.

CAUSAL DRESS DAY/DREAM JOB

Dear Parents/guardians,

Junior School Council have organized a casual clothes day on **Thursday May 23rd, 2019**.

Dress your kid/s up as their dream job. Possible jobs could be...

- Doctor
- Firefighter
- Vet
- Nurse
- Teacher
- Police officer
- Sport player
- Artist
- Actor
- Singer/dancer
- Etc.



Junior School Council decided the theme as Dream Job because Education Week's theme this year is careers.

There is no donation required.

By Rhumehni & Ellianna

Junior School Council members



Healthy Heart of Victoria 2019 Active Living Census is now open!

City of Greater Bendigo would like to invite you to take part in the Healthy Heart of Victoria 2019 Active Living Census so we can understand what you need to be active, healthy and happy.

Everyone who completes the Census before 16 June will be in the running for a chance to win bikes, food and shopping vouchers from a prize pool valued at \$12,000.

We want to hear from as many people as possible, so why not get involved, no matter how active you are! Taking just 15-20 minutes per person, anyone aged over 18 can do their own Census. Parents or guardians can complete for kids aged from 3-13 and can choose to give permission for children aged 14-17 to complete or fill it out for them.

You can save time and complete the Census online by going to: www.srcentre.com.au/ALC or if that's not an option, fill in the paper copy which will be delivered to every household by early June within the Shires of Campaspe, Loddon, Mount Alexander, Macedon Ranges, City of Greater Bendigo and Central Goldfields.

This is the perfect time to tell us the activities you enjoy, where you do them and what would help you to be more active more often.

We would like to thank you in advance for your input and look forward to receiving your responses.

The Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative is supported by the Victorian Government.



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Quarry Hill Primary School are once again participating in Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. When shopping at Woolworths please collect the Earn and Learn Stickers and bring them to school. The school is able to redeem the stickers for valuable books, maths and science equipment.

The promotion begins May 1st and ends June 25th.



MUSIC TUITION

If your child is interested in learning piano, violin or viola Braeley currently has places available on a Thursday or Friday for lessons. Please contact Braeley direct on braeleyliarna@gmail.com or 0417817637 for information. Lessons are conducted at school.

P.F.A News

Become a Member: The PFA would like to extend an invitation to all members of our school community, involvement can be small or large, but together we can create an amazing community for our children. Membership is a small fee of 50c and provides members the opportunity to assist and contribute to the life of the school and education of their children, the right to vote on matters within meetings as well as an invitation to join our committee page were you are able to keep up to date on current events with ease and at a time that suits you.. We actively encourage your input as we all contribute to the wellbeing of the school community together.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM Our Second Hand Uniform shop will be open on Fridays from 3.30pm-3.45pm and again during the Thursday morning cake and cuppa catch up, 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 50c. All donations welcome.



To coincide with the International Day for Biological Diversity, we'd love you and your family to join us for the ...

Bushland Planting Day!



When: Sunday May 26, 9am-1pm
What: 600ish new local native plants to go in!
Bring: shovels, trowels, crow bars, gloves, tin snips and your family.

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WONDERS

OF THE WORLD

School Holiday Programs

Attention passengers,

thanks for riding with Holiday Club. Your next destination –

Wonders of the World!

Join us as we journey through international cultures, cuisines, sports and creations. We've got a roster full of brand-new activities like **Scratch & Discover** – where we'll make scratch maps of Australia – from scratch! In **Sleek Skylines** we'll create city-themed dot-paintings by day and skyline lanterns by night! Plus, we have lots more activities, excursions and fun planned for the holidays.



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 **Wonders of the World**.

The Camp Australia Team



Active Living CENSUS 2019

We want to know what will make you get up and go!



**COMPLETE
THE CENSUS
FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN GREAT
PRIZES!**

ACTIVE LIVING CENSUS – 20th May to 16th June 2019

What makes you more active, more often?

We're inviting all Central Victorians to tell us what you need to be active, healthy and happy.

The 2019 Census information will help community, sport and social groups, along with health agencies and governments better understand and provide facilities, programs and services that you need, where you need them.



How to complete the Census

Every household in Central Victoria will receive the Active Living Census to complete.



Save time, complete the Census online:
www.srcentre.com.au/alc

OR



Complete and return the
Census booklet



\$12,000 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON

All completed entries received before 16 June will be in the running to win bikes, shopping and food vouchers!
Winners will be announced in July 2019.



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