



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Wednesday July 24th 2019
Newsletter No. 20

Our Vision:

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

2019 TERM DATES

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
JULY		
Thursday 25 th – Friday 26 th	All Day	Grade 5 Camp – Sovereign Hill
Monday 29 th	All Day 9.00am	Division Girls Football Father's Day Stall Meeting
Tuesday 30 th	All Day	Division Boys Football
AUGUST		
Thursday 1 st	All Day	Curriculum Day
Friday 2 nd	9.00am 9.00am	PFA Meeting in the Multipurpose Room Bookclub Closes
Wednesday 7 th	9.30am-10.30am 6.30pm-7.30pm	Launch-Human Rights Forum
Tuesday 13 th	3.45pm-4.45pm	Parent Information Session on Writing-Room 8
Thursday 15 th	9.00am-10.00am	Parent Information Session on Writing-Room 8
Monday 19 th	5.45pm	School Council Meeting
Monday 19 th –Friday 23 rd	Various	Book Week
Thursday 22 nd	9.00am-11.00am	VIP Day
Friday 23 rd	9.00am-9.30am	Book Week Parade
Friday 30 th	9.00am-11.00am	Father's Day Stall
SEPTEMBER		
Friday 13 th	TBC	PFA Movie Night

REMINDERS:

Grade 5 Camp to Sovereign Hill is tomorrow, Thursday July 25th-Friday July 26th

**Students are to be dropped off at school at 6.45am for a 7.00am sharp departure.
Please make sure you are on time as the bus will not wait.**



Kind



Curious



Brave

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a great break and managed to avoid some of the windy and cold weather that featured during the fortnight. Hopefully the lengthening days will see more sunshine poke through and give the children a chance to do more activities outside.

CONGRATULATIONS AMELIA! OUR VALUES IN ACTION IN THE SPORTING ARENA

Grade 6 Quarry Hill Primary School student, Amelia G, has been selected in the School Sport Victoria Team Vic 12 Years and Under Basketball State Team competing in the School Sport Australia Championship to be held in Bendigo from August 10th to August 11th, 2019.



Along with many other students, Amelia participated in a structured trial process to be selected to represent the School Sport Victoria State Team, so it has been a great performance by Amelia to make the final team.

Many past School Sport Victoria team members have gone onto compete at national and international competitions including Olympic Games, World Championships and Commonwealth Games.



We hope that Amelia and her Victorian teammates can achieve their personal goals at a national level to win the Australian title and that Amelia may be representing Australia in years to come. Congratulations Amelia, and good luck!

PUPIL FREE DAY – THURSDAY AUGUST 1ST

A reminder that Thursday August 1st will be a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be working on further developing and refining our continuous reporting model, as well as spending some time strengthening our understanding of the elements of writing.

Students are not required at school on this day.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey is undertaken annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August. I hope that if you are one of the families selected that you will help us out by completing the survey. Your opinions matter.

CENSUS DAY AND 2020 ENROLMENTS

Friday August 2nd is our mid-year Census Day. Part of this census is our projected enrolments for 2020. I would like to encourage all families still seeking to enrol their child in Prep at Quarry Hill Primary School next year to try and have their enrolment forms completed by this date. If your child will not be attending Quarry Hill Primary School in 2020, we would appreciate you letting us know.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY FORUMS – WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7TH. OUR VALUES IN ACTION

Through our newsletter and at recent assemblies, we have been promoting the work our school has been doing about Human Rights. A Human Rights Friendly School places human rights at the centre of the learning experience and makes those principles an integral part of every day school life. These principles are founded on equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. We want our school community to be a place where human rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

At Quarry Hill Primary School, we want to promote an inclusive environment where everyone is encouraged to take an active part in school life.



We are very excited to have The Human Rights Commission coming to our school on **Wednesday August 7th**. There will be two community sessions. The first one will be a morning session (**9:30am – 10:30am**), and the second one an evening session (**6:30pm – 7:30pm**). These two sessions will be held in the Multi-purpose Room and catering will be provided. We would appreciate people indicating if they are planning to attend. This can be done via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FFC6J52>

BENDIGO WRITERS FESTIVAL

On Friday, August 9th, selected Grade 5 and 6 students will be attending the Bendigo Writers Festival. This year's theme is *All That Glitters*. Topics this year will range from democracy, to money and ethics, to parenting. Food and gastronomy will also be a prominent topic.

For those interested in attending as a family over the weekend, the festival will have many feature events, including a special breakfast catered by Masons of Bendigo and a World of Food night hosted by Food Safari's Maeve O'Meara.

Have a great week

Jo Menzel
Principal



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND

Aiva BR (Room 2) for being kind to our new student. Well Done!

CURIOS

Minna J (Room 2) for exploring the roles within her family and asking questions!

Jimmy V (Room 14B) for taking pride in the presentation for his Dreamtime colouring.

Anabel K (Room 15B) for seeking feedback to improve her learning task on time.

Anthony K (Room 9) for seeking knowledge and learning how to use cards to make groups of collections.

Jordan G (Room 5) for confidently explaining what a good book retell includes and summarising the most important parts of books he has read.

BRAVE

Alice D (Room 10A) for increased confidence in the classroom, especially when sharing ideas.

Ryal L (Room 12B) for setting high expectations and seeking feedback in your learning.

Jye E (Room 10B) for working to capacity during our Kitchen Garden session.

Avery M (Room 12A) for consistently having high expectations in all that he does.

Tilly D (Room 7) for making a positive start to Term 3.



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION ON WRITING

Quarry Hill Primary will be holding a Parent Information Session on writing for Prep-Grade 6 on Tuesday August 13th at 3.45pm-4.45pm and Thursday August 15th at 9.00am-10.00am in Room 8. If you would like to help your child with their writing at home then this information session is for you. This session will be facilitated by our Literacy co-ordinator Jane St Clair. If you are interested in attending, please fill out and return the form at the end of the newsletter by Wednesday August 7th.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club is due Friday August 2nd. No late orders will be accepted.

To order the books online and pay with your credit card via the LOOP facility visit

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

The LOOP facility eliminates the need to put your credit card number on the order form and/or hand over cash.

For paper copy book orders they look a bit different this issue, but the important thing is to still remember to please include your child's name and classroom room number and/or teacher on the top of the form and return to office with correct payment by due date.

Thanks

Jane

MAGAZINE DONATIONS

Room 10B are looking for magazines suitable to be used in a classroom environment. We're not fussy about the content however topics that interest 10-12 year olds would be good. If you have any spare magazines could you drop them into Room 10B. Thank you

QUARRY HILL BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

On Friday August 23rd, Quarry Hill will be celebrating Book Week. The theme of Book Week this is "Reading is my Secret Power". Students are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book.

There will be a parade from 9.00am-9:30am in the quadrangle at school. Parents, careers, grandparents and the wider school community are welcome to come along and have a look at all the wonderful costumes.

Students will be participating in a range of different activities throughout the day, in multi-aged groups.



P.F.A News

Next PFA meeting is Friday August 2nd at 9.00am in the multipurpose room

NEXT MEETING: PFA will be holding the next meeting on Friday August 2nd, at 9.00am in the multipurpose room. We extend an invitation to all within the school community and look forward to seeing you there.

FATHER'S DAY STALL: Father's day is fast approaching and will be held this year on Friday August 30th. PFA would like to hear from anyone interested in helping coordinate this event at 9.00am on Monday 29th July in the multipurpose room. If you are unavailable for the meeting but would still like to help, please leave your name and number with the office.

VIP DAY: On Thursday August 22nd, QHPS students invite Grandparents and special friends to join them for activities in their classroom. On this morning PFA will be holding a morning tea for VIP's and in support of this event, ask for morning tea donations of cakes, slices, biscuits etc. If you would like any more information, or would like to donate or volunteer, please see Rachele or Renee any Thursday morning in the multipurpose room from 9.00am.

MOVIE NIGHT: This year QHPS and PFA will be holding a movie night on Friday, September 13th. Please save the date! We have a great expression of interest for this night and look forward to a great event. Alicia V and Setina R have kindly offered to lead a committee in the organisation of this event and a meeting will be held in the first week of August. In the meantime, feel free to touch base with a PFA member with any questions. We look forward to your involvement.

THURSDAY MORNING CUPPA: On Thursday at 9.00am join QHPS community for a cuppa and chat in the multipurpose room. This is a great way of coming together as parents, friends and families of Quarry Hill Primary School and to meet new members of our community.

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 free 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. Forms are available at the office.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM Our Second Hand Uniform shop is open Thursday during morning cuppa from 8:45am – 10:00am and Friday afternoon 3:30 -3:45pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to support our community with much needed items. We thank all that have donated outgrown uniforms and their time for this initiative and welcome all to come down during our open times to purchase items for 50c each.



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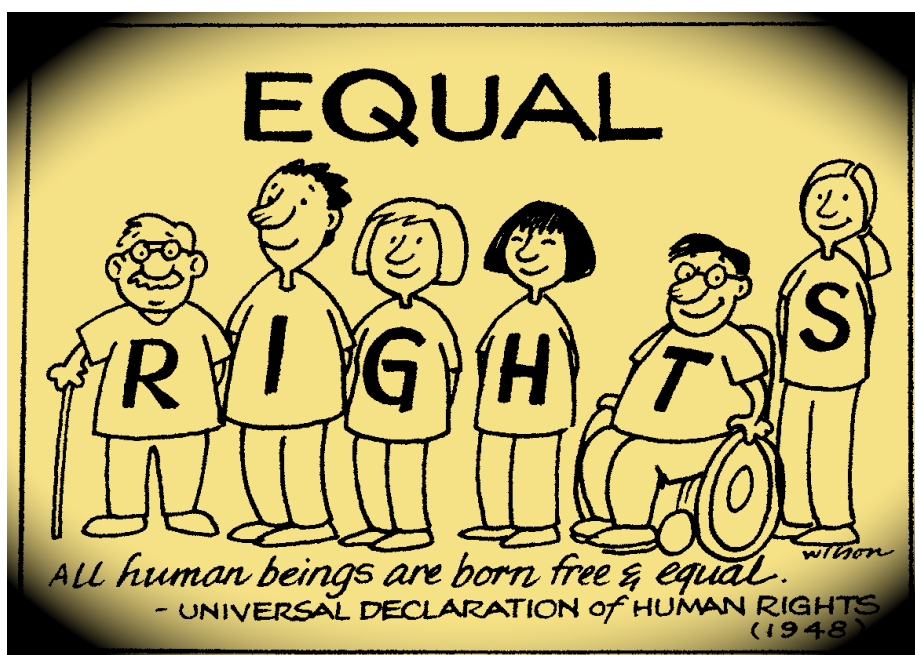
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Brave



Come along to our community forum on **Wednesday
7th August** to find out more.
9.30-10.30AM or 6.30-7.30PM.



Life Skills
Creative Time
New Experiences
Construction & Manipulative Play
Outdoor Play Time
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:
www.campaustralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Welcome back!

Welcome back to Term 3, can you believe how quickly this year has flown by? We are ready to kick start an even bigger and better second half of the year working within your school community. We know how busy yet fulfilling being a parent can be, and we want you to know we are here to help make your life a little easier.

This Term, we will be celebrating **National Science Week from the 12th to the 16th of August**. This event is about generating curiosity around technology and science in the world we live in today. To ensure your child doesn't miss out on all the fun, we suggest making your bookings in advance. You can visit our friendly staff at your service to find out more information on what they will have planned for National Science Week.

Not yet Registered? Don't worry, it's never too late. Plus, it is FREE to register.

To attend our care, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Remember, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy, visit www.mygov.com.au to find out more.

Program Details

For more information about our program and fees at your school, visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators. Alternatively, you may visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au or contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

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insights

How much is too much to tell our kids?

by Dimity Sharpe



In a world where transparency is the new black, does modern day parenting need to follow suit? Do our children need to know explicit details about relationship breakdowns, disability or themselves?

Culture of transparency

As a teacher I am increasingly being challenged by children who tell me they can't engage in particular activities because of ailments or labels that they throw across the desk like a fidget spinner. Truly out of the mouths of babes comes very adult language and concepts like 'diagnosis', 'ADHD' and brain problems. There are also relationship observations such as "Dad's too busy for us, my parents are separated".

We seem to have created a culture where discussing these often complex issues is done openly and in great detail. Perhaps this is reflective of the greater transparency we see in the world today, with personal information being shared on social media and reality TV.

Our society has evolved to favour transparency in most aspects of life. It's the new norm. But is it in the best interests of our children's wellbeing that our parenting follows suit?

My gut says no. When a child says these things, I find my heart skipping a beat. I can see by the way kids casually deliver these terms and labels that they don't – they simply can't – understand what they are saying and what it means for their own identity.

The dangers of labelling

I'm sure that most adults can remember a time when they were given a particular label as child. You're the "clever one", you're "not good at sport", you're "better at maths". How many of those things stayed with us into adulthood and continue to change the way we perceive ourselves? Were those thoughts responsible for us not attempting things, a subconscious block to our learning and development?

This issue becomes even more difficult in relation to a disability or difficulty. When we tell a child about a disability or difficulty that they are experiencing, we are potentially giving them a story to follow. We are telling them 'this is what you are'. Of course we don't mean for this to have a negative effect, and we are for the most part trying to help the child. But disability is difficult. Often as adults we are left without concrete answers and we struggle to cope, so how then do we expect a child to be able to effectively deal with these issues?



Children's brains are poor processors

The problem is, and this has been beautifully articulated by Michael Grose, that children are essentially poor processors. Their brains do not process information the same way as an adult brain does.

How many times has a child told you “everyone hates me” or “I did nothing on the weekend”? They see things in absolutes, black and white. Of course they did things on the weekend, and often with structure and encouragement targeted at the children’s developmental level you will find out that the events of the weekend were vast.

We don’t teach six year olds about calculus because their brains are not ready for that. They don’t have the mathematical building blocks to understand those higher order concepts. How then do we expect that children will be able to weed through the true facts and ramifications of delivering news like, “We are going to the doctor to see why your brain isn’t working properly”.

As adults we often find solace in more information, more details. But as adults we can sort this information: our brains and bodies can let go of things we know are not important. We can seek the support of other adults. We can google things. Children aren’t equipped the same way. They are told something and it becomes a fact. Real. It becomes a part of who they are.

By tailoring the narrative you give your children to better suit their developmental age and stage in life, by telling them just enough to get them through, you give their minds and bodies a better chance to process complex issues.

How much is enough?

The question then becomes how much is enough? When children ask where babies come from, we don’t tell them the intricate details of reproduction. We tell them just enough to satisfy their curiosity. “Mummy’s tummy” is enough for some young children. Then as they grow developmentally and their mental faculties expand, their questions evolve and so can our answers.

Schools are increasingly adopting the Growth Mindset philosophy, that is, that intellect is not finite, it’s a growth process. We work at things, we make mistakes and we progress.



I encourage you to try to tailor what you are telling your children to align with their developmental age and abilities. Support them and in time they may seek further answers. Be confident that you have told them enough and that you aren’t swamping them with too much information for them to accurately process!



Dimity Sharpe

Dimity is a passionate and experienced Primary school teacher. She endeavours to ensure all students feel valued, and builds instant rapport through humour and empathy. Dimity strives to provide a learning environment where all children can flourish. She has a degree in Special Education and is a Growth Mindset advocate.

Parent Information Session on Writing
Prep – Grade 6
ALL WELCOME



After School Session: Tuesday 13th August at 3:45pm – 4:45pm in Room 8.

Morning Session: Thursday 15th August at 9am – 10am in Room 8.

(Q.H.P.S students are welcome to stay in Room 9 and watch a movie or free play during the After School Session)

If you would like to help your child with their writing at home then this information session is for you.

Please RSVP by returning the slip below by Wednesday 7th of August

Please see Mrs St Clair if you have any questions.

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I will be attending the **Parent Information Session on Writing** on:

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Morning Session: Thursday 15th August at 9am – 10am in Room 8.

PLEASE CIRCLE THE SESSION YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.

Name :