

## The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 Newsletter No. 22

#### 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
AUGUST		
Thursday 22 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	VIP Day
	1.00pm-3.15pm	5/6 Parliament House-The Capital, Selected students
	7.00pm-8.00pm	OSLE Information Session-Specimen Hill Primary
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am-9.30am	Book Week Parade
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	JSC Jeans for Genes Day-Gold Coin Donation
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am-3.30pm	Grade 1/2 Bendigo Excursion-Rm 5, 6 & 7(Gr 1's)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am-3.30pm	Grade 1/2 Bendigo Excursion-Rm 1 & 2
	9.00am-11.00am	Father's Day Stall
SEPTEMBER		
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am-3.00pm	Division Basketball-Selected students only
	9.00am	Bookclub Closes
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-3.30pm	Grade 3/4 Museum Excursion
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	PFA Movie Night-Movie beginning at 6.30pm

#### **Reminders:**

VIP Day: Tomorrow, Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am-11.00am

PFA will be holding a morning tea for all special guests

in the multipurpose building.

OSLE Information Session: Specimen Hill Primary School

Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm-8.00pm.

Book Week Parade: Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am-9.30am





#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations are extended to Tamieka and Adrian McErvale on the safe arrival of their gorgeous daughter Harper Betty. Harper arrived on Sunday and shares a special birthday with her Nana Betty. Nana Betty is 92! What a wonderful occasion for all of the family.

Welcome to the Quarry Hill community!

#### **NEW TEACHER FOR ROOM 15B**

I would like to welcome Katelyn Russell to our school as the new teacher in Room 15B. Some of you may recognise Katelyn as she has done some Casual Relief Teaching in our school and is a familiar face for a number of children across all grade levels. Katelyn's first official day was on Monday. She will remain as the classroom teacher until the end of the year.

Katelyn is super excited. I know that our community will make her feel very welcome.

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS FORUMS – OUR VALUES IN ACTION**

On Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, we held our two Human Rights community forums. The two sessions saw 18 parents and approximately the same number of staff attend. Kylie Smith from the Victorian Human Rights Commission touched on briefly about the 20 Rights under the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 but really focused the unpacking the Rights that most impact schools. Kylie talked about the freedom rights in school, the right to be respected, equality rights (including being entitled to protection from discrimination) and the right to be treated with dignity in school. Parents were given an opportunity to talk about the things that the school does well, the things they would like more information about and things they would like to see











happen. As a community we will look at keeping the conversation going about continuing our quest to be a Human Rights Friendly School.

#### VIP DAY: 9.00AM − 11.00AM, THURSDAY AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>

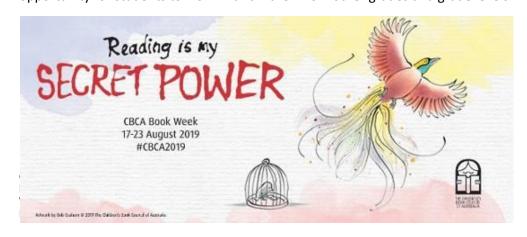


Our VIP Day will be tomorrow, Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Classrooms will be open to our VIP grandparents and special friends from **9.00am** – **11.00am**. This year our Grade 5/6 Kitchen Garden team will support our PFA by baking special treats for morning tea. This is an exciting opportunity for the Kitchen Garden students to cook and bake for others.

#### **BOOK WEEK PARADE - THIS FRIDAY**

This year's theme for Book Week is *Reading is my Secret Power*. We know that books have the ability to transform and inform, encourage creativity and inspire and challenge us. Together, let's make reading your child's super power!

We will be holding a special celebratory day this **Friday**, **August 23**<sup>rd</sup>. The day will start with a Book Week parade from **9.00am – 9.30am**. Students and family members are invited to come dressed up as their favourite book character. Later in the day, they will rotate through some activities in multi-aged groups. This will be a great opportunity for students to work with children from other grades and grade levels.



#### OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE (OSLE) TO CHINA - FIRST INFORMATION SESSION THURSDAY AUGUST 22ND

Preparation is underway for the 2020 Overseas Learning Experience (OSLE) to China. This opportunity is open to students who, in 2020, will be in Year 5 and Year 6. I encourage you to read the information attached to the newsletter today to find out more about this program. An information session will be held at Specimen Hill Primary School on **Thursday August 22nd from 7:00pm – 8:00pm.** 

Have a great week.

Jo Menzel Principal

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**KIND** 

Nikita F (Room 9) for offering help to a fellow class member and helping them in the library.

**CURIOUS** 

Sullivan H (Room 7) for taking the responsibility to edit his own writing.

Lachlan A (Room 12B) for your commitment to create a detailed explanation text.

Curtis B (Room 10A) for his focus and attention during Maths lessons focused on Time.

**BRAVE** 

Byron JL (Room 12A) for working independently through all tasks wit focus and stamina.

Geordie O (Room 10B) for displaying determination during Kitchen Garden.

Anouk A (Room 10B) for displaying determination during Kitchen Garden.



#### **JEANS FOR GENES DAY**

Our Junior School Council is organising a fundraiser this term! We will be holding a Jeans for Genes Day on Wednesday August the 28<sup>th</sup>. All students are encouraged to wear a pair of jeans along with their regular school uniform. Just a reminder this is not a casual clothes day. This fundraiser will be a gold coin





donation and all money raised will be going towards the Children's Medical Research Institute.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

On Monday night, School Council held its first meeting for Term 3, welcoming new Parent representative Elia Andrews to the team, and thanking Hamish Riley for his time on Council.

We were pleased to hear from some of our 2019 OSLE team of Abbie, Campbell, Laila, Ornella and Miss Telford about their trip to China in May and learn about some of their experiences. Seeing the enthusiasm of the group was encouraging for Council to affirm ongoing support of the program.

We also heard an update following the Human Rights forum earlier this month that was well attended by parents and staff. As one of only 8 schools in Victoria selected for this initiative, we are pleased to know the positive impact the program has had so far amongst our students.

As always, if you have any questions for School Council, please don't hesitate to contact myself or the other Councillors.

Joan O'Brien

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Issue 6 of Scholastic Book Club is due Friday, September 6th. 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 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. Thank you. Jane

#### **SUNSMART**

When it comes to using sun protection, temperature isn't a good guide. You can't see or feel UV but UV is the part of the sun that can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. SunSmart advises that Victoria's UV levels start to rise from mid-August. Please remind your child to pack their hat and sunscreen from September 1<sup>st</sup>. For SunSmart information visit <a href="https://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/parents">https://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/parents</a>



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#### **NEWS FROM THE PREP/1 CLASSROOMS**

The grade Prep/1 Students have been busy exploring and learning about our inquiry phase of 'Bridges and Beyond'. We have been learning about and using a variety of materials to build bridges and float boats. During this time we have been able to develop our ideas and test our theories in the bushland area.









#### SURPRISE VISIT FROM CONRAD SEWELL

Room 12A got the surprise of their lives this morning when Conrad Sewell dropped into their music class. The students had been learning Conrad's song, Healing Hands for the past week. Conrad walked in with his entourage, Channel 9 News and Tim and Keisha from 91.9. It is safe to say there were lots of tears with some fantastic questions after jamming with Conrad. The children will be on the Channel 9, 6 o'clock News tonight. Certainly something we will all remember.







Next PFA meeting is Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.45pm in the multipurpose room

#### What's coming up courtesy of the PFA?

VIP DAY Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am-11.00am Father's Day Stall Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-11.00am

**VIP Day**: On Thursday morning PFA will be holding a morning tea for VIP Day. If you can assist with morning tea donations of cakes, slices, biscuits, fruits etc. please bring them along to the multipurpose room from 8:45am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We thank all for their generosity and continued support.

**FATHER'S DAY STALL**: On Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> students will have the opportunity to pick out a special gift for Dad at The Father's day stall. With more than 300 students in the school many donations are needed. New, recycled, handmade and second hand donations are all welcome and can be placed in the basket in your child's classroom from this Friday.

To make sure we have enough gifts we ask each student to please bring along a small donation for the stall. If your child would like to purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> gift for a Father or special person, we kindly ask that you donate two items. Wrapping days will be held in the multipurpose room on the following dates:

Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9.00am Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00am & 2.00pm

For those who would like to help wrap donations and/or assist on the day, please contact a PFA member or please leave your name on the flyer pinned on the notice board outside Room 5.

**MOVIE NIGHT**: Movie night preparations are in full swing and we ask all to save Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. This event is a great opportunity to bring the whole family together for a great evening. If you would like to assist in the lead up to this event please get in touch with a PFA member or leave your contact details with the office.

**THURSDAY MORNING CUPPA**: On Thursday mornings 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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## SUPERHERO

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



#### Are you ready for an epic adventure?

This Spring, we've got a brave, bold, exciting line-up of activities. Book into an experience that will bring out the superhero in all children, join us at

### **Superhero School Holidays!**

Your kids will experience fun workshops and activities to build their superhero characters from concept to reality.

They'll create their costumes in *Masks & Magic*, bowl away the baddies in *Strike Force!* and complete their first superhero mission in *Operation: Rescue*.



Masks & Magic



Operation: Rescue



Strike Force!

**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.

Plus, every attended booking gets an entry into our competition. Your family could be on your way to the theme parks in the Gold Coast. See our website for more info.

We look forward to seeing you at Superhero School Holidays.

#### The Camp Australia Team

Conditions apply, see https://www.campaustralia.com.au/promotion-terms-and-conditions. AU res 18+. Starts: 9/8/19. Ends: 11:59pm AEDST 20/10/19. 1 entry p/session p/child booked. Child must attend session for entry to be valid. Draw: S5 Erina Plaza, 210 Central Coast HWY, Erina NSW 2250 at 10am AEDST on 22/10/19. Winners at campaustralia.com.au/families/holidayclub (& The Advertiser for any SA winners) on 25/10/19. Prizes: 1x trip for 2 adults & 2 children (12yrs & under) to Coolangatta, QLD valued at \$6,600; & 8x \$500 travel vouchers. Promoter: Camp Australia Pty Ltd (ABN 96 060 703 120) of 1731 Malvern Rd, Glen Iris, VIC, 3146. Permits: NSW. LTPS/19/36128 ACT. TP19/03714 SA. T19/1121.















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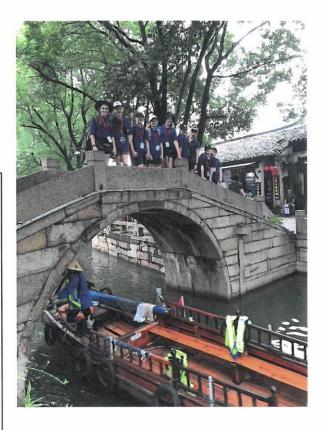
# Information Session for Overseas Learning Experience (OSLE) Beijing, Shanghai & Suzhou China, 2020

We anticipate the 2020 OSLE to be 12 days in duration in May-June next year. Tour participants will come from many primary schools in Bendigo. Each school with students attending will provide a staff member. Feedback from the previous OSLE experiences indicate the program continues to be hugely successful.



## Why include an Overseas Learning Experience to China for our students:

- Broaden students' perspectives of the world
- Develop students' intercultural capabilities & understandings
- To gain an understanding, appreciation and respect for the Chinese culture
- Enhance student language learning by providing opportunities for purposeful, genuine and authentic communication.
- Contribute to a whole school program of internationalisation
- Build teacher capacity
- To promote friendship, mutual understanding, educational and cultural cooperation and exchanges between Chinese and Australian schools, and learn from each other's special features



An INFORMATION SESSION will be held at Specimen Hill Primary School on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 7:00pm-8:00pm

(Enter via the front of the school)

Expression of
Interest information fliers will be
given out at the information
session. It contains specific
information about the
application process for the 2020
program.