



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Wednesday October 16th 2019
Newsletter No. 25

Our Vision:

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

2019 TERM DATES

Term 4 October 7 – December 20

Principal: Jo Menzel

School Council President: Joan O'Brien

PFA President: Renee Selkrig

IMPORTANT DATES

	Time	Details
OCTOBER		
Wednesday 16 th	1.00pm-2.00pm	Wellbeing & Creativity Program-Rm's 7, 8 & 9
Wednesday 23 rd	1.00pm-2.00pm	Wellbeing & Creativity Program-Rm's 7, 8 & 9
Thursday 24 th – Friday 25 th		Grade 2 Sleepover
Friday 25 th	All Day 9.00am	National Bandanna Day Book Club Closes
Wednesday 30 th	All Day	Bendigo Cup Public Holiday
NOVEMBER		
Monday 4 th	All Day	Curriculum Day-Pupil Free Day
Friday 8 th	9.00am	PFA Meeting in the multipurpose building
Tuesday 5 th	12.15pm-1.45pm	Prep Picnic-2020 Preps
Tuesday 12 th	12.45pm-1.45p	2020 Preps Classroom Visit 1
Friday 15 th	10.00am 12.15pm-1.15pm	Bushland Opening Lion, Witch & Wardrobe-Church on the Hill P-2
Thursday 21 st	9.00am-10.00am	Wild Life in Action Incursion-Rm's 7,8 & 9
Monday 25 th	12.45pm-1.45pm	2020 Preps Classroom Visit 2
DECEMBER		
Monday 9 th , 11 th , 12 th , 13 th , 16 th	Various	Swimming Program-Gurri Wanyarra
Tuesday 10 th	9.00am	State Wide Orientation Day
Tuesday 12 th	4.00pm-5.30pm 6.00pm-7.30pm	School Disco-Junior Senior
Wednesday 18 th	5.30pm 6.45pm	Gr 6 Graduation at Bendigo Club. Student drop off Parent and Guest arrival

~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

REMINDERS:

Grade 2 Sleepover is next Thursday 24th October. All notes & \$10.00 cash are due to your classroom Teacher

Mango Orders due Tuesday 29th October at 9.00am

Bendigo Cup Public Holiday is Wednesday 30th October



Kind



Curious



Brave

From Anne's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4

We are set for another big term with lots of activities featured over the next 10 weeks. Our 2020 Preps will begin their transition program in November. It will be a busy time for everyone – but hopefully lots of fun too!

JUNIOR PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Unfortunately the junior playground has been out of bounds since the last couple of weeks in Term 3 and has continued into Term 4. We have had an inspector look at the safety of the playground and it currently does not meet the Australian standards. The slide has come loose, the platforms are bending, there are large rust pockets and there has been some fire damage to the tunnel. We have been recommended by the playground consultant to have the playground removed as the cost to bring it up to code is substantial. We are currently looking at the cost to replace the playground which will exceed \$22k. The school and the PFA will be working closely over the coming 12 months to raise funds to purchase a new playground, however if anyone in the community has knowledge of a grant we can access for the playground or any other suggestions which will help raise the funds, to please call the school. The playground will be removed in the coming weeks over a weekend.

We will keep you informed of the progress.



SUNSMART - HATS ON HEADS

A reminder that hats are now required for outside play. The 'No Hat No Play' policy will now be enforced. Please remember to ensure your child's hat is clearly marked with their name. If you require a replacement hat please see the office. The cost of hats is \$10.00.

PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

A date for your diary: Our students deserve the best classroom experience we can give them. New knowledge about teaching and learning is always emerging and our curriculum days are opportunities for teachers to build on what they know. This day will focus on Mathematics and staff will be working on improving their own understandings about effective teaching of Maths.



ENROLMENTS & CLASS PLACEMENTS 2020

All families seeking to enrol their child in Prep at Quarry Hill Primary School next year should have their enrolment form completed as soon as possible.

If your child will not be attending Quarry Hill Primary School in 2020, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible.

If there are any considerations for placements for student classes in 2020, please let me know in writing by the **extended date of Monday, October 21st 2019**. Requests after this time may not be accommodated.

Please note that it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers.

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NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY – FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH

Our Junior School Council is holding Bandanna Day on Friday October 25th. National Bandanna Day is CanTeen's major fundraising and awareness campaign for CanTeen Australia. Held on the last Friday in October, this fundraising campaign has so far generated over \$30 million to support young people affected by cancer.

Bandannas continue to be on sale before school from 8.45am at the office for \$5.00 until Friday the 25th. The bandannas may be worn at school up until and including that date.



EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

As we commence Term 4 it is timely to think about updating the emergency contact information that is held by the school for your child/children. It is easy to overlook informing the school when new phone numbers come into play

and the old ones become obsolete. It is vital that we have a list of 'active' numbers that we can contact in an emergency. Please contact the office with any recent updates or make the changes on Compass. Please note, it is also vital that the school has the most up-to-date medical information for your child/children too.

FEEDBACK NEEDED ON DRAFT POLICY

Schools are required to have a Student Wellbeing and Engagement policy that addresses student behaviour, and health and wellbeing issues. We also need to review this policy regularly. The draft policy is on our website ([here](#)). If you have time we would appreciate you having a read and any feedback can be sent to quarry.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. If you would like a hardcopy of the draft policy please just ask at the office. This policy will be tabled at the November School Council Meeting.

WALK TO SCHOOL OCTOBER – IT'S BACK!

Every October, Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school as a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day.

The Education Department include the following in their '[Riding and Walking to and from School](#)' policy: Road safety authorities recommend that before the age of nine or ten years children should not ride a bicycle in traffic without adult supervision. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision. Even when walking to school it is generally around the age of nine that children are less impulsive, more attentive and have the cognitive ability needed to cross a street safely.

Children under the age of twelve may ride on footpaths as may a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings. Children aged twelve years or older are required by law to ride on the road.

Keeping our kids safe as they get to and from school is everyone's responsibility. As kids come to and from school it's important for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to be aware and take extra care during these busy times.

Have a great week.

Anne Rochford
Acting Principal

ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH 2019

Preparations for the 2019 Energy Breakthrough are well under way. We have selected our team, involving 10 students and have trained during and out of school hours during Term 3 to improve our endurance for the Energy Breakthrough Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) primary endurance event, which will be held in Maryborough in November. This year's team members are Louis S, Geordie O, Curtis B, Andraya C, Declan EM, Alice D, Elise S, Anouk A, Keira G, and Amelia B. The endurance event consists of being involved with the building of and competing in a vehicle powered solely by the children. The team of 10 riders will cycle for a total of 14 hours over two days, with advanced materials such as carbon fibre, Kevlar and titanium infiltrating HPV designs. Students will begin working on their presentation and HPV driving skills early in Term 4.

Thanks to all of our fantastic sponsors:

McDonalds Bendigo
Fawcett O'Toole Builders

If you would like to sponsor our team please contact Mr Turner on 03 5443 3537 or by email quarry.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Ross Turner
Physical Education

CAMP AUSTRALIA

The time has come for me to move on from the position as Coordinator with Camp Australia at Quarry Hill. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Quarry Hill community. It has been a pleasure to work with the children and families. Thank you to all the children, families and staff for your support throughout this year. Vanessa Taylor will be filling the position until a permanent replacement is found. Vanessa previously coordinated the centre and is known to many of the children. I am sure Vanessa is excited to be back and working with you all once again. Warm regards, Jenny Monaghan.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND

Wes D (Room 14B) for looking after our classroom and class members by tidying and organising without being asked.

George P (Room 15B) for helping others during learning time in the classroom.

CURIOUS

Jack W (Room 1) for seeking new knowledge by asking questions.

Sophie G (Room 14A) for always demonstrating curiosity, asking questions, seeking knowledge and being engaged in all learning.

Louie T (Room 10B) for displaying an inquiring mind during our data representation inquiry.

Jarvis S (Room 12B) for creating a wonderful data display using Microsoft excel.

Celeste B (Room 8) for sharing her learning and thoughts with her class mates.

Aleisha W (Room 9) for making excellent predictions when explaining the emotions of a character in the story.

Ammon I (Room 4) for his progress with his reading.

BRAVE

Maggie W (Room 10A) for bravely becoming an "expert" in stem and leaf plots, then teaching her peers.

Riley C (Room 12B) for developing a clear and informative data display. Great work Riley!

Taleah M (Room 12A) for always being an honest member of our class.

Atticus S (Room 15A) for beginning Term 4 being an engaged and enthusiastic learner.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club is due Friday 25TH October. 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.

Thanks

Jane

LODDON MALLEE REGIONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Congratulations to Billy B and Avery M for representing Quarry Hill in the Loddon Mallee Regional Athletic Championships. Avery came 3rd in the 11 year old, 800 metres. Billy placed 2nd in the boy's 100 metre sprint, earning his place in the Victorian Primary State Athletics Championships in Melbourne on the 24th October. Congratulations to you both!

GRADE 6 CYCLING WORKSHOP

Dear Grade 6 Parent,

Is your child considering riding to high school next year (or would you like them to)?

Bike Bendigo is offering heavily subsidised urban cycling workshops this month for adults and accompanied children aged 10–17.

The workshops run on Saturday afternoons, 2.00 – 4.30 pm and cover:

- Using gears to ride more safely and efficiently – Sat 12th October
- Riding safely on the road (i.e. with traffic) – Sat 19th & 26th October (two-part workshop).

These workshops are an ideal opportunity for you and your child to brush up on the road rules, learn strategies for riding safely on the road, and prepare for independent travel. As you may be aware, riding on footpaths is only legal up to age 12 in Victoria. However, for students traveling to BSE, a new separated bike lane along Ellis Street is due for completion in January next year. This lane will link BSE with the Back Creek trail along Havlin Street.

There is still availability for the workshops, but places are limited – reserve your place now at <https://www.trybooking.com/BFJQH>

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The workshops will be run by Nicola Dunncliff-Wells, along with an assistant Bike Ed-trained instructor. They are part of Bike Palooza Bendigo, funded through the VicRoads Community Road Safety Grants program. Nicola has been teaching urban cycling skills for over 10 years and hold a current Bike Ed Instructor certificate, AustCycle Skills Coaching certificate, Level 2 First Aid certificate and Working With Children Check.

Active travel to school enables teenagers to be more independent and get regular exercise. Students are more likely to establish a habit of active travel if they start from day 1 – which means it's worth planning your new routine ahead of time.

The workshops are designed for adults and children to attend together (we'd advise continuing to practise riding on-road with your child – as you would with a learner driver).

If you are interested but cannot attend these workshops, please contact Nicola at president@bikebendigo.com as additional sessions may be scheduled if there is enough interest.



STRENGTHENING KIDS' SELF-ESTEEM IN A DIGITAL WORLD – UPCOMING WEBINAR

Our school has a membership with Parenting Ideas which means you can attend this webinar at no cost.

Step back so kids step up.

As young people spend increasing amounts of time online, their social lives, and in turn, their social and emotional wellbeing, they become increasingly entrenched in the digital world. As they journey through adolescence in this permanently public landscape, dealing with the effects on self-esteem, friendship issues, self-worth and wellbeing can be challenging to say the least.

Join Martine Oglethorpe, a technology expert who is an accredited speaker with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, has a background in secondary education and a Masters in Counselling. This webinar will look at how we can best equip our young people to thrive both online and in real life as they grow up immersed in online spaces.

When:

Wednesday 30 October 2019 8:00pm - 9:00pm AEDT.

How you can register

Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-strengthening-kids-self-esteem-in-a-digital-world>

Click 'Add to cart'

Click 'View cart'

Enter the voucher code DIGITAL and click 'Apply'. Your discount of \$37.00 will be applied to the order. This voucher is valid until 30 November 2019.

Click 'Proceed to checkout'

Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your parenting material

Click 'Place Order'

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Next PFA meeting is Friday, November 8th at 9.00am in the multipurpose room

The Mango Fundraiser

Orders close 9.00am, Tuesday 29th October

\$25.00 per Tray

NEXT MEETING: PFA will be holding the next meeting on Friday 8th November, at 9.00am in the multipurpose room. This meeting will focus on our Annual Disco, 2020 calendar of events and our upcoming Mango and Pizza Day. We encourage all within the school community to join us and look forward to seeing you there.

MANGO FUNDRAISER: The mango fundraiser is here again. To order a tray of delicious Bowen Mangos please return your order form and money to the office **by 9.00am on the 29th October**. No late orders can be accepted. Each tray consists of 7kg or 12-20 mangoes each. Please consider asking co-workers, family, friends and neighbours as they might like to share in some tasty farm fresh mangoes too!

Orders will arrive early December and notification will be sent out informing of arrival date. We do ask that all mangoes be picked up on day of delivery. Please contact Kasslea or a PFA member if you require any more information.

QHPS DISCO: Planning and preparations are well on the way for our annual school disco. The PFA are in need of Volunteers to help make this event a success for all students. If you are interested in learning more or are free to lend a hand please join us on Friday the 8th of November or contact a PFA member today. Without your support we can't bring these fantastic events to life.

PIZZA DAY: PFA will be holding one last Pizza Day for the year on Friday the 6th of December. This is a popular lunch event for students and we thank you for your continued support.

THURSDAY MORNING CUPPA: On Thursday join QHPS community at 9.00am for a cuppa and chat in the multipurpose room. A great community inspired morning meeting new faces and coming together as parents, friends and families of Quarry Hill Primary School.

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 were you are able to keep up to date on current events with ease and at a time that suits you. Forms are available at the office.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM Our Second Hand Uniform shop is open Thursday during morning cuppa from 8:45 – 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 and welcome all to come down during our open times to purchase items for 50c each.



**Cancer
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Community
Supporter

Hi my name is Jenna. I am 10 years old and I want to raise money to help the scientists find a cure for cancer.

At assembly on the 15th of November I am going to shave my head in front of my whole school! You can help! Just a little donation will help me reach my goal of \$2500 and could save millions of people's lives.

Loose change can be put in the donation boxes or you can visit everydayhero.com/au/jenzy-s-page to donate online.

Thanks for supporting me and this important cause 😊.

Kitchen Garden

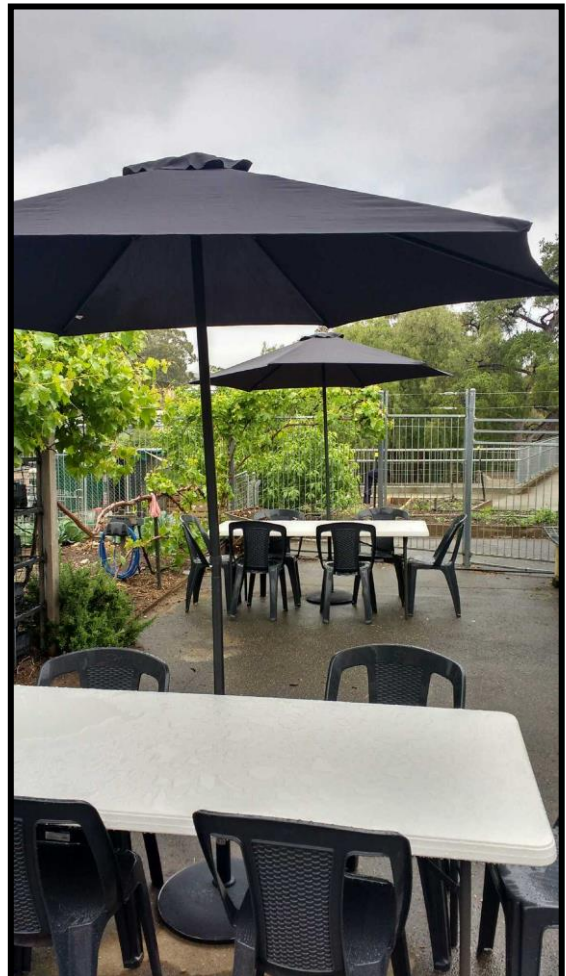
Today in Kitchen Garden our first activity was putting up the umbrellas and shifting the wood in the wheelbarrow. When I was coming back from my first load, Mr Harrop put the concrete base for the umbrellas in my wheelbarrow to take back to the garden. When I got there, the tables were already set up. I saw the finished product & I thought it looked a bit like a cafe!

My group's 2nd activity was cooking. Our group cooked bacon and cabbage stir fry. My job was to dice the onion very finely and put it into the bacon and oil mixture. After simmering for a few minutes we put in the cabbage. My final job was to put 1 teaspoon of sugar and some shakes of pepper while Mia did the salt. Then we stirred it and had a taste. We all decided that it needed more seasoning so we put more salt and pepper and another half a teaspoon of sugar.

My final activity was with Mrs Fry and we did a worksheet. Our worksheet was about sustainability. We did a group session where we discussed pictures. Then we were told to note down what we think about sustainability. One thing I wrote about was pollution. After that we discussed it in pairs. Another thing that I wrote about was climate change. Finally we did a shared discussion where we said one thing from our "what you think" column and I wrote down solar energy.

So that's what we did in Kitchen Garden on the 15th of October 2019!

By Laila T :)



BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY



WEP IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES TO HOST EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM COUNTRIES INCLUDING ITALY, FRANCE AND BELGIUM, ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA IN JULY 2020!

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN OTHER CULTURES, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! REMEMBER, SOMETIMES THE GREATEST REWARDS IN LIFE COME FROM DOING THINGS YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD!

CONTACT WEP ON 1300 884 733 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR EMAIL [INFO@WEP.ORG.AU](mailto:info@wep.org.au).

CAN YOU HOST ME?

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LAURA from Italy

Ciao from Italy! I am able to see the good in anything and anyone and I perceive every life event as a lesson. I love spending time outdoors, swimming, walking, participating in team sports, taking photos and meeting with my friends. My family is relatively small, but we are very close. I respect and admire my parents. I can't wait to meet my Australian family!

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BIKE PALOOZA

Bike riding essentials

Saturday 5 October 2.00-4.30 pm

Not confident on your bike? Improve your riding skills in this fun, traffic-free workshop.

Cost: \$5.00

Bookings essential: www.bikepalooza.com

Ride easy - using gears

Saturday 12 October 2.00-4.30 pm

Learn how to ride more safely and more efficiently by using your gears.

Cost: \$5.00

Bookings essential: www.bikepalooza.com

Take it to the streets - getting around by bike (two-part workshop)

Saturday 19 October 2.00-4.30 pm

Saturday 26 October 2.00-4.30 pm

Learn key strategies for riding safely in traffic, brush up on the law and build confidence in a supportive group environment. Includes on-road riding.

Cost: \$10.00

Bookings essential: www.bikepalooza.com



To make a booking visit: www.bikepalooza.com

These workshops have been funded through the VicRoads Community Road Safety Grants program.

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FUNLOONG FUN DAY!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday October 19, 11am to 2pm
Hargreaves Mall and Williamson Street

Celebrate Children's Week with a range of great, FREE fun activities and live entertainment for children and families to enjoy.

For more details visit
www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/funloongfunday

Thanks to Graton Grammar, Kewanna Club of Bendigo and Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat for their ongoing support towards this event.



KELLY SPORTS

SPRING INTO SPORTS!

LEARN NEW SPORTS SKILLS IN TERM 4

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS
25 YEARS

Have heaps of fun in the sun with your friends while playing a range of dynamic and active sports over the term.

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Cricket

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep - Year 6 students.

PRICES FROM \$98

Quarry Hill PS - Thursday, 3:40pm-4:40pm



BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Book before Sunday 20th October to get your first session FREE!

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