



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Wednesday December 11th 2019
Newsletter No. 30

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
DECEMBER		
Monday 11 th , 13 th , 16 th	Various	Swimming Program Continues-Gurri Wanyarra
Thursday 12 th	4.00pm-5.30pm 6.00pm-7.30pm	School Disco-Junior Senior
Friday 13 th	3.00pm	Assembly-Calder Balsille Award Presented
Wednesday 18 th	5.30pm 6.45pm 4.00pm	Gr 6 Graduation at Bendigo Club – Students drop off Parent and Guest arrival Compass-Reports Available
Friday 20 th	1.00pm 1.30pm	Assembly End of Term 4-Early Finish
JANUARY 2020		
Tuesday 21 st	8.30am	Compass Bookings Open for Start Up Day Interviews
Thursday 23 rd	8.00am-1.00pm	Book Collection Day
Wednesday 29 th	Various	Start Up Day Interviews-Grades 1-6
Thursday 30 th	9.00am-3.30pm	Grades 1-6 First Day of School
Friday 31 st	9.00am-3.30pm	Prep First Day of School
FEBRUARY 2020		
Thursday 27 th	5.30pm-7.00pm	Welcome Back Picnic & Expo

QHPS DISCO:

Thursday December 12th

Junior P-2 4.00pm-5.30pm

Senior 3-6 6.00pm-7.30pm

Students to be dropped off & collected from the junior astro turf.

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~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



Kind



Curious



Brave

Dear Parents and Carers,

COLOUR RUN

For most of our students, having the opportunity to get messy and go a little bit crazy is something not to be missed! Our Colour Run last Thursday was on everyone's radar, with anticipated excitement at an all-time high. For many (myself included), this was the first time they had experienced the madcap mayhem of colour bombing people!

The Colour Run was the official launch for our fundraising for our new playground equipment. To raise the profile of our endeavour, we invited the City of Greater Bendigo Mayor, Margaret O'Rourke to come along and open the event for us. Margaret was very impressed with the enthusiasm of the students and the involvement of our community and has wished us well with our fundraising efforts.

Once the clouds of brightly coloured corn starch had settled, all that was left were huge smiles on almost unrecognisable faces! This included the parent bombers who managed to get as much of the colour on themselves as they did on the children!

A big, big thank you to everyone for making this event so special. I know that finding extra money at this time of the year can be challenging, so it is very much appreciated.

The amount raised was a terrific \$1500.00! This money has been added to the generous \$6000.00 that our wonderful PFA has already raised this year and that has now been redirected to this worthy cause.

Thank you everyone for making this day so much fun! I hope that all traces of the colour has now disappeared from all clothing, car seats etc.



GRADE 6 GRADUATION AWARDS

The Grade 6 Graduation is scheduled for next Wednesday, December 18th and will be held at The Bendigo Club. Each year there are a number of awards presented to individual students. It is interesting to know the story behind some of the awards as many of them date back a long way. Quarry Hill Primary School is known for its history! The following criterion assists with the selection of the recipients:

Morton Family Maths Award: The Morton family has a long association with QHPS dating back to 1966. The Morton Family Maths Award recognises a student who has demonstrated excellence in the field of mathematics.

J A Johnstone Art Award: The award is named after John Arthur Johnstone who was a prominent member of the Easter Fair committee from the 1890s and was a sign writer of repute and a skilled artist. The award is presented to a Grade 6 graduating student who has demonstrated an exceptional talent in visual arts.

Sports Award: This award is presented to a student who shows ability and skills across a range of sports.

Maureen Egan Sprint: Maureen Egan taught at QHPS for 15 years from 1991 until retirement in 2005 and was the Physical Education coordinator for many years. The award recognises the fastest boy and girl sprint over 100 metres.

Pinnell Swimming Trophy: Leslie Pinnell attended QHPS and enjoyed competing in swimming competitions. In 1912 he won a silver medallion as the swimming champion of Quarry Hill State School. This award is presented to the fastest boy and girl over 50 metres.

Florence Campbell Memorial Scholarship: This award was established by William J Campbell in memory of his wife who passed away on September 16, 1957. William Campbell was the head teacher at Quarry Hill State School from February 1950 until he retired in June 1957. The award is presented to one boy and one girl for proficiency in literary subjects with an emphasis on written expression.

Citizenship Award: This award is presented to a male and a female student who have demonstrated outstanding citizenship & service to the school community.

Music Award: This award is presented to a student who has shown outstanding musical ability & shown a genuine passion for studying music.

Best all Round: This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding dedication, persistence & resilience across the whole school curriculum.

Dedication to Studies Award: This award is presented to a student who exemplifies the QHPS values towards their studies.

Isacc Ireland Values Award: This award was established by the Ireland family in memory of Isacc who was a student at QHPS. This award is presented to a student who displays our school values in and outside of the classroom.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all School Councillors for the work done to support the school this year.

Thank you to our parent members, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Grose, Jessica Ireland, Justin Clark, Elia Andrews, Carlene Egan and Scott Langan; and to our DET members, Anne Rochford, Narelle Jones and Sam McCloud.

We will farewell Scott Langan at the end of this year. I would like to thank him for being such a valuable member of the team. Scott's practical approach and support of school projects has helped get things done in a timely and organised manner. Thank you!

The school is very lucky to have such a proactive group of parents and staff members and I am grateful to each of them for their support and assistance.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Once again, our Parents and Friends Association has undertaken a vital fundraising and community focused role within our school community this year. I would personally like to thank them for their support and fundraising efforts throughout the year. It has been wonderful to have people willingly volunteer their time and expertise. I would like to thank the Executive – Renee Selkrig (President), Kasslea Shaw (Vice President), Virginia Jones and Fiona Shanahan (Minutes Secretary), and Karen O'Toole (Treasurer) for leading the team. Everyone's efforts – big and small, have been very much appreciated.

CONTINUOUS REPORTING OF STUDENT PROGRESS

As previously mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Quarry Hill Primary School began the journey to continuous reporting of student progress in 2018. This means that it looks very different from the traditional mid-year and end of year reporting of previous years. We are using Learning Tasks regularly throughout the term to capture and communicate your child's growth. These tasks are shared on the student management app, Compass.

It is important to access your child's Learning Tasks because this is where you will be updated on your child's academic progress.

The end of year report consists of progression points, work habits and a general comment. There will not be academic comments. If you need assistance in accessing Compass, please contact the office. The ladies are happy to assist you with any questions, big or small. The reports go live next Wednesday, December 18th.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: CURRICULUM DAY (PUPIL FREE DAY) – FRIDAY MARCH 6TH 2020

School Council has approved a Curriculum Day on Friday March 6th 2020. This day will be used by staff to work on Performance and Development Goals, as well as the development of Individual Learning Plans.

This will be a pupil free day. Please note, this day is the Friday of the Labour Day long weekend in March. This means that the children will have the Friday as well as the Monday off school.

BOOK COLLECTION DAY THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 8.00AM – 1.00PM

Our 2020 Book Collection Day will be on Thursday 23rd January from 8.00am until 1.00pm. On offer will be help with any queries about the book packs, fees, Compass access, Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) for eligible families – or help with any other questions or concerns you may have.

If parents are unable to attend on Thursday 23rd January, the next available time will be the first day of school, Wednesday 29th January.

SKILLS/INTERESTS DATA BASE

For the first time next year we are looking to put together a data base of skills that our parent/grandparent community are able to offer. We would love to know if you have any qualifications, hobbies or interests that you are prepared to offer the school. There would be no expectation about regular, ongoing involvement, but you may be prepared to help out if you can. We would love to be able to include more of our community in school projects that are of interest to them. I hope you are able to pop your name on the list! At this stage we are just flagging this initiative, but if you would like to get the ball rolling, you are more than welcome to drop into the office and offer your details. More details to come early next year.



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A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: 'START UP' MEETINGS 2020 FOR GRADES 1 – 6

On **Wednesday, January 29th 2020**, we will be conducting our 'Start Up' Meetings for **Grades 1 - 6**.

Each student and his or her parents/carers attend for a scheduled 15-minute meeting with the classroom teacher. An instruction explaining how to book your appointment through the Compass Portal has been attached to the newsletter at the end. It is a chance to introduce yourselves and to discuss issues, concerns and expectations for the year.

Even though this day is still a long way off, it is important to get the process underway before the end of the year.

Please note, **Prep interviews** will also commence on **Wednesday, January 29th**. These interview times are organised by the Prep Teachers. These interviews will continue on **Thursday, January 30th**. Our **Preps will commence their first full day of school on Friday, January 31st**.

Prep students have a 'rest day' on Wednesdays for the month of February.

AWARDS AT UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES

This **Friday, December 13th**, a very deserving Grade 4 student will be presented the Andrew Calder Balsillie Citizenship Award. Greta and Fiona Balsillie will be in attendance to present this award. We will also have representatives from the women's service club Zonta International Bendigo and the Bendigo Science and Discovery Centre to present two female 2020 Grade 6 students their Girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) leadership badges. Keira G and Megan C will also be on hand to talk about their experiences during the inaugural year of this program.

At our final assembly on **Friday, December 20th**, we will be announcing our School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains for 2020. They will have their badges presented to them in 2020.

Seven busy days to go! Have a great week.

Jo Menzel

Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND

Jax E (Room 7) for always using wonderful manners.

CURIOUS

Jack MG (Room 15B) for writing a detailed magazine about Goannas!

Jenna S (Room 15A) for actively participating in our mini Literature Circle this term.

Zavier S (Room 9) for doing his best writing and sounding his words carefully.

BRAVE

Scarlett S (Room 7) for making a confident start to our swimming program.



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KITCHEN GARDEN 2019

On behalf of everyone in room 10B I would like to thank all those parents who have made our Kitchen Garden Program so successful during 2019. This year has been a massive year for the group as we worked through our program, established garden beds and discovered lots about how and why things grow. Some of our activities have included propagating seedlings, tending to our chooks, making terrariums, harvesting from our garden, completing inquiries into chicken varieties and studying bees and pollination, and of course cooking in the kitchen.

I would especially like to thank Eric and Kasslea Shaw for all the time they have devoted to our program. Kasslea has worked tirelessly in the Kitchen alongside Amanda nearly every week. While Eric was instrumental in design and construction of our "smoothie bike" which has been a big hit with all the students. I would also like to thank the COGB for our initial grant to establish the project.

I look forward to nurturing a few more green thumbs during 2020.

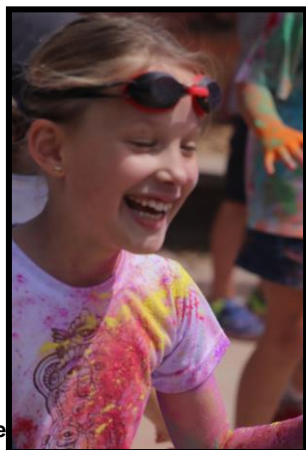
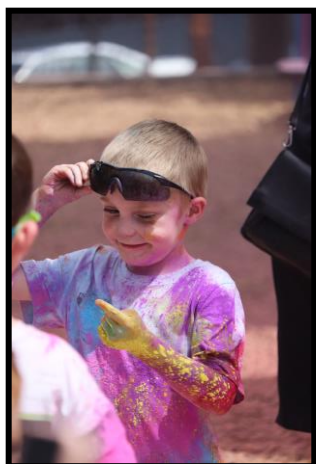


LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is overflowing with many uniform items. Please go through and check to see if any items belong to your student as of next week all uniform will be washed and put in the second hand uniform stall for sale. Thank you.

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The bushland project is looking great and we'd love to keep it that way! We planted a range of plants in our seasonal gardens as well as within the fenced areas. Some of them have gone dormant for the summer while others are actively growing. In order to maintain the best possible result for our efforts we are asking 6 families to volunteer some time watering over the holidays. If you are interested please contact the office to put your name down



A vibrant poster for the Kelly Sports Summer Holiday Programme. It features a large soccer ball in the foreground with three children (two boys and one girl) running around it. The background shows a stadium filled with spectators. The text on the poster includes: "KELLY SPORTS Summer HOLIDAY PROGRAMME", "Mon 13th Jan to Fri 24th Jan 2020", "EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENROL BEFORE 31st DEC to get \$5 OFF PER FULL/HALF DAY ONLY \$45 full & \$30 half day", "Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including A Year of World Cups, Lots of Sports, Awesome Games & MUCH MORE!", "Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.", "FOR THE LOVE OF SPORTS 25 YEARS", "BOOK ONLINE NOW AT KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU".

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Beef Dumpling Recipe 饺子

Ingredients to make 50 dumplings

Filling

500g beef mince

1 can water chestnut, finely chopped

1/2 bunch spring onion, finely chopped

1 pinch of salt

some soy sauce

Wrapper

1 pack dumpling (jiaozi) wrapper can be purchased from the cheese/tofu section in Woolworth and Coles

Method

1. Mix all filling ingredients well together in a mixing bowl. Please note you can create different fillings and flavours by mixing your choice of meat, seafood, finely chopped vegetables and seasonings.

2. Place a teaspoon full of filling on the centre of a piece of dumpling wrapper, wet the edges with water, fold into a taco shape and follow the pictures below to create different looks of dumplings.

Traditional method:

Fold wrapper over to enclose filling. Hold in both hands (see picture). Starting at one end, pleat edges by making small overlapping folds, pressing to seal as you go.



Triangular dumpling:



The most common wrapping method: pinch the edges together, and make folds both to strengthen the sealing and create pretty ruffles.



Cook

It's super easy to pan fry dumplings. Preferably, choose a frying pan that has a thick base and delivers heat evenly. Coat the pan with a little oil and brown the bottom of the dumplings. Pour in water then cover with a lid to keep the steam in. It's done when the water evaporates completely. Enjoy immediately for best taste. You can create a dipping sauce if preferred.



QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

TEAM CHINA 2020 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

\$1 PER TICKET OR 6 FOR \$5

FIRST PRIZE - XBOX ONE AND A \$100 EB GAMES VOUCHER
SECOND PRIZE - XBOX ONE
THIRD PRIZE - MIXED TOY HAMPER

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE
DRAWN AT ASSEMBLY 20/12/19





QHPS DISCO

Thursday, 12th December

Junior disco

Senior disco

Prep-Grade 2

Grades 3-6

Starting 4.00pm-5.30pm

Starting 6.00pm-7.30pm

Cost \$5.00

All disco payments to be made to the office prior to December 12th at 3.00pm. Entry wristbands will be given out to paid students upon arrival to disco.

The cost includes entry, one Zooper Dooper, one drink (juice box for juniors, soft drink for seniors) and one sausage.

Extra sausages will be available to purchase on the night for \$2.00 each for those who are extra hungry! A DJ and light show will turn the multipurpose room into our very own dance floor for the evening. All students must be dropped off and picked up from the astro turf in front of the multipurpose room. No pass outs will be given.

This is a great night for the kids and we need parent help to make it happen! Please put your name on the roster outside Room 5 if you can help to supervise, man the BBQ or serve food and drinks.

Thank you for your help!
PFA

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.



Start Up Day Interviews

Wednesday 29th January 2020

Bookings open on Compass at 8.30am Tuesday 21st January, 2020.

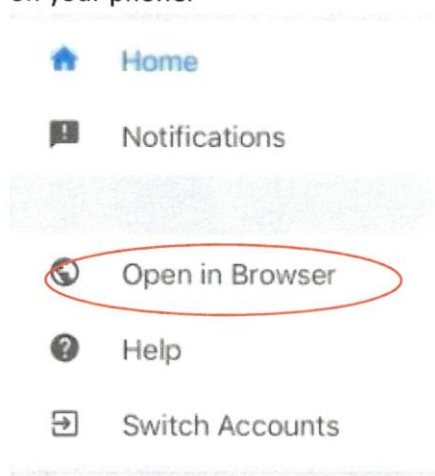
Students are only required to attend school for their 15 minute booking time on Wednesday 29th January 2020.

How to book Start Up Day Interviews on Compass

Please use the following steps to assist with making your online bookings.

1. Log in to Compass at <https://quarryhillps-vic.compass.education>

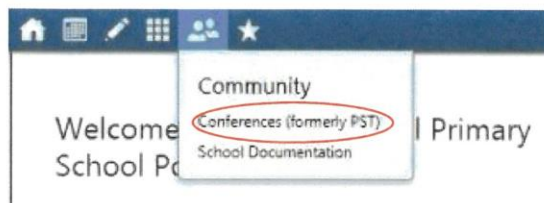
Unfortunately conference bookings cannot be made through the Compass app. If using your phone to make a booking you will need to open the Compass app and then click on "Open in Browser". Alternatively you can type the above address into the internet browser on your phone.



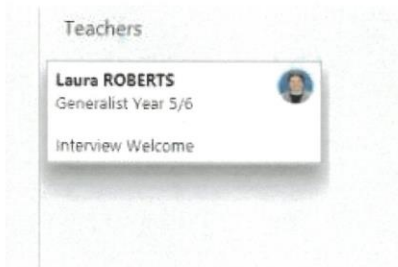
2. After logging in you will be taken to your dashboard where you can see a photo of your child or children as well various options that allow you to access or share information about them.

Click on the icon  and then select **Conferences**.

If you have more than one child attending our school you will need to book a conference time for one child and then repeat for another child/children.



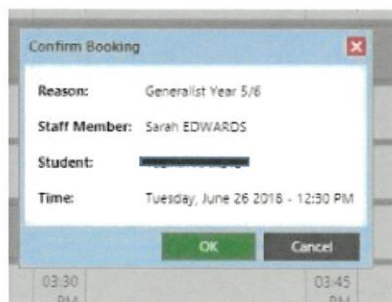
3. After clicking on the **Conferences** link you will be taken to the Conference Bookings page. This page will allow you to select the teacher you are making the booking with.



4. Once you have selected the teacher, click on an available time slot you would like to make a booking for. Available timeslots will be shown in white and unavailable in grey.

09:00 AM	09:15 AM	09:30 AM	09:45 AM
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	10:30 AM	10:45 AM
11:00 AM	11:15 AM	11:30 AM	11:45 AM
12:00 PM	12:15 PM	12:30 PM	12:45 PM
01:00 PM	01:15 PM	01:30 PM	01:45 PM
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03:00 PM	03:15 PM	03:30 PM	03:45 PM
04:00 PM	04:15 PM	04:30 PM	04:45 PM
05:00 PM	05:15 PM	05:30 PM	05:45 PM

5. Once you have selected the time you wish to book for select **ok**.



All interviews will take place in your child/s classroom.

If you are unable to attend with your child on this day please contact your child's classroom teacher to schedule a time at a later date.



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

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

Registration is FREE!

To attend our care, families must register their child.

Why? Registering your child means we have all the information we need to safely care for them. So, we recommend all families to register an account with us. That way, if you ever need us, you just have to book a session, as we already have all the documentation we need from you.

To register, visit www.campaustalia.com.au. When starting your registration process please consider:

- Do you have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) from the Department of Human Services?
- Does your child have any medical certificates/documents?
- Medical information - do you have details your family doctor?
- Do you have any Court Order Document?
- Have your payment details at hand
- Have your Child Immunisation Certificate ready to upload

But don't worry, you can always resume your saved registration at a time that suits you.

OSHC NEWS.

Hi Everyone,

I would firstly like to introduce myself. My name is Hayley Scott and I will be the new OSHC coordinator. I've been working with Camp Australia since 2011 and am looking forward to getting to know the Quarry Hill Primary School community. I invite all families to come and meet the Camp Australia team Monday -Friday from 6:45am – 9:00am and 3:00pm-6:00pm. We'll be more than happy to answer any questions you have regarding our program and services.

Looking forward to meeting you and your family soon.

Reminders:

- o Please ensure to update your child/s enrolment details before the start of 2020. This means adding or removing any additional contacts, updating medical information, new addresses, doctors, etc.
- o If your child/ren has medical needs please ensure to have an updated medical plan before they attend in 2020. These have to be on the correct template and are available on the parent portal. Alternatively pop in and get one from me between 6:45am-9:00am or 3:00pm – 6:00pm Monday-Friday.
- o A new year means new enrolment forms. I will be at the school on Wednesday 29th (Start-up interview day) from 8:00am – 6:00pm if you would like to pop in and sign all the forms prior to school starting.

We recommend to always book in advance.

To secure your children's spot, we encourage that you make your bookings in advance. As we operate a childcare service governed by the Education and Care National Law and Regulations, we can only operate our services within Educator to child ratios and licensed space. The more notice we have of bookings, the better able we are to staff the service to meet your needs.

It is easy to make and manage your bookings 24/7 through our parent portal. Simply log onto pp.campaustalia.com.au.

Alternatively, you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – Except National Public Holidays.

Child Care Subsidy

Did you know you can reduce the cost of care with a Government subsidy?

We strongly recommend you apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine whether you're eligible. Your eligibility for the subsidy is determined by:

- Your family's annual adjusted taxable income
 - An activity test
 - The type of childcare service
- To find out if you are eligible, simply log into MyGov and complete your Child Care Subsidy Assessment.

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**Summer
Holiday
Club**



**Bookings for 2020
OSHC now open!**

Splash, skate and discover - right here at Holiday Club.



Book a late booking
price and save \$10 by
booking at least 7 days in
advance. Plus, with limited
space, spots fill up.

Come and join Hayley these school holidays at Kennington Primary School. Children learn what they are passionate about when they're exposed to it. That's why at Holiday Club we provide a wide variety of activities, incursions and excursions that help children discover their true passions in life.

This Summer, we've got a jam-packed program with all kinds of fun excursions including the Central Deborah Gold Mine, The Zone Fun Park, Bendigo Cinemas and Bendigo Pottery. Don't forget the exciting (and educational, shh) incursions including Jurassic Spark, Splashtastic, Lil' Chefs and more! For more information or to book now visit: www.campaustalia.com.au/holidayclubs.

Holiday Clubs also available at Golden Square Primary School and Girton Grammar School

We look forward to seeing you at **Holiday Club**.

Find locations near you and to book, visit www.campaustalia.com.au/holidayclubs

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