



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Wednesday March 4th 2020
Newsletter No. 3

Our Vision:

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

2020 TERM DATES

Term 1 January 29 – March 27
Term 2 April 14 – June 26
Term 3 July 13 – September 18
Term 4 October 5 – December 18

Principal: Jo Menzel

School Council President: Joan O'Brien

PFA President: Renee Selkrig

PFA Vice President: Kasslea Shaw

~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
MARCH		
Wednesday 4 th	9.00am Various	Prep First Wednesday The Playground Craze Incursion
Friday 6 th	All Day	Curriculum Day-No School
Monday 9 th	All Day	Labour Day Public Holiday-No School
Friday 13 th	3.30pm	Book Club Closes
Monday 16 th	5.45pm	School Council Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 18 th	11.30-2.00pm	The Gruffalo's Child-Gr 2 - Ulumbarra Theatre
Thursday 19 th	9.00am-2.30pm	GRIP Leadership-Selected Students Only
Friday 20 th	9.00am	Next PFA Meeting - Multipurpose Room
Thursday 26 th	9.00-11.30am 12.00-2.00pm 3.30pm	QHPS Cross Country-Ken Wust Oval-Gr 3-6 Gr Prep-2 Easter Raffle Tickets Due Back
Friday 27 th	11.00am 2.00pm 2.30pm	Pizza Lunch Day Assembly-Easter Raffle Drawn Last Day of Term 1-Early Finish

REMINDERS:

Curriculum Day: This Friday, March 6th. No students required at school.

Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday, 9th March. No students required at school.



QHPS Expo



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Curious



Brave

Dear Parents and Carers,

QUARRY HILL STATE SCHOOL 1928 – OUR VALUES IN ACTION

Recently, when opening the mail, I received a lovely surprise. Inside the large envelope was a letter from the nephew of Ross Smith. Accompanying the letter was a photograph of Quarry Hill State School 1928. Ross was just five years of age when this photo was taken and is standing on the far right. Ross is now an impressive 96 years of age! The family thought that the school may like to have this photo as record of that era.



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Close to 90 students, all dressed in pristine white, school ties, neat bobs and cascading ringlets. No automatic washing machines or curling irons back in the 1920s! I'm not sure if they had the sun in their eyes, but there are not too many smiles! Hopefully Quarry Hill State School was a fun place to be and that, as each of these students grew into adults, they remembered their time at primary school with fondness.

Some of our Grade 5/6 students took some photographs of our school as it is today and I have sent them on with the hope that Ross will be able to enjoy them.

CONGRATULATIONS JIMI AND AVERY!



Congratulations to Jimi R and Avery M for qualifying for the Little Athletics State Championships. Jimi qualified for the high jump and Avery qualified for the 1500 metres. What a fantastic effort, and what an impressive swag of medals they have between them!

They head back to Melbourne later this month to compete. We wish them well in their individual events. Well done boys!



Brave

INFORMATION EXPO

Perfect weather conditions made it ideal to be out and about last Thursday night. The quadrangle was a hive of activity with a large number of parents visiting the many stalls to find out more about the processes and programs we have operating in our school. (The children loved collecting the stamps too!) The stall holders put a lot of effort into making their stalls vibrant and engaging. Many passports were stamped and raffle tickets given to be in the draw for the fabulous book pack. The winner was drawn at Friday's assembly. The lucky winner was Brae S from 14A. Congratulations Brae!



Curious



WELCOME BACK PICNIC

The beautiful Bushland space made a lovely location for our Welcome Back Picnic which was also held last Thursday night. It was wonderful to see so many families taking the opportunity to take some time out to enjoy the company of their family and friends – old and new. Under the watchful eye of our resident possum and kookaburra many families enjoyed pizza for dinner compliments of the PFA special fundraiser. How nice not having to worry about going out to get a meal when it can be delivered to you! A



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big, big thankyou to the PFA for organising this. They also provided a great service by offering second hand uniforms for 50 cents apiece. A great bargain. Free icy-poles were also very welcome and well received by all of the children. I estimated that we had over 150 people mingling in the Bushland space. A great community event that hits the mark of the second sentence of our new school vision, *"Our community fosters a culture of respect and belonging."* Thank you everyone for your involvement.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE RESILIENCE PROGRAM

This term our school has partnered with Bendigo Community Health Services to be involved in the FRIENDS for Life Resilience program. These sessions have been offered to our Grade 3 and Grade 4 students to help them learn skills to build resilience and self-esteem and to learn important skills and techniques to cope with feelings of fear, worry and depression.



The symbolism drawn from the word FRIENDS is based on the following principles:

- The word FRIENDS help children to remember each of the skills taught throughout the program (i.e. each letter stands for a new skill learned).
- Our body is our FRIEND and tells us when we are feeling worried or nervous by giving us clues.
- It is important to learn to be our own FRIEND and reward ourselves when we try hard.
- It is important to make FRIENDS, so that we can build our social support network and feel happier.
- FRIENDS can help us to cope with difficult situations more effectively.

After undertaking the program it is hoped that parents and teachers may notice the following changes in children:

- Improved confidence
- Increased ability to cope with stress
- Increased ability to cope with fear
- Enhanced social skills
- Improved ability to communicate better with adults
- Boosted self esteem
- Increased happiness and enthusiasm.



Learning resilience skills is like adding new tools to our personal tool box. They become skills you can use for life.

Our Prep/1 grades will be involved in the Fun FRIENDS program next term.

APOLOGY FROM THE MAYOR

The office of the City of Greater Bendigo rang through last week sending their apologies on behalf of Margaret O'Rourke. Margaret was to present our student leadership badges on Friday, February 21st. Unfortunately there was a clerical error and our appointment was cancelled. Sincere apologies were extended. Margaret has always been a great friend to our school and is always keen to come out and be involved in our student leadership presentations.

OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO CHINA AND HOMESTAY PROGRAM – CANCELLED FOR 2020

Due to the continuing Level 4 travel warnings and the inability to mitigate risk relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), it was decided at February's School Council meeting to rescind the approval to travel to China in 2020. The Homestay Program will also be impacted and will not occur this year. Hopefully we can start afresh in 2021.

CURRICULUM DAY (PUPIL FREE DAY) THIS FRIDAY MARCH 6TH

Just a reminder that it is a pupil free day this Friday March 6th. Please note, this day is the Friday of the Labour Day long weekend. This means that the children will have the Friday as well as Monday, March 9th off school.

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND – HOLIDAY ON MONDAY MARCH 9TH

As mentioned above, Monday March 9th is a public holiday. No children are required at school.

GRADE 2 EXCURSION- THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD

On Wednesday 18th March from 11.30am-2.00pm, the Grade 2s will be attending The Gruffalo's Child excursion at the Ulumbarra Theatre. This special excursion is an on stage performance & students will be travelling to and from the theatre by bus with Mr Shepherd & Miss Walker. Please return all permission notes and payment to your child's teacher or to the office.

Have a great week.

Jo Menzel

Principal

THE PLAYGROUND CRAZE

Today Wednesday, 4th March the Playground Craze will be visiting Quarry Hill PS. It involves cool pop music, and a live in-school performance that engages students with important social-emotional skills, covering topics such as confidence, resilience, kindness, persistence, friendship and cooperation. The messages help students strengthen self-awareness and self-management of the personal and social skills encouraged in the curriculum. Students have already paid for this on their booklists.

Any questions, please see Rebekah Fry in Room 10A.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND

Lucas P (Room 15B) for always being a kind and caring friend. Keep up the great work!

CURIOS

Alexis C (Room 10B) for completion of all recent numeracy tasks.

Evey S (Room 10B) for displaying determination during numeracy lessons.

Minna J (Room 14B) for going above and beyond with her homework!

Ariah W (Room 2) for being an active learner during Maths and noticing odd & evens patterns when exploring tens facts.

Reid S (Room 6) for being an engaged learner who completed additional homework by completing an information report on termites.

Ben L (Room 12B) for demonstrating great focus and determination in your vertical subtraction task.

Ehli R (Room 14A) for acting on feedback to improve his Information Report.

Flynn C (Room 4) for his enthusiasm towards all learning tasks.

Jax E (Room 9) for making a great text to self connection!

BRAVE

Kade B (Room 10A) for pushing his own limits to extend his learning. Great start to the year Kade!

Ivie P (Room 15A) for always setting high expectations for herself and her learning.

PERMISSION FORMS

It is very important that your child's update forms including Student Permission, Parent Guardian Privacy Consent & Computer Acceptable Use are all filled out and returned to the office. These forms were given out at your child's start up day interview. If you have not completed these forms, please return them to your classroom teacher ASAP.

HEAD LICE CHECK VOLUNTEERS

Over the years, QHPS has participated in weekly classroom head lice checks. We are seeking any parent/carer volunteers with a valid Working with Children's check to assist in keeping this very valuable program running. Days and times are flexible, so if you could spare one hour a week to volunteer please see the office for more information. We really appreciate the support we receive from the QHPS community.



eSmart topic: Taming the Technology

How to use parental controls and other tools to maximise online safety in your home. Know your devices.

All the devices that connect to the internet in your home offer lots of benefits. But you also need to understand the risks associated with these devices and how to protect yourself and your family.

Use link to read full article: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/taming-technology>

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QHPS 2020 CROSS COUNTRY- Thursday, March 26th

On Thursday March 26th, the school Cross Country event will take place around the Ken Wust Oval. Students are required to wear House colours and appropriate footwear for running. Students will require a school hat and a drink bottle to take to the reserve. Please apply sunscreen to your child before school. Lunch will be eaten at school as per normal. Parents are encouraged to come down and cheer on the participants. The outline of the day is as follows:-



- 9.10am Grade 3-6 students will make their way down to the reserve
- 9.20am First race begins age groups 8, 9 & 10
- 10.15am Second race begins age groups 11, 12 & 13
- 11.15am Presentations at the Reserve then students return to school for lunch

- 12.10pm Prep – 2 students will make their way down to the reserve
- 12.25pm First race begins Grade 2
- 12.40pm Second race begins Prep
- 12.55pm Third race begins Grade 1
- 1.25pm Presentations at the Reserve then students will return to school

Looking forward to a great day of participation.

Ross Turner
PE Specialist



Next Meeting: Friday, March 20TH at 9.00am in the multipurpose room.

BUSHLAND WELCOME BACK PICNIC / EXPO:

Parents and Friends Association would like to thank all that came to the Expo and Welcome back picnic. The PFA would be interested in hearing any feedback for future events. With over 130 pizzas ordered, we were so thankful to Eagle Pizza in Bendigo for providing such great service and hope that due to its popularity, they will be able to offer this at future events. We thank all families for supporting this fundraising event. The money raised will go towards the playground funds.



We would also like to thank all who attended, for being responsible for their own pizza boxes and rubbish items. It's great to see so much support towards our school values and in keeping with our aims to be as rubbish free as possible.

EASTER RAFFLE:

This week will see the beginning of the Easter Raffle with baskets being distributed to classrooms for donations, posters being displayed & raffle books to be collated and sent home to families.

If you are able to assist in any way please let me, Renee Selkrig know, leave your details with the office or even pop into a Thursday morning cuppa & chat session. Every bit of help is most welcomed and valued.

Each year we kindly ask each family to donate one item into the provided baskets located in classrooms. These items can include:

- chocolate Easter eggs/bunnies
- Easter crafts or activity packs

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- Easter bunny stuffed toys
- Ears or other novelty items.

These donations will be collected and used to create prizes with 10 major prizes being drawn at a special assembly with further prizes being drawn following the assembly and presented to each classroom for teachers to hand out at end of school day. Last year we had over 100 raffle prizes to give away thanks to the generosity of our school community.

Wrapping dates and times will be posted on the PFA noticeboard located outside room 5 this Thursday and a compass notice will be sent out to early next week.

Ticket books will be distributed to each family. These books contain a total of 10 tickets at \$2.00 each. As we try to minimise waste, we please ask you to use both sides of the ticket book and write students names and room numbers clearly on tickets, so we may get prizes to the correct locations.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Further ticket books will be available at the office for sale. Please return all tickets (sold and unsold) with money to the office by Thursday 26th March ready for the draw at a special assembly Friday the 27th. As this is the last day of term we must ensure all prizes are collected as they cannot be stored over the school holidays.

PIZZA DAY

PFA will be holding a special lunch day for the end of term Friday 27th March. Pizza will be provided from Eagle Pizza and order forms will be sent home to families closer to the date. Each slice will cost \$2.00. If you are interested in helping with this event please leave your name and contact details with the office or get in touch with Renee or Kasslea for more information.

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 thanks to Rebecca Maple. 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

BECOME A MEMBER:

Members of PFA would like to extend an invitation to all our school community, your involvement can be small or large, but together we can create an amazing community for our children. Becoming a member can help you stay in the loop with PFA events through our Facebook page and allow you to contribute as much as you like without feeling the pressures of needing to put your hand up for major tasks. Come along to our next meeting Friday 20th March at 9.00am at the Multipurpose Room or in the meantime see the office for a membership form.

Membership provides members the opportunity to assist and contribute to the life of the school and education of their children. We actively encourage your input and look forward to contributing to the wellbeing of the school community together.

Please join us Thursday mornings for a cuppa or catch me in the quadrangle if you have any questions or enquiries, I am always interested in meeting new faces and catching up with old friends. You do not need to be a member to lend a hand so if you are available to help in any small way please reach out and let me know

Renee Selkrig

PFA President 2020.



**Drawn Friday 27th March
at 9am**

Fundraising for
Kitchen Garden Program



MORE QHPS EXPO PHOTOS



Bushland Dreaming Season Update

As we are coming to the end of our hot summer period, you might like to look around the seasonal gardens in The Bushland and notice what you observe. Is anything changing? Is it lifeless at the moment or flourishing? What has flowered, fruited? What things can you imagine being useful for food, tools, string or other uses? The Dja Dja Wurrung season we are transitioning from is Baramul & Milakuk time and in this time Baramul (Emus) have become pairs and laid eggs. There have also been numerous lightning and storm events (Milakuk). This seasonal garden is the responsibility of Grade 6 students and includes species such as Weeping Pittosporum, Ruby Saltbush, Inland Pigface and Native Raspberry. See if you can identify them. What are they able to be used for?



Autumn Holiday Club



Bookings are now open for Autumn Holiday Club.

This Autumn, Holiday Club brings to you a program bursting with flavour, fun, energy and opportunities to grow. Carefully crafted through family feedback, our experiences and adventures will excite your children, engage them and leave them wanting more.

It's packed with Easter craft, excursions to Jumpz and the cinemas, Mexican cooking days, Science experiments, tie dye and much more.

Holiday programs run at both Kennington Primary School & Golden Square Primary School.



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

Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays, visit: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs.

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

Hayley & The Camp Australia Team



EAGLEHAWK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Limited spots Available

PLAYERS WANTED

Registration Closes Friday 20th March

Under 12 Girls
Under 14 Girls
Under 9
Under 10
Under 12 Boys
Under 14 Boys
Under 16 Boys



PRIVATE TUTOR

Jill McEwen

Maiden Gully: 5449 6665

Experienced with Maths, English, Reading & Spelling.

Primary & Secondary Students. (First lesson is free).



Interested in playing soccer for a club?

If any students are interested in playing soccer, Golden City is looking for players from Under-6 to Under-18.

Junior games are played on Saturday mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make the games inclusive, engaging and fun, and there are all-girl teams for most age levels.

The season starts after the Easter break and runs for 16 weeks. Training takes place once a week at Shadforth Park, Fenton Street, North Bendigo.

Golden City is holding Registration Days from 4pm to 7pm on Monday 2 March, and from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday 14 March at Shadforth Park and online registrations are open at the Play Football website, www.playfootball.com.au

For further information see the Golden City website, Facebook page or email goldencitysc@gmail.com



Kids and Worry

Bendigo



During this workshop we will explore the reasons why children worry and ways parents can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

Term 2, 2020

When:	Monday 20th April 2020
Time:	Arrival and registration 5.45pm Session: 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Where:	St Killian's Primary School, 2 Havelock Street, Bendigo
Cost:	Free
Childcare:	Sorry, no childcare provided
Facilitators:	CCS Family and Relationship Services

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to start date. Please register early



Bookings and enquiries contact Kellie on Ph: 5443 4071

FREE EVENT

ZINDA FESTIVAL

SAT 14TH MARCH 2020
4PM - 9PM ROSALIND PARK
ZINDA.ORG.AU

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MULTICULTURAL SERVICES PRESENTS:

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