

# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School Wednesday March 17th 2021 Newsletter No. 4

#### Our Vision:

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

#### **2021 TERM DATES**

Term 1 January 28– April 1 Term 2 April 19 – June 22

Term 3 July 12 – September 17

Term 4 October 4 – December 17

Principal: Jo Menzel

School Council President: Claire Flanagan-Smith

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
MARCH		
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Kindness Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00- 11.00	Photo Day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 – 12.00	Cross Country Senior
	12.10 – 2.00	Cross country Junior
April		
Thursday 1st	9.00am	Assembly / Easter Raffle draw
	2.30pm	Last Day of Term 1-Early Finish
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All Day	Grade 3 Camp Kookaburra Corop
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Grade 4 Camp Swan Hill
May		
Wednesday 26th – 28th	All Day	Grade 5 Camp Anglesea
August		
Monday 9th – 11th	All Day	Grade 6 Urban Camp

#### Reminders:

- CSEF- Do you hold a concession card?
   You may be eligible for CSEF. Please see the office.
- **Book Fees-** Please see the office if you have not paid for your booklist & school fees.
- Easter Raffle \$2.00 per ticket.
- **Kindness Day** Dress in blue to celebrate our school value 'Kind'.

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#### SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

At Quarry Hill Primary School, the school grounds are supervised by staff from 8.45am before school and until 3.45pm after school.

There may be staff in attendance at the school before and after those times but those staff may be involved in tasks such as meetings or lesson preparation. This means that these staff members will not be supervising students. I know that a number of parents accompany their children to school and wait to see that they are settled. This practice is fine, and is certainly encouraged, as parents are supervising their own children.

Formal before and after school care is available within the school grounds and is operated by Camp Australia. Information regarding this program is available from the office, or can be accessed online at https://www.campaustralia.com.au/Schools/QuarryHillPrimarySchool/3550/B294School Uniform It is wonderful to see the majority of our students wearing full school uniform. With the change in weather upon us, there are some variations that are beginning to creep in that are not part of our dress code.

The information below is from our Student Dress Code Policy.

Children are expected to wear the following:

- navy/white checked school dress, navy pinafore
- white, maroon or navy short or long-sleeved polo shirt with logo
- navy rugby top with logo
- bomber jacket with logo
- navy shorts, trousers or skorts
- Shoes are to be flat heeled with enclosed toes. Sneakers are preferable for all physical education activities.
- Socks & tights must be in school colours.
- Broad brimmed hats as issued by the school are to be worn for all outside activities from September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. (In line with our Sun Smart Policy)
- ❖ Children are encouraged to wear clothing with the school logo. <u>All</u> other logos are unacceptable.
- Stripes on pants, shorts, shirts or windcheaters are not allowed.
- Shorts and trousers must be plain navy blue denim clothing is not allowed.
- No jewellery to be worn except for ear studs and watches.
- Students are expected to wear their hair tied back when long enough to do so.
- ❖ Hair bands, ribbons, clips etc. must be in school colours.
- Sunglasses are acceptable but must comply with minimum ASA standards and be clearly named.
- In cold weather, skivvies or long sleeve t-shirts in school colours may be worn under uniform.
- Coats and wind proof jackets are preferred in school colours.

The continued support of our school community in ensuring the wearing of school uniform is greatly appreciated. Part of the purpose of the uniform is that it allows all students to feel equal. It helps reduce competition between students on the basis of clothing.

If your child has outgrown their jumpers and jackets, the PFA has a number of second hand garments for sale for 50 cents. Please contact the office if you are interested. Please note that sizes are limited.

#### **Get Active Kids**

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/

#### **Vocal Lessons**

From Term 2, students at Quarry Hill Primary School have an opportunity to access singing lessons from a vocal teacher, Hayley Trounson. The cost is \$15.00 per week, paid as a term invoice.

If you are interested, please contact Hayley directly for further information - hayley.trounson@hotmail.com

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#### **Back Creek Trail Scavenger Hunt**

Join the hunt and explore Bendigo's Back Creek Trail – find all 10 scavenger hunt tiles, visit some of Bendigo's best cafés, discover the secret mural, and go into the draw to win a prize!

Runs from Saturday 27th March to Sunday 25th April

Download a scavenger hunt map: <a href="https://bit.ly/JoinTheHunt2021">https://bit.ly/JoinTheHunt2021</a>

For more info visit: https://fb.me/BendigoScavengerHunt

This is a free family-friendly event supported by City of Greater Bendigo and created

by local artist Wes Franklin.



#### **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 54433 537 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's <u>Camps</u>, <u>Sports and Excursions Fund web page</u>.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

#### REGISTERING FOR OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE - CAMP AUSTRALIA

To help families prepare for the new school year, bookings for Outside School Hours Care are now open for 2021. It is recommend families register an account with Camp Australia and always book in advance.

Parents/guardians must register their child by completing an online enrolment form via the parent portal. It's important that parents/guardians fill out all compulsory enrolment documentation for their child and notify of any medical conditions, illnesses etc., to ensure the health and safety of all children in the program.

Families can register for free at <a href="https://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-contacts">https://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-contacts</a>

#### **Production Update 2021**

After consultation with the Greater City of Bendigo Events Manager, we will need to further postpone the already rescheduled Quarry Hill school production until 2022. Historically this has been an inclusive P-6 event celebrating and showcasing the hard work that students undertake throughout the year into a final whole school stage show. Unfortunately, due to the COVID density limit requirements (for performers) at local venues we are unable to find a suitable venue to hold a school wide production. This includes the Ulumbarra Theatre.

To give children opportunities to perform, we will focus more on assembly performances this year to showcase students' creative performance work. Jeremie Collard will use Music classes for this purpose. Susan Steele will also ask her keyboard students to perform as well. Families will be notified prior to their child's performance in order for them to make arrangements to attend.

It is disappointing news, but something beyond our control.







#### **School Photos**

A reminder school photos are on, Monday March 29th. Please ensure you have been online prior to photo day and no later than 4.30pm on Sunday March 28th to order and purchase photos. Payment is required at time of ordering. If you do not have access to the internet and are not able to complete your order online please call into the office before photo day so we are able to help you. Please ensure you have your card details with you as payment is required at time of ordering.

Photos will be starting at 9.00am sharp. Please ensure your child/children are at school on time. Class group photos cannot be re taken on the day.

Please follow the instructions below to order.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office.



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year. We are now also offering green screen online.

- THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE
- No need for envelopes to be return school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- 15 different backgrounds to choose from



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Contact: info@leadingimage.com.au or call 1800 750 586

#### INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY



To order your school photos you need to log onto

https://www.leadingimage.com.au

Click on Order your school photos. and enter the access key below.

\*Preferred Browser is Google Chrome\*

#### Access Key: GDZPM8EA

Packages are available to order with this access key.

Family photographs must be ordered by 4:30pm the night before photo day.

IF YOU DO NOT ORDER BEFORE THIS TIME YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A FAMILY PHOTO TAKEN



## Cybersafety

#### **eSmart Topic: Parents Guide to Among Us**

Among Us is a popular online game with students at QHPS. It is a betrayal-based party game set in space with a group of four to 10 explorers. As crewmates, you're given different tasks to handle on your ship. Some are relatively simple, like ejecting waste into space or charting a course to a planet, while others are more complex, such as working on the electrical systems on your vessel. All of this would be fine, except that there's at least one imposter in the crew who's working against your better goals, actively sabotaging systems, sneaking through vents, and killing off the crew one by one.

Click link to read Parents' Ultimate Guide to Among Us

Source: Common Sense Media

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#### **COVIDSAFE ASSEMBLIES**

- Assemblies are held at 10.45am on Friday mornings on the basketball court.
- Parents/Carers of those children receiving awards and birthday announcements are invited to come
  along. Award recipients are announced in the newsletter on the Wednesday. Parents/carers who do
  attend are expected to bring a mask and be prepared to wear it if they are unable to physically distance or
  if they are asked to do so. They are also required to sign in using our QR code system, signing in at the
  office before going out to the basketball court. Please note, no seating will be available.
- At this stage, assemblies will be limited to birthday announcements and awards. Performances will be held over until density limits are eased.

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

#### **KIND**

lvie P (Room 14) always being willing to help out with jobs around the classroom.

Jack M (Room17) being a kind and caring friend in the classroom.

Jaiden P (Room 1) finding new friends in his class and playing nicely with them at break times.



#### **CURIOUS**

Salva Mc (Room 11) for completing an excellent week at school that resulted in winning our class dojo.

Wren V (Room 12) for being kind and caring to her peers and teachers.

Darcy B (Room9) practising your letters and sounds, "at" rhyming words and giving sentences a

go.

Vinnie N (Room 8) sharing his ideas and thinking during reading time.

Nate C (Room 5) for his learning about place value with numbers in the thousands.

Alec B (Room 1) using his sounds so well when reading.

Olivia W (Room 13) for having the correct structure and features in her persuasive writing including a

rhetorical question and emotive language.

#### **BRAVE**

Sadie L (Room 8) for extending herself in her writing. Well done Sadie.

Isla S (Room 8) being brave when she says goodbye to her mum in the mornings.

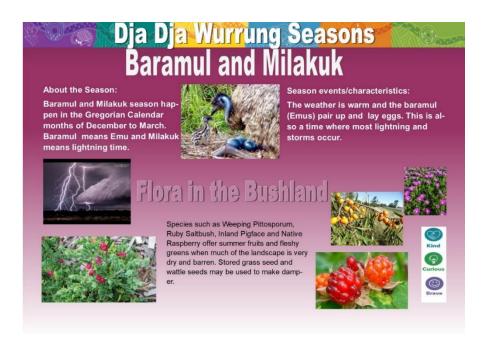
Jimmy V (Room 10) an excellent first assembly in your new 'Koori Leader' role. Well Done.

Tilly S (Room 16) for pushing yourself to try some very challenging maths work. Well done!

Lottie N (Room 15) brave – being open to feedback from the teacher and her peers.



Curious

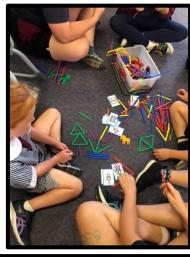


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# Buddies

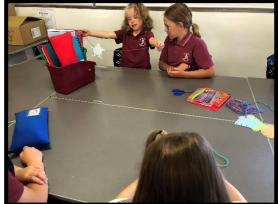
Big buddies helped their little buddies with some fine motor skill rotations in the Investigation room.











#### A Hello from Ferdi

Dear families,

I have had a very busy start to the term supporting children and teachers transition back to school as well as settling back in to my own routine. I love working in the classrooms, chatting to the students and hearing them read and sometimes I even go to the bushland.

Grant from Dog's Connect has visited to work with 'Ferdi's Crew'. The Crew are a group of students trained to help me move around the school and between classrooms.

Last week Grant and I worked with students and teachers to help them learn about empathy and emotional regulation.

Believe it or not working with the children makes me very tired! Sometimes I need to rest in the office and have a nap.















#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

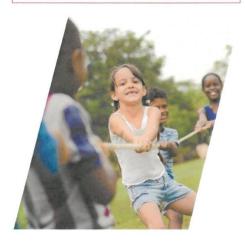
New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.







#### CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

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# STLEMAINE

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

For this year's special COVIDsafe Festival we have created a suite of very accessible education packages. Registered schools will receive a Learning Guide to prepare them for the Festival, a video recording of their selected event to watch in school, and either an in-school live workshop with the artist or a pre-recorded artist talk/workshop to view. We offer packages focusing on Yorta Yorta musician Allara, South

Sudanese singer/songwriter Ajak Kwai, and a visual arts-based package called Jessie Boylan and the Weathermakers. You can also look out for students from Campbells Creek PS, Chewton PS and Elphinstone PS in the Festival performance of One Sky Many Stories.

The XYZ Media Team is back with a vengeance: young people aged 12-26 cover will all aspects of the CSF 2021, bringing their own special perspective to our program through previews, reviews and artist interviews under the mentorship of local media experts.

In addition to opportunities for young people to participate in the Festival through directed workshops, there is also an array of beautiful performances and artworks for the whole family to enjoy together. Whether it's exploring the solar system with **Inventi Ensemble Kids Planets**, watching circus performers fly through the air in **One Fell Swoop**, grooving out with the **Teeny Tiny Stevies** or rocking out with Otto & Astrid, you will be sure to have a ball! And if that is not enough, what better than some garden inspiration at Our Village and Buda's Secret Garden.

#### VOLUNTEERING

It is always a pleasure for us to welcome new and previous volunteers to be part of our wonderful Festival team! For this year's Festival, we still have ushering and visual arts hosting shifts available to fill over the two weeks. What a great way to enjoy the variety of inspiring performances, exhibitions and activities that we have in store throughout the Festival. If you would like to register to be a volunteer, please visit castlemainefestival.com.au/support/volunteer and we will be in touch with the roster for you to select the shifts that you are available for. The volunteer induction will take place on Monday 15 March at 6:30pm and is important for all volunteers to attend as it will cover COVID-Safe training.

For more information on all aspects of our program, please visit castlemainefestival.com.au.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

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## **INFORMATION**

**MULTI-SPORT** 

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

This term we will focus on the following sports:

✓ Tennis

 ✓ Cricket 
 ✓ T-Ball 
 ✓ Athletics

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 4 students.

#### PRICES: \$52 FOR 4 WEEKS

Quarry Hill PS -Thursday: 3:30pm-4:40pm

Be coached by a fully qualified teacher trained in Physical Education. Want to take your game to the next level or just learn a heap of FUN new skills? Then our Multi Sports Progr is for you!



Website: kellysports.com.au Contact: Brett Harris Email:

brett@kellysports.com.au Phone: 0438 198 031 Facebook: #KellySportsBendigo









# School Holidays are so much more fun with the Y!

First term is flying by so quickly and another round of YMCA School Holiday Programs are just around the corner! Programs are running from **Tuesday 6 April – Friday 16 April** and bookings are now open.

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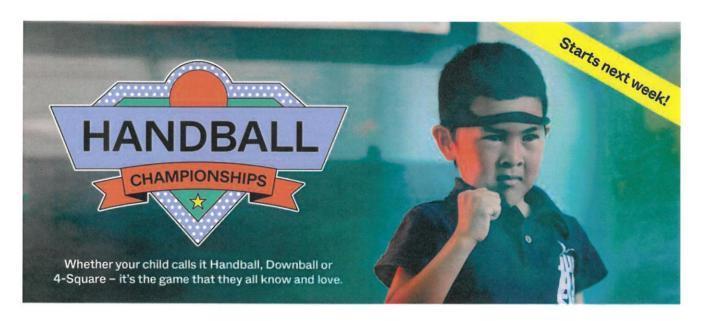
www.childrensprograms.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs/locations











Handball, also known as Downball and 4-Square, is every child's favourite sport. The sound of every recess and lunchtime bell signifies another opportunity to compete with friends.

We wanted to give children a chance to prove themselves on the big stage so we are excited to introduce the Handball Championships.

For more information visit www.campaustralia.com.au/handball

#### **Key Dates**

8-19 March Official Practice in After School Care at Your OSHC

22 - 26 March

Service Championships in After School Care at Your OSHC

School Holidays

Register for

Handball now

through your

Parent Portal

Rocketeers Championships \*More information on our website

2 May

Regional Championships

#### A message from your Coordinator

Our official down ball championship starts next week and you must be in it to win it! To enter to be our school champion you must register your child on the parent portal. It costs \$5 to enter however everyone who enters receives a down ball and some other cool prizes. The school champion then verses children from other schools such as Kennington, White Hills, etc. for their shot at winning \$500! Entries close soon so don't delay.

#### It's free to register with Camp Australia

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/handball for more information



# **Upcoming Webinar for Parents**

#### Maggie Dent presents: Communicating with teenage boys

Commonly known as the 'queen of common sense', Maggie Dent has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience. She has written seven major books including the bestselling *Mothering Our Boys* and her 2020 release, *From Boys to Men*. Maggie is host of the ABC podcast, *Parental As Anything*. Maggie is the mother of four sons and is a very grateful grandmother.

This school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of this membership, all the parents in this school community can attend this webinar at no cost.





Watch an overview from Maggie Dent

parentingideas.com.au

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#### About the webinar

Adolescence has a way of transforming children's brains that can make communication challenging, especially with teenage boys who often start articulating in monosyllabic grunts. These brain changes also make them more sensitive, volatile and critical of themselves, making the tween/teen years a high-risk window. In this webinar, Maggie Dent shows how using compassionate, empowering communication with teenage boys can better guide them across the bridge to healthy manhood to a place where they feel worthwhile and engaged in respectful relationships.

Key learning and discussion points include:

- · communicating effectively
- · giving feedback
- · avoiding arguments
- helping teenage boys to problem solve
- · letting our sons know we really hear them, and that they matter

The webinar will be held on 24 March 2021 at 8-9 PM AEDT.

#### Redeem your webinar - it's easy!

To redeem your webinar click or copy and paste this link: www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-communicating-with-teenage-boys

- · Click 'Add to cart'
- · Click 'View cart'
- Enter the voucher code COMMUNICATION and click 'Apply'
- Enter your school's name to verify your eligibility. The \$39 discount will then be applied.
- Click 'Proceed to checkout'
- Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your webinar and resources
- · Click 'Place Order'

This offer is valid until 24 June 2021. If you're unable to make the broadcast time, just register anyway and you will get access to the recording.

#### **Articles for parents**

On the Parenting Ideas website you can also view and receive helpful articles to support your parenting journey.

Read up on topics such as resilience, siblings, bullying, digital and social media, friendships, confidence, behaviour, anxiety, girls, boys, learning and education.

Subscribe today - it's free.

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#### **Vision Statement**

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#### **Values**

#### 1. Kind

- I understand that everyone is different
- I co-operate
- I respect myself, others and the environment
- I am community minded
- I belong

#### 2. Curious

- I am a learner
- I seek knowledge
- I ask questions
- I explore and wonder
- I create

#### 3. Brave

- Lam honest
- I am independent
- I have high expectations
- I am resilient
- I am open to feedback









