



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Thursday, May 19th, 2022
Newsletter No. 7

Our Vision:

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

2022 TERM DATES

Term 1 January 28 – April 8

Term 2 April 26 – June 24

Term 3 July 11 – September 16

Term 4 October 3 – December 20

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
May		
Monday 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th	All Day	Grade 5/6 Camp Campaspe Downs
Thursday 26 th	All Day 5.30pm	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day Prep Information Night
Friday 27 th	9.30am 9.30am – 11.00am	Prep information morning Education Week Open Morning
Tuesday 31 st	Various	Gym Prep – Grade 4
June		
Wednesday 1 st	All Day	School Athletics Day
Monday 6 th	All Day	Whole of School Planning Day – Students not required to attend.
Tuesday 7 th	Various	Gym Prep – Grade 4
Monday 13 th	All Day	Queen's Birthday - public holiday
Tuesday 14 th	Various	Gym Prep – Grade 4
Tuesday 21 st	Various	Gym Prep – Grade 4
Wednesday 22 nd	Various	Student Led Conferences- Students attend their interview session with their parents. Students are only required at school for their appointment.

Reminders:

- **Grade 5/6 Camp** – Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th May
- **CSEF**- Do you hold a concession card?
You may be eligible for CSEF. Please see the office.
- **Curriculum contributions** - can be paid at office.
- **Curriculum Day** – Pupil Free Day Thursday 26th May
- **Prep Information Evening** – Thursday 26th May at 5.30pm & Friday 27th May at 9.30am



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Curious



Brave

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 [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page](#).

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

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.

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.campastralia.com.au/Schools/QuarryHillPrimarySchool/3550/B294>

NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

A reminder to all parents and carers that the newsletter is made available through Compass. The newsletter is also available on our school website. <http://www.quarryhillps.vic.edu.au/>

GYM PROGRAM PREP- GRADE 4 ONLY

Our Gymnastics program starts Tuesday May 31st. The Gymnastics Program will be run at Jets Gym, Golden Square for Grade Prep – 4 and the cost will be \$32.00. Gymnastics notes have been sent home. Please return these as soon as possible along with payment. The lessons will be of 60 minutes duration and will be conducted by qualified Gymnastics instructors. Children are required to wear loose fitting clothing without zips and extra buttons. School polo shirts, shorts and tracksuit pants are suitable.

PUBERTY SESSIONS

Health Promotion Officers from Bendigo Community Health Services will be coming to deliver puberty education on the 30th & 31st May to year 5/6 students.

There will be two sessions for each class over these days, each involving interactive activities and meaningful information for students who are going through these changes.

Parents and carers of participating students will receive a letter outlining further details of the program.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

We will be holding Student Led Conferences on **Wednesday June 22nd**. Students attend their interview session with their parents. Students are only required at school for their appointment. These conferences will once again be made via the Compass portal. Students from Prep to 6, with support from their teachers, will be involved in presenting information about themselves as learners to their parents/carers. Students may discuss their goals and how they have achieved them or are working towards them and share samples of their work to show their growth over the semester. We encourage our students to have a voice in many areas of the school, including their learning. These conferences encourage our students to reflect on themselves as learners and continue to challenge themselves by working with teachers to set achievable goals and identify strategies needed to meet these goals. More information will be available as we get closer to the date.

CYBERSAFETY

eSamrt 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.

Keep reading this article: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/taming-technology>

#1 - Year One

The Victorian Curriculum Says:

Develop confidence with number sequences to and from 100 by ones from any starting point.
Skip count by twos, fives and tens starting from zero

What this means

- Count to 100; 0, 1, 2...
- Start at a different number: 32, 33, 34, ...
- Count back from any number: 85, 84, 83, ...
- Skip counting e.g. 0, 2, 4, 6, ... or 0, 5, 10, 15, ...

Activity Ideas

- Calculator Count: Press +1, =, =, = to start it counting in ones. Press 10 + 2 =, =, = to count in 2's.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

In the first instance, Quarry Hill Primary School draws its enrolments from our 'designated neighbourhood zone'. This zone has been devised, in consultation with our Regional Office, taking into consideration the location of other local primary schools. The following guidelines apply for schools with enrolment ceilings. Where there is insufficient accommodation at a school for all students who seek entry, students are enrolled in the following priority order:

- Students for whom the school is the designated neighbourhood government school.
- Students with a sibling at the same permanent residence who are attending the school at the same time.
- All of the students in order of closeness of their permanent residence to the 'designated neighbourhood zone' boundary.

If you have a child starting next year we ask that you enrol them by June 30th . If you know that you will not be here at Quarry Hill Primary School next year, please let us know. This enables us to have a better idea about the number of Prep children we can enrol and also about the grade levels where there may be places available for other students.

Student Wellbeing Hub welcomes parents and carers. May's focus is keeping your child safe on line.

The Student Wellbeing Hub is an online resource for schools. They have created a parent space where you can find information and advice about important topics like bullying, online safety, communicating with your child and the school, and much more, to help make your child's learning journey a safe and positive one.

Screen time and screen use are normal parts of life for most children. The time your child spends watching TV and using computers, gaming consoles, tablets and smartphones can be a part of a healthy lifestyle. Parents often seek guidelines on how much screen time is healthy. The Student Wellbeing Hub has a checklist for healthy screentime use [here](#).

The Student Wellbeing Hub also offers eSafety webinars for parents and carers. May's webinar is *Parental Controls*. It is for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old and focuses on how to set up devices and apps to help keep young people safe online. This webinar will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to safely set up iOS and Android devices
- how to safely set up popular games and apps, like YouTube, Roblox and more.

The webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice for parents and carers to keep young people safe online. It is free and several different times are offered. [Register here](#).

WELLBEING CHECK INS

This week we began our dedicated wellbeing checks in the library at 11:00 – 11:30 that will occur each Monday. Any student can visit the library and chat with Kerryn or Mrs Fry and talk about anything that is bothering them, discuss any worries they may have, or just a general chat! Quarry Hill is also completing a trial with a new wellbeing check-in program, Student Pulse, with weekly check-ins, students reflect on their mental health and answer science-backed engagement and wellbeing questions. Students can flag that they need help and Pulse will connect them with a trusted teacher, school leader, or administrator of their choosing.

PREPS

Preps have been learning about money and using coins to buy items at our classroom shops.

Lost

We have lost 2 clear drink bottles one with marvel on it and the other one has Superman if found can you please return them to Room 8



ROOM 1

On Wednesday Room 1 watched Jack play the two songs on the piano that he has been working on across the last two terms with Susan Steele; "Horse Sense" then "Love Somebody". He did a sensational job and we look forward to watching his next performance!

KITCHEN GARDEN

This week in Kitchen Garden the Grade 6 students cooked spinach, ricotta and fetta triangles and fruit muesli blitz balls. Some of the ingredients they used spinach, parsley, thyme and lemons where from the school garden.

In the garden the students weeded and made insect hotels to bring the good bugs into our garden. We have also planted seedlings that were donated by the Castlemaine Correction Centre.



WEEK 4 HELLO FROM FERDI

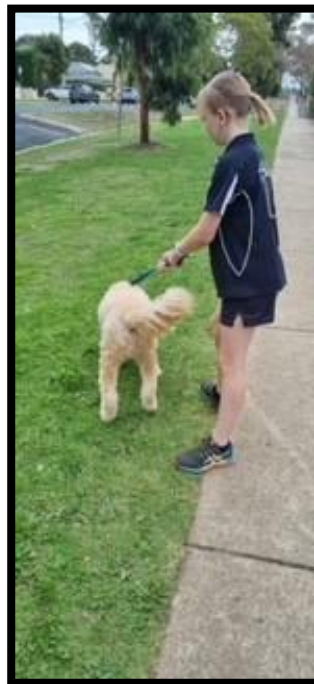


One of the most frequent questions I am asked by students is 'what type of dog are you?'

I am an Australian Cobberdog! This is a relatively new pure bred dog with many breeds involved in the early stages of development. Although, some of my genetic profile is similar to a Labradoodle. The breed is many generations along now and Cobberdogs have their own unique identity and characteristics that mean we are perfect for school settings.

Some of the breed's traits include sustained eye contact, emotional warmth, high intuition which helps us read human emotional states well, intelligence, a high aptitude for training and a calm soothing nature. I think some of the staff would like to add stubbornness to that! Some students mistake my placid nature for laziness but I just know that I need to remember when at work I can't chase everything that moves or lick the children.

Some of the older students are learning to identify when I need a break and how they can help me. It is a very big responsibility and they do a great job. While I help students in many different ways at school, my favourite thing to do is visit classrooms to help boys and girls with their learning. I learn a lot too!

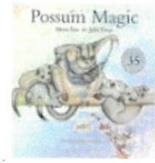


GRADE 4 SWAN HILL PIONEER CAMP



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Phone: 5443 3537

Reading, Writing and Cooking in Room 9!



Last week the Preps in Room 9 spent lots of time exploring the story, Possum Magic.

We learned about different places in Australia.

We learned about different Australian foods.

On Friday, we learned about reading recipes and following instructions. This helped us to make FAIRY BREAD!!! Yum, Yum!



First, we read the recipe.

Then, we cleaned our tables.

Next, we washed our hands.



After that, we put bread on our plates (Miss Walker had already buttered the bread for us).



In Step 5, we sprinkled 100s and 1000s on top of our bread.

Finally, we ate the Fairy Bread. It was so yummy. But not everyone liked it!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND

Zara L (Room 9)	for always supporting her friends to be curious learners.
Billy RJ (Room 9)	for displaying excellent patience during class discussions, whilst waiting for his turn.
Patty W (Room 15)	for always offering to help his classmates with their learning.



CURIOUS

Mallakye N (Room 10)	for being an excellent role model to our grade 5's during Oz Harvest cooking.
Kobe R (Room 10)	for being an excellent role model to our grade 5's during Oz Harvest cooking.
Lachlan V (Room 10)	for being an excellent role model to our grade 5's during Oz Harvest cooking.
Eddie H (Room 10)	displaying great leadership during our Oz Harvest cooking. Well done.
Jennet L (Room 12)	for being a curious learner who seeks new knowledge. Keep up the great work!
Aden F (Room 2)	for working hard to write down the sounds they can hear in the words he is writing.
Eva K (Room 14)	for always asking questions and participating in our classroom discussions.
Clara L (Room 13)	for your wonderful contributions to all class discussions and learning.
Ava G (Room 1)	for writing a terrific letter about recycling during our literacy activity.
Edge D (Room 8)	for learning to write a sum when adding two groups together, in maths.
Tamika R (Room 17)	for an excellent fire research project.



BRAVE


Piper G (Room 15)	for consistently showing great organisation in the classroom and always being ready to learn.
Leon S (Room 6)	for exploring and applying efficient counting strategies.



P.F.A News


Join Our Facebook Page: Can't make a meeting, want to be involved, not 100% sure how much. Join our Facebook page. This is available for members to stay informed and be involved in a way that suits everybody. You can pop in, or call the office for a form. You will receive an email to confirm invitation to page has been sent.

Uniform Shop: It's the time of year to reach for a jumper. Grab 2nd hand school winter bomber jackets and rugby polos, plus much more for 50c on Thursday's 9-10:30am or Friday's 3:30-3:45pm located in the multipurpose Room.



AWESOME AUTUMN SPORTS!

LEARN NEW SPORTS SKILL IN TERM 2 2022



25 YEARS
FOR THE LOVE OF SPORT

COVIDSAFE

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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:

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ T-Ball
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ AFL
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ 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.

\$84 FOR THE REMAINING 6 WEEKS!

Sign up anytime, and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term \$14 per week

Where: Quarry Hill P.S.

When: Thursday's

Time: 3:40pm to 4:40pm

Start: 19th May

End: 23rd June



Website: kellysports.com.au/bendigo

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Phone: 0428 326 924

Facebook: Kelly Sports Bendigo




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Don't miss it

You'll find a Little Bit of Everything at

KANGAROO FLAT MARKET

Saturday 28th May
from 8am – 1pm

@ Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church
High Street (opposite ALDI)

Market Stalls: Trash & Treasure; s/h furniture; h/hold items;
Car Boot Sales: also, Tools; Books; Clothing; Plants; Toys; Craft;
HUGE GARAGE Sale: and Produce; Jams; Cakes, Slices & much more.
Refreshments: Sausage Sizzle; Devonshire Teas; Soft Drinks
Live Music: from 9:30 with local singer Peter Sheahan

COVID-SAFE PRACTICES WILL BE FOLLOWED

For site bookings please contact MAX: 5443 1809 / blume_m@bigpond.com

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

QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____/____/____

