



# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
Newsletter No 6

## Our Vision:

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

## 2023 TERM DATES

Term 1 January 30 – April 6  
Term 2 April 24 – June 23  
Term 3 July 10 – September 15  
Term 4 October 2 – December 20

**Principal:** Jo Menzel  
**School Council President:** Andrew Ellis  
**PFA President:** Michelle Kennedy

## ~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
<b>May</b>		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Grade 4 Camp Pioneer Settlement
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm – 7.00pm 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Bendigo South East Information Evening Crusoe College & Weeroona College Information Evening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm – 6.15pm	Prep 2024 Information Night
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am – 10.15am	Prep 2024 Information Morning Followed by School Tour
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mother's Day Stall
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Grade 5 Camp Campaspe Downs
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Various Times	Gymnastics Prep- Grade 4 only
<b>June</b>		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Public Holiday – King's Birthday
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Various Times	Gymnastics Prep – Grade 4 only
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am–11.00am	Catholic Care Parenting Group
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Various times	Student Led Conferences- Students attend their interview session with their parents. Students are only required at school for their appointment
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	Last day of Term 2 – Early Finish

## Reminders:

**CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS** - can be paid at office or via the Compass app.

- **Mothers Day Stall** – Friday \$2 for gifts
- **Prep 2024 Information Evening** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am (repeat session)
- **Please return Grade 6 Applications for Year 7 Placement.**



## 2024 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS

The Department of Education (DE) has released a new state-wide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline.

The timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government primary school, including Quarry Hill Primary School.

The new timeline will apply for children starting Foundation (Prep) in 2024. All government primary schools will follow the new timeline in 2023 to support Foundation (Prep) enrolments for the 2024 school year.

You can find information and resources about the new timeline, including factsheets, at: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#). You can also download the 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers for the 2024 school year' from our webpage.

You can apply to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) 2024 at Quarry Hill Primary School as of now.

### What you need to do:

1. Contact our school on 5443537 to book a place on one of our scheduled school tours or to learn more about our school and the enrolment application process.
2. Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#)
3. Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) **by Friday 28 July 2023** (earlier would be preferred)
4. You will be notified of the outcome of your application **by Friday 11 August 2023**. If you receive an offer of placement, you should contact our school to accept the offer by **Friday 25 August 2023**
5. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during **Term 4, 2023**
6. Your child will start their first full day of Prep at QHPS on **Friday 2 February 2024**. (Testing will occur on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Prep teachers will organise the appointments.)

Enrolment applications submitted after 28 July 2023 will be processed by our school as they are received, in accordance with the department's Placement Policy.

### Our School Zone

Our school zone is available on [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](https://findmyschool.vic.gov.au) which hosts the most up-to-date information on school zones in Victoria.

Students residing within our school zone are guaranteed a place at our school, which is determined on the basis of your permanent residential address.

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.

Where there is insufficient accommodation at our school for all students who seek entry, students are enrolled in the following priority order:

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

Our school manages enrolments using the [Placement Policy](#) to ensure that students have access to their designated neighbourhood school and may enrol at another school, if there are available places.

If you have a child starting next year, we would appreciate them being enrolled as soon as possible please. (Preferably before the nominated 28 July if possible.) 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 about the grade levels where there may be places available for other students.

#### **GYM PROGRAM PREP - GRADE 4 ONLY**

Our Gymnastics program starts Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup>. It will take place at Jets Gym, Golden Square for Grade Prep – 4 and the cost will be \$33.00. 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.

#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club is due Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May. No late orders will be accepted. To order the books online and pay with your credit card via the LOOP facility visit <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> The LOOP facility eliminates the need to put your credit card number on the order form and/or hand over cash. For paper copy book orders please include your child's name and classroom room number and/or teacher on the top of the form and return to office with correct payment by due date. Thanks, Amanda.

#### **BOOK DONATIONS**

We are seeking baby book donations with minimal wording per page. If you have any old baby books laying around that are no longer needed, it would be greatly appreciated if these could be donated to the school. Please send them to the office. Books must be in good condition please.

#### **DROP OFF AND COLLECTION ALONG PEEL STREET**

It has come to our attention that the designated accessible carpark zones are being used by others during the more congested drop off and pick up times. We have a number of families in our school who require easy access to these parks. Only cars that have an Accessible Parking Permit clearly displayed on their windscreen are to use these parks please.

An Accessible Parking Permit:

- Can only be displayed when the vehicle's transporting the individual who the permit was issued to
- Must be clearly displayed so that the permit number and expiry date are visible from outside the vehicle.

Parents and carers waiting to turn into the time bound car parks along Peel Street are also reminded that it is illegal to remain stationary on the school crossing.

The City of Greater Bendigo randomly checks school zones and has been known to issue fines. We thank you for your help with this.

#### **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/>

#### **FAMILY LAW COURTS & INTERVENTION ORDERS**

Families that have Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders are requested to provide a copy to the school so that the school can act in accordance with any orders. Family Law Court Orders stipulate the rights of both parties and enable us to act appropriately and lawfully. It is also appropriate that the school is in possession of the most recent Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders.

Have a great week.



## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

We will be holding Student Led Conferences on **Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Students are only required to attend their conference with their parents/carers on that day. Classes will not be operating. Conference times 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.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our students for their efforts at the Cross Country. It was wonderful to see so many people putting in their best effort and being enthusiastically encouraged by the large group of parents in attendance. Well done.





## ROOM 1

The students in Room 1 have been learning about giving directions in their numeracy lessons. Last week, we worked with a partner to listen and give directions using left, right, and straight ahead.



## LIVE @ THE SHED

The Live @ The Shed program continues to be a huge success! There are so many students prepared to put themselves out there to showcase their talents. Every Monday, Tania works with a group of students interested in performing. One week is spent practising and the following week they perform to an audience. The level of talent is outstanding. On Monday Alice played keyboards, Piper and Audrey sang and Kieran and Laidie played the violin. Kieran even composed one of the pieces that they played. How impressive is that?

The performances cannot go ahead without the able assistance of the dedicated support team, Noah, Charlie, and Lottie. They make it all look so effortless. What a great team. Thank you everyone and thank you Tania for making this happen.





## GRADE 3 CAMP KOOKABURRA



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# P.F.A News

## THURSDAY MORNING CUPPA CATCH UP

Every Thursday morning at 9.00am, all parents and friends are invited to stay and have a coffee, tea, and something delicious to eat! This is a lovely way to meet other people in our community and catch up on the week's events. There is no formality. You can just show up and stay for as little or as long as you want. Whilst the new toilet build is underway, the meeting area will be down in Bushland in the Eco Shed. We look forward to seeing you.



## Mother's Day Stall – Friday 12th May

Each year the PFA organise Mother's and Father's Day stalls for students to purchase a gift to give to a special someone in their life.

This year's Mother's Day stall will be held on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**.

We kindly ask families to donate one small gift per student to contribute to the Mother's Day stall. Please drop gifts off at the office.

On the day of the Mother's Day stall the students will take turns visiting the stall with their class and can purchase one gift each. All gifts will be sold for \$2.00. Each child is also asked to bring a named bag on the day to carry their gift home.

Funds raised at the Mother's Day stall will go towards educational resources for the students of QHPS.

Ideas for gift donations include soap, socks, candles, gardening items, tea and coffee, chocolates, hand creams – homemade or bought.

We are looking for helpers on the day and invite any parents who are available to come along and help from **9.00am on Friday 12th May**. It is a fun morning and great way to meet other parents while being part of something special for the students. We would also love some volunteers to help with the big job of wrapping and preparing the gifts either on **Monday 8th or Tuesday 9th May from 2.00-3.30pm**. Please let the school office know if you are available to help at any of these times.

Kind regards,  
QHPS Parents and Friends



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### KIND

Alexis D (Room1) for using polite manners when greeting Mrs Morcs!  
Avia B-R (Room11) for showing kindness and understanding to her buddy.



### CURIOUS

Addison H (Room 8) for reading her take home book with accurate sounding out.  
Jon Win K (Room 12) for always trying his best to learn new information.  
Isaac K (Room 1) for being an engaged and active participant during our first Initialit lesson!



### BRAVE

Katherine S (Room 9) for a confident start to Quarry Hill Primary School!  
William B (Room 9) for a wonderful start to Term 2! Well done.  
Olivia W (Room 11) for always having high expectations of herself and entering the "What Matters" writing competition through the Whitlam Institute.



## CYBER SAFETY



## New resources to support First Nations people be deadly online

Latest [eSafety research](#) shows that young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are turning to technology for cultural expression and engagement. They are almost twice as likely as young people in Australia overall to post original video or music online, and more than twice as likely to post their own story or blog. Unfortunately, they are also almost three times more likely to experience hate speech. [New resources](#) to encourage better experiences for communities and support First Nations people navigate the online world safely are now available. These include stories from mob and new video and audio content in multiple First Nations languages.

Go to First Nations resources <https://www.esafety.gov.au/first-nations>

## Express learning: Watch bite size videos on ways to keep your family safe online

eSafety's [Express learning series](#) provides parents and carers with practical tips and advice on common online safety concerns. The videos are 5 to 10 minutes long and cover four important topics, including:

- Setting up parental controls
- Digital technologies and mental health
- Cyberbullying and online drama
- Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse.

Watch the express learning series <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources>





# FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

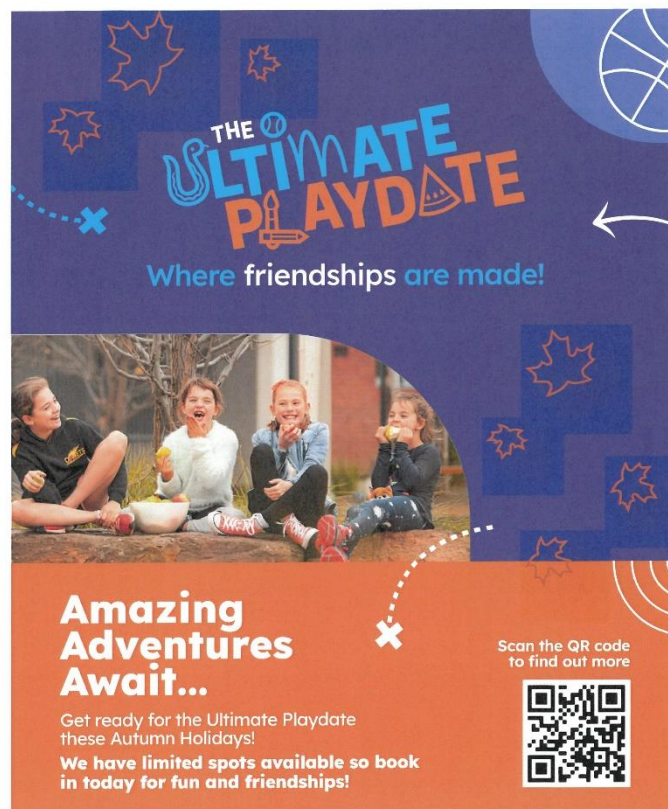
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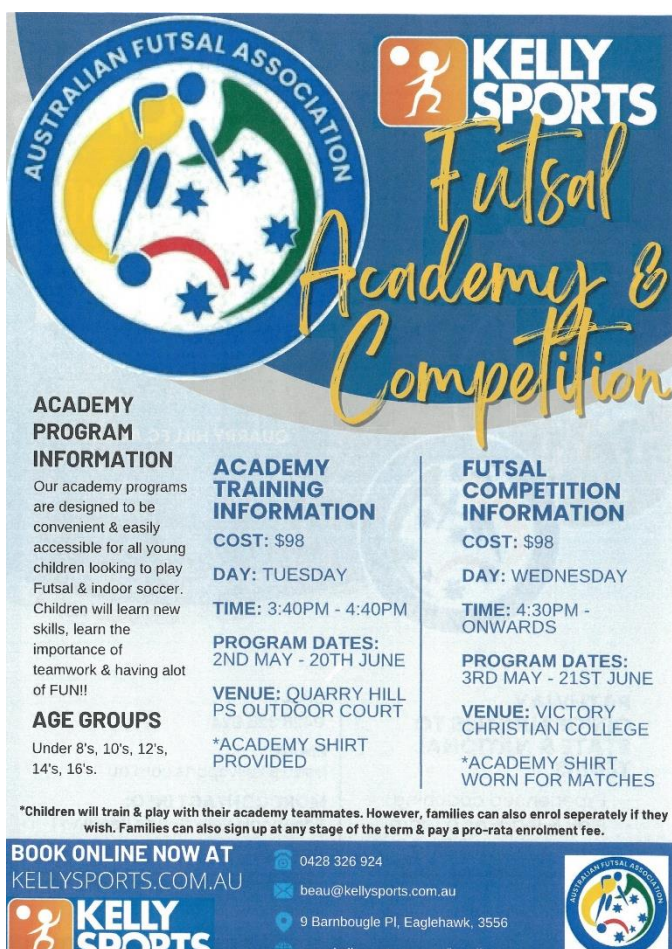
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**ACADEMY PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Our academy programs are designed to be convenient & easily accessible for all young children looking to play Futsal & indoor soccer. Children will learn new skills, learn the importance of teamwork & having a lot of FUN!!

**AGE GROUPS**

Under 8's, 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's.

**ACADEMY TRAINING INFORMATION**

**COST:** \$98

**DAY:** TUESDAY

**TIME:** 3:40PM - 4:40PM

**PROGRAM DATES:** 2ND MAY - 20TH JUNE

**VENUE:** QUARRY HILL PS OUTDOOR COURT

**\*ACADEMY SHIRT PROVIDED**

**FUTSAL COMPETITION INFORMATION**

**COST:** \$98

**DAY:** WEDNESDAY

**TIME:** 4:30PM - ONWARDS

**PROGRAM DATES:** 3RD MAY - 21ST JUNE

**VENUE:** VICTORY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE


**\*ACADEMY SHIRT WORN FOR MATCHES**

\*Children will train & play with their academy teammates. However, families can also enrol separately if they wish. Families can also sign up at any stage of the term & pay a pro-rata enrolment fee.

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## YEAR 7 TRANSITION INFORMATION EVENING

**Open Night:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
**Start:** 6:30pm in the Crusoe College Gym

**Education Week Tours:** 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Tours run daily at 10 am and 2 pm

Crusoe College is an exceptional educational institution that provides students with outstanding opportunities for success.

Our REAL values -Respect, Endeavour, Aspiration and Learning - support students to become confident, self-assured, and engaged community members.

We work with each student individually, focusing on forming a strong, positive relationship and managing those relationships restoratively.

Our team of educators is highly skilled in nurturing curiosity, promoting critical thinking and creativity, and encouraging real-world problem-solving and scientific exploration.

Crusoe College's vision is that all students become responsible members of the community who identify and manage the pathway to their preferred future.

#### Learn about our:

- Learning Excellence Program
- Athletic Development Program
- School Camps
- Literacy Support
- Intra-school Sports
- Instrumental Music Program
- School Production
- Student Leadership
- Energy Breakthrough
- English as an Additional Language
- SWITCH Program & Wellbeing Support
- VCE and VET Programs at Year 10

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