



# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Newsletter No 7

## 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>		
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
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Grade 5 Camp Campaspe Downs
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	All Day	Curriculum Day – <b>Pupil Free Day</b>
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
<b>JULY</b>		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	First Day of Term 3

## Reminders:

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

- **Prep 2024 Information Evening & Morning** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am (repeat session)
- **Grade 5 Camp to Campaspe Downs**– Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.  
*Payments for camp are overdue. Please finalise by tonight.*



Kind



Curious



Brave

### **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.

### **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/>

### **Happy Education Week!**

This year, Education Week runs from Sunday 14 to Saturday 20 May. The theme Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate celebrates the many ways students learn, through physical activity, hands on learning and student voice.

Education Week is an opportunity for our school to celebrate and share with you how we encourage our students to be active learners.

We will be celebrating this Education Week by holding a multi age afternoon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, 12.00-2.00pm. The students will be participating in activities demonstrating the theme Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate.



Parents are welcome to visit to see a multi-age activity in action. Due to the business of the program, we may not be able to direct you to where your child is at a specific time.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### KIND

- Sienna N (Room 12) for understanding that everyone is different and being kind to her peers. Great job, Sienna!
- Edge D (Room 1) for using polite manners when greeting his teacher!
- Millie W (Room 17) for standing up for what is right, even when it is difficult. Well done.
- Ayva T (Room 9) for being a kind and caring friend.
- Reid S (Room 11) for always respecting his peers and showing kindness to all.



### CURIOUS

- Olivia J (Room 6) for being an active participant in our Library and InitialLit Storybook lessons, with thoughtful predications!
- Rhea P (Room 1) for being an engaged reader during reading time!
- Ollie C (Room 13) for responding to comprehension questions with great supporting detail. Well done!
- Nixon L (Room 17) for always seeking more knowledge and having a growth mindset. Well done.
- Bridget S (Room 8) for learning about adding 2 groups in maths and working independently.
- Olivia J (Room 16) for writing a comprehensive persuasive paragraph.
- Lula H (Room 16) for writing a comprehensive persuasive paragraph.
- Charlotte R (Room 14) for demonstrating a high level of understanding when discussing texts.



### BRAVE

- Logan C (Room 17) for being open to feedback, even when it can be difficult to hear. Well done.
- Paddy D (Room 2) for attempting to write the letters for the sounds he can hear.
- Hudson P (Room 11) for always having high expectations and asking for feedback.
- Tanner M (Room 14) for taking on feedback to improve his writing.



### PHYSICAL EDUCATION!

In Rooms 1 and 2 we participate in weekly 30-minute physical education sessions with the Grade 6 students. During these sessions, students will be learning and practising gross motor skills involving different parts of the body. These skills are the building blocks for more complex skills that children learn throughout their lives. Here are some photos from our session with Mrs Fry's class!





## Term 2 update from Ferdi

Term 2 has seen me visiting more classrooms and extending my days at school. I have even been to assembly this term and generally I can stay settled even during the happy birthday song which can be loud! The highlight of the term so far is going to the Mothers' Day stall along with Rm 15. I hope all Mums were spoilt on the weekend.



## 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.

### Easter Raffle Wrap Up

The Parent and Friends Association would like to send a huge thank you to the parents and families of Quarry Hill Primary for their generous contributions to the Easter Raffle and for the large number of tickets sold. I think we can all agree that it was a very exciting time with some huge prizes to be won! A big thank you to the parents who helped to wrap and box all those prizes.

We were able to raise almost \$3,000 towards the gardens around our new toilet facilities! What an eggcellent achievement!

# The Bendigo Writers Festival

On Thursday the 4th of May some year fives and sixes were chosen to go down to the Bendigo Writers festival in town at the Capital Theatre. We listened to three different but experienced writers. Here is a little bit about what we learnt.

Kelly Gardiner,

Kelly writes historical fiction books, she spends her time travelling to various places like London, she has gone there many times and after every day of her adventures she takes notes in case one day they end up inspiring her to write another book. She told us about her amazing series fire watcher. Fire Watcher is set in London and is about a boy whose name is Christopher and he is a fire watcher during WWII. This book is historically based.

Craig Silvey,

Craig is an Australian novelist and he writes fiction books. He was inspired to write the book Runt because his last book was fairly sad and it made him much happier to write a happy book. he felt he had a connection with the two characters like he could talk to them in his head and they were company to him. All authors have to research before they write and it took Craig 1 year to write his draft and editing took him 6 months so overall that would be over one and a half years to write Runt! Craig loved going to his office every day and he felt Runt permitted him to be quirky and funny.

Reece Carter

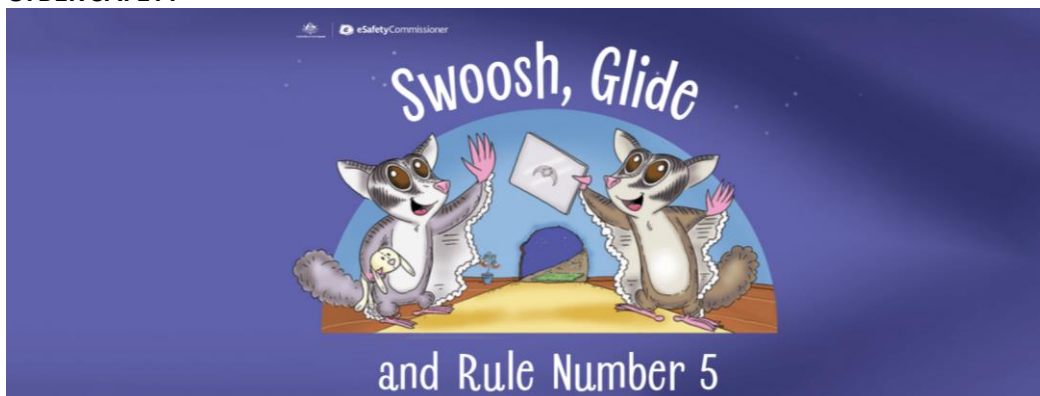
Reece Carter is a full-time children's novelist, he grew up on a farm in Western Australia. He is a whopping 6'3", and his favourite thing to do is to hang out with his medium-sized black dog named Hagrid. He always loved hanging out at the library looking for book recommendations, with the encouragement of his English teacher Reece started writing his own stories too. He wrote three books that all took him two years but sadly none of them got published, his fourth book was a girl called Corpse which only took him six months and luckily it got published. However, it took 1 ½ years until it was on the shelf. He loved ghosts but on his farm, there was an unfortunate lack of them- so he started writing about them instead. He grew up with spiders which later in life gave him the idea to add them to his books.

Some tips we got from the writers:

- Use real places as your setting and maybe even memorable historical moments
- know who the characters are. Know how they walk, talk and you MUST know who they are on the inside, more than the outside
- make sure you feel a connection with the charters and know their personality
- Add in plot twists
- You might want to use flashbacks
- Know who your audience is and who your readers are
- Use a real place that you can travel to or know very well
- Make sure you know the details of the setting, like all the backways and everything
- Know the depth and people's lives at that time
- Take notes after your days of adventures
- Make-up fantasy creatures
- If you make a series build-up in all the books and in the last book make a really exciting ending
- Maybe you might want to use real famous people
- Imagine yourself in that situation
- Make dramatic moments
- Describe exactly where they are and what they're doing in detail
- Make sure you get your reader asking questions. Hold off telling them the answer so you build suspense,



## CYBER SAFETY



## When should you start talking about online safety?

Introducing online safety to children at an early age is essential. Even before they access devices, children learn about tech from parents, carers, and other adults in their community.

eSafety's picture book, Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5, helps families explore children's everyday technology experiences and highlights safe online practices. The book follows the adventures of a fun family sleepover for Swoosh and Glide with their sugar glider cousins. Use this book to start the conversation about online safety with your children.

Go to the Swoosh & Glide picture book <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/children-under-5/picture-book-and-song/swoosh-glide-and-rule-number-5>



# It's National Families Week!

National Families Week is a time to celebrate and connect with your family and friends. The week aims to not only celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society, but to also reflect on the critical role that families play in teaching, supporting and nurturing children as they grow.

We encourage you to go online and connect with your family this week. Here's some ideas to get you started:

- Create a Zoom family trivia night
- Send a loving message or funny meme to your child's phone
- Organise a family video game night and pitch kids against parents. It's an excellent opportunity to let the kids show their skills and build confidence



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Visit the National Families Week website <https://nfw.org.au/get-involved/national-families-week-ideas>



- Pony rides
- The Zone rock climbing wall
- Activities with AFL Central Vic
- Art and craft
- TZR reptiles and wildlife display
- Face painting
- Circus activities
- Entertainment, lucky door prizes and FREE giveaways!

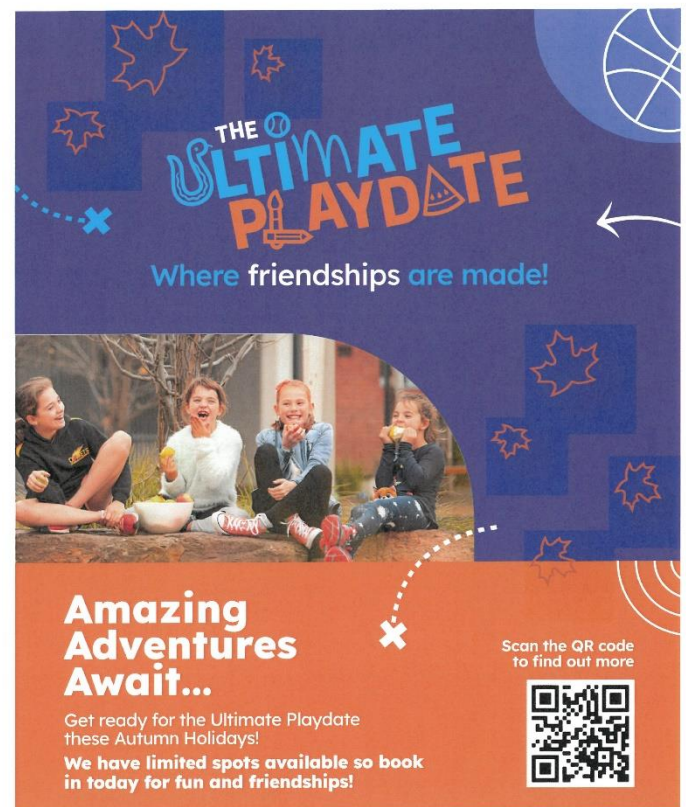


BBQ sausages,  
soup and bread  
roll, veggie burgers  
and chicken sticks  
- all \$2 each

Thanks to the Rotary  
Club of Kangaroo Flat,  
Kangaroo Flat Primary  
School and Hazeldenes



**12pm - 3pm**  
**Kangaroo Flat Primary School yard**  
60 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat



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BENDIGO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION



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## VOLLEYBALL

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

4:30 - 6:00 PM

RED ENERGY ARENA, COURTS 4, 4A AND 5

### 2023 DATES

SUNDAY MAY 21ST - COME AND TRY

SUNDAY MAY 28TH - WEEK 1

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH - WEEK 2

SUNDAY JUNE 18TH - WEEK 3

SUNDAY JULY 16TH - WEEK 4

SUNDAY JULY 23RD - WEEK 5

SUNDAY JULY 30TH - WEEK 6

SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH - WEEK 7

SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH - WEEK 8

SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH - WEEK 9

SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH - FINALS AND PRESENTATIONS



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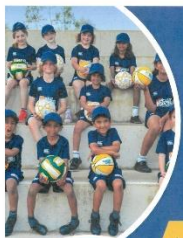
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## Futsal ACADEMY

Learn new skills, compete as a team & have lots & lots of FUN!

### QUARRY HILL QUAKES FUTSAL ACADEMY

Decision making | Ball control | Creativity | Balance | Teamwork | 1 v 1 Play | Fitness | Reaction time | Representative pathway opportunities



### PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES TO STATE & NATIONAL TEAMS

- Experienced coaching
- Play & learn as a team
- After school training
- Playing shirt included

#### CALL :

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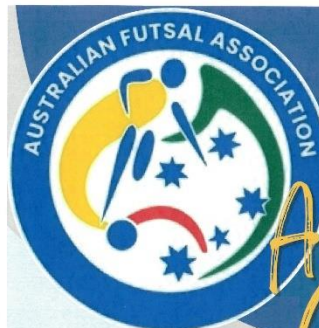
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## Futsal Academy & Competition

### 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 & have 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: 3:45PM - 4:45PM

PROGRAM DATES:

9TH MAY - 20TH JUNE

VENUE: QUARRY HILL PS SOCCER PITCH

\*ACADEMY SHIRT PROVIDED

### FUTSAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

COST: \$98

DAY: WEDNESDAY

TIME: 4:30PM - ONWARDS

PROGRAM DATES:

10TH 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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## What's been happening...

### Smith Family

Quarry Hill OSHClub is proud to announce we are raising money for the Smith family charity. The Smith family has been working to improve the lives of children living in disadvantage for 100 years. If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code below for more information.

### FOMO CLUB

FOMO club is back! Each Thursday we will be exploring the land of dinosaurs as we create, learn, and explore everything dinosaurs! If you are interested in joining us on this adventure, please contact Ebony on 0429 534 694, or enrol at <https://www.oshclub.com.au/register/>.



### **Our adventures!**

Since the term has started, we have been very busy learning about space, moving our bodies and cooking up a storm during our flavour fest sessions!

We loved using our imagination to create space boardgames, fold paper into origami designs and using our bodies to join in on group games such as rob the nest, everybody's It and playground tag.



## Coming Up

### FOMO Club - Dynamic Dinosaurs

May 25th

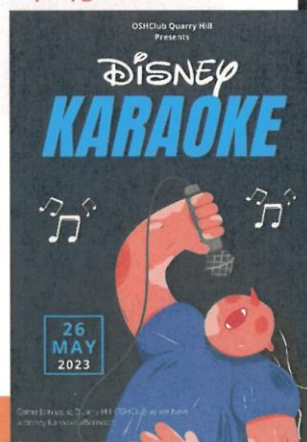
Take a step back in time to learn about these giant beasts.

### Disney Karaoke

May 26th

Sign up to sing some of your favourite songs from classic Disney movies!

Wanting to join the adventure?  
Contact Ebony on  
0429 534 694!



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