



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023
Newsletter No 13

Our Vision:

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

2023 TERM DATES

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
AUGUST		
Monday 21 st - Friday 25 th Wednesday 23 rd – Friday 25 th	All Week 8.45am-9.00am 3.35pm-3.50pm	Book Week Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 25 th	8.30am 9.05am 3.30pm	PFA Community Cuppa & Muffin morning Book Week Dress Up & Parade Book Club Due- Issue 6
SEPTEMBER		
Friday 1 st	9.00am-11.00am All Day	Father's Day Stall Basketball – Selected Students Only
Wednesday 6 th – 8 th	All Day	Grade 6 Urban Camp
Friday 15 th	2.30pm	Term 3 finishes – Early Finish
OCTOBER		
Monday 2 nd	9.00am	First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 3 rd	All Day	Pupil Free Day

REMINDERS:

SHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Wednesday 23rd – Friday, 25th August. In the Multipurpose building before school 8:45am and after until 3:50pm.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE: Friday 25th August 9.05am
No assembly on Friday due to Book Week Parade.

COMMUNITY CUPPA: Friday 25th August 8:30am. Donations of sweets appreciated.



CONGRATULATIONS TESS MORCOM – RECIPIENT OF BANKFIRST TEACHING INITIATIVE GRANT

At assembly on Friday 8th of September, representatives from BankFirst will be attending to make an official presentation to Tess. Tess applied for the grant to buy resources for students with additional needs. Come along to assembly on the 8th to help us thank Bankfirst for making the TIP grants available and congratulate Tess on her successful application.

PUPIL FREE DAYS IN TERM 4

At the recent School Council meeting the following dates have been approved as pupil free days in Term 4 (One teacher professional practice day and the second a curriculum day) **Tuesday October 3rd**. This is the date for the Professional Practice Day. Professional Practice Days are when teachers select their own focus for improved delivery of high-quality teaching and learning. We acknowledge and apologise for the inconvenience of a date so close to the return to school after the holidays. The reason for this date is that 10 staff will be visiting a school in Melbourne to view their implementation of teaching programs that are solely based on researched and evidenced based best practice. Docklands Primary School only conduct these visits on the first Tuesday of the month. Term 4 only had this date available.

Monday November 13th is our Curriculum Day. A Curriculum Day has a whole school focus and in Term 4 the focus will be forward planning for 2024.

QHPS BOOK WEEK & PARADE THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH. PARADE AT 9.05AM

Quarry Hill Primary School will be celebrating Book Week this Friday, August 25th. Book Week is a special occasion during which we embrace the joy of reading. QHPS will mark this event with a dress-up day and a multi age day where students will participate in activities based on this year's CBCA shortlisted books. The theme for this year's Book Week is "Read, Grow, Inspire".

Some Dress up Ideas: For "Read" students will have the opportunity to celebrate their favourite character from their beloved book. Under the theme "Grow" they can explore stories involving giants, gardening, or the process of growing up. And for "Inspire" inspirational stories from sports heroes, to historical figures, to refugees and scientific superstars.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CURIOUS

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| Lincoln D (Room 1) | for creating an interesting question to collect data during maths. |
| Alexis D (Room 1) | for working super hard to learn the diagraph ai/and ay/ when reading new words. |
| Reid S (Room 10) | for working diligently to create an information text about Minecraft. |
| Tadhg F (Room 10) | for working hard to create an information text about soccer. |

BRAVE

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| Raffa L (Room 9) | for your wonderful 'have a go' writing about a storm. |
| Ryan D (Room 12) | for working hard to improve his fluency in reading. Great effort, Ryan! |

Awards will be presented at next weeks assembly due to no assembly: Book Week Dress Up Parade.



Kind



Curious



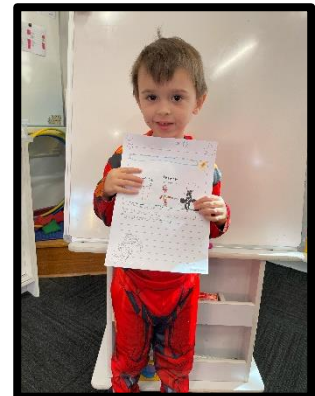
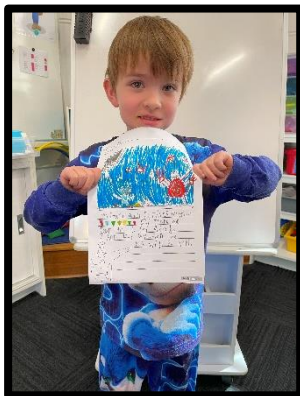
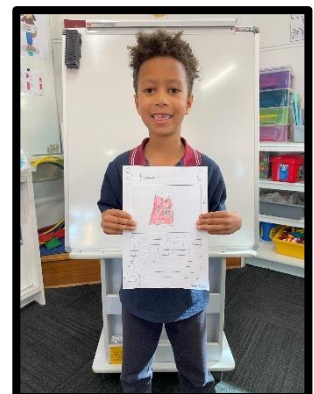
Brave

JSC News – SuperHiro Fundraiser Day

On the 16th of August Junior School Council ran their fundraiser for this term with students dressing up as their favourite superhero and contributing a gold coin donation. We had lots of fun and raised a total of **\$283** with the money going towards the delivery of Bully Zeros bully prevention programs in schools. A big thank you to all who dressed up and donated to support this cause. Well done to the JSC team who promoted this event and encouraged everyone to join in.



The students in Room 1 explored the meaning of each word in the 'HIRO' part of SuperHiro and created their own character who had a superpower that would stop or prevent bullies. We had some terrific examples of actions that can be used to prevent bully behaviour!



LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box in the walkway is currently overflowing with jumpers. If your student has lost their jumper, could you please have a look through before the end of the week, as any left will be washed and put in the second-hand uniform.

PREP FIRE ED INCURSION SECOND VISIT


On Friday the 11th of August our Preps had their second visit from our local firefighters. Firefighters Bec and Colin were very impressed by our prep's work of their 'safe meeting place' in the case of a fire that they had completed with their families. We were very excited to have had the opportunity to see a Fire Truck and to be shown the equipment they use to keep our community safe. All of our preps even had the opportunity to use a firefighter hose too! Our preps would like to say a big thank you to our local firefighters who took the time out of their busy schedules to share important FireEd learning with us.



FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY


Every week Quarry Hill Primary School receives a donation of fruit for students to enjoy when they have forgotten or need some extra nutrients. Students help disperse the fruit into selected bowls, & during our fruit snack period, many students come and help themselves. This fruit encourages healthy eating and we are very grateful to Mckern Steel for sponsoring the program.







FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children



SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!

Proudly funded and supported by:

KIDS ACTION TEAM MEETING

In April our grades 4, 5 and 6 students completed the annual Attitudes to School Survey. Recently we got our data back and on Thursday students from our Kids Action team sat with Mrs Rochford and Mrs Fry to analyse the data and think about possible reasons students voted the way they did. We spent an hour unpacking and discussing the data with students bringing insightful comments and wonderings. It was impressive to say the least. This is an important step in our Community Voice process at QHPS, Listening, Learning and Leading. We had a moment when we were debating what one of the points of data may have meant when one of the Grade 4 students said something quite insightful;

“Remember we are just looking at data, we don’t know what they were actually thinking” – Dyson S

When we finished, we asked students to have a think about ‘where to from here’, where we hope to get some input from them about things they think should be in place that would assist some of the areas that need some growth. We will meet with them again in the next week or so to discuss this and collate some of their suggestions. The student survey has allowed students a voice – if you received the link to do the parent survey please consider making your voice count too.

Thank you, Aiden, Ellen, Isaiah, Sienna, Laidie, Dyson, and Leni.



SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

At Quarry Hill Primary School, the school grounds are supervised by staff from 8.50am 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. Please do not drop off students, unsupervised before this time.

P.F.A News

PFA NEWS!

This Friday morning August 25th is our much-anticipated Book Week dress up parade. And to celebrate, parents and the school community are invited to come along to a coffee and muffin morning on the Junior Astro Turf from 8:30am. Come and enjoy a cuppa and chat at school before the parade begins, browse the book stall in the Multipurpose Room and get a sneak preview of some of the awesome dress-ups running past! Parents and friends are also encouraged to dress up, to be in the running for a prize for the best adult costume on the day.

To help with the morning we would love any donations of sweet or savory muffins, either bought or homemade. Donated muffins can be dropped at the Multipurpose Room Kitchen on the morning of Friday 25th, from 8:30am. Please include a list of ingredients with the muffins to assist with any dietary needs. We hope lots of families can come along and enjoy the fun of the morning!

DONATIONS FOR FATHER'S DAY STALL

Donations are still needed for our Father's Day Stall on Friday, 1st September. If possible, we kindly ask all families to please donate a small gift for each student in their family.

These donations can be made at the office. Popular gift items in the past have been chocolates/ lollies, lolly/cookie jars, socks, mugs, BBQ, gardening, key rings, magnets, small puzzles or games, sporting / camping accessories. Please no second-hand items. If you are available to help with the stall on Friday morning, 1st September, please let the office know.

Kind regards,
QHPS Parents and Friends Association





MY SCHOOL DAY BY FERDI

When I am at school my workday starts with yard duty. Noah B in Year 6 is an expert at collecting me from the office with a friend, putting on my halti and taking me out to say good morning. They then will take me to the classroom where I'm timetabled.



In the room I listen to some reading, help with writing and to be honest, the classroom is so calm I have a snooze.

I'm a bit like the students, my favourite part of the day is spending time in the yard with my friends, especially the bushland.

After lunch I will go to a different classroom or if I have had a busy lunchtime will reset in the office.

When I am in room 1, Ms Morcom and the students often play a game with me when they finish their work like *Hide and Seek* or *Which Cup is the Treat Under*. Good fun!

My term is shorter than the students. I don't come the first week of a term because students are re-establishing the classroom routines. Also, I often don't come the last week of a term because students can be louder and more excited with the approaching holidays. Special days like dress up days can be tricky for me because the children are always so excited, and I feed off their energy. This might mean I am only at school for a couple of hours on those days.

See if you recognise me in my book week costume on Friday!

Love from

Ferdi



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair is being held in our Multipurpose Room from Wednesday August 23rd to Friday August 25th. Students can purchase a wide range of books, stationary and posters. The Book Fair will operate each day at the following times:

- 8.45am-9.00am
- 3.35pm-3.50pm.

Cash and EFT available.





What is bullying? Bullying is when an individual or group uses its power and strength to use words or actions repeatedly, deliberately, and intentionally against another or a group that hurts, threatens, excludes, harasses, humiliates verbally, physically, psychologically or electronically making the victim feel oppressed, traumatized and powerless.

What is cyberbullying? Sending abusive texts, stalking, making threats, abusive emails, posting unkind messages or inappropriate images on sites, intimidating, and deliberately excluding others online.

What bullying is not:

• Disliking someone. • Bad moods/ arguments/ being “bossy”. • Accidental or once off incidents physical harm. • Telling a joke about someone once. • Not playing with someone or choosing different people/ groups to play with.

Traditional Bullying

VS

Cyberbullying

- Face to face.
- Can find a safe space or escape.
- Limited to onlookers.
- Bully can be identified.
- Can see facial and body reaction of target and onlookers.

- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- No safe space- hard to escape.
- Shared by a wide audience, can go viral in a matter of seconds.
- Bully can be anonymous.
- Harder to empathize with the target.
- No geographical limitations.
- The target can easily become the bully.

Cyberbullying: As a parent learn the language, play the games, research the apps they use, role model positive behaviour but don't ban devices.

Encourage your children to: Be critical thinkers. Have empathy for others. Respect themselves and those around them. Take responsibility for their actions. Be resilient. Remove technology from the bedroom. Talk about being safe online.

HELP AND RESOURCES

If you are experiencing violence or threats of violence, immediately report the incident to police.

All emergency and life-threatening incidents call **TRIPLE ZERO 000**

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner

1800 880 176
www.esafety.gov.au

Kids Helpline

1800 551 800
www.kidshelpline.com.au

Bullying. No Way!

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Think U Know

www.thinkuknow.org.au

Common Sense Media

www.common sense media.org



More information at www.bullyzero.org.au

What's been happening...

Cooking

The past few weeks the kids have been getting crafty in the kitchen by making spaghetti bolognese, sushi, cupcakes, lasagna and much more! the kids were excellent at following the recipes and made some delicious food!



SuperHIRO week

To continue the Important message that QHPS spread last week with SuperHIRO day, OSHClub dedicated a week to all things superheroes and learning about how to stand up for our friends and ourselves!

The kids made superhero masks, kindness trees and talked about ways we can be kind to others.



Coming Up

Book Week

Aug
21-25

Join us for a week of exploring the world of books!

Sept
18

Holiday Program

Bookings are now open for our Spring Holiday session! Come see Ebony for help booking your children in.

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

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ITS TIME! Spring Holiday Program has now opened their bookings! We will be exploring new themes everyday with new and exciting Incursions such as soccer skills and dance, as well as an excursion to the zone where the kids can practice their roller-skating and shoot their educators in laser tag!

If you have any questions around bookings, please feel free to contact Ebony!



Mon-Fri 6:45AM - 8:45AM / 3:30PM - 6:00PM
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Applications due
Friday the 1st of September



<https://www.bse.vic.edu.au/academy-of-creative-arts/>



MONDAY

LADIES NETBALL ASSOCIATION

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO PLAY SOCIAL NETBALL.

JOIN US!

Monday Mornings
School Terms Only

Red Energy Arena
91 Inglis St, West
Bendigo VIC 3550

Free Crèche

WE CATER FOR ALL GRADES OF NETBALL AND INCLUDE WALKING NETBALL.

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11AM

EST. 1918

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