

The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Thursday, October 5th, 2023
Newsletter No 15

Our Vision:

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

2023 TERM DATES

Term 4 October 2 – December 20

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1 January 30 – March 28

Principal: Jo Menzel

School Council President: Andrew Ellis

PFA President: Michelle Kennedy

IMPORTANT DATES

	Time	Details
OCTOBER		
Monday 9 th	2:30pm-3:30pm	Grade 5/6 Incursion – Author Visit Writing Masterclass
Monday 16 th	3:30pm	Scholastic Book Club Orders Due
Monday 23 rd	9.:30am-3:30pm	Grade 2 -Kyabram Fauna Park Excursion
Thursday 26 th	9.30am-12:00pm	Prep-2 – Wolstencroft Reserve Walk
Monday 30 th	2:30pm-3:30pm	Grade 5/6 Incursion – Author Visit Writing Masterclass
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 1 st	All Day	Bendigo Cup Public Holiday
Thursday 9 th	9:00am-2:00pm	Prep Classroom Visit
Monday 13 th	All Day	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 14 th	9:00am-3:30pm	QHPS 150 th Celebration
Friday 24 th	9:00am-2:00pm	Prep Classroom Visit
Thursday 30 th	9:00am-2:00pm	Prep Classroom Visit
DECEMBER		
Friday 1 st	2:15am-3:15pm	Colour Run at the Quarry Hill Reserve
Monday 4 th – Thurs 14 th	9:00am-3:30pm	Swimming
Tuesday 12 th	9:00am-11:00am	Statewide Orientation Day
Wednesday 13 th	5:30pm-7:30pm	Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday 20 th	1:30	Term 4 Finishes – Early Finish

REMINDERS:

SCHOOL HATS: From September 1st, in line with our SunSmart policy, students are required to wear a hat. Hats are \$12.00 and available for purchase from the office.

CURRICULUM DAY

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.

SCHOOL CROSSING UNSUPERVISED

The City of Greater Bendigo have advised us that the Peel Street crossing will not be supervised in the afternoon this Friday the 6th of October.

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~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

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SUNSMART

When it comes to using sun protection, temperature isn't a good guide. You can't see or feel UV, but UV is the part of the sun that can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. SunSmart advises that Victoria's UV levels start to rise from mid-August. Please remind your child to pack their hat and sunscreen from September 1st. For SunSmart information visit <https://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/parents>



SUNSCREEN

The Department of Education and Training provides schools with the following information regarding sunscreen:

- Apply SPF 30 (or higher) broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.
- Apply a generous amount to clean, dry skin at least 20 minutes before going outdoors
- Re-apply sunscreen every two hours (whether or not the label tells you do to this) or more often when sweating or swimming
- Check and follow the use-by date stated on the packaging
- Store sunscreen below 30°C
- Do not rely on sunscreen alone as it does not provide full protection - combine with other sun protection measures
- Develop strategies that remind children to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.

Students should:

- Be able to apply their own sunscreen
- Be reminded to reapply sunscreen
- Have access to their own sunscreen for all outdoor activities.

Because there is a small risk of allergies and the potential for cross-infection from sunscreen use, parents are required to provide sunscreen for their child/children. Children are encouraged to practice applying sunscreen at home so they can develop this skill ready for school.

Please note: the school does not provide sunscreen for mass use. Teachers will not apply sunscreen to students.

ENROLMENTS AND CLASS PLACEMENTS 2024

All families seeking to enrol their child in Prep at Quarry Hill Primary School next year should have their enrolment form completed as soon as possible. If your child will not be attending Quarry Hill Primary School in 2024, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible.

If there are any considerations for placements for student classes in 2024, please discuss with Anne Rochford or your child's teacher and then send in writing by Thursday November 2nd, 2024, to Anne.Rochford@education.vic.gov.au Please note that it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers.

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 OSHClub. Information regarding this program is available from the office, or can be accessed online at <https://www.oshclub.com.au/>

STUDENTS ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY

In our last newsletter we shared some of the feedback from the Kids Action Team after they unpacked the Student Attitude To School Survey. (ATOSS)

The survey gathers student opinions about their learning, experience at school and their health and wellbeing.

This data set relating to students’ social and emotional engagement is how we receive the information back.

Framework factor	Quarry Hill Primary School Results											
	Overall 2023 % Positive peer relationships (n=130)	Year 4 -% Positive peer relationships (n=37)			Year 5 -% Positive peer relationships (n=47)			Year 6 -% Positive peer relationships (n=46)			Female % Positive peer relationships (n=74)	Male % Positive peer relationships (n=55)
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male			
Peer relationships How are you at each of the following?	87%	89%	90%	88%	83%	87%	79%	88%	87%	91%	88%	85%
Staying friends with people*	92%	89%	91%	86%	94%	92%	95%	93%	92%	100%	92%	95%
Letting your friends know you like them by telling them or showing them	92%	92%	91%	93%	94%	100%	86%	91%	92%	89%	95%	89%
Introducing yourself to someone for the first time	64%	70%	70%	71%	51%	48%	55%	72%	73%	74%	64%	65%
Helping someone feel better when they are upset	90%	100%	100%	100%	81%	92%	68%	91%	92%	95%	95%	85%
Showing that you care when someone talks about their problems	94%	97%	100%	93%	89%	100%	77%	96%	92%	100%	97%	89%
Letting someone really get to know you	87%	86%	87%	86%	91%	92%	91%	83%	81%	89%	86%	89%

The Kids Action Team invite you along on Thursday Oct 19th at 9.00am to a student led workshop. They are looking forward to talking you through the data on student opinions. If you would like to attend, could you please let Anne or the office know.

ROAD SAFETY

The City of Greater Bendigo would like all families to remember if there is a ‘no stopping’ sign, you are not allowed to stop or park your car in, or partly in that area for any reason. Dropping off or picking up passengers or goods in a ‘no stopping’ area is not permitted. Also, a reminder the 2-minute parks are for drop off and pick up only, these parks are not to be used to park for longer than 2 minutes.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club is due Monday the 16th of October 2023. 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 Narelle.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

KIND

Royce T (Room 12) for being respectful and kind to his friends and environment.



BRAVE

Fox C (Room 6) for his persistence and goal setting during touch typing lessons.
Lilly N (Room 6) for trying very hard to practice and improve her typing skills.



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.

The school disco needs YOU!

Music, lights, dancing - FUN!

The school disco has been a much loved event in the school year, but in order to make it happen this term, the PFA needs volunteers to help get it off the ground. The disco usually happens towards the end of November in the afternoon from 2.00pm.

If you're willing to help out in a small or a big way, please put your name down at the office.

If there are enough volunteer helpers we will put together a planning team to organise the details.

Unfortunately if we do not get the volunteer support we will be unable to hold this event this year.

If you can assist with this event please either phone or email Narelle in the office by Friday October 13th.

Kind regards,

QHPS Parents and Friends Association



Cyber Safety News

6 steps to keep your child safe online.

Encourage Open Communication

1

Have regular conversations with your child about online safety, rights and responsibilities and ensure they are educated about potential risks.

Activate Privacy & Account Settings

2

Familiarise yourself with settings available within apps and devices that can be activated to reduce risk and unwanted contact.

Create a Tech Agreement

3

Together with your child, work out appropriate boundaries around device use and draw up a contract to sign with agreements made by all family members.

Supervise & Monitor

4

Supervise and monitor games and online conversations. Ensure your child is using age appropriate apps and remind them you have a duty of care as a parent or guardian. Research parental control apps.

Keep Devices Out of Bedrooms

5

Unsupervised use increases risk. Keeping devices out of bedrooms at night will reduce the likelihood of online harm and accessibility. Adequate sleep is important for a child's physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

Know Where to Seek Help

6

Ensure you and your child know when to seek help. Educate your family on steps to take and know how to report any negative online experiences..

For more information and ideas visit:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources>

[Parent Resources](#) | [Bully Zero](#)

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What's been happening...

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Over the past two weeks OSHClub Quarry Hill ran our holiday program.

We had an amazing time exploring nature, being pirates for the day, and having a spooky zombie party!

We also welcomed Football Australia and a Hip Hop Dance Teacher into our service to show us new and exciting ways to move our bodies and learn new skills!

We finished off our Spring Holiday Program with a trip to the zone to play laser tag!

Join us in January for our next school holidays, with bookings opening mid-late term 4!



Coming Up

Oct
17th

Power Teams launch.

Join us in launching our new Adventure category Power Teams, with minute to Win It games and prizes!

Nov
3rd

FIT KIDZ FOMO CLUB

Each Friday beginning November 3rd we will be running sports afternoon, where you can learn how to play AFL, Basketball, Athletics and more!

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

Price structure change

We are very excited to announce that we now offer discounts for early bookings! to be able to save more, while also allowing your children to have new experiences with their friends please ensure to book ahead!

OSHClub Quarry Hill is also covered under the Childcare Subsidy. If you are wanting to find out more, please get in touch with our staff.



Mon-Fri 6:45AM - 8:45AM / 3:30PM - 6:00PM

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SUPER SPRING SPORTS!

LEARN NEW SPORTS IN TERM 4



Have heaps of fun with your friends while playing a range of dynamic and active sports throughout term 4.

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INFORMATION | MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMME

FOR PARENTS | PROGRAMME

Each session will run for a duration of one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

✓ Cricket	✓ Netball	✓ Golf	✓ Soccer
✓ AFL	✓ Tennis	✓ Athletics	✓ Touch Rugby

This 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 – Grade 6 students.
\$160 FOR A 10 WEEK PROGRAM

Sign up at any time of the Term & only pay for the weeks remaining (\$16 per session).



School: Quarry Hill Primary School
 Day: Thursday
 Age group: Prep - Grade 6
 Start Date: Thursday October 12th
 End Date: Thursday December 14th
 Time: 3:40pm - 4:40pm

TERM 4 SPECIAL
 Book your child's place for Term 4 & receive a 40% off New Balance discount code!

Website: kellysports.com.au/bendigo
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QUARRY HILL QUAKES

TERM 4 – FUTSAL ACADEMY

ACADEMY INFORMATION

KELLY SPORTS BENDIGO ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR SCHOOL ACADEMY PATHWAY PROGRAMS WILL BE UP & RUNNING IN TERM 4.

ACADEMY SESSIONS WILL RUN WEEKLY & AIM TO IMPROVE EACH CHILD'S SKILL SET, GAMEPLAY, UNDERSTANDING OF THE RULES & AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY WITH THE SAME TEAM MEMBERS IN OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING LOCAL FUTSAL COMPETITION.


IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FUTSAL ACADEMY AND/OR LOCAL FUTSAL COMPETITION, PLEASE CONTACT BEAU ON 0428 326 924 OR EMAIL BEAU@KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

AGE GROUPS
AGES 6 – 12

FUTSAL ACADEMY DETAILS
 COST: \$140
 DAY: TUESDAY
 TIME: 3:40PM – 4:40PM
 PROGRAM DATES: 10TH OCT – 12TH DEC
 VENUE: QUARRY HILL PS



- LEARN NEW SKILLS
- BECOME PART OF A TEAM
- STATE & NATIONAL PATHWAYS AVAILABLE

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