



# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Newsletter No 16

## 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
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am-3:30pm	Grade 2 - Kyabram Fauna Park Excursion
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am-3:30pm	Cricket Blast – Selected Students
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-12:00pm	Prep-2 – Wolstencroft Reserve Walk
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm-3:30pm	Grade 5/6 Incursion – Author Visit Writing Masterclass
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Day	Bendigo Cup Public Holiday
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-2:00pm	Prep Classroom Visit
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-3:30pm	QHPS 150 <sup>th</sup> Celebration
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am-2:00pm	Grade 3 Girls in STEM workshop
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-2:00pm	Prep Classroom Visit
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-2:00pm	Prep Classroom Visit
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm-4:45pm	School Disco
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	2:15am-3:30pm	Colour Run at the Quarry Hill Reserve
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-3:30pm	Swimming
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-11:00am	Statewide Orientation Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm-7:30pm	Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-1:30pm	Term 4 Finishes – Early Finish

## REMINDERS:

**GRADE 2 EXCURSION-** Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Grade 2 Kyabram Fauna Park Excursion. Please remember to pay and consent via Compass by tomorrow.

**SCHOOL HATS** - From September 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> is our Curriculum Day.

A Curriculum Day has a whole school focus and in Term 4 the focus will be forward planning for 2024.

## ~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



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, to [Anne.Rochford@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Rochford@education.vic.gov.au) Please note that it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers.

## BOOKLISTS & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Booklists & Voluntary Contribution information for 2024 has been sent home with all students. Please ensure you have received this information. If you have any questions, please contact Narelle in the office.



Quarry Hill Primary School cordially invites past & present students and community members to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school.

**Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

The school will be open from 9.00am – 11.00am to enable visitors to tour our working classrooms presented by our Grade 6 leaders.

From 1.00pm the formal proceedings will take place in the quadrangle. This will include the time capsule being exhumed and a presentation from the Balsillie family. Our new toilet block facility will be formally opened, and a light afternoon tea will be served at 2.00pm.

To assist with catering please lodge your interest at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLTUM>

Come along and celebrate our wonderful school.



**Kind**



**Curious**



**Brave**

## Grade 2 Excursion: Kyabram Fauna Park

Grade 2s are excited to be attending the Kyabram Fauna Park for our Major Excursion.



**When:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

9.30am bus departure from QHPS. Please be at school on time as the bus cannot wait.

3.30-3.45pm return expected. Delays to the return time will be communicated via Compass.

**Notes:** Permission notes and updates are being sent via Compass. Please see your classroom teacher if you are having difficulties with this. Notes and payment are now being taken via Compass.

Thanks,  
Merryn, Lauren and Jane.

### Kids Action Team Parent Data Session

This morning we held our Kids Action team parents' session. Ellen, Aiden, Isaiah, Olivia, Flynn, Patty, Leni, Dyson, Sienna and our School Captains, Millie, and Evie spoke confidently about Quarry Hill Primary School's Student Attitude to School survey data that was completed earlier in the year.

We had a number of parents attend, curious about our achievements. It was wonderful to hear our students answering their questions and, when asked, able to dig deeper on the strategies the school is using to be able to continue to improve our school for better student outcomes.





## **Bike Ed ride to Lake Weeroona**

Under grey skies our Bike Ed group departed last Thursday determined to make the return voyage to Lake Weeroona, via the Bendigo Back Creek trail. After a short stop at the new Ewing Park playground and cycle track we continued to the lake. We spent about 20 minutes at the lake before we returned to QHPS, battling our way into a slight head wind and a few minutes of rain. In the coming weeks, the other Bike Ed groups will make the return journey to the lake. We're just hoping for some slightly better weather.



### **Wanted: Odd Socks!**

We would like to make some puppets in the art room so would love any donations of clean, odd socks you have at home. Please send any to Miss Wilson in the art room. Thank you.



## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

### **KIND**

Hatty K (Room 2) for consistently following classroom values and expectations.  
Olivia J (Room 6) for her willingness to assist others in the classroom.



### **CURIOS**

Aurora B (Room 1) for taking pride in the presentation of her handwriting.  
Sebastien L (Room 1) for fluently reading words with split digraphs.  
Cian F (Room 2) for seeking to extend his knowledge of money during Math.  
Kiara B (Room 2) for being an engaged and active participant during all lessons.  
Aedan F (Room 6) for consistently trying his best in his learning.  
Seth B (Room 8) for his fantastic diagraph learning in reading and writing! Honka!  
Clara L (Room 10) for accepting and acting on feedback to improve her work.



### **BRAVE**

Lilly N (Room 6) for her amazing effort towards having a go at new learning!





#### 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.

Kind regards,  
QHPS Parents and Friends Association

#### Get Active Victoria

##### The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open!

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program is now open! Get in quick as applications for a voucher will close when the allocation has been exhausted.

If your family or child has a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, you may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities.

Important Dates:

**Round 7 open to apply for a voucher or reimbursement:** 10:00 am Tuesday, 10 October 2023 until allocation exhausted

**Reimbursement dates:** from 8 May 2023 until allocation is exhausted

**Vouchers expiry date:** Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

The *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services, as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants, or international students.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit

[www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers)



### Art Exhibition:

As part of the Gr 6 Art extension class last term some students have chosen to display their artwork at the upcoming Spring Garden Party at the Old Church on the Hill. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase their artwork in the community. Pop along on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October to see their work on display!



# KIDS CYBER SECURITY CHECKLIST



## UPDATE

Updates give your device a security power up. They fix flaws in software that cyber criminals use to hack your device. Install updates as soon as possible.



## TURN ON MFA

Turn on multi-factor authentication (MFA), such as SMS password notifications. MFA puts an extra shield around your account. Once it's on, you'll need to give at least two different types of information before you can log in.



## BACK UP

Backing up makes a copy of your important files and puts them in a safe place. It's like saving your progress in a game so you can go back to it later.



## USE A PASSPHRASE

A passphrase is a levelled-up password. Passphrases use four or more random words. For example, 'purple duck boat sky'. They are hard for cybercriminals to guess and easy for you to remember.



## STAY PRIVATE

Use privacy settings across social media or gaming platforms to manage what you share online, and be mindful about what you post and who has access to it.



## RECOGNISE

Not everyone using social media or gaming platforms are who they say they are: so take a moment to check if you know the person. Don't click on links or download files from people you don't know. Sometimes, it's really your friend but their account was hacked. If you are not sure, check with them offline.



## REPORT

If you receive an unusual email or message, ask a trusted adult to report it by visiting Report Cyber page on our website [www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/report](http://www.cyber.gov.au/acsc/report). You can also ask them to report it to Scamwatch [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au).



## ASK

Ask your parent, carer, or teacher if you're not sure. For more information on how to stay safe online also visit the ACSC's website [www.cyber.gov.au](http://www.cyber.gov.au), eSafety [www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with-or](http://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with-or) ThinkUKnow [www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers).



Beating cybercriminals takes teamwork. Now that you've got cyber security basics, you're ready to log back on securely.

Remember, cybercriminals are always coming up with new ways to target people. It is always good to keep up to date to stay secure online.

**For parents & carers:** You play an important role in helping children stay secure online. No parental control is 100% effective. Helping your child build good online safety habits is just as important to keep them safe. For more information, visit [www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice](http://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice).



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Cyber Security  
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## What's been happening...

### Welcome to Term 4!

Where has the time gone? We are already in term four and we have been busy! We have been taking advantage of this beautiful weather, with games of cricket, playground fun and a OSHClub favourite, everyone's favourite.

We have also found a love of a game or two of Among Us, while our arts and craft sessions have been so creative!

In the kitchen the kids have been cooking up a storm making chocolate mousse, mini pizza's, butter chicken and a classic spaghetti bolognese.



### Coming Up

Oct  
17th

#### Halloween Party

Join us for a spooky afternoon with arts and crafts, games, and some tasty treats!

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!

### Power Teams Launch

Bringing in a new Adventure Category "Power Teams" the children were split into teams to compete in our "Minute to win it" challenge. They worked brilliantly in their teams and had a lot of fun on the way! They had a wonderful time stacking cups quickly, keeping balance and running a relay race.

This Adventure category is a great opportunity for children to learn how to work together and broaden their communication skills!



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

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School visits coming in TERM 4

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