



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
Thursday, November 30th, 2023
Newsletter No 19

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

~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
NOVEMBER		
Thursday 30 th	9:00am-2:00pm	Prep Classroom Visit
Thursday 30 th	2:30pm-4:45pm	School Disco
DECEMBER		
Friday 1 st	2:15am-3:30pm	Colour Run at the Ken Wust Reserve
Friday 1 st	3:10pm	No Assembly Due to Colour Run
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
Friday 15 th	9:00am	Booklist Orders Due
Friday 15 th	4:00pm	Reports Live on Compass
Wednesday 20 th	9:00am-1:30pm	Term 4 Finishes – Early Finish
JANUARY 2024		
Monday 22 nd	8:00am-4:00pm	Booklist Collection Day
Tuesday 30 th	9:00am-4:45pm	Start Up Day Interviews
Wednesday 31 st	9:00am-3:30pm	Grade 1-6 First Full Day of School 2024

REMINDERS:

School Disco

QHPS disco is this afternoon. Casual clothes and gold coin donation.

2:30 – 3:30 Prep – Grade 2

3:30 – 4:45 Grade 3 – Grade 6

Colour Run

The colour run is tomorrow, Friday 1st, 2:15 at the Ken Wust Reserve.

Assembly

There will be **no** assembly tomorrow due to the colour run event.

Swimming

Swimming begins Monday 4th, please make sure payment and consent have been completed in Compass.



Covid-19 Update

Dear parents and carers

There is at present an increase in community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria.

You can help us keep our school as safe as possible by taking 2 important steps:

1. Ensure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date. Information on how and where to get vaccinated is available on the Get vaccinated webpage.
2. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they stay home and get tested. The easiest way to test is to use a rapid antigen test (RAT).

Free RATs are available from your local council where you can collect 2 packs of 5 RATs and an extra 2 packs for each person in your household. People with a disability and their carers can get 4 packs of 5 RATs. You are not required to have a Medicare card and you can collect RATs as many times as you need. You can also buy RATs at supermarkets, pharmacies and other retailers. We also have RATs available from the office if needed.

If your child has symptoms but tests negative, please ensure they stay home until they no longer have symptoms. If the RAT test result is positive, please ensure they stay home for at least 5 days and until there are no more symptoms. Thank you for your support – these steps will help us all stay well.

SEMESTER TWO STUDENT REPORTS

Reports will be released electronically via Compass on Friday, 15th December. Quarry Hill Primary School's continuous reporting consists of Learning Tasks, a mid-year, and an end of year report. Semester One teacher report comment focuses on your child's work habits and how they have settled into the new school year. In Semester Two, the teacher comment focuses on your child's literacy and maths successes and a future area for improvement.

Learning Tasks are regularly used throughout the term to capture and communicate your child's growth. These tasks are shared on the student management app, Compass. It is important to access your child's Learning Tasks because this is where you will be updated on their academic progress.

UPDATE INFORMATION

It is extremely important that we hold your current address and phone details. If you have changed your address or phone number & not let the office know, please do so as soon as possible by either coming into the office directly or logging onto Compass and updating the information.

BOOKLISTS FOR 2024

Students have already received their booklists for 2024.

If you have any questions about the booklists, please do not hesitate to contact Narelle in the office. Book lists need to be ordered online by Friday the 15th of December 2023, to ensure supplies are ready for pick up on Book Collection Day Monday 22nd January 2024, between 8:00am – 4:00pm. The office will be open for the remainder of the week from 8:00am – 12:00pm.

LIVE @ THE SHED

The weather was set, the catering was prepared by our expert team in Kitchen Garden and the venue looked festive. This was the scene set by our inaugural Party at the Shed, and what an occasion it was. The audience was blown away by how much talent we have at QHPS. It was a symphony of excellence. Thank you to Tania for all her hard work this year bringing this to life every week and of course to our amazing performers and hard-working road crew. Congratulations everyone!



Our Prep-2 visit to the Old Church on the Hill

Room 6 students wrote recounts about our local excursion to the Old Church on the Hill on Monday.

The Old Church on the Hill is so fun. We went to it today and it was fun. My favourite part was the scones and the songs. I loved the Old Church on the Hill. (Lily)

On Monday, rooms 1, 5 and 6 went to the Old Church on the Hill. We made yummy scones and tea in the garden. My favourite part was the scones! (Fox)



Today, we went to the Old Church on the Hill. It was after lunch. We made garden tea and scones. We also saw peanut butter being made. Our class went on the playground. We listened to a song about a wombat named Frankston. (Ava)

On Monday we went to the Old Church on the Hill. We made scones and tea but the tea was terrible. The scones were AMAZING. Deano played a song and we said 'Why is everybody always picking on Frankston?' (Noah)



The Old Church on the Hill is the best! We went to the Old Church on the Hill and we got to make scones and tea with pineapple sage and lemon balm and mint. We got to make peanut butter. (Chad)



Girls in STEM workshop

Mollie and Ivie, our Girls in STEM leaders ran a workshop with our Grade 3 students on coding with Bee Bots. They had time to explore how the Bee Bots worked and then created tracks with tape and coded the Bee Bots to follow the tracks. Students then had the opportunity to test the code provided by other groups.



DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Dogs in the school grounds



This sign applies on school days.

To make sure we adhere to our school policy, it is important to note that no dogs are allowed on site unless authorised by School Leadership. We do encourage families to continue to bring their dogs to school for pick up and drop off times, however we ask that all family dogs are kept outside the school boundaries and out of school entry and exit thoroughfares.

We appreciate your understanding regarding our school wellbeing dog and the Dogs Connect program. This will help alleviate any disruption to the work we are doing.

If you are visiting the school site on the school holidays and weekends this sign applies.




STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



BRAVE

Isaac K (Room 1) for setting an achievable goal in Speedy Math BUT doubling it instead! Amazing!

Willow T (Room 14) for having a smile on her face when she comes into the classroom in the morning.



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.

Kind regards,

QHPS Parents and Friends Association

Quarry Hill Primary School, 25 Peel Street, Bendigo 3550
 Email: quarry.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au
 Website: www.quarryhillps.vic.edu.au
 Phone: 5443 3537



Quarry Hill

25 Peel Street, Bendigo 3550

Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 26 January 2024

Ph: 0429 534 694

6:45AM
TIL
6PM

Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines.
Contact your service for detailed information.

MON
8
JAN

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate the new year with a range of festivities! Activities may include a lively Dance Party, unleashing creativity with Firework Art, preserving memories in Time Capsules and making a colourful splash with Confetti Poppers. It's all about new beginnings and endless fun!



BASE FEE \$58
DAILY TOTAL \$58
AFTER MAX CCS* \$5.80

MON
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PREHISTORIC TIMES

Travel back in time to the era of dinosaurs and cavemen with our Prehistoric Times theme! Engage in a variety of hands-on adventures not limited to creating Salt Dough Fossils, crafting Stone Age Jewelry, excavating the past as you "Dig a Dinosaur," and even hatching Frozen Dinosaur Eggs.



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TUE
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JAN

TENNIS FEVER

Catch The Tennis Fever This Summer! Swing Into Action With Activities Such As Superhero Tennis, Challenging Your Agility With Tennis Ball Balance, And Leaving Your Mark With Tennis Ball Prints. Game, Set, Match For A Smashing Good Time.



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TUE
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SPY KIDS EXCURSION: PARKOUR FUN ARRIVE BY 08:30 AM

Learn the art of parkour at Parkour Fun, combining movement, agility, and adventure for an adrenaline rush.



BASE FEE \$58
EXC/INC FEE \$48
DAILY TOTAL \$106
AFTER MAX CCS* \$10.60

WED
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GAMING UNPLUGGED INCURSION: SELF-GUIDED POKEMON TRAINER

Become a Pokemon Trainer with a self-guided Pokemon Trainer experience, capturing the imagination of Pokemon fans.



BASE FEE \$58
EXC/INC FEE \$18
DAILY TOTAL \$76
AFTER MAX CCS* \$7.60

WED
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GENIUS INVENTORS

Time to get your thinking caps on! Dive deep into innovation with activities like brainstorming your own inventions, presenting your ideas in a "Shark Tank" style challenge, testing your design skills with the Egg Drop Container challenge and competing in a thrilling Robot Race.



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AUSTRALIAN FAIR EXCURSION: BENDIGO TRAM TOUR, LUNCH IN GARDENS & PLANETARIUM VIST ARRIVE BY 08:30 AM

Embark on a historic journey with the Bendigo Tram Tour, lunch in Gardens & Planetarium Visit, offering a delightful blend of exploration and relaxation.



BASE FEE \$58
EXC/INC FEE \$38
DAILY TOTAL \$96
AFTER MAX CCS* \$9.60

THU
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NERF DAY INCURSION: NERF AND WATER GAMES

Engage in Nerf battles and water games for a splash of excitement with Nerf And Water Games.



BASE FEE \$58
EXC/INC FEE \$24
DAILY TOTAL \$82
AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.20

FRI
12
JAN

SPACE OADETS

It's Time To Blast Off On An Intergalactic Adventure! Get Ready For Take-Off With A Range Of Space-Themed Activities Such As Challenging Friends In Balloon Volleyball, Training Like An Astronaut At The Galactic Explorer Bootcamp, And Crafting Sustainable Journeys With Eco Starships.



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FRI
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SPORTS DAY

Get Set For An Action-Packed Sports Day! Activities May Include Testing Your Knowledge In Name That Athlete, Refueling With Special Energy Smoothies, Racing Your Heart Out In Sports Relays, And Gearing Up For The Ultimate Showdown In Children Vs Educators Dodgeball. Ready, Set, Play!



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*Childrens subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childrens Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.

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RUN AWAY TO THE CIRCUS

Step right up and join the circus extravaganza! Activities include showcasing your flair in the "Greatest Showman Talent Show", crafting DIY finger puppets, capturing memories at the Circus Photo Booth, indulging in delectable Clown Cupcakes, and creating vibrant Clown Paper Plates.



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TUE
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JAN

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

INCURSION: EPIC CASTLE CONSTRUCTIONS

Build epic castles with Epic Castle Constructions, a creative and imaginative activity that allows kids to design and construct their own castle masterpieces.



BASE FEE \$58
EXC/INC FEE \$24
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AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.20

WED
24
JAN

COMIC BOOK HEROES

Ready to save the day with us? Unleash your inner hero with activities such as embarking on a daring Mission Blast, testing your knowledge in Superhero Trivia, joining forces for the Avengers Attack, and creating your own comic strip.



BASE FEE \$58
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THU
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JAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Celebrate like it's your special day with our "Happy Birthday" theme! Dive into festivities such as grooving at the Birthday Disco, crafting your own Pinata, baking delightful Bday Cupcakes, and engaging in the timeless game of Pass the Parcel.



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Service Closed

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FREE



BUNNINGS warehouse

Get into the spirit at the free Bunnings Christmas family event.
Thursday 7th of December from 6pm to 8pm
at Bunnings Kangaroo Flat

Activities and fun for the whole family

FREE Face Painting, Sausage Sizzle, DIY Craft for Kids, Rock Climbing Wall, Pop Corn, Fairy Floss, Selfie Photo Booth, Live Band, The Connected Circus, Loads of fun for every one.
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CLASS IN SESSION: 16-23 DECEMBER 2023



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Central Deborah Gold Mine will transform into a Christmas wonderland from 16-23 December.

Through a series of craft activities, games and challenges, gain your Certificate IV in Elf Training and be elf-icially inducted into Santa's renowned team!




BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

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free!



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REQUEST

- Request a tree **for your nature strip!**
- Requests in **by February** will be considered for planting next year
- Increase **shade** your local area
- Scan & click **"Request a Tree"**
- Or go to:
bendigo.vic.gov.au/residents/trees-and-nature-strips/tree-planting

Epsom Football Club

Play soccer with us in 2024



Come & join us next year - learn new skills, meet new people & have fun!

No experience necessary - we offer both boys, girls & mixed teams.





Non-Competitive Juniors
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Competitive Juniors
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Senior Competitive
Youth, Women, Men's




REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

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School visits coming
in TERM 4

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