



# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Newsletter No. 1

## Our Vision:

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

## 2024 TERM DATES

Term 1 January 30 – March 28  
Term 2 April 15 – June 28  
Term 3 July 15 – September 20  
Term 4 October 7 – December 20

**Acting Principal:** Anne Rochford  
**School Council President:** Andrew Ellis  
**PFA President:** Michelle Kennedy  
**PFA Vice President:** Rhayven Milliner

## ~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>FEBRUARY</b>                               |                  |                                 |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>                        | 3:30pm           | Book Club Orders Due            |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>                      | 1:15pm – 2:00pm  | Nth Melbourne AFL Visit         |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | All Day          | Prep Students Rest Day          |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> | 9:15am – 3:30pm  | Smile Squad Return              |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>                       | 9:15am – 3:30pm  | Teeth On Wheels Visit           |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | All Day          | Prep Students Rest Day          |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                     | 5:00pm – 6:30pm  | Back To School Picnic           |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | 9:15am – 3:30pm  | Teeth On Wheels Visit           |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | All Day          | Prep Students Rest Day          |
| <b>MARCH</b>                                  |                  |                                 |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>                     | All Day          | Curriculum Day- Pupil Free      |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>                       | All Day          | Labour Day Public Holiday       |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>  |                  | Grade 4 Swan Hill Camp          |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | 9:00am           | NAPLAN Commences                |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                       | 12:00pm – 2:00pm | Multi Age Day – World Water Day |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>                     | 2:30pm           | Last Day of Term 1              |
| <b>APRIL</b>                                  |                  |                                 |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>                       | 9:00am – 3:30pm  | First Day of Term 2             |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>                      | 9:00am – 1:00pm  | School Photo Day                |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | 9:00am – 3:00pm  | House Athletics Carnival        |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>  |                  | Grade 3 Corop Camp              |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>   |                  | Grade 5 Kyneton Camp            |

## Reminders:

**CSEF-** Do you hold a concession card? You may be eligible for CSEF. Please see the office.

**Curriculum contributions** - Can be paid at office or via the Compass app.

**Permission Forms-** Please return your students 2024 Permission forms ASAP to your classroom Teacher.

**Camp:** Grade 3 – 6 camp deposits are due and can be paid in the office or via the Compass app.

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Benefitting the health  
and wellbeing of our  
Bendigo school children

School visits coming  
in TERM 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2024 school Year! A special welcome to our new Quarry Hill families joining us for the first time.

### **ASSEMBLY**

School assembly will be held on the basketball court at 3:10pm every Friday afternoon, weather permitting.

### **School Captains and Vice Captains for 2024**

School Captains: Charlotte C and Flynn S

Vice-Captains: Jia P and Tom R

Congratulations to these four young people. It is a big commitment to take on leadership roles, and we feel confident that they will do a wonderful job.

### **HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Congratulations are also extended to the following students for obtaining the role of House Captain for 2024:

Peel House – Hamish K & Luciana C

Amer House – Giana E & Charlie K

Malcolm House – Harris V & Vaida P

Harkness House – Hudson P & Sienna W

### **GIRLS IN STEM**

Anabel H and Lotte G

### **KOORIE LEADERS**

This year we are using a model of a Koorie Leadership Team. The team will consist of 5 students in Year 5 and 6.

Other leadership positions are still being finalised. The date for the presentation of student leadership badges is still being finalised.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARIES**

Our first Curriculum Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**. This day will be used by staff to undertake professional development around supporting children's mental health. Another date for your diaries, weather permitting, we will be holding our Welcome Back Picnic down in the Bushland on **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5.00pm – 6.30pm**. Families are asked to bring their own picnic tea, rugs, chairs etc. It is a great opportunity for new families to meet others, and for existing families to reconnect.

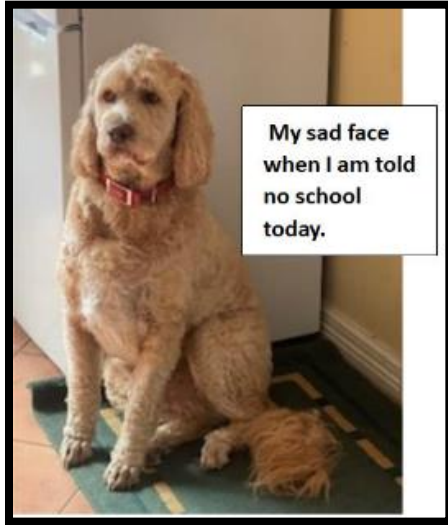
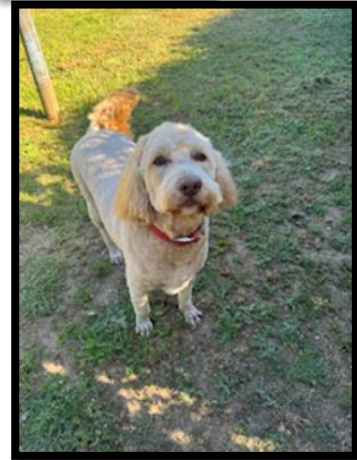
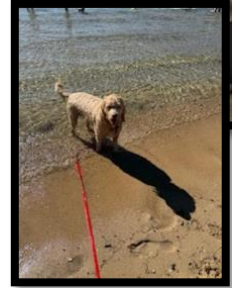
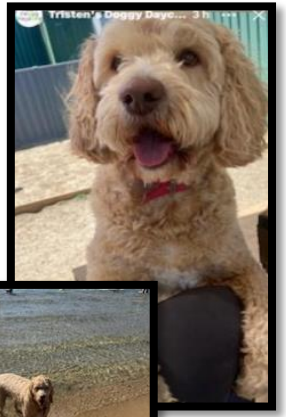


## WELCOME BACK FROM FERDI

Hello children and families.

I went to the beach in the holidays and spent a lot of time with my family.

It's been an interesting holiday for me because I had a few outings to see my friends at the vets; they give me lots of treats so I'm very happy to visit them. 😊



Towards the end of 2023, I started having seizures. My Vet has said I have epilepsy and we are working out the best medication to help me. This makes me a little bit tired while I get used to it. I have had my back-to-school haircut and each morning I sit at the door waiting to go to school. Mum says, "soon but not yet". I am hoping to be back to work very soon to learn lots and have fun with my friends.

Love from Ferdi



## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Annual General Meeting for Quarry Hill Primary School Council will be held on Monday March 18th, 2024, at 5.45pm. This meeting will precede the General Meeting.

In 2024 there are three parent vacancies, a community member (as required) and two DE vacancies by rotation for a two-year term, any interested parents are urged to nominate for School Council. The whole school benefits from a variety and diversity of opinion on council, and the value of fresh ideas and enthusiasm should not be underestimated.

The current School Council is as follows: Retiring this election (2024) Parent Members: Claire Flanagan-Smith, Nadia James, Andrew Ellis, DE Members Anne Rochford, Narelle Jones. Retiring next election (2025) Parent Members Elia Andrews, Travis Toms, Rhayven Milliner and Karissa Cameron, DE Members Merryn Walker.

Thank you to the retiring members who have made valuable contributions to School Council. Retiring councillors, who meet eligibility criteria, are welcome to nominate for further tenure on School Council.

Nomination forms are available from the office. Nominations are to be lodged at school by 3.30pm on Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup>. A ballot, if required, will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Please do not hesitate to come and have a chat if you have any questions regarding School Council.

## **COVID-19 REMINDER FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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).

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.

Thank you,

Anne Rochford

Acting Principal

## **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$150 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 54433 537 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page](#). Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

## **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or School Council employee or volunteer.

Students' accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare. They can be obtained by parents for individual students.

Parents of students at Quarry Hill Primary School are reminded that Quarry Hill Primary School does not have a whole of school policy.

### **CLASS ORGANISATION FOR 2024**

| <b>Room</b> | <b>Year level/subject</b> | <b>Teacher</b>                               |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1           | Year 1                    | Tess Morcom                                  |
| 2           | Prep/1                    | Bonnie McIntyre                              |
| 3           | Music/PE                  | Ross Turner                                  |
| 5           | Year 2                    | Jane St Clair                                |
| 6           | Year 2                    | Erica Coleman (0.8) Merryn Walker(0.2)       |
| 7           | Year 1                    | Brad Shepherd                                |
| 8           | Prep                      | Maria Tzaros                                 |
| 9           | Prep                      | Jess Telford (0.6) Lauren Clark (0.4)        |
| 10          | Year 5                    | Tonya Van Deurse (0.8) Tamieka McErvale(0.2) |
| 11          | Year 5                    | Emma Orr                                     |
| 12          | Year 3/4                  | Clinton Donohue                              |
| 13          | Year 3/4                  | Sophie Davies                                |
| 14          | Year 3/4                  | Sarah Edwards                                |
| 15          | Chinese                   | Minyu Xu (0.6)                               |
| 16          | Year 6                    | Craig Harrop (0.8) Rebekah Fry (0.2)         |
| 17          | Year 6                    | Amie Goodwin                                 |

### **Specialist Teachers**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Art                         | Brooke Wilson    |
| Music/ PE                   | Ross Turner      |
| Chinese                     | Minyu Xu         |
| Tutor                       | Tova Penno       |
| Library                     | Tamieka McErvale |
| Mental Health and Wellbeing | Rebekah Fry      |
| Disability Inclusion        | Merryn Walker    |

### **Principal Class**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Acting Principal | Anne Rochford |
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### **Non-teaching Staff**

|                  |               |
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| Business Manager | Narelle Jones |
| Administration   | Jayme Hudson  |

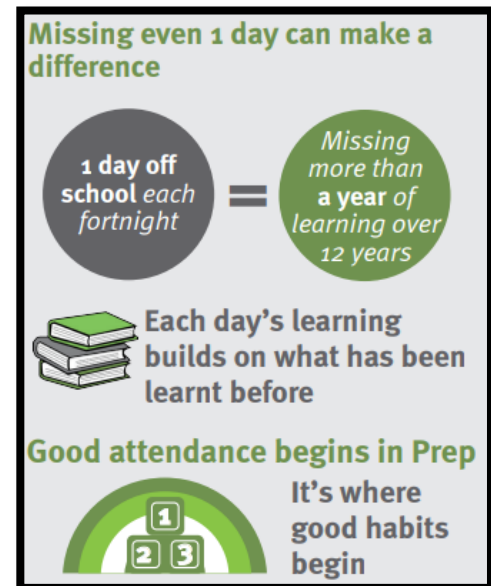
Education Support  
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Welfare Worker

Luci Tanashevich  
Josh Hawken  
Whitney Nunn  
Tom Guerra  
Kerryn Phillips

### **Every Day Counts**

We are committed to our duty of care for students and will continue to work hard to ensure we know where our students are every day. Any of our follow up absence notifications, phone calls, emails and letters have one purpose; to support you in any way we can to have your child at school every day unless they are sick.

Missing more than 10 days in a school year not only makes it challenging to keep up with learning but disconnecting from school friendship groups also becomes a concern. We are here to help you get attendance habits established early so your child gets a great education.



### **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 3.40pm 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. I know that 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.

### **REGISTERING FOR OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE – OSHClub**

To help families prepare for the new school year, bookings for Outside School Hours Care are now open for 2024. It is recommended that families register an account with OSHClub and always book in advance.

Parents/guardians must register their child by completing an online enrolment form via the parent portal. It's important that parents/guardians fill out all compulsory enrolment documentation for their child and notify of any medical conditions, illnesses etc., to ensure the health and safety of all children in the program.

Families can register at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)



## **ANAPHYLAXIS AND ASTHMA**

We have several children enrolled who suffer from severe allergies to a variety of things including nuts and nut products, dairy & wheat which can result in them going into anaphylactic shock. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

At Quarry Hill several strategies are in place to deal with this. We are an Allergy Aware school. Students are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating to minimise the risk of contamination.

Often boxes and packages are sent to school for art construction activities and are very useful. However, do not send any packages for use at school that have contained dairy, wheat, nuts or nut products so that we can minimise the risk of children with allergies coming into contact with products that may cause a reaction.

Action Plans for Anaphylaxis and also for Asthma are required for all children who suffer from either, and must be obtained from the family doctor. Please ensure that your child has an updated plan if they suffer from asthma or are at risk of experiencing anaphylaxis. A copy of this plan must be provided to the school immediately.

## **ASTHMA ALERT - SPACER USE IN SCHOOLS**

A reminder to families of children with asthma of the new policy regarding single person spacer use.

This means that schools are no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with asthma symptoms.

Spacers should always be used when administering reliever 'puffer' medication because:

- Using a spacer with a 'puffer' ensures that more medication reaches the airways.
- Spacers are much easier for children to use than a 'puffer' alone, and allows school and preschool staff to help students/children during an asthma attack, often in an emergency situation.
- Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow.

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with asthma does not have their own spacer available, or if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. If your child requires medication and does not have their own spacer, a cost of \$10.00 will be charged to cover the purchase of the spacer.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school staff. To ensure that a spacer is not left at home, we would recommend that parents/carers purchase a second spacer for their child to have with them at school at all times if possible.

*For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email [schools@asthma.org.au](mailto:schools@asthma.org.au)*

## PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <https://www.quarryhillps.vic.edu.au/page/180/School-Policies> For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



## PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line and please watch out and slow down for children crossing the road and around school buses, a reminder that the speed limit around schools is 40.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.



## 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/>

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club are due by 3:30pm Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. 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 remember to please include your child's name and classroom number and/or teacher on the top of the form and return to office with correct payment by due date. Thank you.

## SUNSMART

Hats are now required to be worn when students are outside. Please remind your child to pack their hat and sunscreen in their bag. Hats are normally available for purchase from the office at \$12.00 each but unfortunately are out of stock at present. We will notify the school community as soon as they are back in stock.

[sunsmart.pdf \(quarryhillps.vic.edu.au\)](http://quarryhillps.vic.edu.au/sunsmart.pdf)



## BUDDIES PROGRAM

Grade 5 buddies have welcomed their Prep buddy to school as proud leaders last week. Helping the Preps with their lunch box and making sure they feel happy and safe in the playground. Formal Buddy lessons for Term 1 start this week.

## LUNA NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

One of Bendigo's favourite dragons, Sun Loong will help bring in the Year of the Dragon at this year's Lunar New Year celebrations.

The Golden Dragon Museum will bring in the new year at the Dai Gum San prescient from 5.30pm - 8.30 pm on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bookings are not required and street food will be available onsite from 5 pm.

As part of the event, a traditional Awakening of the Dragon ceremony will be held featuring exploding firecrackers to wake Sun Loong.

The event will also feature performances by the BCA's renowned Lion Team and displays by Master Scott Liu, an internationally recognised martial arts expert, and his Hong Hong Kung Fu Club and other cultural community groups.

[Time to Bring in The Lunar New Year - Gold Central Victoria](#)







# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



## KIND



- Noah H** (Rm 2) for starting the school year with a big smile and being a fantastic class helper.
- Swayde P** (Rm 8) for helping others in the classroom and being a kind friend.
- Oliver C** (Rm 11) for spreading sunshine in our classroom each day. Ollie is joyful, enthusiastic and has a very positive approach to learning.
- Aldren B** (Rm 12) for being a respectful student who is community minded.
- David K** (Rm 17) for helping our new student feel welcome.



## CURIOUS



- Kaisa G** (Rm 6) for being a motivated and independent student with a great love of learning.
- Angus C** (Rm 13) for doing an amazing job at reading his MacqLit words. Keep up the great work Angus!
- Sadie L** (Rm 14) for demonstrating independent learning skills.



## BRAVE



- Xavier T** (Rm 1) for making a great start to his new school.
- Ayva T** (Rm 7) for settling quickly into the expectations and routines of Grade 1.
- Elijah C** (Rm 10) for working hard to complete work and taking on feedback to improve.



# P.F.A News

This term PFA will hold one of the student's favourite fundraisers, **THE EASTER RAFFLE**. More information will be in the next newsletter.

We would like to invite you to share a cuppa after school-drop-off on Thursday mornings. This term the cuppa-time will be held in the peace of the bushland and eco-shed, so please wander down around 9am!

It is an excellent opportunity to make some new friends, reconnect with old ones and to be part of the school community.

All welcome, including pre-schoolers!

## QUARRY HILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Welcome back to the 2024 season! Registrations are now open for another fantastic year at Quarry Hill Junior Football Club and we welcome all new and existing members to our family friendly club. All registrations, payments and hoodie orders can be done online via PlayHQ. **2024 Registration Fees: Under 9s and 10s - \$120. Under 12s - \$150**

*NB: A family discount of 10% applies for two or more family members*

**Quarry Hill Hoodies:** Child Size Hoodies - \$70. Adult Size Hoodies - \$80

Please enter the name you would like on the back of the Hoodie in the text box provided.

**Registration Afternoon:** We are having a registration afternoon on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of February from 3:45pm – 4.45pm at Ken Wust Oval Quarry Hill. We will have devices available to register if required and we will be able to answer any questions.

We will also be having a free boot swap so please bring along any old boots to swap for your current size. Most importantly the children can have a kick and a run around.

To register for the 2024 season please complete the online registration. Online registration is to be completed via Quarry Hill Junior Football Club's page on PlayHQ, please find the link below (in the event this link doesn't work, just copy and paste it into your browser).

All parents/guardians who will be assisting during the season must also be registered online as a volunteer/team manager or coach. The BJFL has a mandatory rule that all officials must be registered and this can be completed in conjunction with your child/s online registration. All volunteers are welcome.

Registration link: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/9d54df>

Please let us know if you are interested in joining our club's volunteer committee, it's a great friendly team who are committed to providing the kids a safe and fun place to play football. The workload isn't onerous and we would love some new faces helping out.

We don't want any barriers to prevent the kids from playing football so should any families need support with payment arrangements please do not hesitate to contact Leigh confidentially on the below details.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact club President Leigh Martin on 0400 541 000 , or via email at [leigh@matlec.com.au](mailto:leigh@matlec.com.au)

We are looking forward to another great season in 2024.

**GO DEES!**

Quarry Hill Junior Football Committee



## Cyber Safety News

### Webinars for parents and carers

As we welcome 2024, we also open the door to new online risks and opportunities which may raise some parenting challenges:

- When is the right time for them to use social media?
- How do I have better conversations with them about gaming?
- How can I support them if they experience online abuse?

eSafety's free parent webinars can help. Each webinar is designed to improve your understanding and response to online challenges your child may face. The webinar topics include:

#### **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help**

This webinar provides an overview of the eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children and young people. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.

##### **Term 1 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)**

- 22 February: 12:30 pm
- 20 March: 12:30 pm

#### **Understanding how to support your child with online gaming**

This webinar provides an overview of selecting quality games, understanding how to reduce the risks of gaming and how to create better gaming habits. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and early secondary school.

##### **Term 1 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)**

- 7 February: 12:30 pm
- 13 March: 4:00 pm

#### **Understanding parental controls to safeguard your child**

This webinar provides an overview of different types of parental controls and how to set them on smart devices and computers, in apps and on gaming platforms for your child's safety. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary school.

##### **Term 1 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)**

- 20 February: 12:30 pm
- 14 March: 12:30 pm

#### **Online safety and social media: TikTok, YouTube and Instagram**

This webinar provides an overview of managing different functions of social media, including chat and privacy settings, as well as positive conversations about social media use, managing content and reporting negative online experiences. It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and early secondary school.

##### **Term 1 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)**

- 29 February: 12:30 pm
- 26 March: 12:30 pm

**To register for one of these webinars visit**  
**<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>**



## Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef-eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

#### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

## Payment amounts

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For **ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://education.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund-csef-payment-amounts)

**Foundation and Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

## How to complete the application form

### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

**Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.**



## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb  State  Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

### Student details

| Child's surname | Child's first name | Student ID | Date of birth<br>(dd/mm/yyyy) | Year level |
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I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant  Date  /  /

## **Vision Statement**

*Quarry Hill Primary School students are empowered to be engaged learners. Our community fosters a culture of respect and belonging.*

## **Values**

### **1. Kind**

- I understand that everyone is different
- I co-operate
- I respect myself, others and the environment
- I am community minded
- I belong



**Kind**

### **2. Curious**

- I am a learner
- I seek knowledge
- I ask questions
- I explore and wonder
- I create



**Curious**

### **3. Brave**

- I am honest
- I am independent
- I have high expectations
- I am resilient
- I am open to feedback



**Brave**





## QUARRY HILL OSHCLUB

Dear families,

It is with great sadness that we must notify you that the Coordinator at Quarry Hill OSHClub, Ebony Carrick and educator, Ryan Thomas, are no longer working at the service. Ebony has moved on and sought a new adventure and Ryan has stepped into a new educator role at an OSHClub program in Melbourne. We wanted to say thank you to the team for all their hard work this last year! I am sure they will be missed by all at Quarry Hill.

We are excited to announce the appointment of a new Coordinator Chloe Lovell and Educator Leticia Olney, who have officially commence their time at Quarry Hill during the holiday program. Chloe has been with the company since 2020 and is now the Senior Coordinator of the Bendigo Region, so you may have seen her around already. She is looking forward stepping into the Coordinator position at Quarry Hill.

As for Leticia she is brand new to OSHClub! However, is very excited to get started! She has previously worked in doing support work in classrooms and is ready for a new adventure in before and after school care!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chloe Lovell on 0429 534 694.

Hi I am **Chloe!**

Fun fact about me is **I was born in America!** I enjoy art and drama! I even run a theatre company with my mum! I can't wait to meet you all!



Hi I am **Leticia!**

Fun fact about me is **I love Garfield!** I even collect fun things to do with Garfield. I also love reading and hanging out with my friends.



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## Foster Care at Anglicare Victoria

Currently, there are around 46,000 Australian children in foster care, which is a 7.3% increase, up from 43,100 in June 2017. Australia needs more foster carers to play a part and consider fostering a child in need.

Anglicare Victoria is a leading provider of out-of-home care, and we are committed to creating a supportive environment for both children and carers alike. Our carers receive ongoing training, and comprehensive support from our local care team and are reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses related to care.

Being a foster carer can be challenging but also an enormously rewarding experience. Foster care is a way to offer a child a safe, secure and nurturing place to stay while their family is unable to care for them.

**46,000**

Children are in foster care across Australia

**68%**

Of these children have been in foster care for two years +

**13,000**

Victorian children and young people are in Out of Home Care

**2,000**

Are newborn to five years of age

In 2022  
Anglicare Victoria alone cared for

**881**

Children and young people in our foster carer programs

## Our Foster Care Program



We are the largest provider of Foster Care across the state



We have 2000+ staff and volunteers, operating from more than 93 sites across Victoria



We aim to support the reunification of families, to keep children connected to their parents, community and identity



Every year, we place more than 1600 children and young people in Out of Home Care with us

Anglicare Victoria | 1800 809 722 | [anglicarevic.org.au/fostering](http://anglicarevic.org.au/fostering)

## Who Can Provide Foster Care?

Whether you are married, single, older, younger, with or without kids, or in a same-sex relationship – everyone can make a positive difference in a child's life.

We welcome foster carers from many backgrounds regardless of their gender, marital status, sexuality, race or religion. It doesn't matter if you're single or partnered, own your home or rent, or if you work or stay at home – everyone is welcome to become a foster carer with Anglicare Victoria.

## Steps to Becoming a Foster Carer

### 1. Enquiry

To begin we ask prospective carers to attend an information session, either a group or individual session. You will meet the local support team and can ask any questions you may have about becoming a foster carer.

### 2. Complete background checks

Applicants are asked to complete a Police Check and a Working with Children Check. Everyone in your household will need to complete these checks too. Carers will also need to complete a Health Check, provide us with character referees and write and share their life story.

### 3. Learn how to become a carer

All carers are required to complete our 'Shared Lives' Training which is roughly 16 hours during the application process. We deliver this online, face-to face, individually or as part of a group, whatever works best for you.

### 4. Assessment and ensuring the home is safe

After training, one of our local foster care support staff will meet with you to ensure you are ready and capable to care for a child or young person. This will include visiting your household to ensure the home environment is safe, and meeting with all household members, including any children.

### 5. Accreditation and first placement

Our accreditation panel will review your application and assessment report, and make a decision about your accreditation. Once you have been accredited, we will contact you when we have a child or young person requiring a placement. The final decision to accept any placement or not, is always yours. And we'll be available if you need support 24/7.



# EXCITING NEWS

## Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

### Our dental services include:

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## Club Open Day

All welcome - New & past members

**Saturday February 10th**

**1pm-3pm**

**Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve**

- Come & try soccer - there'll be games & activities for everyone
- Get information about the 2024 season
- Register to play this year (must be 4yrs+)
- Order club merchandise

### 2nd Hand Uniform Drive

If you have any 2nd hand Epsom FC uniforms - boots, socks, shorts, shinpads - we are looking for donations. Drop them off & we'll find a new home for them!

If you can't make it, but want further information email [secretary@epsomfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@epsomfc.com.au) or check us out at [facebook.com/EpsomSoccer](https://facebook.com/EpsomSoccer)

**BBQ provided by  
Rotary Club of  
Eaglehawk**



## JOIN THE FUN!

**Register to the 2024 Auskick Season for the opportunity to be involved in a clinic with North Melbourne or Carlton as part of the AFL Community Camps in Bendigo! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!**

**Find your closest centre & register!**



Note: clinics occurring mid Feb

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# Back to school is a lot\*. Let's get ready.

\*A lot of feelings, a lot of expenses, a lot of stress.

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To be eligible for Saver Plus, people need to meet these requirements:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

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