



# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Newsletter No. 3

## 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>MARCH</b>		
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
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm – 1:30pm	Grade 1/2 Coliban Water Incursion
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Preps Coliban Water Incursion
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm	Book Club Orders Due
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Multi Age Day – World Water Day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00pm – 2:30pm	Cross Country at Ken Wust Reserve
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:10am	Special Assembly to Draw Easter Raffle
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:

**LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – No school.

**GRADE 4 SWAN HILL CAMP** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**NAPLAN COMMENCES** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**EASTER RAFFLE** – Donations, raffle tickets and money to be dropped off at the office.

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## LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

We were indeed fortunate to have the Premier make herself available for our student leadership assembly. Badges presented to our leaders by our local member, Jacinta Allen, has been a long-standing tradition at Quarry Hill Primary School, reinforcing the important role student leaders have in a school. I would like to reiterate the Premier's comments that everyone has the opportunity to lead during the day by being responsible for what is going on around us and it is not the badge or title that makes a leader.



## Student Leaders for 2024

SCHOOL CAPTAINS	VICE CAPTAINS	GIRLS IN STEM
Flynn S Charlotte C	Tom R Jia P	Anabel H Lotte G
HOUSE CAPTAINS	KOORIE LEADERS	LIBRARY MONITORS
PEEL – Hamish K – Luciana C AMER – Charlie K – Giana E MALCOLM – Harris V – Vaida P HARKNESS – Hudson P – Sienna W	Shylah W Ariah W Taite C-S Lavender C Will B	Zoe D Annabell M Layla B Wynter B Audrey S Nikita F
STUDENT VOICE ACTION TEAM	JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL	PERFORMING ARTS
Jack J      Dyson S      Evie J Leni F      Mason W      Olivia W Indi H      Sienna W      Abigail E Laidie M      Patty W      Flynn S	Abby S      Tola M      Bex C Harriet J      Eva K      Evie L Lucie E      Mietta S Olivia J      Amelia J	Kieran M Laidie M
<b><i>Congratulations to you all</i></b>		

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL 2024**

It is fantastic to know that there is community interest in being involved in our school. It is with pleasure and thanks, that we welcome new parent member, Peter Gollan onto School Council for the next 24 months and previous School Councillors, Andrew Ellis and Nadia James are returning for a new term. Our other parent representatives, Elia Andrews, Travis Toms, Karissa Cameron and Rhayven Milliner have a further 12 months left of their terms. Anne Rochford, Narelle Jones, and Merryn Walker will be our Department of Education representatives. We look forward to working with our new and existing members during 2024. Special thanks goes to our departing School Council member, Claire Flanagan-Smith.

Claire joined School Council in 2020 and during the second year of her term took on the role of President in 2021. Claire's love of the school and strong sense of community was always at the forefront of her involvement. She actively involved herself in all School Council activities with her contributions to the 2022 School Review being insightful and well considered. Her openness and willingness to be involved in the strategic planning and governance of the school has been very much appreciated.

## **DROP OFF AND COLLECTION ALONG PEEL STREET**

It has come to our attention that the designated accessible carpark zones are being used by others during the more congested drop off and pick up times. We have a number of families in our school who require easy access to these parks. Only cars that have an Accessible Parking Permit clearly displayed on their windscreen are to use these parks please. An Accessible Parking Permit:

- Can only be displayed when the vehicle's transporting the individual who the permit was issued to
- Must be clearly displayed so that the permit number and expiry date are visible from outside the vehicle.

Parents and carers waiting to turn into the time bound car parks along Peel Street are also reminded that it is illegal to remain stationary on the school crossing.

The City of Greater Bendigo randomly checks school zones and have been known to issue fines. We thank you for your help with this.

## **PEEL STREET CROSSING**

The school crossing on Peel Street will now be maned from 8:30am – 9:15am

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club is due Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March. No late orders will be accepted.

To order the books online and pay with your credit card via the LOOP facility visit

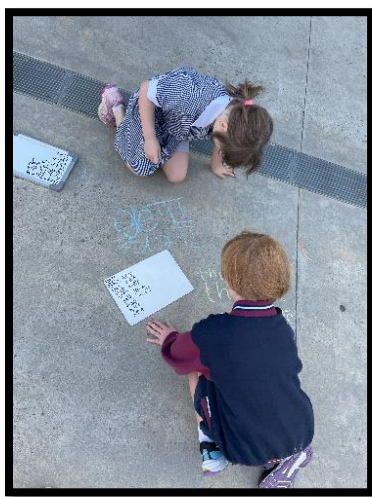
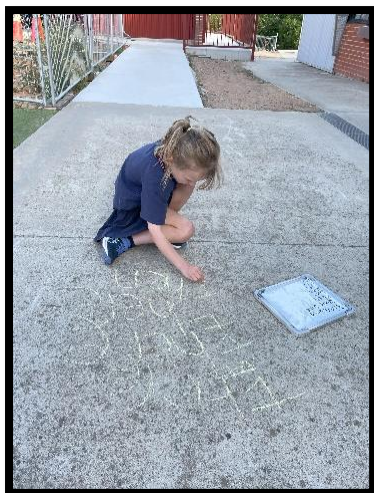
<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx> The LOOP facility eliminates the need to put your credit card number on the order form and/or hand over cash.

For paper copy book orders remember to please include your child's name, room number and/or teacher on the top of the form and return to office with correct payment by due date. Thank you.



## ROOM 1 NEWS

In Room 1, we have been working on reading and writing the Tricky Words 'there', 'have', 'they', 'then', 'were' and 'put' as part of our InitialLit program. We decided to head outside last week to get some fresh air and write our words in chalk on the footpath!!



## CROSS COUNTRY

The QHPS House Cross Country event will take place at the Ken Wust reserve on Wednesday March 27th from 9.15am.

Grade 3 - 6 will be run between 9.15am - 11.00am with presentations at the end of the morning session.

Prep - Grade 2 will be run from 12.00pm - 2.00pm with presentations at the end of this session.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours. Parents and carers are invited to come and watch the event.


## WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

To those that don't know, this is Fraser.


Fraser is in Grade 6 here at QHPS and will be shaving his hair off at assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.


Donations can be made using the QR code or website.

Cash donations can also be made in the office and/or on the day.


  
**World's  
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Shave**

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**Before**

  
**After**

To donate, please use the QR code or website.  
Cash donations also accepted on the day.



[my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/fraserdullard](https://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/fraserdullard)



## The Achievement Program - The Healthy Schools program

Based on the World Health Organization's Health Promoting Schools model and aligned to key policies and guidelines including the Victorian Curriculum, Framework for Improved Student Outcomes and School Improvement Framework.

Each health area has a set of targets to achieve, resulting in healthy changes to our school's physical environment, policies and practices, and health promoting activities.

When we achieve all targets for a health area, we'll receive Victorian Government recognition. Over the past 12 months I have been working on key health areas and have current achieved:



Over the remainder of the year I will work on Safe Environment and Smoking, Vaping, Alcohol and other drugs.

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insights

Helping children make and keep friends

by Michael Grose



Enjoying healthy relationships has a tremendous impact on your child's wellbeing and their overall success at school. Many children who experience behavioural problems at school have difficulty interacting with their peers.

**Coach your child in positive social skills**

Children who develop healthy friendships generally have a definite set of social skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with. If your child is struggling to make friends consider coaching them using this three-pronged approach:

**Be open:** Some children close themselves off to forming new friendships, preferring to stick to one or two friends. Encourage your child to be open to forming friendships with a wide variety of children in and outside school and in doing so encircling themselves with many friendship groups

**Be inclusive:** Encourage your child to include a wide number of children in their games and activities rather than restricting the possibility of joining in to certain children. Healthy friendship groups are open and inclusive of others, while unhealthy relationships, such as cliques are restrictive, one-sided and full of gossip and criticism

**Be aware:** Encourage social awareness in your child. For instance, a socially-aware child would be discrete when giving out birthday party invitations at school, being protective and sensitive to the feeling of those not invited. This level of social awareness doesn't necessarily come naturally to all children, but it can be reinforced by parents and teachers

**Encourage friendships with both genders**

The primary school age is an ideal time for children to form friendships with both genders. This is particularly valid if your child has siblings of their own gender, or don't have siblings. It's through these early relationships that we gain the confidence to mix with different genders in later life. Forming friends helps to break down the mystique that can form, when a child has little contact with the 'other' gender.

**Understand the impact of gender on friendships**

Research shows that boys' friendships groups are more inclusive and less changeable than friendships enjoyed by girls, particularly those in the eight to twelve year age group. Be prepared to support your daughter through the hurt of friendship breakdowns and remind her that new friendships are just around the corner. Help her reflect on her own place in a friendship breakdown, and be open to restoring a relationship once emotions are in check.

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Remember, friends of a feather flock together

If you think that your child doesn't have as many friends as a sibling or other children their own age, don't be too alarmed. On average, children usually have only two or three significant friendships at any one time. It's the quality rather than the quantity of friendships that counts. If you are concerned that your child lacks friends at school encourage him to take up a variety of extra-curricular activities. It's easier to strike up a friendship with someone when you have something in common.

Above all else encourage your child to be friendly by talking to others, showing an interest in what other children do, offering help when needed and being willing to enter a new game or social situation. Consider teaching your child, if necessary, alternatives to fighting and arguing when there is disagreement and conflict within groups.

As your school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, you can attend the upcoming webinar -Teach girls to build each other up- at no cost!

**About the webinar**

Join Parenting educator Collett Smart in this special webinar that will show you how to help girls create positive peer relationships and provide practical advice and ideas to help them navigate tricky situations including toxic friendships, cliques and bullying.

**When**


Wednesday 29 May 2019 at 8:00 PM AEST.

**Price**

This webinar is \$37 per person to attend, and is free of charge to families at schools that have a Parenting Ideas membership. Use the voucher code below to register.

**How parents can redeem the voucher**

1. Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-teach-girls-to-build-each-other-up>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
3. Click 'View cart'
4. Enter the voucher code **FRIENDSHIPS** and click 'Apply Coupon'. Your discount of \$37 will be applied to the order. This voucher is valid until 29 June 2019
5. Click 'Proceed to checkout'
6. Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account
7. Click 'Place Order'



**Michael Grose**

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 12 books for parents including *Spooned Generation* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*. His latest release *Anxious Kids*, was co-authored with Dr Jodi Richardson.

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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



<b>KIND</b>		
Phoebe P	Rm 9	For always being willing to help others.
Zane H	Rm 14	For showing kindness to his classmates every day.
<b>CURIOUS</b>		
Brielle P	Rm 1	For using more than one 'ng' word in her sentence during InitialLit!
Audrey H	Rm 2	For working hard in all tasks presented to her. Well done on a flying start to prep!
Quinn H	Rm 5	For confidently composing fact and opinion statements.
Elliott W	Rm 6	For his neat and organised approach to all learning tasks.
Charlie G	Rm 9	For practising his number skills with his buddy!
Ebony B	Rm 11	For writing excellent responses to text questions and for being so passionate about social justice issues. Well done Eb!
Tilly B	Rm 11	For her outstanding ideas and opinions when discussing our class texts and novels. Tilly always thinks outside the square! Well done Till!
<b>BRAVE</b>		
Rhea P	Rm 5	For sharing her ideas during class discussions. Well done Rhea!
Rafferty H	Rm 8	For listening to feedback to improve his learning.
Patrick W	Rm 10	For doing a great job editing to improve your writing.
Tanner H	Rm 10	For doing a great job editing to improve your writing.
Ailis O	Rm 11	For working independently, taking on feedback and clarifying instructions. Your work ethic and group work has been impressive Ailis! Well done!
Audrey S	Rm 11	For showing bravery last week after an incident in the playground. Resilience is your middle name Audrey!
Indi H	Rm 14	For challenging herself with new words when writing about Vikings.



Kind



Curious



Brave



## 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)**

- 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)**

- 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)**

- 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)**

- 26 March: 12:30 pm

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



# P.F.A News

Easter is fast approaching and with that comes our much-loved Easter Raffle. To help make this possible we kindly ask each student to bring in one Easter themed delight to become one of many raffle prizes available to be won on March 28th. This could be anything from Easter eggs, stuffed toys (must be new with tags) Easter crafts -sticker books, colour books and such like gift ideas. We ask all donations be taken straight to the office this year.

Tickets were sent home last week with students. If you have missed these or need more, please contact the office to arrange ticket books to be sent home with students.

This year you will find 10 tickets in each book, which will equate to \$20 a book, or \$2 per ticket. Please do not feel any pressure to sell them

all, just return unsold tickets with sold tickets to the office by 3.30pm Wednesday, 27th March. Please be sure student's names and room numbers are clearly printed on the tickets so we can get them to the rooms for collection. If selling to friends and family, there is plenty of room on the back of the ticket for further information. There will be a special assembly held at 9:10 am on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March to draw the winners, all families are welcome to attend.

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!



7 March 2024

**To: The Owner/Occupier**

**Re: Proposed Blackspot Safety Upgrade**

The construction of a Pedestrian Safety Upgrade on Russell Street is proposed to commence in the near future. The works will be located between Olinda Street and Houston Street and will be funded under the Blackspot scheme.

This project will include minor Kerb and Path realignments, installation of a series of Splitter Islands, re-arrangement of the School Crossing with changes to traffic flow at the Malcolm Street intersection, and (maintenance) resealing of the road with associated linemarking.

Works will be conducted by COGB staff and contractors and are scheduled to commence on Monday 18 March and be completed in May 2023.

Due to the nature of this project there will be some unavoidable inconvenience regarding traffic and pedestrian access. We will endeavour to maintain access to your property at all times, but you may be required to follow any traffic diversions that are put in place to allow us to complete this work.

Plans of the proposed works may be inspected on the Council's website at [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/plans](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/plans)

If you have any concerns or special requirements during construction, please feel free to discuss with the Senior Foreman in the first instance;

- The Senior Construction Foreman, Brad Clay on 0436 471 047 or
- The Construction Coordinator, Luke Carracher on 03 5454 9527

I wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely



**Luke Carracher** | Construction Coordinator

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# SCIENCE SQUAD

**ARE YOU A MAD SCIENTIST!? JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE THE BOUNDARIES OF SCIENCE AND CREATE CRAZY REACTIONS USING OUR HANDS AND OUR MINDS!**

Come and join us for our 3 week program on Mondays and Fridays which will end with an exciting Science Fair on the last day of term where the kids would love to have you come so they can show their loved ones the cool things we have been learning!

**MONDAY 11TH OF MAR - VOLCANIC REACTIONS**

Rise Then Shine @ 8:00am  
Lemon Lava  
Stay and Play @ 4:30pm  
Mentos Geyser & Volcanoes

**MONDAY 18TH OF MAR - ICY EFFECTS**

Rise Then Shine @ 8:00am  
Making Snow  
Stay and Play @ 4:30pm  
Homemade Ice Cream and Ice Fishing

**MONDAY 25TH OF MAR - CRAZY SCIENCE**

Rise Then Shine @ 8:00am  
Rubber Egg & Invisible Ink  
Stay and Play @ 4:30pm  
Cloud in a Jar

**FRIDAY 15TH OF MAR - COLOUR MADNESS**

Rise Then Shine @ 8:00am  
Colour Changing Flowers  
Stay and Play @ 4:30pm  
Rainbow Skittles and Walking Water

**FRIDAY 22ND OF MAR - SLIMY SCIENCE**

Rise Then Shine @ 8:00am  
Butter Slime  
Stay and Play @ 4:30pm  
Edible Slime

**THURSDAY 28TH OF MAR @ 4:00-5:00**  
**MAD SCIENTISTS FAIR**

On the last day of term... We will hold a Special Science Fair, where ALL parents and families are welcome to witness some crazy experiments and have a eat some wacky food.

Please contact us for any questions on  
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# Play in the Garden Day

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK

**10AM - 1PM**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 19**  
**GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE**  
**BOSQUET STREET, WHITE HILLS**

**FREE EVENT**

**LOTS OF FUN, FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:**

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FACE PAINTING
- CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
- PONY RIDES
- ANIMAL FARM
- LIBRARY ACTIVITIES
- ART AND CRAFT
- SENSORY PLAY
- BUBBLES
- CHILL OUT ZONE
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# PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS

**AGED 8 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?**

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March 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>



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