

The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
 Thursday, March 19th, 2026
 Newsletter No. 4

Our Vision:

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

2026 TERM DATES

Term 1: 27th January (students start 28th January) - 2nd April
 Term 2: 20th April - 26th June
 Term 3: 13th July - 18th September
 Term 4: 5th October - 18th December

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

| MARCH | | |
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| Friday 27 th | 12:00pm-2:00pm | Harmony Day Multi-Age Activities |
| Monday 30 th | 7:30am-5:30pm | Grade 5 Excursion- PGL Kyneton |
| Tuesday 31 st | 3:30pm | Easter Raffle Tickets due to the office |
| APRIL | | |
| Wednesday 1 st | All day | School Cross Country 9:15-11am: Senior (3-6) 12-3pm: Junior (P-2) **Bring 50c for a Zooper Dooper for the 'Cross Country Cooldown' |
| Thursday 2 nd | 9:05am 9:00am-2:30pm | Special Easter Raffle Assembly Last day of Term 1 (Early Finish) |
| Monday 20 th | All day | First day of Term 2 |
| Wednesday 22 nd | All day | School Photo Day |
| Monday 27 th - Thursday 30 th | Various times | Grades 3-6 Swimming Program |
| MAY | | |
| Friday 1 st | Various times | Grades 3-6 Swimming Program |
| JUNE | | |
| Monday 8 th | All day | King's Birthday Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 9 th - Friday 12 th | Various times | Grades P-2 Swimming Program |
| Tuesday 16 th | Various times | Grades P-2 Swimming Program |

Reminders:

- SunSmart
- 'No hat, restricted play (indoors/under cover).' Hats can be purchased from the office for \$12.
- CSEF
- If you hold a concession card, please fill out a 2026 CSEF form at the office.
- Curriculum contributions
- Curriculum Contributions can now be paid through direct deposit/at the office.
\$225.00 per child- Prep to Grade 5.
\$235.00 per child- Grade 6.
- Easter Raffle
- Donations for prizes to be handed into the office.
- Tickets to be returned (with payment) by 3.30pm Tuesday March 31st.
- Swimming Program
- Complete approval/payment through the Compass event
- Complete the Google form (available [here](#) and on the Compass event)
- Fill out and return the hardcopy medical form to your child's classroom teacher



Made possible thanks to McKern Foundation and our supporting partners:



Want to support the program? Contact us to sponsor and provide more fruit to your school!

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY- ORDERS NOW OPEN

Our School Photo Day is coming up on Wednesday 22nd April.

Orders are to be made online at <https://leadingimage.com.au/image-order/>

On this website, you will need to enter the access key (NR9MSRDB).

This access key is the same for all student and family orders.

Please place your order before 4:30 pm the day before photos (21/4).

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We love hearing about our students' furry friends! 🐶 However, we ask that dogs not be brought onto school grounds during school hours.

Our school dog, Lulu, is onsite at various times, and we want to ensure all dogs remain safe and comfortable. Visitors' dogs are welcome on weekends or outside school hours and must always be kept on a lead. Thank you for helping us keep our school safe for everyone, humans and pups alike!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



| CURIOUS | | |
|------------|---------|--|
| Odin H | Room 8 | For modelling our school value of being a curious learner. You always listen to the teacher and try your hardest. Well Done! |
| Eden M | Room 7 | For using whole body listening during our 'turn and talk' sessions. |
| Jack J | Room 12 | For consistently asking questions and deepening his knowledge in learning. |
| Amari L | Room 6 | For writing a strong oping paragraph for her persuasive text, 'The Best Season'! |
| Phoebe P | Room 5 | For always being curious about learning and demonstrating exceptional attention to detail in all her work. |
| Hayden B | Room 13 | For taking time and care during his handwriting assessment. |
| Henry K | Room 1 | For consistently working hard during maths and completing your work to a high standard. |
| Quinn H | Room 11 | For having quality 'turn and talk' discussions with her table buddy and sharing her thoughts with the class. |
| Bridget S | Room 16 | For being an independent learner and always seeking new knowledge. |
| Elias P | Room 2 | For working hard with your reading each day. |
| BRAVE | | |
| Shivansh K | Room 17 | For your brave start at QHPS. Room 17 is thrilled to have you join us! |
| Elsy C | Room 10 | For showing confidence in her abilities and trying new things, even when learning feels challenging. |

QUARRY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
JSC PRESENTS

Staff Spotlight



Were you the chatty student or the quiet student?
I was the chatty student
What is your favourite food?
Banh Mi
What was your dream job as a kid?
A hairdresser
Are you an early bird or a night owl?
An early bird
What was your favourite thing to do at lunch or recess?
British Bulldogs

Mrs. Goodwin



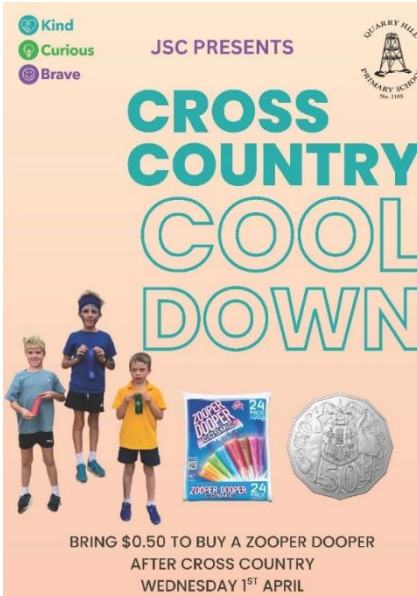
Our Junior School Council students have interviewed our QHPS staff and this is what they found out!

Kind
Curious
Brave

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CROSS COUNTRY COOL DOWN



BRING \$0.50 TO BUY A ZOOPER DOOPER AFTER CROSS COUNTRY WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

Teaching and Learning Spotlight



Creating Our Learning Environment: Building the Foundations for Learning



Mr Donohue

Learning Specialist and Classroom Teacher

Quarry Hill Primary School is committed to creating classrooms where every student can learn successfully. Our Teaching and Learning Spotlight helps families understand the evidence based practices we use to support students to be Kind, Curious and Brave learners.

At Quarry Hill Primary School, we begin each year and term with our Creating Our Learning Environment (COLE) program. COLE helps establish classrooms where students feel safe, supported and ready to learn.

COLE focuses on building positive relationships, teaching routines and expectations, supporting cyber safety and developing positive learning habits. These foundations help students feel safe, supported and ready to learn. This protects valuable learning time and supports student success.

Why This Matters

Students learn best when they feel safe, connected and know what to expect. COLE helps establish strong relationships, clear routines and shared expectations so students feel secure and ready to learn. When students feel safe and supported, they are more confident to participate, engage and succeed.

What this looks like at Quarry Hill Primary School

During COLE and throughout the year, students practise:

- Building positive relationships with their teacher and classmates
- Learning and following classroom routines
- Understanding behaviour expectations
- Using technology safely and responsibly

How families can support learning at home

You can support your child by:

- Talking about what it means to be Kind, Curious and Brave
- Asking about their classroom routines and learning
- Encouraging organisation and readiness for school
- Reinforcing the importance of trying their best

When school and home work together, students feel more confident, stay more engaged and achieve greater success.



Cyber Safety

How to have better conversations with children about gaming

When it comes to online gaming, there can be a disconnect between what children experience and what they hear adults saying. Bridging this gap will help children to have safer and more positive online experiences.

See the benefits of gaming

What kids hear you say: 'I really don't like that game. Why don't you go find something better to do with your time?'

What we know: Children learn and grow through play. As a form of play, gaming offers a range of benefits. When children see their gaming is valued, they are more likely to share their experiences – both positive and negative.

Better conversations sound like: 'I can see you really enjoy that game. What do you like about it?'

1. Talk to them about the benefits they experience.
2. Get to know the games they are playing and help them find new games that match their motivations and skills.

Connect through game play

What kids hear you say: 'Why don't you spend time with your family or friends instead of being glued to that computer game?'

What we know: Most online games provide opportunities to play with friends, find community and build social skills. Gaming can also be an opportunity for families to connect. Many children want to game with their parents or carers or would like them to game with them more. If you're not confident about gaming, or young people refuse to co-play, you can still connect by getting involved with the game they're playing.

Better conversations sound like: 'Who do you like to play with? Is there a game that we could play together? What character is your favourite?'

1. Get involved by watching or playing with them or show an interest by asking questions about the action or storyline in the game.
2. During gameplay, talk about the skills they are building and celebrate their achievements.

Manage risks and ensure safety

What children hear: "Don't talk to strangers in-game!"

What we know: Instead of focusing on strangers, it's important that children know the red flags of unsafe contact, including someone trying to be friendly too quickly, asking them to go on a different platform or private space, or doing something inappropriate or sexual. For young children, put in place safeguards that restrict risky features (like communicating with people they don't know). As they grow, build their skills so they can play with others and not miss out on the social benefits. Most gaming experiences are positive and children are often helping others.

Better conversations sound like: 'I'm glad you're having fun with friends online. Let's talk about safe and unsafe behaviours in games. And remember, I'm always here to help, even if you feel like you've made a mistake.'

1. Encourage your child to talk to you if they experience an issue while they are gaming. Let them know you are there to support them.
2. Read The eSafety Guide to get a better understanding of risky features in games. These can be managed via parental or user controls.

For more information visit
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



OSHClub

Term 1, Week 7

Newsletter

www.oshclub.com.au



QUARRY HILL OSHCLUB UPDATES

Hello families,

We are now over halfway through the term!

We have a sneak peak of what's in store for Holiday Program, as well as some information on our Sound Safari themes in the coming weeks.

Bookings for Holiday Program are now open!

Please remember to sign your children in and out on the iPad in the parent area.

We have explained to children the importance of wearing vests at OSHClub numerous times, if families could also please have a chat with your child about safety and that wearing vests is an expectation at OSHClub.

Another reminder to please pack a hat in your child's bag, we still are running low on spare hats.

Cheers!

-Eva and the Quarry Hill OSHClub Team

REMINDERS

- Names on children's items - our lost property is overflowing and many do not come with names. If you are missing something please come and check in our room.
- Please ensure if your child is attending OSHClub this term that they have a hat in their bag.

LEGENDS OF THE WEEK



March 2026

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| 1 Clean Up Australia Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 International Women's Day | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Homeschoolers' Week | 16 St Patrick's Day | 17 | 18 National Close the Gap Day | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Service Times: Morning 6:45am-9am / Afternoon 3-6pm
Holiday Program 6:45am-6pm

Service Phone Number: 0429 534 694
Service Email: quarryhill@oshclub.com.au



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 Holiday Program 6:45am-6pm

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Find out more



Sound SAFARI

TERM 1 PROGRAM

Launching 9th March



We're taking children on a musical adventure as they explore rhythm, melody, movement and global sounds through hands-on play. Kids will experiment with beat and pitch, create simple instruments, learn cultural rhythms and perform together, building confidence.

Where play meets potential

HOLIDAY HQ THE GREAT OUTDOORS

YOGA ADVENTURES

SURVIVOR BIG DAY OUT

BAREFOOT BOWLS


Jump into the Great Outdoors these holidays

Scan to secure your spot.

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JOIN THE DRAGON CHALLENGE

DAI GUM LOONG NEEDS YOUR LEGS!



AGE 16+

MEN AND WOMEN WELCOME

BENDIGO CHINESE ASSOCIATION
 大金山中华公会

Come see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo, every Tuesday from 4 pm - 6 pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1 pm - 5 pm until Easter to register!
 Please email - secretary@bendigochinese.org.au for more information or if you aren't local to Bendigo!



100,000 EGGS TO BE FOUND. IT'S GOING TO BE AN EGG-CELLENT TIME!

Tickets now available
bendigoeasterfestival.org.au
 Phone: 1800 813 153
 Cost: \$18 per ticket

Vision Australia Easter Egg Hunt

Proudly part of the Bendigo Easter Festival

Good Friday 3rd April 2026
 9:00am to 5:00pm
 Rosalind Park (near the rotunda)


Proceeds support people who are blind or low vision in the Bendigo region.

Come meet our Vision Australia Seeing Eye Dogs!




SCAN ME!

 Vision Australia



PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS

AGED 7 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?



Come see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1pm - 5pm until Easter to register!
 Please email - secretary@bendigochinese.org.au for more information!

EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

SANDEMAN BUILD

NEIL MACDONALD DRAGON MILE




MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE



WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT
 TIME: 10:00AM START
 Scan the QR code for more information on pricing, age groups, registration and live results or visit:
<https://my.raceresult.com/377219/>

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Bulb Fundraiser

Quarry Hill Primary School

Orders Close

April 10th
2026

*Products available to
order until this date
unless sold out prior*

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Go ON-LINE to place your order at:

www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/QUARRYHILL

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