



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
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Newsletter No. 8

Our Vision:

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

2025 TERM DATES

Term 1: 29th January - 4th April
Term 2: 22nd April – 4th July
Term 3: 21st July – 19th September
Term 4: 6th October – 19th 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

MAY		
Friday 30 th	All day	Curriculum Day (no students at school)
JUNE		
Wednesday 4 th	All day	District Soccer 5/6 (selected students)
Friday 6 th	12:00pm-2:00pm	World Environment Day- Multi-Age Day
Monday 9 th	All day	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 19 th	9:00am	Issue 4 Book Club Orders due
Wednesday 25 th	All day 3:30pm	Student Led Conferences Healthy Lunchboxes Parent Workshop
Friday 27 th	9:00am	Healthy Lunchboxes Parent Workshop
Monday 30 th	All day	PFA Pizza day
JULY		
Wednesday 2 nd	All day	JSC Fundraiser- 'Values Day' dress
Friday 4 th	9:00am-2:30pm	Last day of Term 2- Early finish
Monday 21 st	All day	First day of Term 3
Monday 28 th -Tuesday 29 th	Various	P-4 Gymnastics Program
AUGUST		
Monday 4 th -Tuesday 5 th	Various	P-4 Gymnastics Program
Thursday 21 st	All day	Curriculum Day (no students at school)
Friday 22 nd	All day	Book Week Dress Up/Parade and Multi-Age Activities
SEPTEMBER		
Monday 8 th -Wednesday 10 th	All day	Grade 6 Urban Camp

Reminders:

- Curriculum day tomorrow (no students at school)
- P-4 Gymnastics Program:
 - Complete approval/payment through Compass.
- Prep enrolments 2026:
 - If your child has a sibling starting school here in 2026, please fill out an enrolment form and hand it into the office.



PUPIL-FREE DAYS (students not required at school)

Just a reminder Friday (tomorrow) is a Curriculum Day – students are not required at school. Staff will be working on the revised English Curriculum as well as Assessment and Reporting.

Advanced notice of the remaining Pupil Free Days for 2025.

Term 3: Thursday August 21st Curriculum Day

Term 4: Thursday November 13th Curriculum Day

Friday November 14th Professional Practice Day

Before and after school care will be operating on these days and bookings can be made [here](#).

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 27th May, Scarlett C, Zoe D, Beth L, Dyson S, and Lexie W, travelled to St Arnaud to compete in the Regional Cross Country. Demonstrating commendable behaviour, our students supported each other and cheered loudly. All 5 students finished in the top 20 for their age groups, with Lexie finishing first and qualifying for State! Congratulations!



SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Issue 4 orders of Scholastic Book Club are due to the office by 9:00am Thursday 19th June. 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.

BLANKET DRIVE



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



KIND		
Wolfie S	Room 1	For being a kind member of our classroom by helping others.
CURIOUS		
Zahi H	Room 6	For demonstrating curiosity and completing tasks to a high standard.
Sebastien L	Room 16	For challenging himself with his Maths extension activities.
Charlotte R	Room 11	For consistently contributing thoughtful and insightful comments to our Novel Study discussion.
Mack S	Room 14	For excellent testing results in Numeracy.
Abby S	Room 14	For excellent Numeracy testing results.
Max Z	Room 7	For showing a strong interest in all areas of learning and listening carefully to remember information.
BRAVE		
Freya C	Room 9	For being an independent learner and always doing her very best.
Tabby C	Room 9	For showing bravery at swimming lessons by facing challenges and having a go.
Prithvi R	Room 2	For listening carefully, showing instructions, and showing great confidence in the water during swimming lessons.
Eviee S	Room 8	For always trying your hardest and 'bouncing back' when you feel sad.

BUSHLAND

Some of our senior students enjoying nature and exploring Bushland.





DOGS IN SCHOOLS

Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds without prior arrangement.

Dogs are welcome at any time outside of school hours but must remain on a leash.

As we have school wellbeing dogs, we need to ensure we have consistent practices in place for the safety of our students, staff and our dogs.



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National Sorry Day May 26th

This week, we held a service for National Sorry Day. Every year on 26 May, National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'.

National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation. While this date carries great significance for the Stolen Generations and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, it is also commemorated by Australians right around the country.

By lowering the Aboriginal flag, we acknowledged the mistreatment of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. On Friday, we will raise the flag.

By raising the Aboriginal flag, we acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and their families.

Let's all remember to be kind, to listen, and to learn — because together, we can help heal and make Australia a better place for everyone. Thank you to the students, staff QHPS community for caring and for being part of this important day. It means a lot — and it helps us walk together towards a kinder future.





Wellbeing Spotlight



Visual timetables are helpful as they outline planned events, helping students understand and anticipate daily routines, reduce anxiety, and improve focus and independence.

At Quarry Hill PS, we use a consistent visual timetable in all classrooms to provide a predictable cue for the students.

Morning



Heggerty



InitialLit



Fluency



Lunch



This consistency helps students feel more secure and confident in their environment, promoting smoother transitions between activities and reducing disruptions. Visual timetables also support the development of time management skills and empower students to take greater responsibility for their learning.



eSafetykids conversation starters

eSafety has designed a set of question cards that are designed to be used to start everyday conversations about online safety. The cards cover topics such as identifying online risks, using technology safely and reporting unsafe behaviour. Use them together with the information at eSafety Kids and empower kids to take control of their online experiences. The cards and information sheets are free to download.

Family online safety in more languages

eSafety has available short videos, easy-to-read advice sheets and conversation starters to help you to talk with your child about online safety. They include tips to help them stay safe, and important information about what to do if something bad happens online. They are available in languages other than English: [Arabic](#), [Burmese](#), [Chinese \(Simplified\)](#), [Dari](#), [Hindi](#), [Nepali](#), [Punjabi](#), [Sinhalese](#), [Swahili](#), [Tamil](#), [Tigrinya](#), [Uyghur](#), [Vietnamese](#)

Free Webinar

Exploring the online experiences of boys and young men

For boys and young men, the internet can be a place where they seek connection, validation and guidance as they explore what it means to be a man today. However, it also exposes them to risks like harmful content, online exploitation and the growing influence of misogynistic ideologies.

This 45-minute webinar will help parents understand:

- the social and cultural influences shaping boys and young men
- how boys engage online, build relationships and how they may be vulnerable to manipulation or exploitation
- the impact of social media, gaming, and influencers on their attitudes, behaviours and sense of identity.

This presentation will share practical strategies to build critical thinking, challenge harmful narratives, and create open conversations that empower boys and young men to navigate the online world safely and respectfully.

Term 2 (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

- 27 May, 12.30pm
- 30 July, 12.30pm

What would you do if someone was being mean to your friend online?



Ask a kid

Find out more about supporting others: esafety.gov.au/kids

How would you know if something online was fake? 🤔



Ask an adult

Find out how you can tell if something is fake online: esafety.gov.au/kids

Who would you go to if something negative happened online?



Ask a kid

Find out how to get help: esafety.gov.au/kids

What are your top three tips for staying safe online?



Ask a kid

Start the chat about online safety: esafety.gov.au/kids

What would you do if someone online was contacting you, but you didn't want them to? 😡



Ask an adult

Find out how to stop unwanted contact: esafety.gov.au/kids

What would you do if someone treated you unfairly in an online game?



Ask a kid

Find out more about gaming safely: esafety.gov.au/kids

For more information or to register for webinars visit
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



Fuel Their Day: Healthy Lunches Made Simple!

Let's explore:

- Healthy Eating Guide
- Fussy & plain eaters
- Tips for making nutritious lunchbox meals
- Healthy food swap resources
- Reading food labels
- Resources

♥ Wednesday,
25th June OR
Friday, 27th
June

♥ 3.30pm (Wed)
9am (Fri)

♥ Quarry Hill
Primary

Free to join and enjoy. Register your attendance:

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PARENT MATTERS SURVEY

Are you the parent/carer of a
child in Years 5-8?

How much do you know about
careers and pathways and post-
compulsory education?



Would you like to be better
equipped to talk to your child
about careers and pathways?

www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8W5BT2

Let us know by scanning the QR code or type the link into
your browser to complete the Parent Matters survey.

Survey closes 4 July 2025

For further information contact BEP
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JOIN THE TEAM



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COME AND TRY SESSION

Age 8+
(14+ Highly
Desired)

**Sunday,
1st June
10 am - 11 am**



**Dai Gum San Precinct
1/11 Bridge St, Bendigo**

The Bendigo Chinese Association Lion Team performs traditional lion dancing within the Bendigo community. The team performs throughout the year at events such as Chinese New Year, Easter, multicultural festivals and other private events. Come see what it's all about.