



# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
 Wednesday February 7, 2018  
 Newsletter No. 02

## Our Purpose:

To provide a creative and nurturing learning environment that enables everyone to achieve their personal best.

**Principal:** Jo Menzel  
**School Council President:** Tim Shanahan  
**PFA President:** Kasslea Shaw

## 2018 TERM DATES

Term 1 January 30 – March 29  
 Term 2 April 16 – June 29  
 Term 3 July 16 – September 21  
 Term 4 October - 8 December 21

## IMPORTANT DATES

	Time	Details
<b>February</b>		
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-10.00am	PFA Catch-up (Multipurpose Staffroom)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm – 7.00pm	Welcome Picnic Tea – Bushland
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Book Club closes
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	PFA AGM followed by General Meeting
<b>March</b>		
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Pupil Free Day

## ~OUR VALUES~

### Integrity:

Being true to oneself  
 Being honest  
 Owning our choices  
 Respecting people, property & environment  
 Being Positive ambassadors for QHPS.

### Sense of Belonging:

Feeling safe  
 Being part of a community  
 Being inclusive and accepting  
 Being committed to friendliness and caring for others.

### Passion for Learning:

Being curious, inquisitive, active thinkers and engaged learners.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces last week. There was a real buzz in all of the classrooms as the children shared their holiday experiences with their friends and classmates. Despite the protests, I believe *most* of them were glad to be back. Thankfully, the cooler weather last week made the transition more enjoyable too. The temperature this week is on the rise, so it is a timely reminder that students are adequately protected from the sun at this time of the year. The school's Sun Smart Policy outlines the need for all students to wear a bucket or broad brimmed hat. It is also important that students apply sunscreen to assist with protection. Whilst we are able to remind students to apply sunscreen, we are not able to provide sunscreen or apply sunscreen. Therefore if you want your child to reapply sunscreen during the day, they must have their own sunscreen and they must be able to apply it themselves. Thank you for your assistance with this.

### **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

A reminder that families or temporary foster parents holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply for CSEF. Eligible concession holders are entitled to \$125 per year for primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

Parents or legal guardians that have previously not submitted an application can do so now at the office. **Please note if you completed an application last year you do not need to complete one this year.**

To be eligible for the fund, 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 the holder of a 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.

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.

Application forms should be completed and lodged at school by February 28th 2018, as payments are made from March.

Application forms are available for download or printed copies are available at school. Thank you to those parents that completed their application form on Booklist Collection Day.

### **Welcome Back Picnic**

The PFA and Quarry Hill PS are holding a *Welcome Back Picnic* on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm – 7.00pm down in the Bushland. All families are cordially invited to bring a picnic tea to share with their family. It will be a great opportunity for new families to meet other members of the Quarry Hill community, as well as a chance for returning families to catch up after the holiday break. PFA will also kindly distribute free Zooper Doopers on the night and will be operating a second hand uniform store from the Eco Shed. Second hand uniform items will be available for 50 cents each.

### **Presentation of School Leaders' Badges -2018**

Jacinta Allan MP has kindly agreed to present student leadership badges again this year. At this stage, she will be attending our assembly on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Her office is currently confirming the date, but at this stage it is pencilled in.

### **Curriculum Day – Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> – Pupil Free Day**

A Curriculum Day has been approved by School Council for Wednesday, March 7th. Staff will be using this day to set important processes in place for the year. The day will include:

- Respectful Relationships Briefing by Women's Health Loddon Mallee
- Staff working on developing SMART (Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound) goals for students requiring Individual Education Plans.
- Staff working on the Department of Education and Training Performance and Development expectations for 2018.

## **Gastroenteritis**

Unfortunately we have an increasing number of cases of gastroenteritis at the moment. Gastroenteritis is an illness triggered by the infection and inflammation of the digestive system. Typical symptoms include abdominal cramps, diarrhea and vomiting. If your child is complaining of feeling unwell – loss of appetite, bloating, nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps or pain, diarrhea or is lethargic and has body aches, we would appreciate you keeping them at home until the symptoms clear. In many cases, the condition heals itself within a few days. Please see your doctor if symptoms persist.

I would also encourage all families to remind children to wash hands thoroughly and avoid sharing food or drinks with others. Thank you for your help with this. Take care of yourselves too!

## **Prep Rest Days in February plus March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Parents of Prep children are reminded that for the month of February Prep children do not attend school on a Wednesday. Also, with the Curriculum Day scheduled for Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> (see above) Prep children (along with all students) will have a further rest day on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great week everyone.

Jo Menzel  
Principal

## **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club is due Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. No late orders will be accepted.

One of the features of Book Club is you can order the books online and pay with your credit card via the LOOP facility (visit [http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/assets/img/letter\\_tile.jpg](http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/assets/img/letter_tile.jpg) for more information). The LOOP facility eliminates the need to put your credit card number on the order form.

For hard copy book orders please include your child's name and classroom number on the top of the form and return to office with correct payment.

Thanks  
Jane

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

### **Sense of Belonging**

Room 1	Tilly S	For being a positive member of our classroom.
Room 4	Delisha L.T	For her positive start to the school year.
Room 9	Scarlett W	For being a helpful and kind member of our class.
Room 14B	Chloe S	For making a terrific start to the year by settling into Room 14B with ease.

### **Passion for Learning**

Room 3	Henry T	Making a very positive start to 2018 in his role of Vice School Captain.
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### **Persistence**

Room 12B	Tamazin F	For making a positive start and settling in so well at Q.H.PS.
Room 14A	Archie S	For maintaining focus and writing a lengthy holiday recount well.

### **Confidence**

Room 2	Noah B	For starting Grade One with superman confidence.
Room 10A	Abbie G	For confidently and enthusiastically starting Grade 5.
Room 10B	Jason P	For confidently and positively fitting into his new school and Grade 6 year.

### **Respect**

Room 5	Kamryn H	For showing respect to everyone in our class.
Room 15B	Eve T	For being a kind and inclusive classmate.

# P.F.A News

PFA & QHPS will be holding a "Welcome Picnic Tea ", Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm to 7.00pm in the Bushland.

This is a great way to catch up with old and new families of QHPS. Please bring your picnic food, drinks (no alcohol please) chairs & rugs for a relaxed picnic dinner. PFA will be handing out free icy poles. PFA will have the second hand uniform store operating from the eco shed area. If you have any unwanted uniforms you would like to donate please bring them freshly washed on the night and donate to the stall. All second hand uniforms are 50cents each.

This year PFA will be holding a catch up morning every Thursday, 9:00am to 10:00am in the Staffroom/Multipurpose building. Our first session will be tomorrow, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of February. It is be a great way to meet our PFA members, and catch up with friends over coffee and cake, and talk about QHPS & PFA events.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the staff room. ***This is our AGM followed by a general meeting.*** ALL positions on the PFA are becoming vacant. These are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There are also other positions including New-Members Officer, Second Hand Uniform Officer, School Council Rep and Sub Community Reps. If you would like more information about these positions, feel free to contact me or come along to the first meeting of the year. New members are welcome and encouraged to attend. I hope to see you there.

Kasslea Shaw  
PFA President

CUPPA TIME CATCH UP - THURSDAYS 9 -10AM - OLD STAFFROOM



COFFEE, TEA,  
HAVE A CHAT...  
THURSDAY MORNINGS  
WHERE IS THAT?  
OLD STAFFROOM  
COMFY CHAIR...  
NEW AND OLD  
FRIENDS ARE THERE.  
DROP THE KIDS,  
WANDER BY,  
YOUNGSTERS' WELCOME  
COME SAY HI!

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FRIDAY

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## COMPASS

Last week, parents received a letter with instructions for accessing the Compass Parent Portal, which allows access to your child's dashboard, school news, events, and more. In 2018 staff and parents will use Compass for the day-to-day operations of the school which includes access to school news, information on your child's progress and allows you to notify the school of upcoming student absences. Our School newsletter will be sent to you via Compass each week.

Compass works on all browsers including Iphones/Ipads and or Android.

If you have not been able to access Compass please contact the office for assistance.

## Compass School Manager App Links

Please click the links below to learn more about and download Compass School Manager iPhone/iPad or Android App from the App store or Google Play. It is now available as a free download!

