



# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
Wednesday February 8, 2017  
Newsletter No. 1

## Our Purpose:

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

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

## 2017 TERM DATES

Term 1 January 31 – March 31  
Term 2 April 18 – June 30  
Term 3 July 17 – September 22  
Term 4 October 9 – December 22

## IMPORTANT DATES

	Time	Details
<b>February</b>		
Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17	Various	Grade 3-6 Incursion – Empowering Bystanders
Thursday 17	4.00pm	School Council Nominations Close
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5.30pm – 7.00pm	Welcome Back Picnic Tea Bushland
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Leadership Badge Presentation – Jacinta Allan MP
<b>March</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Day	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	PFA Meeting Staffroom
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	School Council AGM
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Various	Foundation – Grade 2 Incursion – Street Sense
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.30pm	End of Term – Early Finish



## TIQBIZ

Quarry Hill Primary uses a communication application called Tiqbiz. This application allows parents to remain informed about all school events and gives parents the ability to send in a notification that your child is absent. The school also uses this application to send weekly newsletters. Please download this application on your smart device and search for Quarry Hill Primary. Once on our site you will need to tick the room numbers your child/ren are in. If you have any problems please see Narelle in the office.

If you already have Tiqbiz loaded on your device please remember to change the classrooms you had ticked from last year.

## ~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.

### ATTENDANCE:

Our whole school attendance target is 95% each week.

Our weekly award will begin at next assembly.

Hi everyone

Welcome back everyone to the 2017 school year. My name is Jo Menzel and I will be the Acting Principal at Quarry Hill Primary School for Term 1. I am very excited about stepping into the role and look forward to meeting with students, families and the wider Quarry Hill community over the coming weeks. Over the last few days I have tried to navigate my way around to all of the classrooms to introduce myself to the students. I have been absolutely delighted, and very appreciative of the students that have gently guided me in the right direction when trying to find the various classrooms and those that have come up to introduce themselves. The Quarry Hill School Values of Integrity and Belonging have been demonstrated again and again through these students' actions.

I have worked in education for more years than I care to count! For the last 18 months I have been the Acting Principal at both Maiden Gully Primary School and Kennington Primary School. Prior to these appointments, I was one of the Assistant Principals at Kennington. As both a teacher and a leader I am passionate about teaching and learning. My goal as the Acting Principal at Quarry Hill this term is to ensure that the deep and engaging learning continues and that teachers also continue to work together in ways that enhance the learning opportunities for all students.

Please feel free to make yourself known to me. It may take me a little while to remember names, so I apologise in advance for any oversight. My door is always open for a chat, or alternately you may like to call me on 5443 3537.

## **Welcome**

In addition to welcoming back families who have had children at Quarry Hill previously, I would like to extend a special welcome to new families to the school. I hope that you and your child/ren enjoy a long and happy association with Quarry Hill Primary School. This year we welcome 51 Prep children who started last Thursday. Many of our Prep families gathered last Thursday morning, along with Parents and Friends Association members for the annual 'Tea and Tissues' session. It was great to meet so many new people and chat to those that already have an association with the school. Thank you to the PFA for hosting this event.

## **Staffing**

I am not the only new staff member at Quarry Hill this term. We also welcome a number of new teachers to the teaching group. Ms Merryn Walker is joining us from Girgarre Primary School. Merryn will be teaching in Grade 5/6. Ms Lorraine Beriman is coming across from Lockwood Primary School and will be teaching Grade 3/4. Ms Alexia Boyd and Ms Laura Roberts are beginning their teaching careers at Quarry Hill Primary School and will be teaching Grade 1 and Grade 5 respectively. Between them, these teachers bring an exciting mix of experience, knowledge and enthusiasm to the team. I feel confident that they will complement the quality programs and processes already in place at Quarry Hill.

## **School Structure for 2017**

### **Class Teachers:**

Prep	Mr Brad Shepherd
Prep	Mrs Jane St Clair
Prep/1	Miss Maria Tzaros & Mrs Tova Penno
Grade 1	Ms Alexia Boyd
Grade 1	Miss Lauren McCurdy & Miss Tonya van Deurse
Grade 2	Miss Rebekah Peters
Grade 2	Miss Tess Davies
Grade 3/4	Miss Bonnie McIntyre
Grade 3/4	Mrs Rebecca Harper
Grade 3/4	Mrs Lorraine Beriman
Grade 3/4	Ms Sheryl Somerville & Mrs Tova Penno
Grade 3/4	Mrs Tamiaka McErvale
Grade 5	Miss Laura Roberts
Grade 5	Mr Craig Harrop & Mrs Alison Clarke
Grade 5/6	Mrs Sarah Edwards
Grade 5/6	Miss Walker

### **Specialist Teachers:**

Art	Ms Brooke Wilson
Music	Mr Jeremie Collard
Music – Prep	Ms Susan Steele
PE	Mr Ross Turner

Chinese Ms Sheng Jie Chui  
Intervention Mrs Erica Dempster  
Intervention Mrs Sarah Harte

#### **Leadership:**

Acting Principal Ms Jo Menzel  
Assistant Principal Mrs Anne Rochford

#### **Non-teaching Staff:**

Business Manager Mrs Alice Belfrage  
Administration/Education Support Mrs Narelle Jones  
Education Support Mrs Amanda Dole  
Education Support Mrs Kelly Climas  
Education Support Mrs Sonia Rodgers  
Education Support Mrs Luci Hauke  
Maintenance Mr Phil Ward

#### **School Captains and Vice Captains for 2017**

Stella H and Cameron S will be the Quarry Hill School Captains this year. They will be ably assisted by Claire C and Ryan C who will take on the Vice Captain roles. Congratulations to these four young people. I have already been fortunate enough to work with these students and have been impressed with their leadership qualities. They are all very excited about the year ahead and I am sure they will admirably execute their roles.

#### **House Captains**

Congratulations are also extended to the following students for obtaining the role of House Captain for 2017:

Kayla S Peel House  
Hannah C Amer House  
Tim C Malcolm House  
Kiandra I-S Harkness House

The House Captain role requires the leaders to not only demonstrate enthusiasm for their House but to encourage students to get involved in a range of school activities. I look forward to working with these young leaders as well. Other student leadership roles are currently being decided. Jacinta Allan will attend the assembly on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> to present badges to all of our school leaders.

#### **Friday Afternoon Assembly**

Parents/carers and family members are welcome to attend our whole school assemblies on Friday afternoon at 3.10pm.

#### **Booklist Collection Day**

I would like to thank parents for their positive co-operation in collecting books on the Booklist Collection Day. I would also like to acknowledge the office staff for the organisation of the day and other Education Support Staff for their contributions to the day. Please contact the office if you have any further questions about school supplies.

#### **Anaphylaxis and Asthma**

We have several children enrolled who suffer from severe allergies to a variety of things including nuts and nut products 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. Although the student is aware of what they can and can't eat, and is only provided with food that they can eat at school, we need your help to ensure the school environment is as safe as possible for this student and other students with anaphylactic conditions.

It would be very much appreciated if you could support us in the following ways:

- If your child's lunchbox contains raw/roasted/salted nuts or nut products (including Nutella, Peanut Butter) we ask that you speak to your child about the importance of washing their hands after they have eaten their lunch/snack

- Please discuss this situation with your child, and the seriousness of the condition
- Please help staff by discouraging students from swapping lunches
- Please discuss not offering food to others, including cakes, lollies, and snacks
- Please encourage your child to wash their hands after eating lunch and snacks whilst at school

At Quarry Hill Primary School we are not a 'nut free' environment however we are Allergy Aware and appreciate your help in talking with your child about this. During the first weeks of school all classes will participate in discussions around being Allergy Aware.

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 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**

Last year, schools in Victoria implemented a new policy in regards to 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

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. If your child requires asthma medication at school and does not have their spacer with them, there will be a charge of \$10.00 to replace the school spacer.

*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)*

### **School Council Elections**

The Annual General Meeting for Quarry Hill Primary School Council will be held on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00pm. This meeting will precede the Annual Reporting Meeting, when the School's Annual Report will be presented. There are three parent vacancies, a community member and one DET vacancy by rotation for a two year term, and 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:

<b>Retiring this election</b>	
Parent Members	Tim Shanahan, Tony Smith & Kathryn Loy
Community Member	Joan O'Brien
DET Members	Jane St Clair
<b>Retiring next election (2018)</b>	
Parent Members	Carleen Egan, Justin Clark, Oriane Landry & Sheree Yates
DET Members	Lauren McCurdy & Anne Rochford

We thank 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 4:00pm on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>. A ballot (if required) will be held on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### **Student Accident Insurance Arrangements**

The 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.

### **Curriculum Day – Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> – Pupil Free Day**

A Curriculum Day has been approved by School Council for Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff will be using this day to set important processes in place for the year. The day will include:

- On-going professional development of the KidsMatter framework. (KidsMatter is a flexible framework that looks at a whole-school approach to building protective factors and reducing risk factors, with the goal of making a difference to students' mental health and wellbeing.)
- Staff working on developing SMART (Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound) goals for students requiring Individual Education Plans. Speech Pathologist, Grace Thompson, will lead this session.
- Staff working on the Department of Education and Training Performance and Development expectations for 2017.

### **Prep Rest Days in February plus March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Parents of Foundation children are reminded that for the month of February Foundation children do not attend school on a Wednesday. Also, with the Curriculum Day scheduled for Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> (see above) Foundation children (along with all students) will have a further rest day on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Parking Around School**

A reminder the parking directly in front of the school building is a two minute park before and after school. This change was implemented by the Council last year. This area is monitored by inspectors so please adhere to the regulation.

### **No Hat No Play**

Broad brimmed hats are a requirement from now until April 30<sup>th</sup> and again from September 1<sup>st</sup> till the end of the school year. Students without a hat will be required to remain in the quadrangle during lunch and recess and will have to sit under a tree during physical education. Please ensure your child/ren have their hats in their bags each day and that they are clearly marked.

It is also a good idea on these hot days to apply sunscreen to your child/ren in the morning. Sunscreen is available at school to reapply when outside.

Jo Menzel  
Acting Principal

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

#### **Sense of Belonging**

- Tully C (Room 10B) for settling into our classroom community beautifully.  
Isabella F (Room 10A) for always ensuring all members of the class feel included. Well done Bella!  
Luca B (Room 3) for making a great start to her new school.

#### **Integrity**

- Myles V (Room 15B) for showing respect for his classmates, property & environment.

#### **Confidence**

- Ornella B (Room 4) for showing confidence during her first week at a new school & fitting into QHPS with ease.  
Ehli R (Room 2) for settling well into the morning routine & making a great start to Grade 1.

#### **Getting Along**

- Jonty M (Room 7) for being a helpful friend in the yard when someone was hurt.

Sophia Z (Room 1) for being a great friend & helper to our new students.

#### Organisation

Ed P (Room 12A) for volunteering to take on the role of setting up for assembly.

Cameron S (Room 12B) for helping Miss Walker settle into QHPS routine. A big help!



## Empowering Bystanders

At Quarry Hill PS the vast majority of our students do a great job of treating others respectfully and want the learning environment to be free from bullying. During week 3 of this term, students in year 3 to 6 will be participating in the **It's My School Too** workshop. The cost to participate in the 75 minute workshop is \$4.00. The aim of this workshop is to equip students with a range of direct and indirect strategies they can use when finding themselves bystanders to bullying or other anti-social behaviour.

The workshop will cover:

- What we enjoy about school – Everyone has a right to come to school without being bullied or treated unkindly.
- Difference between bullying and harassment (or unkind behaviour).
- The understanding that when we see somebody being treated meanly and we think “that’s not ok”, most kids are feeling the same way.
- The “audience factor”
- How it feels to be a bystander - The range of feelings that bystanders can have and the power that bystanders have.
- How bystanders can help: A range of both direct and indirect strategies that bystanders can use.
- What about online? How bullying or mean behaviour plays out online and what bystanders can do.
- Why violence doesn’t solve violence.



## School Wide Expectations

Our expectations for how we behave and work at school are ones that children can carry through their life. The expectations are framed around ‘me’, ‘me and others’ and ‘me and the environment’.

Our school wide expectations provide a common language and understandings for the classroom, specialist subjects and the yard.

To help you reinforce these at home we have attached a copy at the end of the newsletter for your notice board or fridge.

If you receive the newsletter digitally and would like a hard copy please just ask.

My office is located at the end of the quadrangle, near room 9. Drop in if you have any questions or concerns.

Anne Rochford

Assistant Principal

### *Our School-wide Expectations*

1. Do your best
2. Help others succeed
3. Respect your environment



### **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.

#### **Eligibility**

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 28<sup>th</sup> 2017, 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

### **STUDENT UPDATE FORMS**

A reminder if you have not returned your Student Update Forms please return these as soon as possible. These forms include the Local Excursion Forms, Head Lice agreement and Media agreement.

### **ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLANS**

New Asthma Management forms have been sent home with students who currently have asthma recorded on our files. Please return these forms as soon as possible so we can ensure we have correct management plan in place for your child's asthma. If your child has asthma and did not receive a form please ask them to see Narelle in the office.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

School photographs will be held on Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Please place this important date in your diary as we are unable to do catch up photos.

# P.F.A News

**Next Meeting: Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am in the staffroom.**

On Monday the PFA AGM was held and positions filled. Your new 2017 Executive PFA comprises of:-

President: Kasslea Shaw  
Vice President: Kel Tucker  
Treasurer: Oriane Landry  
Secretary: Virginia Jones  
Minutes Secretary: Mel Clark

## PFA MEMBERSHIP

PFA is open to all parents of QHPS. We meet monthly with dates of the next meeting published in the newsletter. We encourage everyone to attend as often as possible. Membership is 50cents to join each year and it gives you voting rights on decisions made by PFA at these meeting and includes access to the PFA Facebook page. You can be as involved as you like and you don't have to attend meeting as all meeting minutes are emailed out. If you would like to know more please pick up a flyer from the office or come along to our next meeting.

This year we are trying something new with meeting times. We are asking members which day of the week and time of day would suit most people. (9.00am or a 7.00pm meeting) We are developing a survey monkey to collate this information and will let you know when it is open to vote.

## WELCOME BACK PICNIC TEA Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 5.30pm to 7pm In the Bushland.

The PFA will be hosting a Welcome Back Picnic Tea as our first event this year. This event is designed to welcome new families and existing families back to QHPS in 2017. Please bring your dinner, drinks (**this is an alcohol free event**), picnic rugs, and chairs down to the bushland and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and meet new and old friends and staff.

PFA will be handing out FREE icy poles to kids.

PFA will also be selling 2nd hand uniforms again this year after last year's success. This will be in the multi-purpose room. All items will be 50 cents each. If you have uniforms which you would like to donate, please bring them washed to the multi-purpose room at the start of the night.

Kasslea Shaw  
PFA President



**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

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**BENDIGO YOUTH CHOIR INVITED TO SING AT CARNEGIE HALL, NEW YORK IN JUNE, 2017.**

“It is not every day you get to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York, but that is exactly what is about to happen for the Bendigo Youth Choir” said Mrs. Valerie Broad OAM Founder and Artistic Director of the Bendigo Youth Choir. “We are thrilled that the children are being given this amazing opportunity. Some of the children performing may attend your school.

It will cost about \$4000 per Chorister to get them to New York to perform. This is a lot of money for most families including the children in the choir. We are hoping your school community is able to assist.

We are seeking donations of any amount to help the children.

**Donations can be made to the Bendigo Youth Choir at Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Acc 101245132.**

Thankyou for your support  
Further information please contact Rosalie Rogers Choir Manager on 0427 250 768



**The Lion King**

Where: Stanley Avenue (Pitch 1)  
When: 10th of February  
Time: 7:30pm start

Cost: **FREE**

**GIRLS 5-A-SIDE SOCCER**

**UNDER 6'S TO 16'S**

Cost: \$25 per player  
When: Saturday mornings 9am to 12pm  
Venue: Spring Gully United Soccer Club

11 FEBRUARY  
18 FEBRUARY  
25 FEBRUARY  
4 MARCH  
11 MARCH  
18 MARCH

A soccer player in a red jersey is captured in mid-air, kicking a soccer ball. The player's hair is flying, and the background is a bright, hazy sky.

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**Falcons Netball Club Registration & Come and Try Day**

Saturday 11th February

10am - 12pm

Bendigo South East College outside netball courts (Court 9)

Coaches will be present on the day for players to get in some practice. Players from Grade 3 through to Grade 6 are welcome to register to play for Falcons this season.

The season commences April 22nd.

For further information please contact Donna Bridgeman on 0408 509 061 for players Grade 3-5 or Mel Shepherd on 0417086820 for Grade 6 players.

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1. Do your best
2. Help others  
succeed
3. Respect your  
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