



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
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 Newsletter No. 2

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 **Tuesday** April 18 – June 30
 Term 3 July 17 – September 22
 Term 4 October 9 – December 22

IMPORTANT DATES

	Time	Details
February		
Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16	Various	Grade 3-6 Incursion – Empowering Bystanders
Thursday 16	4.00pm	School Council Nominations Close
Thursday 23	5.30pm – 7.00pm	Welcome Back Picnic Tea Bushland
Friday 24	9.00am – 10.00am 3.00pm	Foundation – Grade 2 Parent Reading Information Session – Room 8 Leadership Badge Presentation – Jacinta Allan MP
Tuesday 28	6.30pm – 7.30pm	Foundation – Grade 2 Parent Reading Information Session – Room 8
March		
Wednesday 1	All Day	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Monday 6	9.00am	PFA Meeting Staffroom
Monday 20	7.00pm	School Council AGM
Wednesday 29	Various	Foundation – Grade 2 Incursion – Street Sense
Friday 31	2.30pm	End of Term – Early Finish

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 28th 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

~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,

What a great start to the year, particularly in light of the extreme weather conditions we experienced last week. I think the children managed the increasingly hot weather remarkably well. 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. During extreme weather conditions students will remain inside during break times.

'Do Not Leave Children in Cars' Campaign

Kidsafe Victoria implemented the 'Do Not Leave Children in Cars' campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of leaving children unattended in cars and reduce the number of incidents across the state. The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.

Young children's smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of \$3690.00 or a maximum of six months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. Do not leave children unattended in cars.

For more information, see: [Kidsafe Victoria](http://www.kidsafe.vic.gov.au)



Welcome Back Picnic

The PFA are holding the Welcome Back Picnic on Thursday, February 23rd from 5.30pm – 7.00pm 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 Zooper Doopers on the night.

Presentation of School Leaders' Badges -2017

Jacinta Allan MP has kindly agreed to present student leadership badges at the assembly on February 24th. At the same time, we will also present the Junior School Council badges for the representatives from Grades 4, 5 and 6.

Every Day Counts – School Attendance

We all want our children to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with the classroom teacher as early as possible.

Personal Possessions

The school insurance does not cover the loss or damage of personal possessions. Students are therefore encouraged to leave valuable personal possessions at home.

Foundation Rest Days in February plus March 1st

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 1st (see above) Foundation children (along with all students) will have a further rest day on March 1st

Curriculum Day – Wednesday March 1st – Pupil Free Day

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

- Professional development on Calmer Classrooms
- 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.

Jo Menzel
Acting Principal



Child Safe Update: If you read the Herald Sun on Saturday you would have seen the article [‘Volunteers feel impact of new child safety blitz’](#). Department of Justice and Regulation spokeswoman Sheree Argento said “the Working With Children Check Unit will be working with their counterparts in the Department of Education to provide a comprehensive community awareness education program before the changes come into effect”. A Department of Education and Training spokesman said checks for volunteers were free and was not expected to impact the majority of volunteers.

We have put together the following information to help you be ‘volunteer ready’. **Remember we require the WWCC and a signed volunteer’s code of conduct.**

QHPS Working With Children’s Check Information

From January 30, 2017, we will expand the requirements for volunteers (including parents) in our school to have a Working with Children Check.

What activities will require a Working with Children Checks (WWCC)?

Parents and volunteers in our school will require Working with Children Checks for a range of school activities that involve interacting with students such as school camps, excursions, school swimming and any ongoing volunteering in the classroom (reading etc.). This is consistent with Victorian Government requirements. WWCCs will **not** be required for any school fundraising or social activities such as VIP day, working bees, school fete etc.

Why is Quarry Hill Primary doing this now?

As part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, there is a new regulatory landscape (Ministerial Order No. 870) surrounding child safety, underpinned by new Child Safe Standards. This order came into operation on the 1st of August 2016. WWCCs are an important way we can protect the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and are part of our QHPS Code of Conduct.

How much does it cost?

Volunteer WWCCs are free.

How long does it take?

It generally takes 2-3 weeks for applications to be finalised. After this, it will take two more weeks for your card to be made and mailed to you.

How do I get a WWCC?

It's pretty simple.

- Go to <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>
- Fill in the application form with your personal details
- In the section Organisation details, type in:

Quarry Hill Primary School, 25 Peel St, Quarry Hill, 3550

- In the section Occupational work codes, select:

44: Educational: including all primary, secondary, tertiary and technical

- Once you have completed in the online application form, go to any Australia Post retail outlet to lodge your application

(the application form is dated and remains valid for three weeks)

You'll also need to take:

- the application summary and receipt that you printed after completing the online application form
- a passport-size photo of yourself
- documents that prove your identity

What if I already have a WWCC?

If you already have a WWCC from a previous volunteering position or because you currently or previously worked in a position that requires one you can add a volunteering position at Quarry Hill Primary School.

- Go to <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>
- Log in, MyCheck Login
- Select change my details
- Select add an organisation
- Add Quarry Hill Primary School, 25 Peel St, Quarry Hill, 3550

What do I need to do once I have my WWCC?

Simply bring your WWCC card into the office so your details can be recorded.

Questions

Any questions should be directed to Anne, Narelle or Alice in the office.

Anne Rochford

Assistant Principal

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Resilience

Marta B (Room 10A) for showing great resilience during her transition to Quarry Hill. Well done.

Sense of Belonging

Lucius S (Room 10B) for making a great & confident start at his new school.

David M (Room 3) for making a great start in his new school.

Passion for Learning

Byron JL (Room 15A) for his enthusiastic approach to the new school year.

Lucas T (Room 12A) for participating enthusiastically in all class discussions.

Ashley H (Room 14A) for making strong text to self connections during reading.

Matilda R (Room 2) for consistently trying her best at all tasks.

Nikita L (Room 12B) for always trying her very best & for the most nights of home reading.

Confidence

Ruby W (Room 9) for having the confidence to share her inner most thoughts & feelings with the grade.

Rena G (Room 8) for having a confident & positive start to her schooling.

Taleah M (Room 14B) for making a confident & enthusiastic start to Grade 4.

Organisation

Abbie G (Room 4) for showing excellent organisational skills by being prepared for her learning.

Integrity

Ruby L (Room 14A) for being a kind, caring & helpful member of our class.

CHOIR

Are you looking for a way to become more involved at QHPS?

Well, maybe you're just the person I need to accompany the Grade 3-6 school choir! Below is a list of what's needed.



Are you a parent who:

- Can play the piano confidently (with practice) in front of others;
- Is cheerful and works well in a team;
- Loves working with children;
- Loves to sing (not necessarily in front of others ☺);
- Is available to rehearse every Friday 1-2pm;
- Is flexible to be available for approx 3 performances (dates to be confirmed and some can be negotiated)?

If this describes you or someone you know then please contact Susan Steele directly or via the office ASAP to explore the possibilities.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Our first issue of Scholastic Book Club has been sent home with all students. For those new to the school the Scholastic Book Club is an opportunity for students to look through a catalogue and purchase a book of interest for reading. A percentage of the order is then donated back to the school to use for purchasing books for the school library. Issue 1 is due this Friday February 17th. 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 new LOOP facility (visit 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. All orders need to be returned to the office by this Friday.

If you have any questions please see Narelle in the office.

Many thanks

Jane Crane

Book Club Coordinator



Parent Information Session on Reading Prep – Grade 2 Parents ALL WELCOME

Friday 24th February 9am – 10am in Room 8
Or
Tuesday 28th February 6:30pm – 7:30 pm in Room 8

If you would like to help your child with their reading at home or will be a reading helper in your child's classroom then this information session is for you.

Please RSVP by returning the slip below by Monday 20th February.
We would love to see you. ☺

Please see Mrs St Clair in Room 8 if you have any questions.

I will be attending the **Parent Information Session on Reading in Room 8** on:

- **Friday 24th February at 9 am – 10am**
- **Tuesday 28th February at 6:30pm – 7:30 pm**

Please circle the session you will be attending.

Name :

Or RSVP your attendance to: stclair.jane.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Every year the library loses a substantial amount of money on lost or damaged book replacement. Our school library is very well stocked with the latest books purchased from fundraising and school money. To ensure the books are kept to a high standard we will be instigating a no library bag/no borrow system this year. All books that are lost or damaged will incur a \$10.00 replacement cost. This year we have had to write off in excess of 100 books which have been either lost or damaged. The library cannot continue to offer the wide selection of new titles if these books are not replaced. Please ensure your child has a library bag and keeps their library books secured within it when not being read. If your child does lose a book an invoice will be sent home and payment required prior to your child being able to borrow another book.

We thank you for your assistance in helping keep our library books safe and our library fully stocked.

WELCOME NEW & FOUNDATION STUDENT CERTIFICATES

Over the next few assemblies students new to the school will be presented with a welcome to Quarry Hill Primary certificate. Parents are encouraged to attend the assembly where their child will receive their certificate.

Foundation students in Room 5 will be presented with their certificates this Friday February 17th at assembly.

Foundation students in Room 7 will be presented their certificates at assembly on Friday March 3rd.

Foundation students in Room 8 will be presented with their certificates at assembly on Friday March 10th.

New students across the various grades will be presented with their certificate this Friday February 17th.

HEAD LICE

We are looking for volunteers that would like to assist with our head lice checks on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm. To be able to assist you would need a Working with Children check and need to sign a confidentiality form. If you are able to assist please see Narelle in the office. Luci Hauke will be coordinating the checks on a Wednesday.

Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club Registration Day



**Sunday 5th
March 2017**

11.30am-1.30pm

**At the Bendigo
Hockey Grounds
(Ashley St
Ironbark)**

*This is for all Men's, Women's
and Junior teams*

*Existing members, transferring players and
new players to the club are all welcome!*



P.F.A News

Next Meeting: Monday March 6th 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 23rd 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 second 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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