



The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School
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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

2017 TERM DATES

Term 4 October 9 – December 22

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
November		
Wednesday 29	3.45pm – 4.45pm 3.30pm – 5.00pm	School Council Sub Committee Meetings QHPS Working Bee
December		
Monday 4 – Friday 8	Various	Swimming Program
Thursday 7	4.00pm – 5.30pm 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Prep – Grade 2 PFA Disco Grade 3 – 6 PFA Disco
Monday 11	All Day	Whole School Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 12	9.00am – 11.00am	State Wide Transition Day
Friday 15	10.30am-11.00am	QHPS Choir performance Bendigo Marketplace In front of Woolworths
Wednesday 20	5.30pm – 9.00pm	Grade 6 Graduation Bendigo Club
Friday 22	1.30pm	Last Day of the Year Early Finish

~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.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

The 2017 swimming program starts on Monday at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. Please ensure that all students participating bring with them sunscreen, swimmers, Rashie/sun smart shirt, towel and a plastic bag for wet clothing for each day of the program.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The whole school swimming carnival will be held on Monday 11th at Bendigo Aquatic Centre Between 10.00am and 2.00pm. The Grade 6 Pinnell 50 metre freestyle race will be the first event for the day. Only students that have participated in the Swimming program will be able to attend the carnival.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Compass Parent Portal

Last week, parents received a letter with instructions for accessing the Compass Parent Portal, which allows access to your child's dashboard. Our intention from 2018 is that teachers and staff will use this portal as a main communication source for the day-to-day operations of the school. This will include the newsletter. All copies of the newsletter will be digital and no hard copies will be sent home. Other features of the Parent Portal include the ability to inform the school of student absences. Our 2018 mid-year reports will also be available through the portal.

There are many exciting changes ahead! If you need another copy of the note, please contact the office.

Please note, as of 2018, the school will no longer use Flexibuzz for notifications.

Twilight Working Bee Tonight 3.30pm – 5.00pm

The school will be holding a Working Bee tonight from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Icy poles will be provided as a welcome refreshment for willing participants. Hopefully families are able to contribute in some capacity. Even half an hour would be greatly appreciated.

Jobs that we would like to complete. The teachers' names in brackets are in charge of the task:

1. Pressure wash all plastic chairs in the Multi-Purpose Room. (Lorraine Beriman and Sheng Jie Chui)
2. Pressure wash front entrance archway to remove mould. (Lorraine Beriman and Sheng Jie Chui)
3. Clean up top oval. The suggestion is to shovel excess dirt over retaining wall and then run the sweeper over the surface. (Ross Turner)
4. Fence and plant garden beds on the south/west side of the BER building. (Our Maintenance Worker, Phil, will fence this area on the Tuesday prior to the Working Bee). Kate Monotti is kindly donating 50+ Agapanthus plants and will bring them in on the day. (Craig Harrop)
5. Spread soft fall in the playground. (Brooke Wilson)

I would like to thank families in advance for their support of this Working Bee – particularly in light of the very hot weather.

Thunderstorm Asthma – Be Prepared

With the recent thunderstorms around Bendigo, it is timely to alert our community to the potential onset of epidemic thunderstorm asthma. As many of you know, asthma and hay fever symptoms increase every year during grass pollen season, which is typically from the month of October, through to December. What you may not know is there is also the chance of an epidemic thunderstorm asthma event.

Epidemic thunderstorm asthma events are thought to be triggered by an uncommon combination of high grass pollen levels and a certain type of thunderstorm, resulting in large numbers of people developing asthma symptoms over a short period of time. These events not only cause lots of people to become unwell but their sudden onset and potentially severe nature can put a strain on health services, with many people requiring medical support.

As epidemic thunderstorm asthma events are uncommon, the exact mechanism driving them is still unclear. One view is that pollen grains from grasses get swept up in the wind and carried for long distances. Some can burst open and release tiny particles that are concentrated in the wind just before the thunderstorm. These particles are small enough to be breathed deep into the lungs and can trigger asthma symptoms, making it difficult to breathe.

If you believe you, or any family member, is experiencing asthma symptoms, follow your written asthma plans (if applicable) or in an emergency always call Triple Zero (000).

Staffing 2018

Staffing becomes a big focus during Term 4 when schools have an indication of their enrolments for the following year. We already know that we have a number of staff who will not be returning to Quarry Hill Primary School in 2018:

- Alice Belfrage (retiring)
- Eddy Dickins (ongoing at White Hills Primary School)
- Karen Harris (resigning)
- Hayley Coates (extended leave – returning in 2019)
- Susan Steele (end of contract)
- Alison Clarke (end of contract)
- Helen Pyers (end of contract)
- Rebecca Harper (promotion to White Hills Primary School)
- Lauren McCurdy (Family Leave from the end of Term 1, 2018)

These people have been an integral part of Quarry Hill Primary School over the various times of their employ. Each has brought a unique skill set to the school and left an imprint on the lives of so many students and their families. I would personally like to thank them for their contributions and wish them well with their future endeavours.

Recent appointments to the school:

- Tim Murphy was the successful applicant for the Education Support Staff position made vacant by the resignation of Kelly Climas. Tim commenced his role at the beginning of Term 4.
- Sarah Harte was the successful applicant for the 0.8 position recently advertised. Sarah's role will involve intervention and student support in 2018.
- Jeremie Collard was the successful applicant for the 0.6 Music position.
- Merryn Walker was the successful applicant for the 1.0 ongoing classroom position.

We are currently finalising the Business Manager's position, a Family Leave position, a 1-year contract position and a contract Graduate position. I hope that this process will be completed within a fortnight.

Date for your Diaries: Start Up Day for 2018

The 2018 'Start up Day' will be conducted on Tuesday 30th January 2018 for all Grade 1-6 students and families. This day is counted as a school day and all students and families are expected to book a time to come and meet with their classroom teacher. The booking details for these sessions will be made available after the State Wide Transition Day on Tuesday, December 12th 2017.

Date for your Diaries: Foundation (Prep) Students Starting Date 2018

Foundation (Prep) teachers will use Tuesday 30th January and Wednesday 31st January 2018 as testing days. Our new Preps will begin school on Thursday 1st February 2018.

Have a great week.

Jo Menzel

Principal

Student Achievement Awards

Persistence

- Will B (Room 15B) for gaining automatic recall of his 9 times tables.
Copeland I-S (Room 15A) for persisting to improve the neatness of his handwriting.
Kohan J-L (Room 5) for working hard on his reading and writing.
Jesse B (Room 10B) for working hard during I.C.T. to confidently learn how to add animations to slideshows.
Sam P (Room 12B) Sam's been very focussed when working on his Writing project.
Connor I (Room 7) for his wonderful independent work skills during morning reading.
Lila P (Room 7) for her beautiful handwriting using lines correctly.
Edward B (Room 2) for working persistently to improve the size of his writing.

Confidence

Maddii Jo D (Room 15B) for gaining confidence during Maths sessions.

Passion for Learning

- Ewen M (Room 4) for showing a deep understanding of the text "The Flint Heart" and providing many insightful responses.
Jarvis S (Room 14A) for being an enthusiastic and focused learner about Fractions.
Caitlin O (Room 10A) for the hard work she has put into her narrative writing this week.
Seth S (Room 10A) for his effort he has put into reading with expression.
Henry T (Room 12A) for showing enthusiasm and interest in all class projects.
Noah B (room 14B) for applying excellent strategies to his learning of Fractions.

BOOKLISTS & PERMISSION FORMS FOR 2018

Last week you would have received your 2018 booklist and forms pack. These forms are all due back to the school By Friday December 8th. As part of the forms there would have been a BYOD portal note like the one in this newsletter.

This note is for those parents choosing to purchase a device for their child in 2018. At QHPS we have the option for students in Grades 3-6 to bring a device for their own use. This is not compulsory and those students without devices will still have access to a shared device in the classrooms.

QHPS CHOIR PERFORMANCE

This term has seen a lovely increase in Choir numbers with extra students choosing to join us for only the on-campus performances. The added enthusiasm and increased volume has been lovely!

The Quarry Hill Primary Choir (contract members since Term 1) will be performing Christmas songs off-campus on 15th December. We will be travelling by bus to the Bendigo Marketplace followed by the Royal Freemasons (formally Elm Aged Care). Notes have been sent home and need to be signed and returned to Miss Steele or the school office prior to attending. Students are to wear full summer uniform with a blue polo (if possible). If desired students may also add a small Christmas decoration, like a tinsel wristband, Santa hat or brooch. Please remind your child to pack a water bottle and sandwich to snack on between the two performances.

If parents wish to support the choir and listen to their performance they would be very welcome in front of the Marketplace Woolworths at about 10.30am. I know that the students loved their parents coming last year!



NEXT WEEK

The school Disco
Thursday December 7th.

The preps to grade 2 disco starts at 4pm and runs till 5.30pm and the grade 3 to grade 6 disco starts from 6pm and runs until 8pm. It is \$2 entry or \$5 per family. We are happy to say our DJ from last year is returning, with the light show and smoke machine which was so popular last year. The disco is held in the multi purpose room and all students MUST be dropped off and picked up from the astro turf in front of this building. No pass outs will be given.

PFA will be running a BBQ on the night selling sausages in bread for \$2, this will start at 4.30pm until all sold out. Juice boxes are \$1 each for the juniors and cans of soft drink \$2 for the seniors only, Glow sticks are 3 for 50cents and zooper doppers are 50 cents each.

We will also have the ever popular **FREE PHOTO BOOTH** for all students to enjoy with their friends, with the photos being printed out on the spot.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS This is a wonderfully fun night for the students and to make this happen **we need parent helpers** to supervise on the night and to help serve drinks and food so if you can help please fill in the rooster outside room 5. Thank you for your continued support.

The PFA annual Christmas Dinner will be held at our last meeting of the year which will be at the Queens Arms in Quarry Hill on December 14 at 7pm. This is a great way to celebrate the great successes of the year together. Hope to see you there.

Kasslea Shaw
PFA President

PFA SURVEY

The QHPS PFA is keen to hear from the school community about what it values about the role and work of the PFA and as such we have developed a very quick survey to gather information. We would really appreciate your participation in completing the survey which should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

The survey is online using survey monkey and is completely confidential and can be accessed from

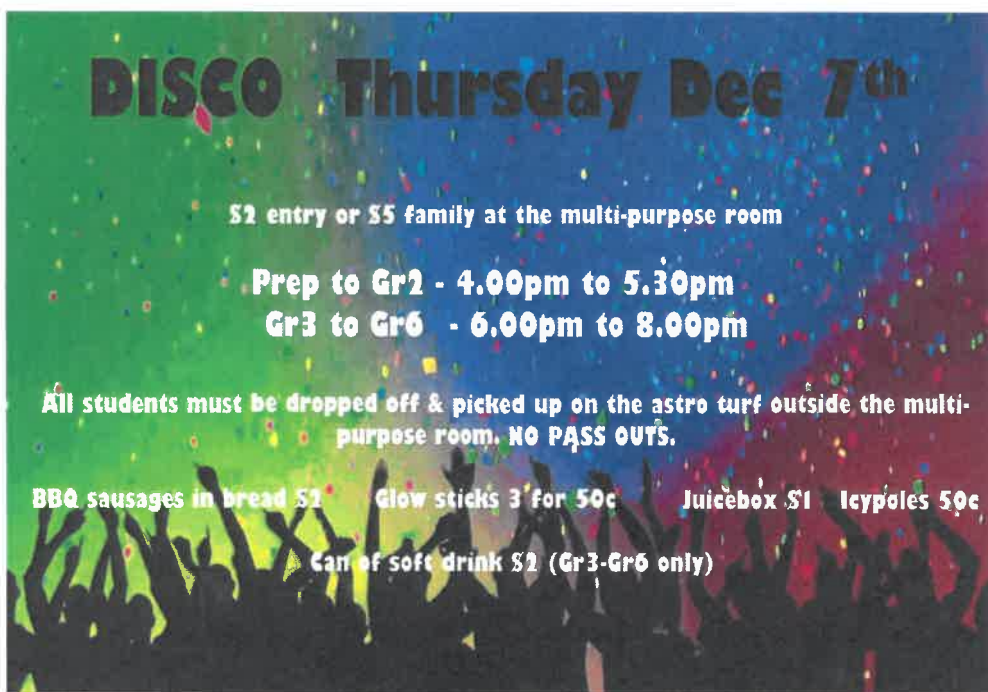
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R57C82G>

It will be open for two weeks from today through to Wednesday December 13th.

The PFA will collate and share feedback from the survey with the school community at the start of next year and the feedback will help inform the way we work in 2018.

Thank you for supporting the PFA.

Kasslea Shaw
PFA President



DISCO Thursday Dec 7th

\$2 entry or \$5 family at the multi-purpose room

Prep to Gr2 - 4.00pm to 5.30pm
Gr3 to Gr6 - 6.00pm to 8.00pm

All students must be dropped off & picked up on the astro turf outside the multi-purpose room. NO PASS OUTS.

BBQ sausages in bread \$2 Glow sticks 3 for 50c Juicebox \$1 Icy poles 50c
Can of soft drink \$2 (Gr3-Gr6 only)



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Camp Australia – Quarry Hill OSHC/ 29th November 2017

Hello Everyone!

The first day of school next year Tuesday 30/1/18 is interview day for parents and students. Camp Australia can run a program for the day if there are enough students requiring care. Please contact me, Tara on 0431 007 805 if you would like to enrol your child for that day and I will see if we can accommodate this.

This term we have been learning about Nepal and the disasters they have faced. They are a very poor country without much access to educational books. Nepal is a small country between India and China and is home to Mount Everest. It is prone to earthquakes, because it is on the edge of the earth's plate and when 2 plates overlap it causes an earthquake. In 2015 they had a very big earthquake, where many houses and schools were either destroyed or made unsafe. The Department of Education in Nepal and Plan International are trying to rebuild the schools, so the children have access to the education they need.

We have sent our Australia poster to Camp Australia head office to be scanned to make a book to be sent to Nepal as a gift for the children and it turned out really great. We hope to get it returned, so we can display it in the room.

We offer many activities in Before and After School Care such as arts and crafts, painting, indoor and outdoor games, blocks, books and colouring. We also do some cooking activities that the children love to take part in. We usually spend some time on the playground and play some games on the A turf. Trips to the bushland might and be more possible too, now the weather is getting warmer.

This term the children will need to wear hats in After School Care.

Camp Australia has a strict policy of **"No Hat/No Outdoors"**. Therefore if we go outside and the children do not have a hat, they will be asked to remain in the shaded area. We will provide sunscreen, but if the children prefer their own, they are welcome to use that instead..

You're welcome to call in and check out our service and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. If you would like to book into Before/After School care or Holiday program or for any extra information please contact our friendly Customer Service team, who will be happy to help you.

Hope to see you soon. Tara and Luana.

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Your Passport To Summer Holiday Fun

The Summer holidays will be here before you know it, with opportunities for all kinds of adventures. To celebrate, we're excited to announce our brand-new Holiday Club - 'Passport to Summer.'

Full of awesome games, activities, and excursions, Holiday Club is your passport to a great Summer.

Come Join Us!

For more information about the Holiday Club program near you and to book visit www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs

We look forward to seeing you and your family this Summer,
The Camp Australia Holiday Club Team





Quarry Hill Primary School BYOD Portal 2018

The Centre Com BYOD Portal provides a secure process for families at Quarry Hill Primary School to purchase and maintain high quality education accredited products.

This portal is unique to Quarry Hill Primary School, and is built to suit our schools ICT requirements.

Device Information

Students at Quarry Hill Primary School have the option to purchase the following 11" devices:



HP Stream 11 Pro
4GB RAM / 64GB SSD
Celeron Processor
\$475.00 + delivery



Acer B117
4GB RAM / 500GB HDD
Celeron Processor
\$499.00 + delivery



Lenovo Thinkpad 11e
4GB RAM / 128GB SSD
Celeron Processor
\$663.00 + delivery

Where can I find the BYOD Portal?

Head to <http://eduportal.centrecom.com.au>
Enter your school code: QHPS3550
OR access the link from our school website.

1. Register

- Follow the Centre Com **BYOD Portal link** on on the school website, or using the school code below.
- Register with an email address and set your own password.

2. Buy

- Purchase products, accessories and service.
- Make payments (Layby, direct purchase)

Estimated Delivery Times:
Purchase by December - Delivery by mid January
OR Pickup from Bendigo store

3. Service

- Lodge claims for warranty claims via the portal.
- Receive communication from the BYOD team at Centre Com.
- Pick up from Centre Com or delivery can be arranged through the portal.

4. Managed

- Change email and contact details if needed.
- Add additional family members as other children join the BYOD program.



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