Primary School

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#### Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May Assembly 2.45pm Education Week Curriculum Day – No students at school



















### Principals Message

Dear Families and Carers,

This week I returned from long service leave and would like to give a big thank you to Mrs Denton for leading the school during this time. Mrs Denton did an amazing job during the 3 weeks I was away and I knew that the school was in good hands.

This week is another big week at Quarters Primary School with school photos, open afternoon and our first art show. The students have produced some very creative pieces of artwork and these were on display in the library and common areas around the classrooms. We also had the Cranbourne West Secondary College music department providing entertainment and Big Childcare providing the BBQ. This was another great opportunity that QPS provided to build connections and relationships with our community and showcase our students' works.

A very big thank you to our families as our students looked very smart for our photo today.

Last week our Mothers and Special Others picnic was so well attended and it was a very proud day for QPS as evident by the newspaper article. Here is the link if you haven't already seen it.

https://berwicknews.starcommunity.com.au/news/2023-05-15/celebrating-mothers-and-loved-ones/

The staff are starting to plan excursions now for students. As with all items, excursions can be quite expensive but we do try and keep the cost to a minimum. Eligible families are reminded they will be able to use CSEF to offset costs. If you are eligible for CSEF you must have a health care card or pension card that was valid on the first day of term to apply.

Here is some more information and the information is available in different languages:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/csefflyer.pdf

https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/resources

2023 CSEF applications close on the last day of term 2 – June 23<sup>rd</sup> so please make sure you apply if eligible.

More building works:

Please be advised that our building program is continuing and by the end of term we will have relocatable buildings on site. This work will take place in the far west corner and there will be temporary fences in place again. This will not impact the students play or learning. Just a reminder there will be builders' vehicles parked on the road in that far west corner and may impact traffic and pedestrian access at the back gate.















#### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

I would like to extend a very big thank you to our inaugural school council. Jean-ne Duncan (President), Karen Prince, Kellie Roberts, Trish McColley, Valarie Tanuvasa and Jagtar Mann for being our parent representatives. This current school council will run until the end of term 2. Each year, school council elections take place. QPS received permission to hold their school council elections in Term 2 instead of Term 1. It is now time to declare all parent positions (6) vacant and hold our elections. As we are holding our elections in term 2, end dates for the next tenure will be slightly different.

We are asking for nominations for 6 parent representatives (must have a child currently enrolled at the school). Nominations open Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

3 x 12-month tenure (actual end date March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024)

3 x 2-year tenure (actual end date March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025)

The actual end dates then bring us back in line with the normal school council election timelines.

Meetings will be held onsite at the school the third Thursday of the month from 3:35 - to 5 pm (approx.). We have changed the time to an afternoon so we can hold more meetings onsite. Attendance by an online platform is also available. This is a new time than what we currently have.

If you are interested in finding out what school council is about – please check out this link:

https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-council-powers-and-functions/guidance

Parents may self-nominate or be nominated by someone. Nomination forms are available from the office.

An election will be held if we receive more nominations than positions.

Below is the timeline of events:

#### School council election process and timetable Name of the school: Quarters Primary School Letter Event DATE Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 a) Notice of election and call for nominations b) Closing date for nominations Monday 29th May 2023 Wednesday 31 st May 2023 Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted C) On or before Monday 5th June 2023 d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed Close of ballot Tuesday 12th June 2023 e) Vote count 13/06/2023 f) Declaration of poll 14/06/2023 g) Special council meeting to co-opt community members h) N/A (the principal will preside) i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) 20/07/2023

Enjoy the rest of your week and the weekend when it comes around.

Liz Davey

Principal















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#### **Quarters Primary School Values**

EXCELLENCE:



*Excellence – Developing positive habits and attitudes and trying our hardest to achieve the best we can.* 

At QPS we demonstrate excellence when:

- Wearing our uniform correctly •
- Using positive and kind language ٠
- Putting in our best effort •
- Taking care when presenting our work •
- Concentrating and listen ٠
- Following the positive school wide behaviour matrix •















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#### **Teaching and Learning News**

On Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, we merged our education week open evening with the amazing, inaugural art show for Quarters Primary School. It was a huge success with our families streaming through from 3:30pm, right up until 6pm. The event was well supported by Big Childcare, who provided a free sausage sizzle for our families and Cranbourne West Secondary College, who provided gorgeous tunes for us to listen to. "Active learners, Move, Make, Motivate" was the theme for education week and the artwork on show certainly displayed all of these traits and more. From our prep students putting together art on little easels, making clay birds with nests and making magic painting with bleeding crepe paper. It was a gorgeous array of colour and creativity. Our 1/2 students investigated the art of Monet and made individual ponds complete with waterlilies and creatures. They also tried their hand at Kumihimo weaving and made kites and matched the flowers they made to the colour wheel. The 3/4 students recreated the famous artwork 'The Scream' in mixed media, starring themselves. They also tried their hand at weaving and investigated value and tone with a lovely piece as well. Our 4/5/6 students made an explosive piece of mixed media with an animal theme. The attention to detail was amazing. They also made fireworks out of just salt and colouring and gorgeous trees with scrunched up foil and fingerpainting techniques. The comments coming from our community were extremely positive and it was a joy to see so many families admiring the hard work and creativity of our students. A very proud day for Quarters Primary school!

















#### Wellbeing News

#### **Education Support Day 2023**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May our students and teaching staff took time to acknowledge and celebrate our wonderful Education Support team. Our ES team work incredibly hard each day to ensure our students are supported not only in their classroom learning but also socially and emotionally.

At Quarters Primary School we have approximately 240 students from a range of cultural backgrounds who come to us with different life experiences and diverse learning needs. Along with our teachers, our ES team go above and beyond in supporting students to develop the competencies and skills they need to engage in their learning, build resilience and effectively manage their emotions, behaviour and relationships with others. We could not do the job we do without our Education Support team!



### School Celebrations

The sun was shining when the Quarter's Primary School community came together to celebrate the inaugural Mothers and Special Others Picnic on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Picnic blankets were spread out in the spacious grounds as families shared their picnic treats. The smiles on faces confirmed that the QPS learners enjoyed catching up with their families and having a fun lunchtime. It was a fabulous way for the QPS community to come together and we were thrilled to see how well it was attended. It was a day to be remembered and we thank all the mums, aunties, grandmothers, and significant others who joined us for the event.

During the week leading up to Mother's Day, learners at QPS have also been very busy in classrooms and during Visual Arts sessions making some gifts to give the special people in their lives on Sunday. Thank you all our QPS families who were able to join us on last Friday.



















