

Quarter Times

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Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 10 th November	Assembly – 2:45PM
Friday 1 st December	Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday 12 th December	Statewide Orientation Day & QPS Bump up Day
Wednesday 13 th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 15 th December	End of year Gold Assembly 9.00am, Grade Parties, Christmas Concert
Wednesday 20 th December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Quarters Primary is a SunSmart school and is committed to ensuring our learners and staff are protected from the harsh effects of the sun during the warmer months of Term 1 and Term 4.

Being 'Sun Smart' is an important part of school life. It means taking precautions to protect yourself from the harmful effects of the sun, such as UV radiation. This includes wearing sunscreen, protective clothing like hats and sunglasses and seeking shade during peak sun hours to reduce the risk of sunburn and skin damage. It is important for your overall health and to reduce the risk of skin cancer. A reminder that all students must wear a SunSmart hat when outside at recess, lunch, on excursions and at PE classes. School hats need to be worn for all outside activities to ensure protection from UV rays and water bottles need to be used to make sure students remain hydrated and ready to learn.



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Principals Message

Dear Families and Carers,

Welcome Mrs Wilders:

You may have noticed a friendly visitor to QPS on the gates and in the classroom. Mrs Wilders, an acting Assistant Principal from Seaford Primary School is undertaking the Unlocking Potential Program through the Victorian Academy for Teaching and Leadership. This program is for aspiring principals. Mrs Wilders has been in classrooms, in the playground and meetings with staff. Please say hello and give Mrs Wilders a QPS welcome. She will be with us for another 2 weeks.

Booklists:

We recently sent out a link via SENTRAL for parents to order 2024 booklist items and of possible contributions to school funds through voluntary contributions (fees). All information explaining this was sent out a 2 weeks ago – please check and complete as required.

Hardship:

The recent interest rate rise may be impacting families. Please remember you have access to our community pantry. You can take away cereals, ready made meals like rice and soup, honey, baked beans etc all compliments of Food Bank Victoria. We understand that it can be difficult to ask for support but please feel free to wander into the office and take what you need or ring the office or speak to one of the staff who will sensitively and discretely gather what you need. We do have access to some food hampers as well. Please reach out – we like to rotate the food as it gets closer to its best before date and doesn't go to waste. We can also support with uniforms if you haven't accessed State Schools Relief this year.

Behaviour:

I hope the last two short weeks have given an opportunity for students to reset and recharge to get through the next 6 weeks. Please chat with your child about their day, make sure they are getting enough sleep and a nutritious diet. We will continue to refer to our positive school wide behaviours matrix and contact families when your child is involved in any incident. We are seeing a rise in swearing, both in English and Punjabi, putting hands on others and throwing items. QPS doesn't tolerate these behaviours and we would appreciate support from families to ensure that your child is behaving appropriately at school.

On Wednesday I attended the Grade 5/6 Lightning premiership sports day. It was lovely to spend some time with our senior students as they represented QPS. We have also completed our 2024 Prep transition sessions and look forward to welcoming these students to QPS next year.

QPS Early Learning Centre:

The Minister for children, Lizzie Blandthorn, announced this week, ECMS (Early Childhood Management Services) as the successful provider of our ELC. ECMS is currently taking enrolments and the flyer can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. QPS school can't answer questions about the daily running of the kinder including staffing, hours of operation and enrolments – please contact ECMS for that. QPS school will help ECMS set up the operations side of things and disseminate information. We look forward to building the relationship with such an important service to ensure that pre-school students have a simple, safe and successful transition to big school.



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2024 enrolments:

QPS is growing and we look like adding another 100+ enrolments to our school. This will take us over 350 students so next year we will be using all 3 learning neighbourhoods. We are still a long way from capacity and will have some spare classrooms. According to our Enrolment Implementation Management Plan, in grades 1-6 we can only take students within our zone or siblings of students already at the school. In Prep, we can take students within our zone, those with siblings already at the school, those seeking enrolment under our specialist enrolment provision (intellectual disability) and compassionate reasons. We often take many inquiries that we need to say no to. This plan is to support our enrolment growth, to reduce enrolment pressure and ensure we grow steadily rather than quickly. We ask prospective families to understand why they may not be able to enrol.

Have a great weekend when it comes around.

Liz Davey

Principal



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Wellbeing News



Day for Daniel:

On Friday 27th October Quarters Primary School recognised Day for Daniel by wearing red. Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. Day for Daniel is about educating children and adults to keep them safe. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right. The school was a sea of red as learners and staff wore red wigs, sprayed their hair red, and wore red ribbons or bandanas to support the day.



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Attendance

Attendance Matters!!!

Spotlight on Punctuality

Punctuality- It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Did you know that 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours of lost learning each year!!

Routines - The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE. If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before. The school day starts at 8.50 am.

If your child arrives after this time, then you MUST take your child to the Main Office to sign them in late. These procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the roll correctly and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency. This is to ensure the health and safety of YOUR child, so please make sure that these procedures are always followed.

Tips to help you get to school on time every day:

- Make sure your child understands why school is important.
- Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school.
- Get everything ready the night before school.
- Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays.
- Join breakfast club on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Congratulations!!

A Big congratulations to all the learners who had 96% or better attendance for the first 5 weeks of the term.

Well done to Prep B, 12 A, 12 C, 34 A, 45 A for great attendance on our ATTENDANCE LADDER!!

You are Attendance Heros classes of QPS!



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School Celebrations

On Friday December 1, it will be Crazy Hair Day. Students can get creative and come to school with their craziest hairstyles! They still need to wear full school uniform and **MUST** be able to wear their hats on their heads!

This is our last fundraising event for the year to raise funds for our very first Graduation! Please bring your gold coin/s donation on the day and let's make this a Graduation to remember.



**Crazy
HAIR DAY**

Friday, 1 December

Children can come with their hair styled in a silly, wacky, or creative manner.

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH CRAZY HAIR
You MUST be able to wear your hat when outside!!!!



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Grade News



“I liked the sheep and I liked the camels”
– Oscar Prep A

“I learnt that camels have three eyelids to protect their eyes from the sand”
– Katelynn Prep B



“I learnt that ducks have waterproof feathers”
– Rayrith Prep C

“I liked the alpacas”
– Sargun Prep B



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"We went to the farm because we went to learn about animals"
- Cedrix Prep A



"The camel was my favourite" – Harper Prep



"Bats sleep upside down"
- Roman T Prep C



"Bats have faces like foxes"
– Nevaeh Prep B



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Quarters Kindergarten Enrol Today

Opening
2024

Learn, laugh and grow at our brand new kindergarten.

- Vibrant early learning programs
- Central location next to Quarters Primary School
- Light, airy rooms
- Thoughtfully landscaped outside spaces



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