

Quarter Times

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Issue 5 Thursday 28th March 2024

Important Dates and Reminders:

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| Thursday 28 th March | Gold Assembly and Easter Hat Parade 9:00am |
| Thursday 28 th March | Last Day of Term – school finishes 2:30pm |
| Monday 15 th April | First Day of Term 2 |
| Friday 19 th April | Pupil Free Day – Staff PL - Numeracy |
| Thursday 25 th April | ANZAC Day Public Holiday – No Students |
| Friday 24 th May | Pupil Free Day - Assessment and Reporting |



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Principals Message

Dear Families,

I am delighted to announce that Ashlea Kight has been appointed for one of the part time teaching roles for 1/2B. She is an experienced teacher and will working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

We have re-advertised for the 2-day position again and hope to appoint over the holidays. It has been a very trying experience finding a suitable teacher and again I thank you for your patience.

I hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to attend your child's classroom through their learning expo open afternoon. The Inquiry work completed by the students is very interesting and they have enjoyed working on their projects.

Finally, below I will add some important dates but I would also like to wish you a very Happy Easter for those who celebrate it and a safe and happy autumn term break.

Thursday 28th March – Last of Term

9 am Gold Assembly and Easter & attendance raffle

10 am Easter Hat Parade and Hour of Power for our winning house team

2:30 pm – school finishes for Term 1

Please make arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:30 pm or use Big Childcare. Teaching staff are leaving the school at 2:35 pm (time in lieu for the student conferences this week)

2:45 pm – Office closes for the term break

Take Care,

Liz Davey
Principal



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Teaching and Learning News

TERM 1 Wrap- Up

It has been a very busy start to the year with staff and students working towards the expectations both in regard to our Orderly Learning Environments and our Teaching & Learning Program. Even with such a short term we have been able to fit a lot into it including cross country, Beach Day for 3-6s, Student Conferences and Open Expo, various incursions, Cultural Infusion Performances and NAPLAN.

Our year 3s and 5s have been completing the NAPLAN Assessments from the 13th March 2024 and will finish on Monday 25th March. We have completed all assessments which began with writing, followed by reading, Conventions of Language (spelling and Grammar) and finally Numeracy. We are now heading into 3 days of 'catch up' tests for the students who were absent during the assessment sessions.

Wednesday March 27th 2024 was the Expo afternoon. The students have been working on their guided inquiry projects this term which they are proud to be presenting to their families. Families were invited to the classrooms to do a bit of a gallery walk and see what the students have produced in line with their inquiry topics:

- Preps – Me and My Family
- 1/2s- Connection to Communities
- 3/4s – Let's Celebrate
- 5/6s – We are One & We Are Many
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Term 2 is longer with 11 weeks in the term but just as busy, with the professional learning mentioned previously as well as different leaning opportunities and events. We have several proposed incursions/excursions including a visit from the space dome, Werribee Zoo & CHIPS sailing, prep tours for 2025 begin, a book fair, Education Week events, community events including another expo and our Mothers & Special Others day. Towards the end of term, we also have our very first QPS Year 56 Camp, heading to Philip Island. On the sporting front we have Division & Region Cross Country, Winter Lightning Prem & District Athletics.

Enjoy the first term break. Looking forward to Monday 15th April for the beginning of Term 2.

Penny Denton
Assistant Principal



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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Thank you to the families who have volunteered some time to help with the processing of our resources. Your time is very much appreciated.

We have purchased many new resources, including both numeracy and literacy and could still really use some parent volunteers to help with the processing of these please. If you have any spare time next term and would be willing and able to help process these resources, we would be very appreciative.

Jobs will include reinforcing books with strips of contact, barcoding books, separating numeracy resources and other resource collation. You will be directed in the jobs you do and any time you can spare would be appreciated.

Please contact Penny Denton via phone on 5929 2055 or email Quarters.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you're able to assist.

NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students for completing their 4 NAPLAN assessments. We are currently Doing the catch-up sessions for students who were absent during the assessment sessions held. A big tanks you to the Year 3 – 6 teachers for supporting the students not doing NAPLAN and for helping to run the sessions. It is a big 2 weeks that has gone very smoothly.



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