

# Quarter Times

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## Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mothers and Special Others Picnic
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly 2:30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Education Week and Book Fair
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Indian Principals Visit & Special Assembly 9:00am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupil Free Day - Assessment and Reporting

### QPS Lunch Time Club:

This year at QPS we have a range of clubs running at lunchtimes and recesses for our learners to join in. This provides another option for learners during the break times, to participate in a more structured activity. This is a great way for students to find new interests and make new friends.

Lunchtime clubs can have benefits for learners and the whole school community, including:

- improved peer-to-peer and teacher-student relationships and wellbeing
- a sense of personal empowerment and student voice
- development of social and emotional skills
- improved academic achievement
- positive school climate and increased student sense of safety
- reduction in playground behaviour incidents.

WELCOME TO  
**LUNCHTIME  
ACTIVITIES**

**WEDNESDAY**

PREP - YEAR 2	•	YEAR 3 - 6
MINDFULNESS	•	DANCE CLUB
COLOURING & YOGA	•	Miss Kight
Miss Davis	•	

**FRIDAY**

PREP - YEAR 2	•	YEAR 3 - 6
PLAYDOUGH PARTY	•	DANCE CLUB
Miss Dionisio	•	Miss Maas

SEE YOU THERE!



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## Principals Message

Dear Families,

What glorious autumn weather we are having. Cold in the morning and sunny, warm afternoons. A reminder to make sure your child is dressed appropriately and have their names on their uniforms. In this weather, students often remove their jumper and jackets and leave them somewhere. If an item has a name on it we can return it to the owner. If not, we do keep lost uniform items in the office. If a child loses a jacket or jumper – please don't replace it with a hoodie even for one day. Hoodies are unsafe in the school environment as the hoods can get caught on something or worse still be grabbed and pulled back, potentially causing harm. Always write a note or email explaining why your child is out of uniform until you have replaced the item.

### Parking:

You will notice that the parking signs on the front fence have reappeared. Many thanks to the City of Casey for supplying these and to our maintenance person, Mr D'Costa for putting them up. Please follow the parking directions. Big thank you to all our families for keeping our students safe by parking around the front and back gates safely. A gentle reminder that parking officers will be randomly in attendance over the coming months.

### Morning gate duty:

We have made a change to our morning gate duty. Staff will no longer be present at each gate but will be walking between the front and back gate as well as walking from the south to north playground areas. This provides better supervision of our grounds. It is also a parental responsibility to get your child safely in the gates/classrooms. Once inside, staff can support with any concerns. Please also keep toddlers in your care under supervision at all times.

### First Aid:

A SENTRAL push notification for first aid is sent as an FYI for families so if a child comes home with a scratch or mark (that has been seen by a first aid officer), this is a courtesy notification. More serious first aid treatment will be followed up with a phone call if required. Please download the SENTRAL app to keep up to date with communications.



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## Gender Violence and Family Violence:

Recently, gender violence and family violence has been very public in the media. This is a society and community concern so if everyone does their bit, we can make a difference to stopping violence in our community. I know as parents, we want our children to grow up and be successful and happy adults. The current climate suggests this is under threat. What can we do?

So, at Quarters Primary School, you will hear us say ALL the time, these 3 things:

1. Hands are for helping
2. Use kind words
3. What is on the ground, stays on the ground

We constantly repeat these 3 reminders and rules to ensure our students are not putting their hands on anyone or anything in a negative way, that nasty/mean words are not spoken and that objects from the ground are not picked up. In our playgrounds, this supports the message we don't hurt people with our hands, words or objects.

This message is also constantly reflected in the classroom and through our positive student behaviour matrix. As a community, let us work together and stand together to stop the unnecessary acts of violence that lead to devastating impacts for families. A gentle reminder, that all staff are mandatory reporters for any physical, sexual, verbal or emotional abuse against children. We must report any suspected or obvious abuse and we do this to keep our students safe at home and school.

If we all do our bit, and say no to violence, we can make a difference.

## School Saving Bonus:

A School Saving Bonus, was announced as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. We are sharing more information about how families will be able to access and use this support.

This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover the costs of school uniforms and activities in 2025.

It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025.

Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts that will help meet the costs of your children's activities and uniforms.

The School Saving Bonus support will be in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for camps, sports, excursions and uniforms.

The application-based Affordable School Uniform program, through State Schools' Relief, will continue to be available to families experiencing financial hardship or other forms of vulnerability and short-term crisis. This program allows schools to make multiple applications for support on parents' behalf throughout the year if needed.

There will be more information and guidance about the School Saving Bonus in Term 3, 2024, ahead of its implementation in 2025.

And finally, Madam Richa Sharma Agnihotri and Madam Aditi Misra will be visiting QPS next Wednesday. Please say hello and welcome them to our school. I will be out of the school for most of the week, except Wednesday morning, working with Richa in the city and at Melbourne University.

Enjoy this glorious weather,

Liz Davey  
Principal



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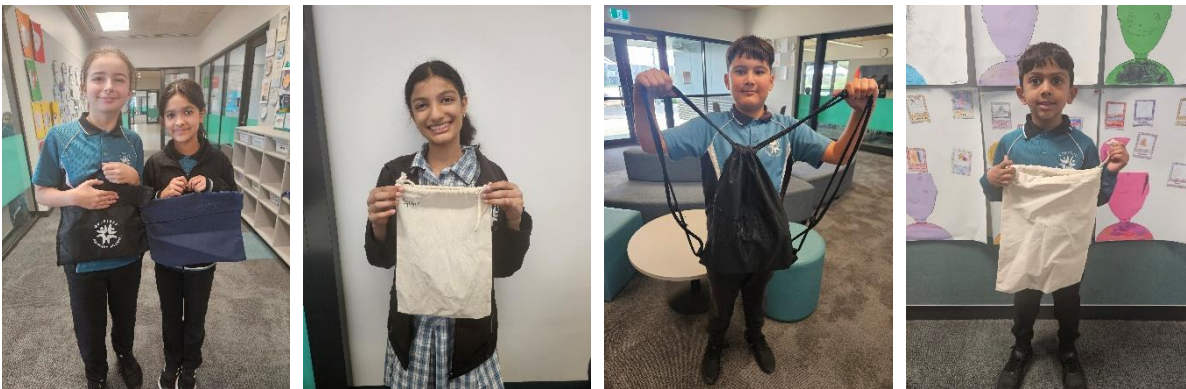
## Library News

### Library Borrowing at QPS

We are thrilled that Library Borrowing is ready to begin at QPS!

Each class will have a designated time they attend Library each week. The purpose of this time is to engage students with a range of different texts and have opportunities to borrow books to encourage students to read at home to further develop reading skills. Classroom teachers have been busy supporting students to understand the different types of texts in the library and finding 'good fit' books for students to read.

Students must have a library bag if they would like to borrow books from our school library. Your child may have received one as a part of their book pack or they may have a QPS or other library bag they can use from home. This will ensure books are being taken care of when being transported to and from school and are kept safe and in great condition for other students to use. Students are to bring back their books each week during their library session and can either return or reborrow the book if they need more time to finish it.



Nihaal from 5/6C was excited to be the first student at QPS to borrow a book from our school Library this past week!



Staff will still be learning how to use the library borrowing system over the next few weeks so please be patient if your child does not come home with a library book straight away. Once they are familiar with the borrowing system you will see your child starting to come home with a new book to read each week.

Thank you to community volunteers, parents, staff and student library helpers that have supported QPS to get books barcoded, contacted, into the library system and onto shelves ready for our learners to enjoy.



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## Wellbeing News

### Visual Supports

Our staff recently engaged in professional learning facilitated by our speech pathologist, Sarah Mitchell focusing on the benefits of visual supports in the school community.

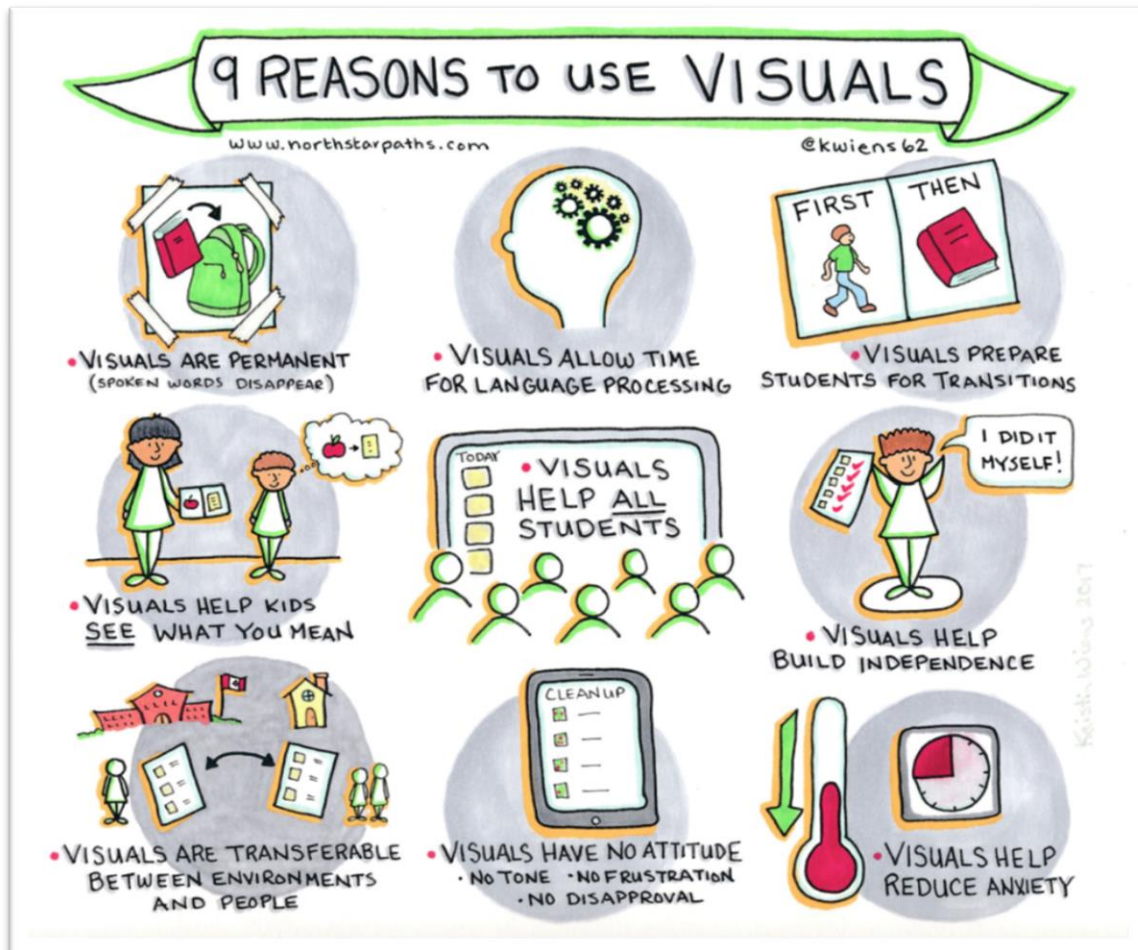
#### Why is it important to use visuals in the classroom?

Using visuals to break up daily routines can support students to learn the sequence of routines and maintain attention. For some of our students visuals communicate what will happen throughout the day and in what order which reduces stress and anxiety and adds predictability to their day.

#### How do visuals help learning?

Visual learning supports students to develop visual thinking skills. This is a learning style where students improve their ability to understand and retain information by associating ideas, words and concepts with images.

Here are 9 reasons why we use visuals as a learning tool for our students.



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## SEL STAR Award Recipients – Term 2

We would like to take a moment to congratulate to our SEL STAR award recipients for Weeks 1 and 2. These students are being acknowledged for demonstrating our ACHIEVE values and making positive contributions to our school community.



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Grade	SEL Star Award Recipients Weeks 1 and 2
Prep A	Rehmat
Prep B	Nazia
Prep C	Elijah
Prep D	Jude
1/2A	Addison
1/2B	Eddie
1/2C	Samiyar
1/2D	Eddie
1/2E	Shivoy
3/4A	Jack
3/4B	Chloe
3/4C	Alina
3/4D	Peaceful
3/4E	Livleen
5/6A	Fiyan
5/6B	Sahil
5/6C	Taha

	Weeks 1 and 2
PE	1/2B
Visual Arts	1/2C
Auslan	3/4B
DigiTech	3/4D



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## Attendance and Uniform

### Attendance Matters!

Don't forget to notify the school of your child's absence. Coming to school every day is **vital** for all students. If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to support them in their absence. Please remember to inform the school of their absence via:

- **Our Parent Portal**
- **Email / Phone Reception**

Congratulations and well done to all students who had a high attendance rate for Term 2 week 4. Attendance matters and we are so proud of you coming to school every day.

Well done to **Prep B and C, 12A, 34E, 56A** grades for their excellent attendance so far for Term 2.

Thank you to our families for supporting our Attendance Drive 🏠

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss <b>20 DAYS</b> a year.	They will miss <b>40 DAYS</b> a year.
They will miss <b>30 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.	They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.
They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss <b>120 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over <b>1 YEAR</b> of school by graduation.	They will miss over <b>2 YEARS</b> of school by graduation.



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## School Uniform Blitz

Wearing your school uniform and wearing it with pride is important in conveying a positive message about our school and our students. Wearing a uniform isn't optional. We are a uniform school, so it is a requirement that all students wear the full uniform every day. As we head into May, the weather has already taken a turn towards Winter as we experience more cool and wet days. We encourage you to ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the forecast temperature each day, with the assumption that they will be spending time in the outdoors.

It has been wonderful to see our students wear their uniform with pride as it has been a continuous focus for QPS .

Wearing a school uniform has many benefits including:

- ✔ promoting health and safety
- ✔ helping students become more confident
- ✔ creating a sense of belonging and community
- ✔ enhancing pride in our school
- ✔ reducing peer pressure and bullying
- ✔ allowing students to focus on learning

Just a reminder that wearing white/black socks are a part of our school uniform . If you need assistance with obtaining items of school uniform, please speak to our lovely office staff and they'll be happy to assist. If parents could promote this, that would be wonderful! Thanks for your ongoing support.



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## School Celebrations



Please join us for a

# Mother's and Special others Picnic

**10th May 2024**  
**12.00 - 12.40 pm**

**Bring along a picnic and share  
with your loved ones**

10 Morningside Boulevard, Cranbourne West



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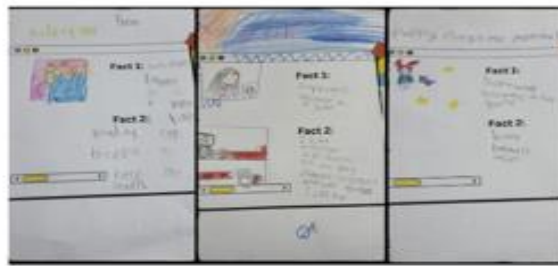
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## Specialist News

Grade 1/2s Hardware and Software



5-6 NAME TAGS



Our Grade 1/2 students have been learning about what makes a computer. They have explored the differences between hardware and software, making an iMovie in week 4 explaining their favourite part of a computer and identifying whether it was an example of either hardware or software.



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Touch typing



## Nature, Technology or Digital Technology?

Our Prep students have been learning about technology.



In weeks three and four they learnt to identify examples of technology, explain their purpose and then sort pictured items into either 'technology, nature or digital technology' groups.



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## Community News

**CONNECTED LIBRARIES**




# Youth Chess Club at Cranbourne Library



**Do you love playing chess?**  
**Come along to our weekly chess club at Cranbourne Library.**  
**Play with others and make new friends.**

**Cranbourne Library**  
Every Monday during the school term, 4.15pm  
Free  
Scan the QR Code to book  
Ages 10-18

[connectedlibraries.org.au](http://connectedlibraries.org.au)



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