

Quarter Times

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Important Dates and Reminders:

Monday 22 nd - Wednesday 24 th July	Parent Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 30 th July	100 Days of School - Prep
Thursday 1 st August	Whole School Olympics Day
Wednesday 7 th August	Grade 5/6 Pets in Schools Program
Monday 12 th August	Curriculum Day – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Friday 16 th August	National Day of Action Against Bullying



QPS needs your help!

Our gardens are overgrown with weeds. If you could spare an hour at a time to volunteer to do some weeding, we would love to hear from you!

Weeding time would be from 3:30 - 4:45 pm Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday Staff are in meetings at these times so will be onsite but unable to help. You will need to bring your own tools.

Please contact the office on 5929 2055 if you can help us out.



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Principals Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3 and I hope your children had a restful winter holiday break.

Term 3 is another busy term and also the coldest weather of the year.

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the wet and wintery weather.

So many children are wearing shorts and short sleeves and complaining that they are cold. The office can help with some uniform relief for those who have not already requested support and who met the criteria. Please reach out if you need support for uniforms.

A reminder that we have standards for our uniform and **leggings, hoodies, black jumpers ARE NOT** acceptable uniform. We will be having a uniform blitz next week and any child out of uniform will receive a gentle reminder to dress in the correct uniform every day.

We implement high standards of our uniforms to ensure students experience and learn that rules are important and keep us safe. It is important that we teach our students so when they encounter rules and expectations in their lives, they understand the need to follow them. Good uniform expectations and rules support this work. It also teaches them respect. I know that all our families would agree that respect and following rules are important lifelong lessons.

The students are beginning to prepare for our concert in September. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter with more information. It will be held over two nights at the Rivergum Performing Arts Centre in Hampton Park and to be a truly successful event, all students are strongly encouraged (I would love you to read here expected 😊) to attend. The concert forms part of our performing arts curriculum. Your child/ren will only perform on one night as family groups have been allocated a night. Therefore, parents only need to attend one performance. This will be a ticketed event, and these will go on sale shortly.

I would also like to give a big shout out to our QPS families. Our school is only 6 terms old. I enjoy and look forward to greeting our families every morning and saying goodbye at the end of the day. I think our community has a warm, welcoming and friendly feel to it and I thank you all for making it happen! Thank you for the warm greetings and farewells each day, I appreciate your happiness and smiles 😊

Finally, if you haven't already booked a student conference for next week – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday – please do ASAP either through SENTRAL or email your child's teacher. You received the Semester 1 reports at the end of term or beginning of the holidays. It is a great opportunity to share your child's learning journey, get a clear picture of their learning progress and raise any concerns you have. You can also book a time to meet the specialists teachers – PE, AUSLAN, ARTS and Digi Tech if you have questions about your child's report. Conferences can be in person at the school, or via our Webex platform (online video call). Please let your child's teacher know which you prefer. Students in Grades 3 and 5 will also receive their NAPLAN report at the student conference.

Stay warm everyone,

Cheerio,

Liz Davey

Principal



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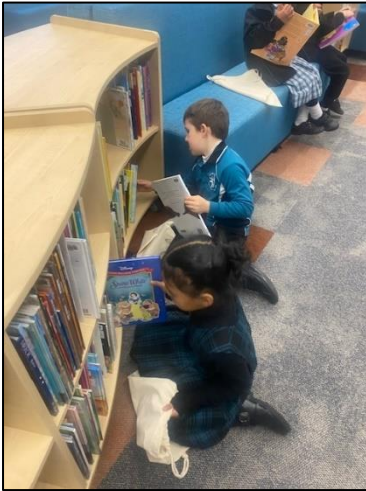


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Teaching and Learning News

Reading Rocks!



Students are loving attending the library once a week to browse and borrow books. A friendly reminder that students need a library bag in order to borrow. This keeps our beautiful books safe from being damaged in school bags. Unfortunately, the QPS reader bags are not big enough to hold most of our picture books and non-fiction texts which are proving to be really popular for borrowing. Therefore some sort of library bag is compulsory please.

This term we are beginning to send home letters for any overdue or damaged books. As you can imagine take-home readers and library books are very expensive. When these books come back damaged or go missing it can end up costing the school a lot of extra money.

In the letter, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution from families who have returned books damaged or who are unable to find borrowed books. Whilst we understand that there will be wear and tear on books over time and that accidents happen, some books are being returned so damaged that we are unable to use them.

The voluntary contribution we are requesting for the different types of books are:

- Take Home Readers: \$10
- Junior and Senior Fiction: \$15
- Picture Books: \$15
- Non-Fiction Books: \$20



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Wellbeing and Inclusion News

Introducing our QPS Youth Worker

Mr Ayres has been part of our Education Support team since the beginning of Term 2. As well as being a wonderful support to students inside the classroom, Mr Ayres is a qualified Youth Worker. This term Mr Ayres will support students in a Youth Worker capacity on Mondays and Tuesdays and continue supporting students in classrooms on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

In his Youth Worker role, Mr Ayres may work with students in small groups or as individuals depending on needs. He will be supporting students identified as needing additional support in one or more of the following areas:

- supporting student attendance and engagement
- supporting emotional regulation skills
- supporting social communication and play skills.



Education Support Team News

This term we welcome 3 new members to our Education Support team - Louise Willis, Tayla Wilkinson and Mary Tous. It has been amazing to see our Education Support team who support students in classrooms and intervention programs grow from a team of 4 in January 2023 to a team of 20 in July 2024.

Our Education Support team provide invaluable support to our teachers and students in supporting the implementation of differentiated learning programs and adjustments to support student engagement.



Louise Willis



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Tayla Wilkinson

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Attendance and Uniform

Acknowledging 100% Attendance from Term 2

Every learner who has had one full week of attendance goes into the attendance raffle. We had 79 learners in Term 2 who been at school every single day of the term 2 and had 100% attendance. We had 150 learners who have attended school between 95-99% attendance. A big 'thank you' to all of the parents who are working with us to improve our attendance.

Congratulations to Ishani, Callum, Sukhmeen, Littiette, Mohnessh and Mariam winning the 100% Attendance raffle prizes.

Thank you to Sixth Child for the donation of bikes and gifts which make up our raffle prizes.



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School Celebrations

NAIDOC WEEK 2024

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. This year, NAIDOC Week celebrations were held 7th – 14th July, with the theme 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud'.

Due to NAIDOC Week falling in the school holidays, at QPS we are acknowledging NAIDOC Week this first week back of Term 3. To celebrate this important date all Year levels have collaboratively planned a range of activities within each classroom.



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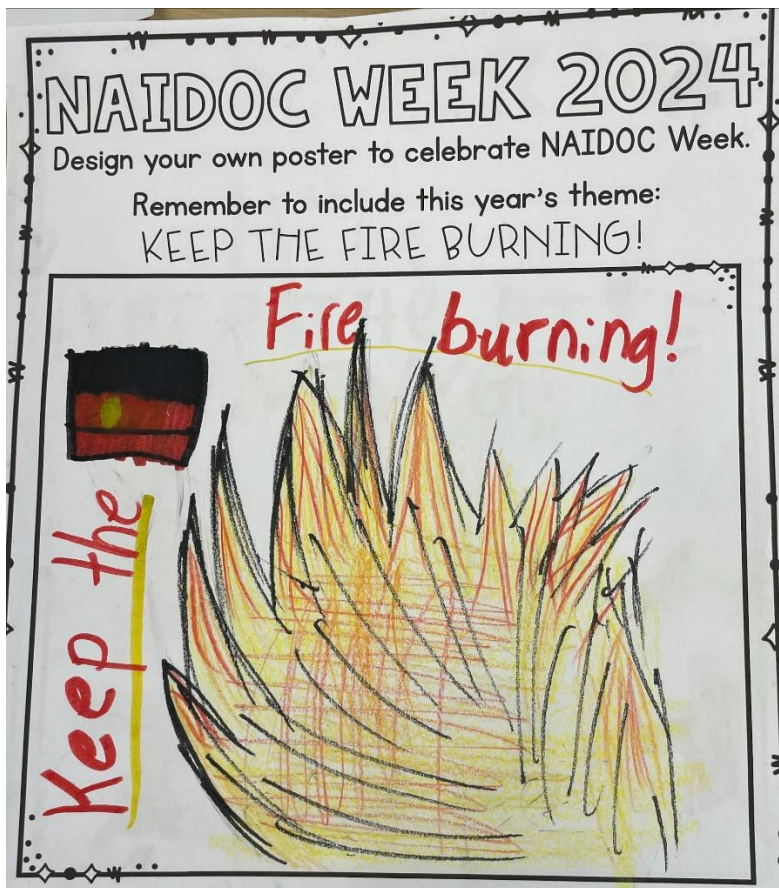
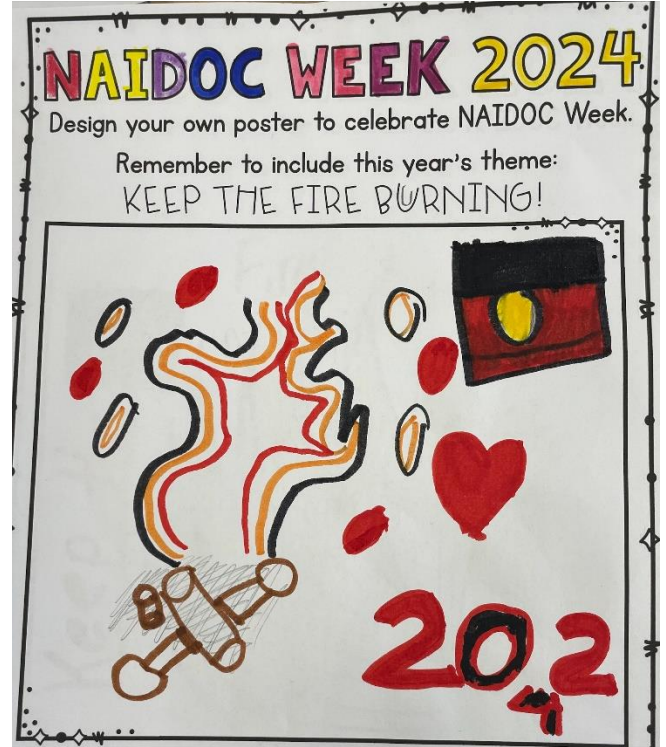
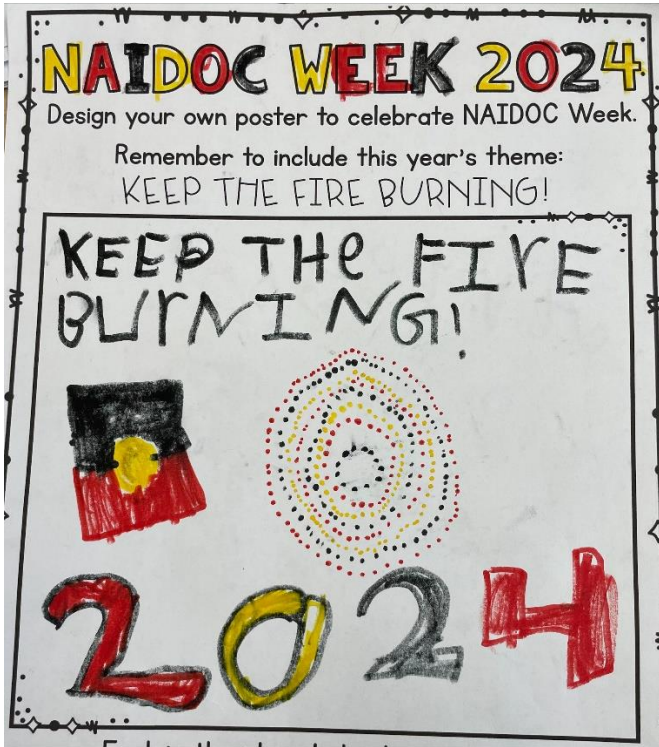


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Brainstorm Incursion

This Tuesday we were lucky enough to be visited by theatre in education company 'Brainstorm Productions'.

The "Sticks and Stones" show provided our learners with positive ways to behave if they are angry or feel bullied and finding courage, making connections and managing difficult emotions.

Our learners loved the performance and came away with a rich understanding of the unique challenges explored in the story, and identified the useful strategies employed by the characters throughout the show.



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Whole School Olympics Day

To celebrate the upcoming 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, we will be holding our own Mini Olympics on Thursday 1st August. Learners will be divided into year level groups and will be involved in several fun sporting events throughout the day. QPS will be turning Green and Gold on Thursday 1st August. Learners are invited to come to school dressed in green and gold clothing to show their support for our Australian athletes, or in colours that represent a country of their choice or sports team they support.



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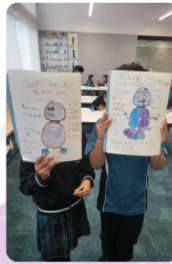


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Specialist News - Digi Tech

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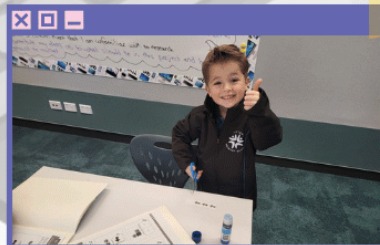


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Community News

Parent Helpers for Concert

Hi everyone, as part of our Term 3 concert, we would love to hear from families that are either handy with a sewing machine and/or are willing to help with costumes AND any handy people that could help us with woodwork and a certain large prop (door and doorframe type idea)

Please leave your names at the office if you can help us out. Costume helpers will be meeting on certain Wednesdays after school and Woodwork helpers, we are desperate to talk to ASAP.

Thank you in advance!

Performing arts team.

Sponsorship Thank you

We are thrilled to express our heartfelt gratitude to Team Anita and Harpreet at YPA Real Estate Agents for generously sponsoring our new sports tops! Your support means the world to us.

These new uniforms not only look fantastic, but they also boost our players' confidence on and off the field. Thanks to your contribution, our athletes are ready to represent our school with pride.



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The poster features a central title 'QPS MUSIC CONCERT' in large, bold, teal letters. Above the title are two stylized human figures in teal and black. Below the title are two musical notes with stems. A pink rounded rectangle contains the text 'SAVE THE DATE 11TH AND 12TH SEPTEMBER!'. A large orange acoustic guitar is shown diagonally across the bottom half, with a musical staff and notes floating near its body. The background is a light beige color with a pink border at the top and bottom.

QPS MUSIC CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE
11TH AND 12TH SEPTEMBER!

Venue:
River Gum Performing Arts



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DONATIONS Needed for the Art Room:

If you are cleaning these things out at your house, don't throw them away! Bring them to the Art Room! 😊

- Fabric scraps
- Wadding or cushion filling
- Washed ice-cream or large (1kg) yoghurt tubs and lids
- Washed plastic trays
- Newspapers and magazines
- Glue of any kind eg sticks
- Old cookie trays with rims
- Small items for mosaics like bottle caps, marker lids, buttons, beads, washers, shells, spools, rocks, etc.
- Baskets and bins
- Popsicle sticks
- Food colouring
- Small toys for treasure box
- Wood scraps
- Old hardware
- Tissue paper
- Metallic or generic gift wrap
- Scrapbook paper
- Paper of any kind
- Old towels or washcloths
- Feathers
- Cardboard scraps
- Poster board
- Acrylic craft paint
- Markers of any kind
- Felt
- Bubble wrap
- Glass gems
- Old puzzle pieces
- Paper plates
- Googly eyes
- White or clag glue
- Tape of any kind
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Oil pastels
- chalk or chalk pastels
- Cardstock
- Anything else you think we can use! 😊



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GET STARTED WITH NETBALL



IF NETBALL IS FOR YOU, LET'S GET YOU STARTED WITH SOME FURTHER SKILLS SESSIONS & PROGRAMS FROM YOU LOCAL NETBALL ASSOCIATION - CASEY

LITTLE NETTERS

FOR PRE-SCHOOL AGED BOYS AND GIRLS
THURSDAY @ STADIUM, CRANBOURNE EAST.
SIGN UP AT CASEYNETBALL.COM OR
EMAIL TEAGAN@CASEYNETBALL.COM.AU PH:5995 0688



FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-7 YEARS.
MONDAY @ STADIUM, CRANBOURNE EAST.
FRIDAY @ OLIVE ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX, EUMEMMERRING.
SATURDAY @ CASEY STADIUM, CRANBOURNE EAST.
SIGN UP AT CASEYNETBALL.COM OR FOR ALL NET SET GO ENQUIRES
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FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 8-14 YEARS THAT HAVE NEVER PLAYED NETBALL BEFORE.
MONDAY CASEY STADIUM, CRANBOURNE EAST.
FRIDAY @ OLIVE ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX
SATURDAY @ CASEY STADIUM, CRANBOURNE EAST.
SIGN UP AT CASEYNETBALL.COM OR FOR ALL NEW 2 NETBALL ENQUIRES
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SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN THE 'CASEY NETBALL PLAYER TEAM ADVERTISEMENTS PAGE ON FACEBOOK. POST AN AD AND CLUBS WITHIN OUR ASSOCIATION WILL SEE YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.

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WEDNESDAY JUNIOR NETTA, 11&U, 13&U, 15&U AND 17&U. SENIOR MIXED
SATURDAY JUNIOR NETTA, 11&U, 13&U, 15&U AND 17&U

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DEAR PARENT/CARERS

Life Ed and Healthy Harold are coming to your child's school!

[View Student Programs](#)



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Our impactful Health and Wellbeing program is designed to encourage students to translate their learning into action. Each booking includes:

- Parent Engagement
- 60-90min In-Classroom Incursion.
- Life-sized Harold appearance at school assembly.
- Post-incursion reflective session.

[View Parent Engagement Session](#)



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HEALTH + WELLBEING

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

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