

Quarter Times

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Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 16 th August	National Day of Action Against Bullying
Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd August	Book Week
Friday 23 rd August	Book Character Dress up Day
Friday 23 rd August	Whole School Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 28 th August	Father's Day Stall
Friday 30 th August	Father's Day Breakfast

Tickets for our concert go on sale Monday 19/8/24. There is more information in this newsletter about the purchase process.



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Principals Message

Dear Families,

I hope you are enjoying this warmer weather.

This is a friendly reminder to our family and community that smoking and vaping are banned on school sites and within 4 metres of any entry point (gates).

This can be found on the DET website:

School smoking and vaping ban

The Tobacco Act 1987 (Vic) bans smoking and vaping on school premises, and within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises. This applies to anyone on school premises during and outside of school hours including students, staff and school visitors.

The department also bans smoking and vaping at school events and excursions held off school premises.

I appreciate your support in following this ruling.



Big thank you to our school council for organising the cookie and prima day this week. I am sure everyone has enjoyed their treat.

Next week is Book Week where we celebrate literacy at QPS! Looking forward to the book week dress up next Friday (23/8).



A very big thank you to Mrs Denton for leading the school over the last two weeks. I look forward to returning on Monday and seeing everyone's smiling faces.



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Recently we have received increasing complaints from families regarding inappropriate social media use of students outside of school hours, particularly in our Gr 3-6 area.

It is important to understand that, as a school, we engage the students in learning experiences on a regular basis regarding safe and appropriate internet use.

However, in the family home, it is the responsibility of parents to monitor and know exactly what social media is being used and how their child/ren is using social media.

Some of the incidents are of very mean and unkind posts and comments against classmates.

The school does not condone this behaviour and will at all times strongly encourage families to report to the relevant authorities if necessary, e.g., police or DFFH.

We are happy for parents to inform us if there is an incident so we can alert those involved in the behaviour.

However, we need parents to parent their child when and if an incident arises with a suitable follow up.

Please remind your children that using the school logo or any images from our Facebook page to upload to your own pages or YouTube channel is inappropriate and against the purpose of our Facebook page.

It is also inappropriate to identify any child other than your child on social media or for any of our students to identify another student at QPS on social media.

Our Facebook page is a celebration of our students' achievements and sharing of information.

From now on, our Facebook page will only be to provide information, and we will not be sharing photos of any events until we are confident that our community will use our information and posts appropriately.

We will also not be allowing any photos or video at our assemblies or upcoming concert.

As a school, we need to protect the privacy of all and act accordingly following the recent increase in misuse of social media by some of our students outside of school hours.

I appreciate your support and immediate attention in this matter.

Kind Regards,

Liz Davey

Principal



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Teaching and Learning News



QPS MINI OLYMPICS

Lots of fun had at our inaugural Mini Olympics. Tug of War was a favourite, as was the sack race and the vortex throw. Lots of little Olympians in the making!! Teamwork, cheering each other on and persistence were great values that we saw from our students.



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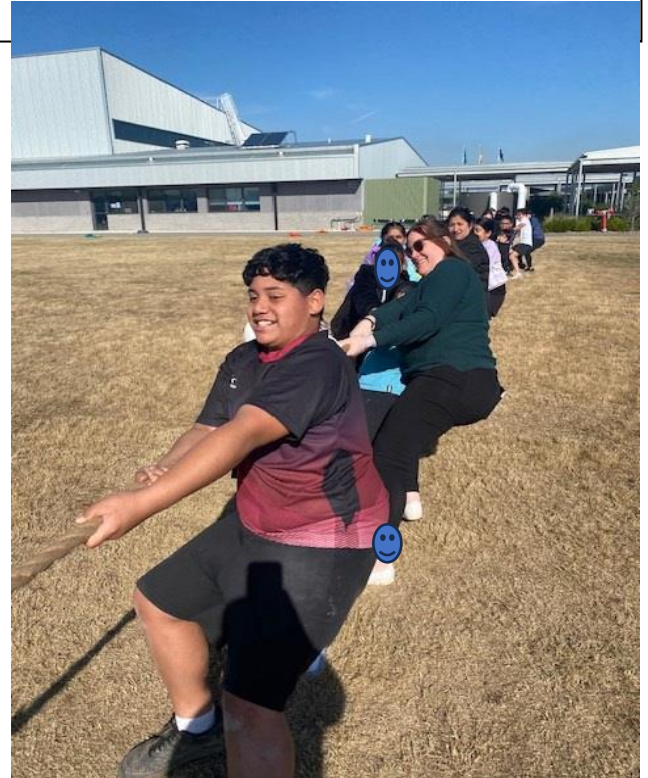


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Library News!

Students are continuing to attend 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.

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 anymore and many books have been lost.

Our first round of letters for lost or damaged books went out at the beginning of term. Some of those books were found and returned to the library which is fabulous and for others the voluntary contribution was made, which will allow us to replace the lost and damaged books.

A reminder about 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



National Day of Action Against Bullying is now called 'Bullying No Way'. As part of this week, we will be recognising its importance particularly on Friday 16 August.

The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone belongs'.

When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place in our QPS community. We are in our second year, and this gives QPS community the chance to promote the important work we do throughout the year to counter bullying and violence.

This week in our Social and Emotional learning sessions we focus on emphasising about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness in the surroundings.

Belonging means we all have a vital role in preventing bullying. We encouraged our learners to be Upstanders and create a safe environment where everyone feels supported and respected, and voices are heard and valued.

Learners have been working in groups and teams in creating a display in each year level that focuses on learning strategies on how to get help if they experience bullying. #ACHIEVE.



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SEL STAR Award Recipients – Weeks 3 and 4

We would like to take a moment to congratulate to our SEL STAR award recipients for Weeks 8 and 9. These students are being acknowledged for demonstrating our ACHIEVE values and making positive contributions to our school community.



Grade	SEL Star Award Recipients Weeks 3 and 4
Prep A	Samir
Prep B	Helayna
Prep C	Oliver
Prep D	Almera
1/2A	Harper
1/2B	Afreen
1/2C	Fatehveer
1/2D	Sammaira
1/2E	Manmehar
3/4A	Mahdia
3/4B	Mahdia
3/4C	Anam
3/4D	Harshitha
3/4E	Blair
5/6A	Miggy (Euan)
5/6B	Rasul
5/6C	Evie

	Specialist Awards - Weeks 8 and 9
PE	Prep C
Visual Arts	1/2E
Auslan	5/6A
DigiTech	Prep A



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Attendance and Uniform

Uniform Blitz.

“Wear the right uniform, stand out like a STAR!”

At QPS we strive to be our very best! This includes all learners wearing the correct uniform every day. Learners at QPS wear a school uniform so our local community can identify us from the surrounding schools.

Our school uniform represents respect, pride and unity. If all learners at QPS are wearing the correct uniform, we can ensure that our school is represented proudly. Thank you QPS families for your support in this drive but we still see numerous learners wearing coloured runners on their non-sports day. We encourage our families to support in ensuring their child comes to school in correct uniform every day.

A gentle reminder we are nearing September 1st, so it is time to get your child’s **school hat** out, ready for the sunny days!

Attendance Matters:

Attendance HERO – Everyday Counts

At Quarters Primary School being an Attendance HERO gives our learners a greater chance at fulfilling their. This also gives them the most success at building friendships, building positive relationships with their teachers and other staff, participating in extracurricular activities and finally ensuring that they have the tools to have a bright future.

Thank you to everyone that has supported our push to increase attendance at school across this term. We are starting to see the attendance rate improve. Please remember that it is vital that your child attends school daily if they are healthy enough to do so. The more they are at school, the more opportunities our wonderful staff can support them with their learning goals.



Congratulations to Prep A, B, 1/2E, 3/4C and 5/6B for great attendance in week 3 and 4.



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Specialist News

We're excited to share that our Life Ed sessions for students in grades 1 through 4 are underway! These engaging and age-appropriate sessions are designed to help our young learners build essential life skills through interactive activities and discussions.

In these sessions, our focus will be on:

- **Emotional Awareness:** Understanding and expressing feelings in a healthy way.
- **Respect and Empathy:** Learning to appreciate others' perspectives and practicing kindness.
- **Decision-Making:** Developing problem-solving skills through fun, real-life scenarios.
- **Cyber Safety:** How to recognise, react and report unwanted contact, bullying or predatory behaviours, keeping personal information safe online.



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Concert News

Dear QPS Families,

We are very excited to announce that the School Concert 2024 is being scheduled over two nights, Wednesday 11th September and Thursday 12th of September, commencing at 5:30 pm.

The Concert will be held at the River Gum Performing Arts Centre (RPAC), 58 Fordholm Road, Hampton Park. Please have your child at the River Gum Performing Arts Centre by **4:30 pm**, wearing the basic costume that was listed in their class newsletter.

To ensure that we can accommodate all families that wish to attend the concert, parents and family members are requested to attend only on the night your child/children are scheduled to perform and be seated between 5:15pm-5:30pm. Over the coming weeks, further information regarding the concert will be communicated by the Performing Arts Team and your child's classroom teacher. We have ensured that siblings perform on the same nights to make it cost effective for the families.

Please keep your eyes open for information about how to buy tickets and what costumes will need to be provided. There will be an initial cap of 2 tickets per family. On the 19th of August you will be able to purchase more, pending availability.

Few things to keep in mind for the concert booking:

- Please ensure the tickets are purchased as per the deadline (6th September) as there will be **No Sales** of the ticket on the night of the concert
- No filming during the concert to respect the privacy of the families and students.
- Children under 2 are only allowed to sit on laps.
- Disable seats option is available while booking if needed.
- There are some reserved seats and are pre blocked for QPS members.
- Booking will be opened on 19th August Monday until 6th September Friday using <https://www.trybooking.com/CTWCB> this portal or using the QR Code.



Thank you for your support of this exciting event and we look forward to sharing the evening with you. Should you have any questions regarding this year's concert, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

QPS Performing Arts Team 2024

