

# Quarter Times

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## Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Summer Lightning Prem
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	School Concert
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	School Concert

### Vic Spell Competition

On Wednesday, 21st August, Pranav, Nehmat, Taha, and Nihaal represented QPS at the Vic Spell Spelling Competition after winning the Year 5/6 QPS Spelling Bee. The competition, held at a host school in Berwick, involved participants from various schools in the City of Casey region. We congratulate Pranav on finishing in 6th place, Nehmat in 8th place, and Taha and Nihaal in 5th place. Well done to all for their excellent performance and for representing QPS with pride!



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## Principals Message

Dear Families,

Last week we celebrated book week with a great book character parade on the Friday. This event created a lot of happiness and excitement and it was great to see our students enjoying themselves. Photos are further in this newsletter.

### Prep 2025

If you have a child attending Prep in 2025 and you haven't enrolled them yet, please do so ASAP. The paperwork associated with the enrolment is available at the office. The timeline set by the DET has passed regarding enrolment for 2025, but we are able to take on late enrolments. I encourage you, or if you know someone who hasn't enrolled their child for Prep for next year to do so now.

The leadership team is also looking at numbers for grade structures for next year. If you know your child won't be attending QPS (except grade 6 2024 students), please let the office know so we can make the best plans for staffing. Enrolment numbers shape how many staff we can have at the school. If you know of families who meet our enrolment criteria and are wanting to enrol at QPS for 2025, please encourage them to make contact now – 5929 2055



Thank you YPA for sponsoring the COFFEE VAN for our Fathers' and Families Event!



### Fathers' Day

On Friday we are celebrating our Fathers and Families. One of our local sponsors, YPA property management- has donated the coffee van for fathers and adults to receive a free coffee on Friday morning. Please be mindful of a hot cup of drink in our playground with students running around.

Students have been busy making cookies to share with our fathers. The children followed strict hygiene procedures when baking and our

cookies are as unique as our fathers or father figures 😊 . We hope you enjoy the yummy coffee and cookie!

Fathers and Families are welcome to visit classrooms from 9 – 9:30 am on Friday to share a special activity.

To all our fathers and father figures – have a great day on Sunday!

Big thank you to our school council and parent helpers who worked tirelessly to stock and sell gifts at our Father's Day stall – so greatly appreciated as there has been a lot of work go into this.



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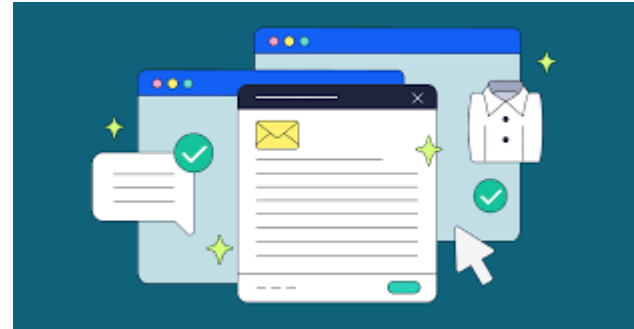
## Communication:

Do you read our newsletters?

Are you following our Facebook page?

Staff use a variety of ways to communicate with families. Some of these are:

- Face to face meetings
- Student conferences
- Phone calls
- Facebook updates
- Fortnightly school newsletter
- Weekly grade email – informs families of the learning in the week, special events and notices
- SENTRAL parent portal
- QPS emails
- Positive Chronicle through SENTRAL



Please make sure you are up to date with all communication. The staff spend time to ensure you are kept up to date with information through various communications modes – we just need you to read it 😊

## Uniform:

Another gentle reminder – **leggings are NOT part of our uniform**. Save leggings for home. We have high expectations of our uniform and leggings are too casual. Please ensure your child is always wearing the correct uniform. School hats should be worn again from next week and we will continue to remind students about this. From term 4, it will be no hat, stay in the shade.

Have a great weekend, thank you for your support.

Liz Davey

Principal



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## Teaching and Learning News

### What Happens at QPS When a Teacher is Away?



There are many staff absences at the moment, which we are managing across the whole school.

There have been many students and teachers who have needed to stay at home unwell. When a teacher is away, we will often try and get a Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) to teach the grade for the day. Presently however, there is a huge shortage of casual relief teachers and we are unable to secure a CRT even when booking in advance. This means we are not able to replace absent QPS teachers because the agencies are unable to provide CRTs.

When we are unable to replace teachers with a CRT the grade is split into other grades throughout the school. Depending on the number of grades being split on the day, there are several different ways this can be done, students may be:

1. Split amongst grades of their own year level – students will join in and do the same work as the grade they are split into. Our teams collaboratively plan so they will usually be learning what they would be in their own grade. They will attend specialists with the grade they are split into (unless they have a specialist at the same time), so they may end up attending a particular specialist more than once in the week.
2. Split amongst a different year level – students will have a 'Split Grid' with activities for them to do throughout the day. These grids are created by the teachers and include a reading, writing and numeracy activity as well as other curriculum areas. These grids are updated as students use them. They will attend specialists with the grade they are split into (unless they have a specialist at the same time), so they may end up attending a particular specialist more than once in the week.
3. Split across the whole school – students will have a 'Split Grid' with activities for them to do throughout the day. These grids are created by the teachers and include a reading, writing and numeracy activity as well as other curriculum areas. These grids are updated as students use them. They will attend specialists with the grade they are split into (unless they have a specialist at the same time), so they may end up attending a particular specialist more than once in the week.

If a specialist teacher is away (P.E, Art, Auslan or Digi Tech) and we are unable to replace them with a CRT, then that particular program may not run for that day.

Any Intervention, Occupational Therapy or Speech Program will run as per the usual timetable and any student in split grades will not miss out on attending these programs

Thanks

Penny Denton

Assistant Principal



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## IT'S TIME FOR SOME MATHS!

### Open Middle Activity

#### Rules:

- Make individual number cards with the numbers 1 – 9 on them.
- Use the number cards to make the equation true
- How many different true answers can you find?

#### Differentiated Activity Opportunities:

$$\square + \square = \square - \square \quad \text{Eg. } 6+1=9-2$$

- Use the 1 – 9 number cards to make the number equation true (each number can only be used once)

$$\square = \square + \square = \square + \square + \square \quad \text{Eg. } 9 = 8+1 = 4+3+2$$

- Use the 1 – 9 number cards to make the number equation true (each number can only be used once)
- There are 48 possible solutions for this equation. You can choose to tell students this or keep it as strategic information as the students work through solving the problem

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- Use the 1 – 9 number cards to get as close to 1000 as possible

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## Wellbeing and Inclusion News

### SEL STAR Award Recipients – Weeks 5 and 6

We would like to take a moment to congratulate to our SEL STAR award recipients for Weeks 5 and 6. These students are being acknowledged for demonstrating our ACHIEVE values and making positive contributions to our school community.



Grade	SEL Star Award Recipients Weeks 5 and 6
Prep A	Zahra
Prep B	Amelia
Prep C	Dora
Prep D	Liana
1/2A	Sachleen
1/2B	Aiyla
1/2C	Ali
1/2D	Mayra
1/2E	Areeba
3/4A	Yashika
3/4B	Melah
3/4C	Alfie
3/4D	Matin
3/4E	Nikola
5/6A	Harseerat
5/6B	Sajer
5/6C	Amyra

	Specialist Awards - Weeks 5 and 6
PE	1/2B
Visual Arts	
Auslan	1/2D
DigiTech	5/6B



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## R U OK? Day - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Quarters Primary School will be acknowledging R U OK? Day. The theme for 2024 is **Ask R U OK? Any Day**.

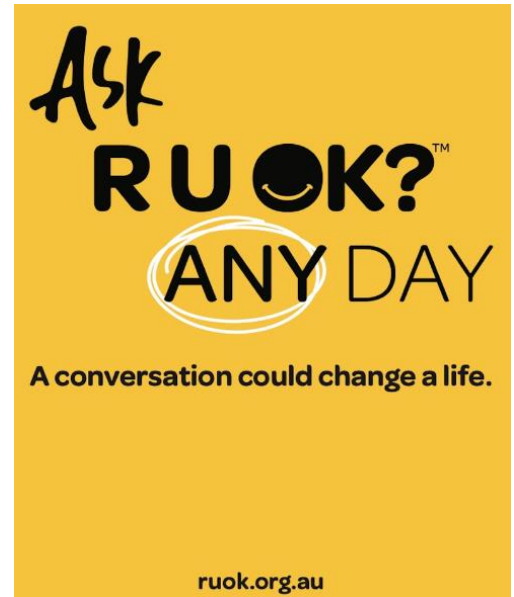
To acknowledge this important day and raise awareness we are encouraging all students and staff to **wear a touch of yellow up top** in recognition of R U OK? Day

Please note, this is not a free dress day, and we request uniform is worn from the waist down and **a touch of yellow up top** could be a yellow top, t-shirt or jacket, a yellow bandana, a yellow cap, beanie or wig are just some suggestions.

During Social and Emotional Learning lessons, class teachers will be working with students to raise awareness of the importance of checking in on friends if they notice a change and how to start a check-in conversation.

At Quarters Primary School we believe our students are never too young to notice change in a friend and check in by asking, "R U OK?"

Start planning, we look forward to seeing everyone wearing **a touch of yellow up top** on this important day.



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## Attendance and Uniform

### Uniform Blitz

SLAP ON A HAT | Just a friendly reminder that September is a time to 'slap on a hat'. In line with guidelines all learners need to be wearing their school hat by this Monday 2nd September. Please remember to pack them in their school bags.

Also, remember to wear your school approved hats, which is a 'bucket or broad rimmed' style hat and a drink bottle to refill with water.

Please continue to ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform to school every day as we are still noticing students wearing leggings and coloured shoes. Thank you parents, for your support in ensuring that your child is wearing their uniform with a pride to school every day!

Do you know where your hat is?



## Student Absences

Please remember to inform the school if your child is absent for any reason. Planned absences can be emailed to your child's teacher in advance, but absences being reported on the day should be via Sentral portal, phone call to the school office or left on our voicemail. Your child's name, class and the reason they away need to be provided, as it is a legal requirement of the school to have these details recorded for each absence. If you have attended a medical appointment, please provide the certificate to support the absence.

Well done to Prep A, Prep C, 1/2B, 1/2E, 3/4A, 3/4C, 5/6A, 5/6B and 5/6C for outstanding attendance in Week 5,6 and 7. Well done our attendance HEROS.



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## School Celebrations

### Children's Book week®



This year's Book Week at Quarters Primary School was all about the magic of reading. Under the theme 'Reading is Magic', students participated in a variety of engaging activities. From Tuesday's Readers Theatre, which helped students improve their reading fluency, to Wednesday's relaxing Outdoor Story Time, and Thursday's exciting book character scavenger hunt, the week was filled with fun. The festivities concluded on Friday with a Book Character Dress Up Day where students donated to the World Literacy Foundation and took part in a lively parade, celebrating their love for books.



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## Grade News

Fathers and Families Breakfast 🥰

We are looking forward to celebrating our Fathers and Families Breakfast this Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August.

The coffee van will be at the front of the school and available from 8:30AM- 9:30 AM.

Families can order one coffee per person. Cookies will be available in your child's classroom. Please ensure that your child has a full breakfast before school as the coffee and cookies are from the students, for the families.

Around 9:05am there will be an announcement made to inform our families to make their way to their child's classroom and families will be with their children until 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

Thank you our YPA property for sponsoring our coffee and cookie 🙌

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# FATHER'S AND FAMILIES

## Breakfast

30 | AUGUST | 8:30AM-9:30AM

COFFEE VAN  
COFFEE AND COOKIE  
FUN ACTIVITIES

10 MORNINGSIDE BLVD,  
CRANBOURNE WEST



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## BOOK WEEK IN PREP

In Term 3, the Preps have been exploring narrative stories.

We drew inspiration from the various characters in our Book Week Dress-up this year! Don't we look great?



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## Community News

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

### Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us by completing the School Saving Bonus Activity on the parent Sentral App before the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).



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## SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH FREE INTERNET AT HOME UNTIL DECEMBER 2025

The School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) is a Federal Government initiative offering free home internet to 30,000 unconnected households with school-aged students. Households have until **Tuesday 31 December 2024** to apply. Free services will continue until 31 December 2025.

The initiative seeks to boost educational opportunities and narrow the digital divide.

To be eligible, households must:

- have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school (up to year 12 including Prep)
- not have an active NBN Co. network internet service at home (excludes mobile internet services)
- live in a premises that can access the NBN Co. network via a standard connection
- not have had an active NBN Co. connection during the previous 14 days.

To be assessed, please contact the NBN National Referral Centre on **1800 954 610** or visit [anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet](https://anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet) to request a call back. Please note:

- NBN will check your nominated home address for an active NBN connection.
- You do not need to provide financial information.
- Translation and interpretation services are available.

Some families might also be contacted via their school with information about how to apply. The Victorian Department of Education has been working with the NBN to review Victorian school student home addresses. Only home addresses have been provided to NBN to check. No other personal information has been shared with NBN. NBN handles this data in accordance with privacy law.

### Find out more

- Department of Education SSBI webpage for parents and carers: [School Student Broadband Initiative: information for parents and carers](#)
- For more information on the SSBI, visit the [Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts website](#).



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## BRING YOUR BILLS

Help and  
Support  
for:



Fines



Utility Relief  
Grants



Bills



Tenancy



Concessions

**Pakenham Hall / Library**  
Tuesday, 24th September 2024 (11am – 3pm)  
Cnr John & Henry Street, Pakenham



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**IT'S PLAY TIME!**

**AFL PLAY**

THERE IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEAR YOU

**nab AFL Auskick**  
4-8 year olds

**AFL Superkick**  
8-12 year olds

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FIND OUT MORE

QR code

The advertisement features a green background with a pattern of footballs. It promotes two AFL programs: 'nab AFL Auskick' for 4-8 year olds and 'AFL Superkick' for 8-12 year olds. It includes photos of children playing football and a QR code to find out more.



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## WANTING TO PLAY BASKETBALL?



## MERINDA PARK BASKETBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS!

As we get ready for the new season to begin in October we have some spaces available in our teams. Particularly our under 10 girls teams!

To find out more please head to our website and add your child/ren to our waitlist and we will be in contact. [www.mpbc.au](http://www.mpbc.au)



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