

Quarter Times

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Issue 4: Thursday 20th March 2025

Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 21 st March	Harmony Week Assembly – 2:15pm
Tuesday 1 st April	Open Afternoon – Inquiry Expo
Wednesday 2 nd April	World Autism Day – Wear colour
Friday 4 th April	Gold Assembly and Easter Hat Parade 9:00am
Friday 4 th April	Last Day of School – Students finish at 2:30pm
Tuesday 22 nd April	First Day of Term 2
Friday 25 th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

Fundraiser Concert

Thanks to all who attended the fundraising concert on Friday the 14th. We saw some amazing young musicians from Cranbourne West Secondary College who gave their time to entertain us with songs both new and less new. We cannot thank the students and staff from CWSC enough for their work and dedicated rehearsals. The funds from this concert will go towards purchasing some instruments for QPS. This expands the range of instruments that QPS students have access to and provides more resources for special visitors who come to inspire our students. A big shout out to the parents who chose to attend during a non-assembly week, we thank you for your support.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Harmony Day concert on this Friday the 21st of March. Show your support by wearing some cultural clothes or school uniform with a touch of orange. Please note any cultural dress must be school safe as well.

HARMONY WEEK ASSEMBLY
Everyone Belongs

Come and join us for an afternoon of celebration of cultures through singing, dancing and sharing.

Friday 21st of March at 2:15pm in the Gym



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Principals Message

Dear Families,

This week we took handover of our new outside toilet block. The process to connect the new toilets was very efficient and will ensure the grade 5/6 children have closer access to toilets during class time. We are just wanting for supplies so we can open the toilets up for use. This will probably be on Monday 24th. We just need some rain to make the grass seeds grow!



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City of Casey Road Safety Forum

On Wednesday, Trish McColley (School Council President) and myself attended the City of Casey Road Safety Forum at Bunjil Place. The City of Casey received a grant to support their Safe Around Schools (SAS) program. The speakers explained what the program offers to support safety around schools. The City of Casey provides the school crossings. School crossing supervisors are authorised to manage traffic. Teachers are not authorised to do this. If a school crossing supervisor is absent, teachers are not authorised to stop traffic to allow students to use the crossing. What they can do is the same as any adult, support students to cross the road when it is safe to do so in a group.



City of Casey has 102 schools and they manage 165 crossings. They have specific criteria that needs to be met for a school crossing to be considered. For a primary school, there needs to be a minimum of 20 children use the crossing and 100 vehicles per hour. This is why no crossings along the Central Parkway or Colchester Ave are in place because criteria has not been met. Once the industrial areas are operational from QPS to Westernport Highway, we may see an increase in vehicle usage to support another crossing.

In the City of Casey, there are more than 420,000 school trips per week, because we have 102 schools with over 70,000 students and more than 42,000 families. That's a lot of traffic around our schools. SAS encourages active travel options— such as bikes, scooters, walking or carpool.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcHyQhY8BVs>

Watch this video for more information about SAS.

However, the biggest concern from the schools who attended the forum was driver behaviour. This behaviour includes:

- Not understanding local parking signs
- Not following local and state road rules
- Speeding
- Double parking
- Parking across driveways
- Not wearing seatbelts
- Doing U-turns inappropriately



Unfortunately, these behaviours are seen on a daily basis outside our school. This link explains how to drive safely around schools:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyACBb9x7_U

As the SAS motto says – **Getting children to school safely is everybody's responsibility.**

If you are interested in being a school crossing supervisor, please visit this link and register your interest.

[School crossings | City of Casey](#)



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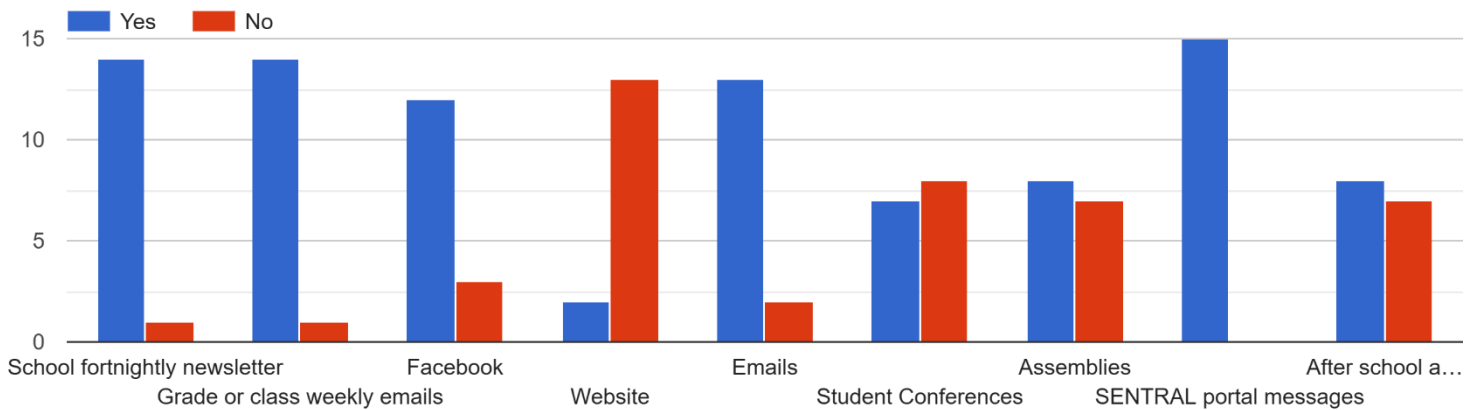
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Communication Survey:

Last newsletter there was a short survey on the best communication methods. We had 15 responses and the results are below. We appreciate the families who completed the survey letting us know you do read our school newsletter and the weekly grade/class emails and use the SENTRAL portal and Facebook to keep you updated. We will continue to use these methods to reach as many families as possible.

Which type of communication do you use to know about what is happening at the school?



I hope our families have the opportunity to enjoy our Harmony Day Cultural Infusion concert on Friday. It is always a wonderful community event to celebrate and raise awareness of our diversity.

Have a great weekend, only 2 weeks of Term 1 left.

Take care,

Liz Davey



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Teaching and Learning News

Supporting Student Learning at Home

Literacy Ideas



BOGGLE

A 4x4 formation of letters. A 3-minute timer is started and all players search for words that fit the following criteria:

- Words must be at least three letters in length.
- Each letter chosen must be a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal neighbour of the one before it.
- No individual letter cube may be used more than once in a word.

Multiple forms of the same word are allowed, such as singular and plural forms. Each player records all the words they find by writing on a sheet of paper. After three minutes have elapsed, all players must immediately stop writing.

In this, each player reads off their list of discovered words. If two or more players wrote the same word, it is removed from all players' lists. Once all duplicates and invalid words have been eliminated, points are awarded based on the length of each remaining word in a player's list. The winner is the player whose point total is highest, with any ties typically broken by a count of long words.

The number of points you earn depends on the length of the word:

- 3-letter words and 4-letter words are 1 point each.
- 5-letter words are 2 points each.
- 6-letter words are 3 points each.
- 7-letter words are 5 points each.
- 8-letter words and longer are 11 points each.

Have a go yourself!!

Use the Boggle grid below and give your list of words to Mrs Denton by Friday 28th March. This is something fun to do with your family...how many words can you find? Hint – there are 120 possible words

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I	E	E	T
E	P	R	S
E	O	N	Y



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Wellbeing and Inclusion News

World Autism Awareness Day

On Wednesday 2nd of April school uniforms can stay at home. Now is the time to start planning your outfits with a splash of colour! Please make sure shoulders are covered and school hats are brought to school to ensure we're continuing to be Sun Smart. Important to remember shoes worn on the day are closed toe and appropriate for comfortable movement throughout the school day.



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL

Celebrating
World Autism Awareness
Day

When: Wednesday 2nd April
Theme: Colour

What: On Wednesday 2nd April school uniforms stay at home and students are encouraged to dress in as much colour as possible.
The more colour the better!!



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SEL STAR Award Recipients

Time to congratulate our SEL STAR award recipients from 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	Harveer
Prep B	Isabelle
Prep C	Tayla
Prep D	Meera
1/2A	Jaxson
1/2B	Jason
1/2C	Samer
1/2D	Aubree
1/2E	Ashmin
1/2F	Harsifat
1/2G	Riley
3/4A	Sukhameen
3/4B	Asha
3/4C	Maheep
3/4D	Noah
3/4E	Sachleen
5/6A	Roghayeh
5/6B	Hazen
5/6C	Shivam
5/6D	Sneh
5/6E	Thenul
Specialist Awards – Weeks 5 and 6	
PE	3/4E
Visual Arts	5/6E
Auslan	3/4B
DigiTech	1/2G



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Attendance and Uniform

Uniform and Hats Reminder

“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.

This week too we continue to do a blitz on school uniform. It has been pleasing to see so many of our students wearing full school uniform and with their hats every day!

Wearing school uniform is compulsory at Quarters Primary School. Wearing a uniform develops a sense of belonging and promotes equality in our learning community. All learners proudly wearing the uniform helps set a positive tone for our school culture.

We ask learners and families to assist in improving the current uniform by ensuring you are prepared for your school day the night before. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our ‘uniform blitz’.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Our uniform policy is available to view on the Quarters Primary School Website. If you are experiencing any difficulty in purchasing uniform, please come and chat at the reception with our friendly office staff.



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Attendance and Punctuality

Become a **HERO** in 2025!
Here, Everyday, Ready to Learn
and **On time**



Regular attendance and punctuality at school are crucial for student success, as they help learners stay on track academically, socially, and developmentally. School not only enables your child to acquire new knowledge but also teaches important social skills and how to interact with others.

At Quarters Primary School we aim is to promote the importance of attendance across the school community. It is really important that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise the children's attendance at school so that they can enjoy their learning and socialising with their peers.

If you are not at school you miss on lots of learning, fun activities and playing with your friends. Sometimes it can be hard to go to school and there may be many reasons you feel this way. Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn't the answer. Everyone cares for our learners at QPS, there are lots of people who want to help, try talking to:

- Class teacher
- QPS well-being Team

Congratulations!! A Big congratulations to all the learners who had 96% or better attendance for the first 8 weeks of the term. We love celebrating consistent attendance! Congratulations to the below 3 grades for having great attendance for Weeks 7 and 8 for Term 1.

1. Prep B	2. 12 B	3. 34 B
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Well done to all are QPS class attendance heroes!

POSTIVIE CHRONICLES ON SENTRAL PORTAL

Our learners do amazing things every day, and we wanted to make it easier for you to hear about it.

Every time we see something amazing focusing our # ACHIEVE Values from our learners, we record it as a **Positive Chronicle** on Sentral Portal.

Now, when your child receives a Positive Chronicle, you'll receive an email to let you know. Full details about your child's actions will be available on Sentral.

We are very proud of all our learners every day, and we are happy that it is now easier for us to share this with you too.



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Community News



School Tours - Yr 7 2026 Enrolments

10am Sessions

Wed 26th - Thurs 27th March

Children are not permitted to attend tours during this time

4:00pm Sessions

Wed 26th - Thurs 27th March

Tues 29 - Wed 30th April

Thurs 1st May

Children are welcome to attend

Registration essential due to limited availability

Registration via the Google form

www.cwsc.vic.edu.au



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Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- A healthy morning tea and lunch
- A labelled drink bottle for water
- Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details

Don't forget!

- Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!
- Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

Generally daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ <https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/> for further information and example.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am - 8:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



Quarters PS TheirCare
 Times 6:30am - 6:30pm
 Location 10 Morningside Boulevard, CRANBOURNE WEST VIC 3977
 Call 0461 602 289



*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. **Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY.

There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Up to **90%** of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!

2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is extra support for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies via **myGov**

For more information, call TheirCare on 1300 072 410

Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 8:00 am. Pick-up after 2:30 pm. Wear runners & socks.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 APR Lil Rockstars Get in touch with your musical side! Use your creativity to make DJ Beats and Pop tunes and experience the water telephone experiment that can stretch your teen musician. Test your minds by putting your memory to use by joining in on a variety of memory and group games. Become an artist, musician and creator for a day! From as low as \$100** Full Fee \$10.00**	8 APR Pass the Popcorn Welcome to the world of Minecraft, where creativity doesn't just help you craft, it's essential to meet survival! Four friends - Sarah, The Garbage Man, Garrison, Henry, Natalie and Dawn find themselves struggling with ordinary problems when they are suddenly pulled into the Overworld! From as low as \$13.31** Full Fee \$13.07**	9 APR Roarsome Sculptures Today we will explore clay making techniques and create a 3D dinosaur. Next! The fun continues with Caterpillar races and 2D butterfly garlands. From as low as \$8.97** Full Fee \$8.77**	10 APR M.A.D Science Dive into some sensory science fun at service today! Engage in a variety of art science activities, create beautiful sensory art and sensory art. Use science experiments and create your own stylish DJ Case. Juggle, then spark your creativity with monster exploding bags and we'll even get to craft our very own popcorn launchers! From as low as \$100** Full Fee \$10.00**	11 APR Super Bounce Head with us to Bounce for a Super 2 hour jump session! Let's spring for the day and defy the laws of gravity! Back at service challenge yourself in the Back & Forth Resistor Drawing Challenge and then join in for the Best Detective Group Game! From as low as \$12.46** Full Fee \$12.46**
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14 APR Talent Spectacular Step into the spotlight with TheirCare's School of Talent Spectacular! Engage in the amazing Dancing MIM Experiment, create charming Dancing Sun Pogies, Rock the floor with G.E.A.T. Bubbles and see what moves you'll get to rock with the Salsa Move Cube! Let your creativity and imagination shine! From as low as \$100** Full Fee \$10.00**	15 APR Inflatable FunZone Dive into a world of bouncy fun at the Inflatable Obstacle Course! Bounce and keep your way through a variety of amazing obstacle courses! After our bouncy adventure, back to service, jump into some fun crafty activities including Shaving Cream Rain Clouds, Autumn Wind Sock Craft and then The Numbers Group Game! From as low as \$13.31** Full Fee \$13.07**	16 APR Bubble - O - Fun Get ready for a splash of colour with Rainbow Bubble Pheg! Blow and catch magic bubbles and enjoy making rainbow bubble snakes, you will get to take home your own reusable bubble kit. Afterward, continue the fun with Bubble Hydrangea Art, the Broken Window Group Game, and Nature's Stamps. It's going to be a colourful day! From as low as \$7.05** Full Fee \$7.84**	17 APR Bunny's Picnic Today, the bunnies are in charge! Get ready to hop, paint, and play with our bunny-themed activities. Create Scraper Painting Bunnies and DIY your very own Pom-Pom Bunnies. Savour a playful treat of Fairy Bread Balls, test your skills with Pin the Tail on the Bunny, and join in lively Picnic Games! Let the bunny adventure begin! From as low as \$100** Full Fee \$10.00**	18 APR Service closed!



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Quarters Primary School

- Social, enjoyable & fun experiences for children
- Develop creativity, life skills & confidence through play
- Qualified, caring & engaged staff
- Exciting & thoughtfully developed programs
- Healthy & Yummy food provided each day

Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fees before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fees after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	6:30 AM to 8:30 AM	\$22.50	\$2.25
After School Care (ASC)	3:15 PM to 6:30 PM	\$24.00	\$2.40
Pupil Free Day	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	\$70.00	\$7.00
Holiday Program***	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	\$70.00	\$7.00

*Standard fee costs before Child Care Subsidy. **Standard fee costs after maximum Child Care Subsidy. ***Standard fee costs including inclusions/excesses.

No late booking/ cancellation fees for Term 1 2025.

Cancellation Fees

(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fees)

BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: **\$4.00**

Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: **\$10.00**

Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

Late Booking Fees

(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fees)

BSC/ASC within 24 hours of session start time: **\$4.00**

Holiday Program: book less than **5 days** from the session start time fee is **\$10.00**

Late Pick-up Fees

(Child Care subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fees)

\$1 per minute after service close time.

Service phone number
0481 602 289

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

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To register visit theircare.com.au

TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time) on 1300 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au



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