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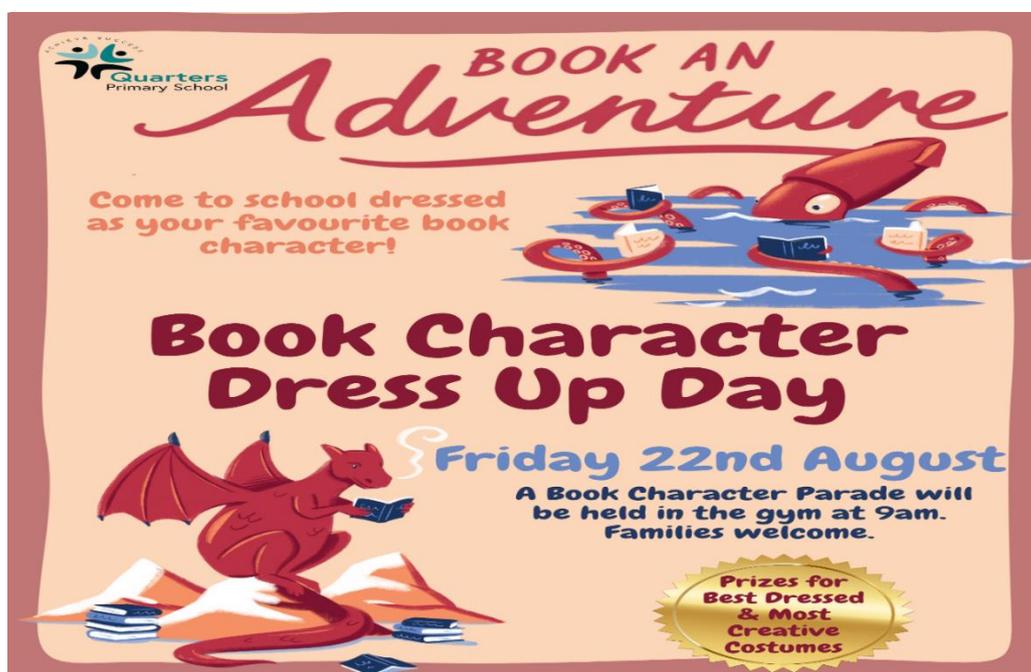
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Issue 11 Thursday 31st July 2025

Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 1 st August	Junior School Council – Pyjama Day
Friday 1 st August	Assembly – 2:30pm
Friday 8 th August	Pupil Free Day (NO students at school)
Tuesday 12 th August	Brainstorm Production
Thursday 14 th August	100 Days of Prep
Friday 15 th August	Assembly – 2:30pm
Friday 22 nd August	Book Week Character Dress Up Day



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Principals Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. The students have settled well into learning and playing again. This term is notorious for wet weather and illnesses. Please make sure students who are unwell are able to stay home to get better before returning to school. Attendance is always important but not when a child is unwell and spreading viruses.

This term is very busy and I encourage you to keep up to date with events in these ways:

- SENTRAL parent calendar
- Weekly email from your child's teacher or year level
- School newsletter
- SENTRAL broadcasts or notification

An important date to remember is our **Pupil free day on Friday 8th August**. The staff will be undertaking professional learning at school as well as visiting other schools. Please plan for your child to be supervised that day or contact TheirCare for their program on the day.

Mrs Mitchell will be on **long service leave** for weeks 3 and 4. Please contact Mrs Sanghani, Mrs Vella or Ms Davey with any questions.

A big thank you to our teaching staff for meeting with families last **Monday for student conferences**. I hope parents were able to share successes and understand any challenges your child may be working hard to overcome in their learning.

Prep 2026 – if we have any families who have children not enrolled for Prep 2026 at QPS, please come to the office to fill in an EOI. We are sending out acceptance letters shortly. It is important we have correct numbers so we can project our staffing and grade numbers for 2026 as early as possible.

Please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for the weather in **correct school uniform**. If families require assistance with uniform, please contact the office for support.

Breakfast Club is available Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:10 – 8:40 am. Cereal, toast, milk and fruit is available.



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Traffic and Parking Around the School – unfortunately another near miss has been reported at the back gate on Colchester Road. Two of our students were narrowly missed by a car who was able to stop safely. Please be careful. City of Casey has been informed and a request for parking officers to attend has been made.

We have also had reported to us that there was an altercation at the school crossing this week between a parent and the crossing supervisor. QPS does not condone any violent or aggressive behaviours to another person, particularly members of our school community. Like we teach and expect from our students, regulate your behaviours and just be kind – it doesn't cost a thing. The City of Casey is aware of this situation.

A bit of a sad note to finish on, let's hope the week ends on a better note.

Liz Davey



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Wellbeing and Inclusion News

onPsych

Great news! onPsych is now available at Quarters Primary School



*Behavioural and Mental Health Support is one of the Biggest Challenges Facing Australian Schools.
onPsych's mission is to improve the mental health and quality of life of children, families and the community.*

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing support services to our students and families we are pleased to share that we now have access to a registered psychologist to support students requiring some extra support for their mental health.

onPsych will work with our school to provide a registered psychologist who specialises in child and adolescent mental health. Their services are provided on site at the school at **NO OUT OF POCKET COST** to families through Medicare bulk billing. OnPsych work collaboratively with families, your child, and school staff to maximise opportunities for growth.

onPsych offer support to students that may be experiencing challenges in -

- anxiety
- behaviour problems at home and at school
- social skills
- dealing with bullying
- fears and phobias
- eating disorders
- grief and loss

Here is a summary of the steps to start the onPsych Medicare model at Quarters Primary School:

Step 1: Initiating Psychological Intervention through Medicare Benefits

- Family or school identifies student needing support
- School provides a Parent Information Pack to the parents at their request
- Family books a **double** GP appointment to obtain a referral letter and Mental Health Care Plan

Step 2: First 6 Sessions of Psychological Therapy and Counselling

- School sends referral to onPsych via email
- onPsych begins counselling sessions at Quarters Primary School with student
- After 6 sessions onPsych sends a 6-session progress report to the family GP to determine if a further 4 sessions are required



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Step 3: Re-assessment and Review – Follow up Sessions

- School sends the review plan to onPsych via email
- onPsych conducts an additional four counselling sessions at the school
- onPsych sends a 10-session progress report to the family GP

If you believe that this might benefit your child, please **contact Averil Mitchell (Wellbeing and Inclusion Leading Teacher)** and request a Parent Pack for further information.

Education Support Staff - Learning Walks

On Friday 8th August, Education Support staff from Quarters Primary School will use the Student Free Day to participate in learning walks across a range of schools within our network.

This valuable opportunity will allow our staff to observe and reflect on the professional practices of teachers and fellow Education Support colleagues, fostering collaboration, professional growth, and the sharing of effective strategies to support inclusion, student learning and wellbeing.

We look forward to hosting Education Support staff from local schools in August to showcase how our staff work each day to provide an inclusive learning environment that supports our students to be the best version of themselves.

●●● NAIDOC Week 2025 ●●●

National NAIDOC Week is celebrated from July 6- 13, during the school holidays. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements.

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2025 is "**The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy**"

Our QPS community acknowledged NAIDOC Week 1 by participating activities across all year levels.



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Attendance and Uniform

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

Attendance Matters!!!

Spotlight on Punctuality

Punctuality- It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year!!

Routines - The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE. If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before. The school day starts at 8.50 am.

If your child arrives after this time, then you MUST take your child to the office to sign them in late. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the roll correctly and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency. This is to ensure the health and safety of YOUR child, so please make sure that these procedures are followed at all times.

Tips to help you get to school on time every day:

- Help your child understand why school is important.
- Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school.
- Get everything ready the night before school.
- Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays.
- Join breakfast club on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We have an exciting term ahead with a range of events including concert practice, incursions, excursions, Book Week, PJ Day and more! It would be sad for your child to miss out on these valuable and memorable experiences due to avoidable absences from school.

Congratulations!!

A Big congratulations to all the learners who had 96% or better attendance for the first 2 weeks of the term. What a great start to the TERM 3.

Well done to Prep B, 12 A, 34 A, 56 A and B for great attendance on our ATTENDANCE LADDER!!



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School Celebrations

☀️ No Shelf Control – QPS Concert 2025 ☀️

A celebration of stories, imagination, and the places books can take us.

Step into a world of wonder as Quarters Primary School proudly presents **No Shelf Control**, our 2025 concert extravaganza dedicated to the magic of books. Prepare to be whisked away — from enchanted forests to galaxies far away, from ancient kingdoms to futuristic cities, from the deepest oceans to the dreams of a child.

This year's performance is a tribute to how books spark imagination, build empathy, and connect us all through the power of storytelling. Through music, movement, and creativity, our students will bring favourite stories to life — each act turning a new page in this unforgettable journey.

No passport needed — just a love of reading and a little imagination!

📅 **Show dates:** 16th & 17th September 2025

🎫 **Flight (Ticket) bookings open:** 11th August 2025

We're so excited — and we hope you are too! Get ready to travel the world (and beyond) with us.

QUARTERS PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
MUSICAL CONCERT

NO SHELF CONTROL

RIVER GUM PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
58 FORDHOLM RD, HAMPTON PARK VIC 3976
CONCERT TIME: 5:30 PM - 7:15 PM (STARTING TO SEAT FAMILIES AT 5:15PM)

TIME OF ARRIVAL FOR YOUR CHILD: 4:30 PM (BRING YOUR CHILD INSIDE THE BUILDING, PEOPLE WILL DIRECT YOU)

get your TICKETS
COMING LIVE ON 11TH AUGUST

FAMILIES, PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S GRADE-LEVEL NEWSLETTER TO FIND OUT THEIR PERFORMANCE DAY.

16th and 17th of September 2025



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Specialist News – Sport

On the 2nd and 24th of July, students proudly represented our school in interschool sports, competing in T-ball, Soccer, and Netball. It was a fantastic display of teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship across all teams. A special congratulations to the Girls T-ball team, who won all their games and earned a spot in the division T-ball tournament—an outstanding achievement! Well done to all students who participated and gave their best on the field.



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Community News

Brainstorm Productions at Quarters Primary School



Being Brave

On **12th August 2025** Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing performance 'Being Brave' for **Preps-6-year levels**. 'Being Brave' is a live educational theatre performance that gives students positive strategies to cope with emotions and deal with bullying, change, loss and other challenges.

Fly is a young boy whose parents have separated. He misses his dad desperately and tries to be brave by keeping his emotions 'bottled up'. He meets Isha, who has been forced to come to a new country. Celia is coming to terms with loss in her family. Mrs Russo wants to connect safely with her family online, Tim is being bullied and Billie needs to face her fears. By connecting with the people in his community, Fly discovers the true meaning of being brave: sharing stories, showing feelings, keeping good memories and living life. 'Being Brave' is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and has been developed by teachers and psychologists. This engaging live performance addresses student wellbeing issues with sensitivity and provides students with practical skills for resilience, help-seeking and positive connections.

Brainstorm Productions is one of Australia's most experienced and respected theatre in education companies, performing to over 260,000 students every year. They offer a range of programs to help schools nurture healthy and harmonious environments and are endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider. Learn more about Brainstorm Productions by visiting their website (brainstormproductions.edu.au), or following them on Instagram ([@brainstormproductions](https://www.instagram.com/brainstormproductions)), Facebook ([@Brainstorm.Productions](https://www.facebook.com/Brainstorm.Productions)).

There is no cost to families for this incursion as this is part of our Social and Emotional Wellbeing Focus and funded through the Department of Education and Training Victoria Mental Health Fund.



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A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS HOW TO USE AN INTERPRETER TO CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL

This free* interpreting service is available for parents and carers to communicate key information about their child's education. This service is available Monday to Friday, between 8:30am and 6:00pm.



The telephone numbers and languages listed below are designed for parents and carers to call a school.

- Step 1.** Have the phone number of the school ready to give to the interpreter.
- Step 2.** Find your language in the list below.
- Step 3.** Use the phone number for your language to connect with an interpreter.
- Step 4.** Tell the interpreter the name and phone number of the school.
- Step 5.** The interpreter will call the number you have provided and connect you with the school.
- Step 6.** The interpreter will stay on the call and interpret until you're finished.

Arabic - العربية	03 8820 1504	Pashto - پښتو	03 8820 1519
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic - ܐܘܪܝܝܢܐܘܪܝܝܢܐ	03 8820 1505	Persian - فارسی	03 8820 1520
Burmese - မြန်မာစာ	03 8820 1506	Punjabi - ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	03 8820 1521
Cantonese - 廣東話	03 8820 1507	S'gaw Karen - ကညီကျိ	03 8820 1522
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic - ܫܘܪܝܬ	03 8820 1508	Samoan - Gagana Sāmoa	03 8820 1523
Dari - دری	03 8820 1509	Somali - Soomaali	03 8820 1524
Dinka - Thuɔŋjäŋ	03 8820 1510	Spanish - Español	03 8820 1525
Hakha Chin - Laitong	03 8820 1511	Swahili - Kiswahili	03 8820 1526
Hazaragi - هزارگی	03 8820 1512	Tamil - தமிழ்	03 8820 1527
Hindi - हिन्दी	03 8820 1513	Thai - ภาษาไทย	03 8820 1528
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Malay - Bahasa Melayu	03 8820 1515	Turkish - Türkçe	03 8820 1530
Mandarin - 普通话	03 8820 1516	Urdu - اُردو	03 8820 1531
Nepali - नेपाली	03 8820 1517	Vietnamese - Tiếng Việt	03 8820 1532
Oromo - Afaan Oromoo	03 8820 1518	Zo - Zomi	03 8820 1533



Learn more about the National Interpreter Symbol

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For all other languages, please contact 03 9605 3053 and connect with our operator who will help you.

This service is not available to parents and carers of full-fee-paying international students. Please contact the school directly to arrange an interpreter.

*Standard Call Charges Apply



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