

Quarter Times

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Important Dates and Reminders:

Thursday 28 th August	Grade 5/6 Parliament Incursion
Friday 29 th August	Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 3 rd September	Fathers Day Stall – 12:00-12:40pm
Thursday 4 th September	Grade 5/6 Parliament Incursion
Friday 5 th September	Fathers and Families Picnic
Wednesday 10 th September	Summer Lightning Prem
Thursday 11 th September	R U OK Day – Wear a touch of Yellow



FATHERS DAY STALL



Wednesday 3rd September

Your special person is pretty incredible! Buy them a special gift to show how much you appreciate them.

All gifts are \$5 each

Please bring the correct money on the day in an envelope with your name and grade, along with a plastic bag to put the gift in.



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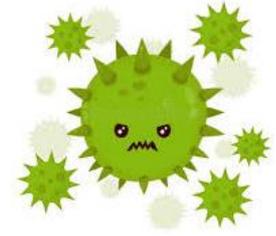
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Assistant Principals Message

Taking hold of the Winter Viruses

We are experiencing high levels of absence throughout the school with several winter viruses being spread around to both students and staff. Here is a timely reminder of the steps we can take to avoid the spread of these winter viruses.



6 DAILY HABITS to help prevent the spread of many viruses



Physical contact

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Keep hands clean

Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 15 seconds.



Avoid touching face

Try to avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Have a cough or cold?

Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hand.



Clean surfaces

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Feeling sick?

Stay home when you're sick and keep sick children home from school.

Wash your hands

[Wash your hands](#) frequently with soap and warm water. Even if your hands don't look or feel dirty, washing them frequently for at least 20 seconds helps remove any germs or viruses you may have been exposed to during the day. Remember to wash:

- Before eating
- After using the bathroom
- Before touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- After blowing your nose or sneezing
- When your hands look or feel dirty

If you don't have access to soap and water, use hand sanitizer which is available in every classroom.

Stay home if you're sick

If you're sick, stay home. On the day of the absence, please ring the school or send a message through the Parent Portal with a reason as to why your child is not coming to school and if you know when they will be returning that can be communicated too.

Cover your cough or sneeze

A cough or a sneeze can project germs from your body into the air. If you're sick, cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Immediately throw the tissue into the bin and wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or clean your hands with hand sanitizer.



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Avoid touching your face

The average person touches their face three to five times a minute. If you have germs on your hands and you rub your eye or touch your nose, you're potentially placing those germs in contact with your throat, lungs, and sinuses. Don't give germs the opportunity to infiltrate your body by keeping your hands away from your face. It may take some practice and self-awareness, but it'll be worth it.

What Happens When a Teacher is Away?

With so many staff and students being away here is a run down of what happens to a class should their teacher be absent.

When a teacher is away we will often get a Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) in to take the grade for the day. Presently however, there is a huge shortage of casual relief teachers. 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, 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.
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.
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.

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 program may not run for that day.

When Education Support Staff are absent, they are not replaced and we organise carefully considered swaps to occur throughout different parts of the day to support our students.

We provide all our staff and students with as much front loading as we can when there are changes to the regular daily routine due to absences.

Penny Denton

Assistant Principal



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Wellbeing and Inclusion News

SEL STAR Award Recipients

Time to congratulate our SEL STAR award recipients from weeks 3 and 4. 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	Byron
Prep B	Bhagirath
Prep C	Viraaj
Prep D	Jaskarn
1/2A	Mattin
1/2B	Anahat
1/2C	Annika
1/2D	Nazia
1/2E	Lenny
1/2F	Anaya
1/2G	Nyra
3/4A	Harmanjot
3/4B	Alina
3/4C	Peaceful
3/4D	Kia
3/4E	Ryan
5/6A	Imogen
5/6B	Aurielle
5/6C	Jaksh
5/6D	Manratan
5/6E	Helena
Specialist Awards – Weeks 3 and 4	
PE	1/2B
Visual Arts	1/2B
Auslan	5/6B
DigiTech	Prep A



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R U OK? Day - Thursday 11th September

On Thursday 11th September, Quarters Primary School will be acknowledging R U OK? 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.

How to ask someone R U OK?



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Attendance and Uniform

Uniform School Blitz

This week, we are continuing our blitz on school uniform. It has been wonderful to see so many of our students wearing their full school uniform and hats every day!

Wearing school uniform is compulsory at Quarters Primary School. Our uniform fosters a strong sense of belonging and promotes equality across our learning community. When all learners proudly wear the uniform, it helps set a positive and respectful tone for our school culture.

We ask learners and families to support this by preparing uniforms the night before, helping students to be ready for a successful school day.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in our uniform blitz—we appreciate your continued partnership.

Jewellery and cosmetics

We have recently noticed many students wearing necklaces that are not linked to cultural beliefs. As a reminder, students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. The only acceptable jewellery items are:

- Stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears
- Watches

Our full uniform policy is available on the Quarters Primary School website.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in purchasing uniform items, please feel welcome to chat with our friendly office staff at reception.



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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 Main Office to sign them in late. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the register 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:

- Make sure your child understands 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.

Congratulations!!

A Big congratulations to all the learners who had 96% or better attendance for the first 5 weeks of the term.

Well done to Prep A, 1/2A, 1/2C, 3/4A, 5/6C for great attendance on our ATTENDANCE LADDER!!

You are the Attendance Hero classes of QPS!



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Grade News

Quarters Primary School stands with schools across Australia to say NO to bullying and violence. The 2025 theme is *Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.*

Our learners took part in a variety of activities to raise awareness about being an upstander and taking action when something doesn't feel right. One of the highlights was an incursion by Brainstorm Productions called *Being Brave*. This fun and engaging performance had our students laughing, participating, and learning.

The interactive show reminded us that bravery isn't about having no fear—it's about choosing to act even when we feel afraid. Learners connected with the high-energy performance, the relatable characters, and the powerful life lessons. They also took part in follow-up discussions to build on these messages. Each year level created their own displays through social and emotional learning sessions, celebrating kindness, courage, and the importance of speaking up.

We are so proud of our learners for embracing these values and showing that together, we can create a safe, respectful, and caring community at Quarters Primary School. #ACHIEVE.



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School Concert

No Shelf Control

2025

River Gum Performing Arts Centre
58 Fordholm Rd, Hampton Park

Night 1: Tuesday 16th September
Night 2: Wednesday 17th September

Concert preparations are in full swing here at QPS!

Students have enjoyed rehearsing their class dances and we have had some superstars acting in special scenes!

We look forward to seeing you at the theatre!



<https://www.trybooking.com/DDYUG>



A BIG THANK YOU
to all of our incredible parent volunteers.

You have all gone above and beyond to donate, create and make this show spectacular!



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- Limit of 2 tickets per family.
- \$15 per person



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QPS Recipe Collection Invitation

As part of our Cultural Project “**Finding My Place,**” we are excited to launch a **QPS Recipe Collection** to celebrate the wonderful diversity of our school community.

We warmly invite families to share their **favourite recipes**—whether it's a traditional dish passed down through generations, a weeknight favourite, or a special celebration meal. These contributions will become part of our **QPS Cookbook**, highlighting the rich cultural backgrounds that make our QPS community so unique.



How to Contribute:

Please include the following details with your recipe:

- **Name of the dish** and **type of meal** (e.g., entrée, main, dessert, lunch, breakfast, snack)
- **Country of origin**
- **List of ingredients**
- **Step-by-step instructions**
- **Photo of the dish** (*optional but encouraged*)
- **Name of the family** submitting the recipe



How You Can Help:

- **Spread the Word** – Encourage other families to join in! We’re looking for a wide range of recipes—from yummy baked treats to hearty family meals.
- **Get Creative** – Feel free to include **photos or drawings** of the dish, the cooking process, or even your family preparing it together. For photos: natural lighting works best and simple backgrounds help the food shine!

How to Submit:

- Email your recipe to: quarters.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- Or submit a **handwritten copy** to your child’s teacher or at the office to Ms Davey or Mrs Sanghani.

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed recipes. So far, we have received delicious dishes from **England, Fiji, Mexico, and India**. We can’t wait to discover even more of your family favourites! Let’s cook up something special together.



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Community News



FATHER'S AND SPECIAL OTHERS

PACK A LUNCH AND JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
COMMUNITY PICNIC WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

FRIDAY 5TH OF SEPTEMBER 2025
12PM - 12:40PM



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