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Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 14 th November	Assembly – 2:30pm
Friday 21 st November	Career Day – Come dressed in what you want to be when you grow up
Wednesday 26 th November	Subway Lunch Day
Friday 28 th November	Assembly – 2:30pm
Wednesday 3 rd December	QPS Market Day
Wednesday 3 rd December	Enquiry Open Afternoon
Friday 5 th December	Student Free Day – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

QPS Cookbook Cover Design Competition

As part of our Cultural Project “*Finding My Place*,” we’re excited to invite our students and families to help design the **front cover** of our upcoming **QPS Cookbook!**

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your creativity and celebrate the rich diversity of our QPS community through art.

How to Participate:

 **Theme:** *Cooking and Community at QPS*

 **Size:** A4 page

 **Be Creative:** You can use drawings, paintings, or digital designs – the choice is yours!

 **Submit by:** *Saturday, 30th November 2025*

 **Submit to:** *Ms Davey or Mrs Sanghani at the office*

The **winning design** will be featured on the front cover of the QPS Cookbook and acknowledged inside the book.

We can’t wait to see the creative talents of our QPS students and families shine!



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Principal's Message

Dear Families,

The weather now is making each day interesting. We have had a lot of rain so although our trees and shrubs are loving it, it does mean our students are restricted in playing on any grassed areas. We are monitoring the rain showers each day and if it is a passing shower, we ask students to move undercover until it passes. If the rain persists, we put in place a wet day timetable and the students come inside classrooms.

Thank you to the families who visited our **art show last week**. To also support our concert and art show, we will run a concert every second year, so our next concert will be 2027. In 2026, we will run a camp for our 5/6 students and an art show.

Another proud moment for QPS was Gr 4 student Fatehdeep finishing second in both the 100m and 200m for Under 9/10 year olds at the recent State Athletics Carnival. Fatehdeep ran a personal best in each race and was just pipped for the gold (1st place). We are so proud of Fatehdeep's efforts and amazing results. A big congratulations to Fatehdeep's family who have supported and coached Fatehdeep to ACHIEVE Success!



This week we held our last transition session with our **2026 Preps**. Our 2026 Preps did an amazing job and we got to meet them and have some great chats. Thank you to all the families who attended to give their child the best start to school.

With only 5 weeks of school left for 2025, there are lots of things happening. Students have been undertaking assessments so staff can give them an achievement point in their end of year report. Students who have missed assessments or have had long absences, this will impact their learning achievement. Please think carefully about taking long holidays through school terms. It does mean your child will have learning gaps that are sometimes very hard to catch up on. Reports will go home in the last 2 weeks sometime.

Please remember to save the date for all the important events coming up. You will see these on the front page.

Have a great weekend.

Take care

Liz Davey

Principal



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Teaching and Learning News

ASEAN BRIDGE PROGRAM

To further strengthen global engagement at QPS, we have been participating in activities as part of the ASEAN Bridge Program. In July, Thuy and Miss Hang visited us for a week from Vietnam to experience school in Australia and compare and contrast this to their experiences in Vietnam.

Last week some of our students were part of a 'Global Classroom' opportunity. Some of the Year 5/6s joined an online classroom experience with Vietnamese students from Truong THCS Thach That School in Ha Noi. Thuy organised a fabulous and engaging lesson about the different ethnic groups and different aspects of the culture in Vietnam. Students answered quizzes and interacted with each other over zoom. Our students were able to see firsthand the similarities and differences of a Vietnamese classroom with ours.

The students in Vietnam wore cultural dress and sang and danced for us. Our QPS students sang and signed to "I am Australian" and students brought in some artefacts to share.



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Student Writing Workshop

Eight Year 5/6 students have also been a part of the ASEAN Bridge Student Writing Workshops. Our students have joined students from across the globe in neighbouring South-East Asian countries in the workshops. We were lucky to have EJ Garrett, an experienced film maker and storyteller and a Darumbal man from the coastal lands of Central Queensland speak to us about First Nations Storytelling.

As groups we then shared our own stories from our cultures and began collaborating and sharing story ideas of our own.

Our students then went away and created some stories that followed the ideas of traditional stories and developed a story that taught a lesson and involved one of the United Nations Sustainability Goals.

In the second workshop our students shared their story creations, gave and received feedback and will now revise their story ready to upload for voting



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Wellbeing and Inclusion News

SEL STAR Award Recipients

Congratulations to 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	Elizabeth
Prep B	Aarohi
Prep C	Haider
Prep D	Ty
1/2A	Aahaan
1/2B	Ava-Reign
1/2C	Alyas
1/2D	Arjun
1/2E	Mason
1/2F	Leo
1/2G	Sundar
3/4A	Harmanjot
3/4B	Lilith
3/4C	Mehar
3/4D	Czarina
3/4E	Bonnie
5/6A	Gloria
5/6B	Elyas
5/6C	Shishir
5/6D	Ella
5/6E	Harjoy
Specialist Awards – Weeks 3 and 4	
PE	Prep B
Visual Arts	5/6D
Auslan	1/2C
DigiTech	1/2A



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Attendance and Uniform

Punctuality Matters!

At Quarters Primary School, we know that arriving on time helps children start their day calmly and confidently. Being punctual sets a positive tone for learning and helps children settle into their morning routines with their friends and teachers during our circle time.

Did you know?

Just **10 minutes late each day** adds up to **over 33 hours of lost learning time in a year!**

Morning Routines Make a Difference

The best way to help your child get to school on time is to have a **consistent evening and morning routine**. If mornings are busy in your household, try preparing a few things the night before — pack bags, lay out uniforms, and get lunches ready.

- Yard duty Teachers are on the playground from **8:40am** to welcome students.
- The **school day begins at 8:50am**.
- The **gates close at 9:00am**.

If you arrive after this time, please sign your child in at the **Main Office**. This ensures we know your child is safely on site and marked correctly on the roll.

These routines and procedures help support the **health, safety, and wellbeing** of all students. Thank you for helping us ensure every child has a positive and settled start to their school day!

Shout-out to the amazing students who are working hard to beat the bell and arrive at school on time each day! Your effort and positive start to the morning make a big difference — keep it up!

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Uniform Expectations

At Quarters Primary School, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school each day wearing the correct school uniform. This includes the school hat, socks, and black shoes.

We have recently noticed that a number of students across year levels are not wearing the full uniform. Wearing the uniform correctly helps build a strong sense of belonging, pride, and respect within our school community.

If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform on a particular day, please send a note to school explaining the reason. Where a student is repeatedly out of uniform without explanation, families will be contacted to discuss how we can work together to support them.

Thank you for helping us maintain high uniform standards and for encouraging your child to wear their uniform neatly and with pride each day.

Jewellery, Nail Polish, and Personal Items

- **Jewellery:** Only an analogue watch, studs, or small sleepers are permitted.
- **Nail polish and makeup:** Not to be worn during school hours.
- **Phones and smart watches:** Must be handed in at the office on arrival and collected at the end of the school day.



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School Celebrations

Exploring Culture - Sikh Incursion

As part of our *CICS (Connecting Indian Communities with Schools)* program, students from Years 3–6 took part in a special Sikh incursion led by **Jaswinder Singh** and his team from **Sikh Volunteers Australia**.

Students explored the core beliefs, traditions, and values of Sikhism, learning about community service, equality, and respect. They also discovered the significance of traditional Sikh attire and its significance.

Throughout the session, students were deeply engaged and asked thoughtful questions, gaining a greater understanding and appreciation for the Sikh community and the diversity within our world.

Following the presentation, Sikh Volunteers Australia provided a delicious lunch for our students and staff. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and inspiring work they do within the community.



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CAREER DAY

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER



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WHEN YOU'RE OLDER!**



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Grade News - Prep



PREP RSPCA INCURSION



On Wednesday the 5th November all the prep learners participated in a Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) incursion.

A member of the RSPCA came to speak to them about how to look after pets. The preps explored what animals need to survive (food, water, shelter, exercise, vet visits) and why it's important to make sure that they take good care of animals.



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Grade News – Grade



MARKET DAY

ORGANISED AND CREATED BY GRADE 5/6 STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
HELD DURING LEARNING TIME FOR STUDENTS ONLY

STUDENTS CAN BRING UP TO \$15 TO SPEND ON:

<p>SENSORY TOOLS JEWELLERY LIP BALM BODY SCRUBS CANDLES KEYCHAINS</p>	<p>SLIME PLAYDOH BLIND BOXES SWEETS, FOOD & DRINKS GAMES (PRIZES TO BE WON) AND MORE!</p>
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PRICES RANGE FROM 50c TO \$5

FUNDRAISER FOR GRADE 6 GRADUATION AND BIG DAY OUT



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Specialist News – Art

Art Show Celebrates Creativity Across All Year Levels

Last Wednesday, our school hosted its annual Art Show, transforming the main buildings into a colourful gallery of student creativity. The exhibition featured artwork from every year level, from Prep through to Year 6, with each student proudly contributing at least two pieces to the display.

The variety of work showcased was impressive. Students explored drawing, painting, collage, clay sculpture and mixed media. Hallways were filled with bright colour, thoughtful detail and personal expression. Families took their time walking through the spaces, taking in each piece and celebrating the effort and imagination behind them.

The community response was overwhelmingly positive. Many visitors commented on the talent, individuality and confidence shown in the artwork. It was wonderful to see students guiding their families to their favourite pieces and talking about the techniques and ideas they used.

The Art Show was not only a celebration of skill, but also of growth, joy and shared pride. Congratulations to all of our student artists for their hard work and thank you to the staff and families who continue to support creativity as an important part of learning at our school.



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Community New

Webpage to help families and students prepare for a new school year

A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep, secondary school or VCE.

The Department of Education has a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year.

During the school holidays, please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- tips to help transition from kinder to Prep, primary to secondary school, and Year 10 to VCE
- what to expect at school
- help with school costs and fees
- health and wellbeing guidance to support children’s mental health.

Please refer to the [New year of learning webpage](#).

Free public transport

From 1 January 2026, people aged under 18 can travel free on all Victorian public transport services using a new youth myki card. This includes trams, trains, buses and coach services.

To access free travel, they must tap the myki card on and off each time they travel. For areas that do not use myki cards, they must show their myki card to travel free.

More information about the youth myki card will be available later in Term 4, 2025 – refer to the [myki types webpage](#) on the Transport Victoria website.

For more information about other travel options to school, and support for eligible students, refer to the [Travelling to school](#) webpage on the Victorian Government website.



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