

Quarter Times

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Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 6 th February	Whole School Assembly – 2:30pm
Wednesday 11 th February	NO PREPS to attend school
Wednesday 11 th February	Grade 5/6 Hockey in schools visit
Tuesday 17 th February	Meet the teacher interviews 3:20pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 18 th February	NO PREPS to attend school



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Principals Message

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2026 school year! We are thrilled to start a new year with our students and families and look forward to a year of curiosity, collaboration, and achievement. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we look forward to partnering with you to support every child's success and well-being. We welcomed our prep students for their first day of big school. A very big thank you to our families for preparing their students for a successful transition into 2026 by having hats, uniforms, bags and lunch boxes named.

Later this term, we will provide an opportunity for families to meet their child's teacher. Please look out for this information.

This week we also "opened" our canteen. We are using The Tuckshop to supply lunch orders. You need to download the app and order online before the cutoff time. Lunches are delivered to the school in time for eating before lunch play.

Our ACHIEVE values – acceptance, creativity, high expectations, inclusion, empathy, valued and excellence underpin everything we do whether that be in our positive school wide behaviours, wellbeing and inclusion or teaching & learning. We ask our students, staff and community to engage in our values and put our students first.



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STUDENT DETAILS AND AMBULANCE OR ACCIDENT INSURANCE:

This is a reminder that the Department of Education and Training does not cover the cost of student accidents or ambulance services. If an ambulance is required for your child, the school will arrange this as needed, and the cost will be the responsibility of the family.

Families may wish to consider taking out a personal ambulance subscription and/or accident insurance for their children. In some cases, valid health care or pension cards may cover ambulance costs.

It is essential that the school has up-to-date contact details for every student so we can reach parents or carers promptly if a child is injured and requires medical attention.



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PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:

Please note these times:

Supervision before school is from 8:45 am.

After school is 3:15 – 3:30 pm

Gates open at 8:30 am and although students enter, staff are not on active supervision until 8:45 am.

Gates close at 3:30 pm daily to allow staff to attend after school meetings that start at 3:35 pm.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

QPS holds high expectations for student attendance. Students are expected to attend school every day unless they are unwell. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to notify the school of any illness or absence before 9:00 am on the day of the absence.

Being at school every day gives students the best opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. As part of this commitment, QPS is working toward reducing overall student absences. Families can notify the school of an absence by phone, email, or via the SENTRAL portal.

On our website is the Parent Code of Conduct, provided as a reminder that parents, like our students, are expected to interact respectfully within our school community. Your support is essential in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment free from aggression and disrespect. Any behaviour that does not meet these expectations will be addressed accordingly.

Families come in many different forms, and while we respect this diversity, schools are not involved in family law matters. We ask that any issues related to living arrangements, communication between family members, or custody be managed outside of the school setting.

Car Parking – staff car park is only for staff. Please make use of the outside parking along the streets. It can be quite busy at drop and pick up times – be patient and follow the parking signs.



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COMMUNICATION:

Clear and timely communication is essential to keeping our school community informed. Below are the various ways we share information with families:

- Meet and greet at classroom doors in the morning and after school dismissal (onsite) *brief conversations*
- SENTRAL parent portal
- Weekly class updates from teachers via the SENTRAL app
- Fortnightly school newsletter (available on the SENTRAL app and school website)
- Positive Chronicles via the SENTRAL app
- Attendance text messages
- Phone calls
- Emails
- School Facebook page
- Flyers displayed around the school
- Student Support Group meetings (for selected students)
- Student Conferences (held twice per year)
- Family Handbook (Prep families)
- Fortnightly assemblies
- End-of-day onsite announcements
- School calendar on the SENTRAL app
- Academic reports via the SENTRAL app (twice per year)
- Parent Information Sessions (Prep 2027)

We aim to share information as promptly as possible; however, due to unforeseen circumstances, dates and times may occasionally change or be confirmed later than anticipated.

Many families may also receive regular communication from our Student Wellbeing Team via phone or email.

We encourage families to make full use of these communication channels to stay informed. While we provide a range of communication platforms, it is the responsibility of families to read and engage with the information shared.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. Looking forward to a great year of learning and play.

Take care,

Liz Davey

Principal



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Teaching and Learning News

LIBRARY



Students have started attending the library once a week and borrowing will begin next week in Week 3. A friendly reminder that students need a library bag to borrow. This keeps our beautiful books safe from being damaged in school bags. Unfortunately, the QPS reader bags are not big enough to hold most of our picture books and non-fiction texts which are always popular for borrowing. Therefore, some sort of library bag is compulsory please.

As was the process last year, we will continue to send home letters for any overdue or damaged books. As you can imagine take-home readers and library books are very expensive. When these books come back damaged or go missing it can end up costing the school a lot of extra money.

In the letter, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution from families who have returned books damaged or who are unable to find borrowed books.

The voluntary contribution we request for the different types of books are:

- Take Home Readers: \$10
- Junior and Senior Fiction: \$15
- Picture Books: \$15
- Non-Fiction Books: \$20

Happy Reading!!



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Quarters Activate

It has been great moving around the school and seeing our teachers and students engaged in activities to build connections and set expectations for their classroom!

This is a photo of the learners in 12G getting to know each other by playing a game using a ball of wool. Learners had to say something about themselves or something they liked or were interested in and any other students who had this in common with them put their hand up. Learners then passed the wool to one student that had the common interest and the common thread web was created.



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Wellbeing and Inclusion News

Tips for Building Resilience

Welcome back to our students and families for the 2026 school year! It has been exciting to welcome our students back to school and to hear about their summer break adventures. A warm welcome to our Prep students and families.

While beginning school for the first time or returning for a new school year can be an exciting time, it can also bring about feelings of uncertainty and anxiety. As parents, you play a crucial role in supporting your child to navigate these feelings of uncertainty. These resilience building tips aim to develop a child's ability to adapt to change and manage uncomfortable feelings when faced with times of uncertainty.

Tip	Description	How it Builds Resilience
Encourage Problem-Solving	Help your child find solutions to challenges instead of immediately solving it for them.	Develops critical thinking and the ability to overcome obstacles independently.
Model Positive Coping Strategies	Demonstrate healthy ways to handle stress and setbacks, like taking deep breaths or problem-solving.	Teaches emotional regulation and how to handle adversity with a positive/growth mindset.
Promote Growth Mindset	Praise effort and emphasize that failure is a part of learning.	Helps children view challenges as opportunities for growth rather than setbacks.
Foster a Supportive Environment	Create a safe, nurturing space where your child feels emotionally supported and valued.	Builds emotional security, knowing they have a reliable support system.
Set Realistic Expectations	Encourage your child to set achievable goals and understand it's okay to not be perfect.	Helps build self-confidence and reduces fear of failure.
Encourage Independence	Allow your child to make age-appropriate decisions, take on responsibilities, and manage minor risks.	Builds confidence and a sense of control over their life.
Teach Perseverance	Celebrate small successes and encourage persistence in the face of challenges.	This instills the idea that success comes through effort and persistence.
Validate Emotions	Acknowledge and empathize with your child's feelings, even when they are upset or frustrated.	Helps children process emotions in healthy ways, creating emotional resilience.
Promote Social Skills	Encourage your child to form friendships and handle social situations, including conflicts.	Strengthens their ability to navigate social challenges, increasing self-esteem.
Provide Consistent Routines	Establish and maintain regular routines, especially around sleep, meals, and activities.	Creates consistency and a sense of security, helping children cope with uncertainty.



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ACE Foundation



A fantastic opportunity for families!

Quarters Primary School is very fortunate and excited to share that the ACE Foundation will continue to support our school community in 2026.

The **ACE** Foundation is a NOT-FOR-PROFIT Foundation. The Chair, Dr Leon Shapero established the **ACE** Foundation in 2014. He has worked in Cranbourne as a GP Obstetrician since 1987 and has close ties with local schools.

The ACE Foundation is pleased to inform families that if your child requires glasses, they are eligible to receive **ONE** pair for **FREE** during their primary school journey.

Call any of the centres listed below to make an appointment for your child to receive a bulk-billed comprehensive eye examination. If your child requires glasses, parents are required to fill out a voucher/consent form which can be collected from the school office. This voucher/consent form can then be taken back to the optometrist, and you'll be able to choose one pair of glasses from a specific range. The ACE Foundation will fund the glasses if you produce the voucher/consent form.

There is **NO COST** to families.

Ning Chan
Cranbourne Vision Care
111 High Street
Cranbourne Vic 3977
Tel: 5996 6993
Marvin – Eyecare for Kids
Wellness On Wellington
1101 Wellington Road
Rowville Vic 3178
Tel: 9972 2722

Marvin Janet
Eyecare For Kids
Suite 5/26-28
Verdun Drive, Narre
Warren Vic 3805
Hampton Park Optical
Suite 1, 1 Corner Stuart Ave &
Fordholm Rd
Hampton Park Vic 3976
Tel: 9702 8187

Pakenham Optical
120 Main Street
Pakenham Vic 3810
Tel: 5941 2277
Dean Harborne
Berwick Optical Centre
Shop 8, Loveridge Walk
Berwick Vic 3806
Tel: 9707 3974

Eden Rise Optical
Eden Rise Shopping Centre
Shop 9/1 O'Shea Rd &
Clyde Rd Berwick 3806
Tel: 8786 8088

Casey Optometrist
Shop 105,
400 Narre Warren – Cranbourne Rd
Narre Warren South Vic 3805
Tel: 9705 2058

Dr Amin Ali
Lynbrook Optical
Lynbrook Village Shopping Centre
15/75 Lynbook Boulevard
Lynbrook Vic 3975
Tel: 9702 9118

Please Note: To ensure the consent/voucher form is valid you must obtain the school stamp, and a signature from a member of the school Leadership team. Vouchers will NOT be accepted by optometrists outlined above without the endorsement of the school.



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Student Support Group Meetings (SSGs)

To our families of students who have regular Student Support Group (SSG) meetings, these will be scheduled to take place in Week 4 (week beginning Monday 16 February) and Week 5 (week beginning Monday 23 February).

These meetings are a valuable opportunity for families to meet with class teachers, Education Support staff, Shilpa Sanghani, Sally Vella, or Averil Mitchell to discuss how students have transitioned into the new school year and to set goals to be included in Independent Learning Plans.

If your child has regular Student Support Group meetings, the Wellbeing and Inclusion Team will make contact next week via the Sentral Parent Portal.



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Attendance and Uniform

Attendance and Punctuality

In 2026, we continue to place a strong focus on students attending school every day and arriving on time. Regular attendance plays a vital role in student learning, wellbeing, friendships, and success at school.

We value the partnership we share with families and appreciate your ongoing support in making attendance a priority for every child.

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.



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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 as part of our positive school wide behaviours. Our school uniform represents respect, pride and unity.

If all learners at QPS are wearing the correct uniform, we can ensure that our school is represented proudly. Thank you QPS families for your support in this but we still see numerous learners wearing coloured runners on their non-sports day. We encourage our families to support in ensuring their child comes to school in correct uniform every day

The QPS hat is required for Terms 1 & 4 In Terms 1 and 4, all students must wear a hat when they are outdoors to protect them from the sun. Hats must be named and can be kept at school if needed.

Every morning the teachers will check that students have a hat and are wearing correct uniform. They will send an **email /message via Sentral uniform chronicle** to remind you if they do not have one. All students who do not have a hat will be asked to sit in the picnic area to be in the shade. School hats can be purchased from the PSW Uniform shop, or you can see our friendly office staff for more information.



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Quarters Primary School Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club Reminder

A reminder to all families that Breakfast Club runs on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:10am to 8:40am**. Breakfast Club closes promptly at **8:40am** to allow students and staff to transition to classrooms and be ready for learning at **8:50am**.

At **Quarters Primary School**, we are fortunate to partner with **Foodbank Victoria** to support our Breakfast Club program. This initiative ensures that all students have access to a nutritious breakfast, helping them to engage fully in learning and social activities throughout the school day.

In addition to breakfast items, the School Breakfast Club Program can also provide **lunch supplies and take-home food packs** for families who may need additional support. If your family requires assistance, please contact our **Wellbeing Team**, who can help organise a pack. Take-home packs typically include items such as cereal, milk, vegemite, honey, canned spaghetti or beans, Dhall, spinach rice, soup, fruit cups and snacks.



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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 upholding 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.

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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Specialist News – Digi Tech

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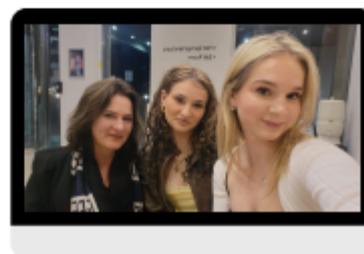
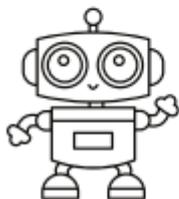


Digi Tech



Hi Quarters Community, my name is De Gilliland [Ms. G or Mrs. Digi Tech] and I have the privilege of teaching your students Digi Tech again in 2026. I have been a primary school teacher since 2013 and a Digi Tech specialist since 2020.

This is my third year at Quarters and I hope to share my love of tinkering with robotics, exploring and coding algorithms, making iMovies, exploring data and improving student confidence when navigating common ICT platforms with your children this year!



A little about me: I have two beautiful daughters. Skye is 22 and has completed her Diploma of Community Services, she has just started working with school aged children as a support worker. Leah is 20 and embarking on her 3rd year at Deakin University studying Nursing and Midwifery. I'm so proud of all they have achieved, they inspire me to continue innovating curriculum to engage the next generation of young minds. We also adopted a cute little ginger bundle three years ago, our cat Simba! He keeps us on our toes with his curious nature... he is always getting up to mischief!



When I'm not in the classroom I love to read, to get out and explore Melbourne and all it offers culturally... and sometimes I even manage to escape into the cinema to watch a good movie. I'm a die-hard Geelong Cats supporter, and during footy season I get to games whenever I can.

If you see me out in the yard, please don't hesitate to come and say hi!

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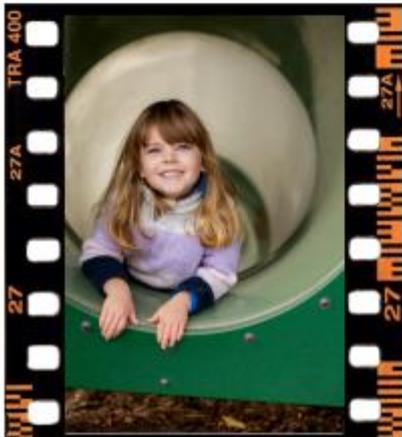
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Specialist News – Art

INTRODUCING THE Visual Arts

Hello to our families and community! My name is Sarah Sullivan, and I explore the arts with your children, here at Quarters Primary School. This year I am taking Visual arts. I have had the privilege of being here at Quarters since the day we officially opened our doors and have seen some beautiful art pieces in that time. I aim to get a whole range of experiences and materials explored with the students and that could mean anything from drawing, painting and making, to moulding clay, stitching fabric or printmaking.



About me: I live at home with my husband, Simon, my 4-year-old daughter, Gracie and our little Yorkshire Terrier, Teddy. Gracie is going into 4-year-old kinder soon and she is very excited, although I'm feeling a little shocked that she is nearly 5 already! Teddy is very much my shadow around my house and as little as he is, he has an enormous personality! Gracie likes helping me prepare for my art classes and had a great time sorting out your pencils into colours before we put them in tubs before bringing them to school.

When I am not being creative in the classroom, I like being creative at home! I've tried just about every craft I can think of and love them all, from creating miniature 1/12th scale scenes to crochet, scrapbooking and quilting. Other than that, I really enjoy a good puzzle, from Sudoku right up to escape rooms and I love working with my brain and learning new things. I may reach out during the year to ask for donations for the art room or parent helpers for art and costumes for the concert.

I would love to hear from you, Quarters community!



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INTRODUCING THE Visual Arts & All Rounder

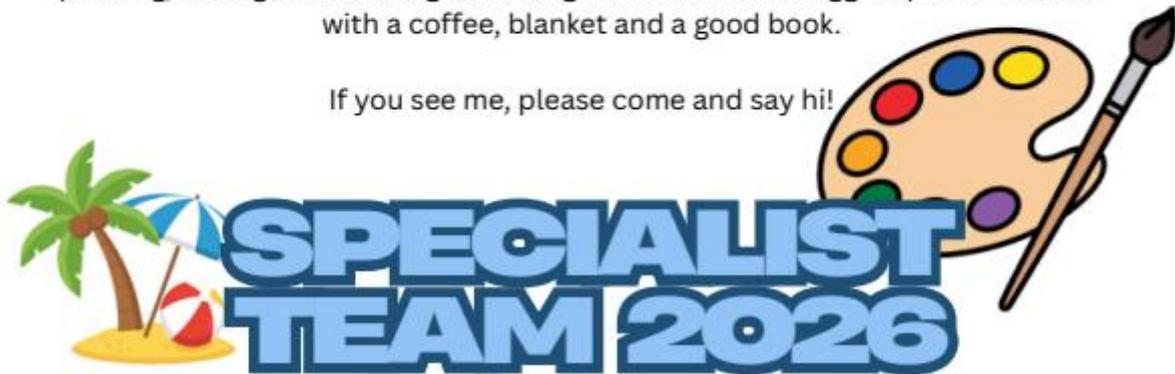
Hi everyone! My name is Kirsten Dodsworth (or Mrs Dods as the kids call me) and I am super excited to be in different specialist roles this year. I will mainly be doing Art, however you will also find me in Music, Digi Tech, Auslan and P.E for some sessions! I hope to share my love of all of these with the learners at Quarters. I have been at Quarters almost since opening, and I have been teaching for 8 years!



About me: I have a wonderful husband and a beautiful daughter named Evie who is almost 2 years old. I love doing arts and crafts with her, our favourite activity is colouring in together. As a family we love going to the beach and going for walks... which can be very hard because Evie likes going in all sorts of directions! I also love listening to music, the colour purple, things that sparkle and shine and spending time with my family.

When I'm not in the classroom I love doing creative things like beading, painting, baking and creating new things. I also love to snuggle up on the couch with a coffee, blanket and a good book.

If you see me, please come and say hi!



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Community News

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Order until 8am
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Over 40 delicious
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**Supporting Neurodivergent Students
Work Avoidance**

I CAN® warmly invites school teachers to a free, online professional learning session focused on supporting neurodivergent students with work avoidance. Hosted by our Founder/CEO Chris Varney, this one hour session will provide teachers with both insight and practical strategies for classroom teachers.

Free Online PD

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**Wednesday
March 11
3:45pm - 4:45pm
AEDT**

BOOK NOW - EVENTBRITE
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/baysidepen-pd-supporting-neurodivergent-students-with-work-avoidance-tickets-1752326538849?aff=oddtcreator>

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

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Whether you're working in primary or secondary education, this session will equip you with knowledge, empathy, and practical approaches to support students who are finding work tasks overwhelming. This is only open to schools in the **Bayside / Peninsula Area** and schools can have a maximum of four staff members attend the online session.

Click the QR code or cut and paste the url below to register.

This FREE Professional Development session offers a unique opportunity to understand:

- The underlying causes of work avoidance.
- How work avoidance presents in students.
- Why writing tasks are a common problem.



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4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.

**Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).*

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STARTS MAY 1ST FROM 5PM

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