

# Quarter Times

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## Important Dates and Reminders:

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	QPS Annual General Meeting – 3:45pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Education Support Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly 2:40pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1/2 Hands on Science Incursion
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Education Week
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Education Week Open Showcase 9:00am - 9:50am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Donut and Prima Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly 2:40pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupil Free Day – NO Students at School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Kings Birthday Holiday – NO Students at School

**Education WEEK**  
CELEBRATING LEARNING TOGETHER

A time to recognise the *amazing learning* happening in our school and the partnerships that help our students thrive.

*Everyone is welcome!*

**OPEN CLASSROOM SESSION**  
THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY  
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

**THEME: Showcase Your School**

This is an opportunity for students to *celebrate* and share their learning with families.

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## Assistant Principals Message

Term 2 continues to be a busy term, with many wonderful opportunities for our school community to come together. It was fantastic to see so many families attend our Mother's and Special Other's event last week. Despite the wet weather, the turnout was exceptional and there was a great atmosphere throughout the school. Students thoroughly enjoyed sharing a picnic lunch with their families, and it was lovely to see so many members of our community connecting and spending quality time together at school.

### Annual General Meeting:

As has been advertised in previous newsletters and on the Facebook page please remember that this afternoon (14<sup>th</sup> May) is the AGM. This is an opportunity to be introduced to the current School Council members, hear the Annual Report for the 2025 year and the Presidents Report. We look forward to seeing the school community members who can attend in the staffroom from 3.45pm.

### Attendance:

As we move further into Term 2, it has been wonderful to see students continuing to engage positively in their learning and school routines. Our classrooms remain busy places filled with collaboration, curiosity and persistence, and we thank our families for the ongoing support you provide at home.

I would also like to take this opportunity to speak about the importance of regular school attendance and continuity of learning. Recently, we have seen an increase in students taking extended holidays during the school term. We understand that many of our families have extended family living overseas and appreciate the value of these opportunities and connections. However, extended absences from school can have a significant impact on both the academic and social development of students.

Learning in the classroom is carefully sequenced, with each lesson building on prior knowledge and skills. When students miss extended periods of learning, it can be difficult for them to keep up with classroom expectations, maintain friendships and continue their learning progression. While teachers will always support students upon their return, missed classroom experiences cannot always be fully replicated through take-home work or 'caught up' on.

We ask families to prioritise school attendance wherever possible and ensure students are at school every day unless they are unwell. It is also important for families to understand that extended absences may impact student achievement data and progress, and this will be reflected in semester reports.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in helping us provide the best possible learning opportunities for every student.

### Social Media:

In the last newsletter, I spoke about the Social Media Ban following several incidents where social media use outside of school was impacting students during the school day. Since then, a concerned parent has brought another online platform to our attention that some students have reportedly been accessing.

The platform involves video and text chat rooms where users are randomly connected with strangers from around the world. While the original Omegle site was shut down in 2023, several replacement sites still exist, including Omegle – Talk to Strangers. These sites can be easily accessed through a simple Google search and do not require users to create an account.

We encourage families to remain vigilant about their child's online activity and to have regular conversations around online safety, appropriate use of technology and the risks associated with interacting with strangers online.



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## Wellbeing and Inclusion News

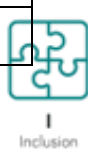
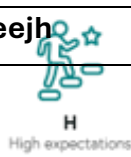
### SEL STAR Award Recipients

Grade	SEL Star Award Recipients Weeks 1 and 2
Prep A	Christian
Prep B	Ollie
Prep C	Safa
Prep D	William
Prep E	Sayed
Prep F	Tekjot
1/2A	Charlie
1/2B	Kevin
1/2C	Darius
1/2D	Arjun
1/2E	Ameek
1/2F	Gurnihal
1/2G	Helia
1/2H	Bruce
3/4A	Manmehar
3/4B	Janet
3/4C	Muhammad
3/4D	Chloe
3/4E	Rinaiyra
3/4F	Adeline
3/4G	Eva
5/6A	Jack
5/6B	Alina
5/6C	Violet
5/6D	Livleen
5/6E	Reejh

Time to congratulations to our SEL STAR award recipients from weeks one and two. These students are being acknowledged for demonstrating our ACHIEVE values and making positive contributions to our school community.



Specialist Awards – Weeks 1 and 2	
PE	1/2C
Visual Arts	Prep C
Auslan	1/2E
DigiTech	Prep D
Music	Prep F



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## Mothers and Special Others

On Friday 8 May, our school community came together to celebrate our wonderful mothers and special others. Although the weather did not cooperate, it certainly did not dampen the spirit of the occasion.

It was lovely to see families, students and staff enjoying time together, sharing lunch and celebrating the important people in our lives. The warmth, connection and sense of community on display made the event truly special.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day such a success. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our school community and for the opportunity to create these meaningful moments together.

A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who sourced and organised our Mother's Day Stall last Wednesday. We truly appreciate you giving up time in your busy schedules to organise this special opportunity for our students and families.



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## Celebrating Education Support Day

On Friday 15th May, QPS will proudly celebrate Education Support Day, recognising the incredible hard work, care and dedication of our Education Support Team. From the office staff to our learning spaces, every day, our Education Support staff go above and beyond to support students, teachers and families, playing a vital role in helping students feel included, valued and connected within our school community.

Through their patience, encouragement and commitment, they create positive learning environments where every student can develop a strong sense of belonging at QPS.

We thank our Education Support team for the meaningful difference they make in the lives of our students and families each and every day.

If you see one of our Education Support Team members on Friday, please thank them for all they do. We could not do the job we do without them!

## Safety First – Helmets

A reminder to everyone about the importance wearing a helmet every time your ride a bike or scooter to and from school. Helmets play a vital role in keeping children safe and helping to prevent serious injuries in the event of an accident.

We ask families to please ensure that students arrive at school wearing a properly fitted helmet when riding a bike or scooter. Students should also continue to follow safe riding practices, including being aware of pedestrians, riding carefully around the school and walking their bikes or scooters once inside the school gates.



We would also like to remind any community members over the age of 16 years using electric scooters to please be mindful of students and families walking on footpaths around the school, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Slowing down and sharing pathways safely helps ensure everyone can travel to and from school safely.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all members of our school community safe.



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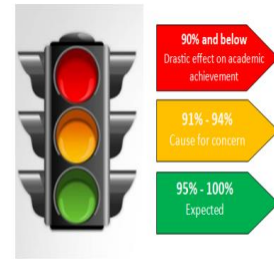
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## Attendance and Uniform



*Every Child Matters. Every Moment Counts*

### Attendance Matters at QPS

At Quarters Primary School, we are committed to promoting excellent attendance. Regular attendance helps students build strong learning habits, maintain friendships, and stay connected to everything happening in the classroom.

Congratulations to our top three classes for attendance so far this term:

- 34C
- 12G
- 56D
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Well done to all students and staff in these classes for their outstanding effort.

A special congratulations also goes to our **Year 2** and **Year 5** students, who currently have the strongest attendance across the school this term.

### Being on Time Matters Too

Arriving at school on time is just as important as attending every day. The first part of the school day is when students settle in, receive important instructions, and prepare for their learning. Students who arrive late can miss key information and may find it harder to start the day successfully.

Punctuality helps students:

- Begin the day calmly and confidently
- Participate in morning routines
- Build positive habits and responsibility
- Maximise their learning time

We appreciate the support of our families in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time, ready to learn. Every day counts, and every minute matters.



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## Uniform and Hats Reminder

“Wear the right uniform, stand out like a STAR!”



As the weather becomes colder, we understand that students need to stay warm. We have recently noticed an increasing number of students wearing hoodies and jumpers that are not part of the Quarters Primary School uniform.

Our school uniform plays an important role in fostering a sense of belonging, pride, and connection to the QPS community. We ask all families to ensure that students attend school each day wearing the correct school uniform.

Students should wear the approved QPS polo shirt along with the school jumper or jacket as an extra layer during the colder months. Non-school hoodies, branded clothing, and jumpers with large logos are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn at school.

The Student Dress Code Policy is available on our school website, and a uniform flyer is included at the end of this newsletter for your reference.

Thank you for your ongoing support in upholding our school expectations and helping our students take pride in their appearance and connection to the Quarters Primary School community.



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## Specialist News

### QPS Music Club

We are very excited to announce that Music Club will be starting up again in Term 2!

Music Club is a wonderful opportunity for students in years 3 to 6 to gain some experience practicing an instrument or their singing skills. Students will work, with the help of volunteers from Cranbourne West Secondary College, to understand fundamental techniques and skills required to begin their mastery.

Students can expect to gain experience in areas like:

- Coordinating with a group
- Keeping in time
- Safely using instruments
- Effective instrument techniques
- Effective singing techniques
- Popular song structures

Students who wish to participate can choose either singing or guitar to learn.

If your student wishes to participate, please encourage them to see Mr Naylor in the music room at lunchtime (11:40am) on Wednesday of Week 5 (20<sup>th</sup> of May 2026).

I hope to see you all in Music Club



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## School Celebrations

# CELEBRATING READING AT QPS

These students have reached a reading milestone through their commitment to nightly reading.



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