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Important Dates and Reminders:

Friday 30th October	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
Monay 2nd November	Pupil Free Day – NO STUDENTS REQUIRED
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Day- NO STUDENTS REQUIRED
Wednesday 4th November	Prep Water Safety
Thursday 5th November	Prep Water Safety
Tuesday 10th November	2027 Prep Transition 3.40pm – 4.10pm
Friday 13th November	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm



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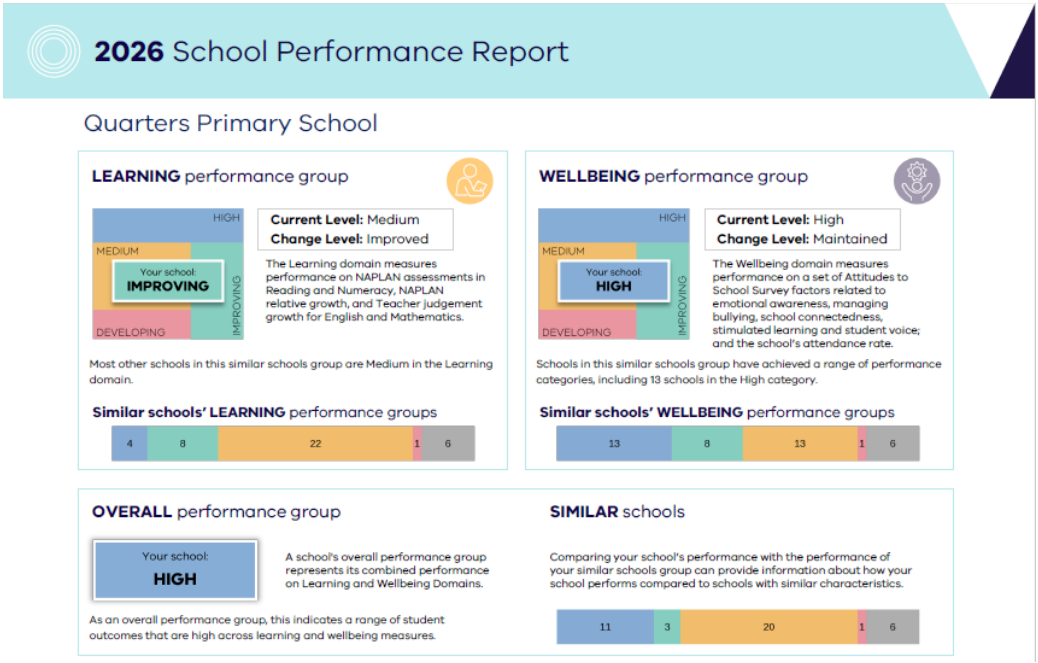
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Principals Message

Dear Families,

I would like to share some exciting news. Each year a school receives a performance report that demonstrates how each school is achieving.

I am pleased to announce that Quarters Primary School in only its 4th year has achieved the highest rating available HIGH overall. We have achieved Improved level, up from Medium in Learning and maintained our high standards in Wellbeing. Our staff who lead this work or implement it and our students who engage in our learning and wellbeing deserve a big round of applause. This is outstanding commitment and investment by all at QPS!



From our Statement of Values and Philosophy, I remind our families the importance of:

5. Behavioural expectations

Quarters Primary School acknowledges that the behaviour of staff, parents, carers and students has an impact on our school community and culture.
As parents and carers, we will:

- model positive behaviour to our child
- communicate politely and respectfully with all members of the school community, in line with the Department's Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy.
- ensure our child attends school on time, every day the school is open for instruction
- take an interest in our child's school and learning
- work with the school to achieve the best outcomes for our child
- communicate constructively with the school and use expected processes and protocols when raising concerns
- support school staff to maintain a safe learning environment for all students
- follow the school's processes for communication with staff and making complaints
- treat all school leaders, staff, students, and other members of the school community with respect.



6. Unreasonable behaviours

Schools are not public places, and the Principal has the right to permit or deny entry to school grounds (for more information, see our *Visitors Policy*).

Unreasonable behaviour that is demonstrated by school staff, parents, carers, students or members of our school community will not be tolerated at school, or during school activities.

Unreasonable behaviour includes:

- being violent or threatening violence of any kind, including physically intimidating behaviour such as aggressive hand gestures or invading another person's personal space
- speaking or behaving in a rude, aggressive or threatening way, either in person, via email, social media, or over the telephone
- sending demanding, rude, **confronting** or threatening **letters, emails or text messages**
- discriminatory or derogatory comments
- the use of **social media or public forums** to make **inappropriate** or threatening remarks about the school, staff or students.

QPS takes this Statement of Values and Philosophy, alongside the Child Safe Standards very seriously and hopes that all our parents and carers do as well. We work with children who are curious and learn from their mistakes. It is up to the adults to make sure we demonstrate behaviour that appropriately builds resilience, includes and understands the differences of others to help everyone learn from mistakes.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Take care,

Liz Davey

Principal

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Wellbeing and Inclusion News

It's time to congratulate our SEL STAR award recipients from weeks 1 and 2. These students are being acknowledged for demonstrating our ACHIEVE values and making positive contributions to our school community.

Grade	SEL STAR Award Recipients
Prep A	Jasmine
Prep B	Vihaan
Prep C	Ruby
Prep D	Anhad
Prep E	Aethan
Prep F	Connor
1/2A	Jaxon
1/2B	Sana
1/2C	Ryan
1/2D	Sana
1/2E	Janika
1/2F	Alex
1/2G	Dianna
1/2H	Riley
3/4A	Annika
3/4C	Addie
3/4D	Oscar
3/4E	Isaac
3/4F	Noah
3/4G	Riley
5/6A	Sharlette
5/6B	Ali
5/6C	Rosemary
5/6D	Jayden
5/6E	Rehmat



Grade	Specialist Awards
PE	1/2G
Visual Arts	Prep D
Auslan	Prep A
DigiTech	1/2D
Music	5/6E

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School safety is everyone's job



Getting children to school safely is everyone's job. Too many cars around schools at drop-off & pick-up times can make it more dangerous for children and hard to find a parking spot.

We can all work together to get everyone to school safely and on time.



Reduce car trips – one of these options may work for you

- **Walk or ride to school.**
- If your school has a **Walk to School map,** get a copy from the office.
- **Park and walk.** Park a little further away from school and enjoy a short walk - avoiding traffic and parking pressure.
- **Carpool with a friend.** You can share the pick-up and drop-off with another parent.



Keep the Drop off Pick up Zone moving

- A **Drop off Pick up Zone** is a special place to quickly drop-off or pick-up your child when you use your car. You can only stay in the zone for **2 minutes** each time and you **must** stay with your car.
- **Move as far down the Drop off Pick up Zone as possible,** don't stop at the start, this blocks the traffic behind you.
- **Arrive at least three minutes after the school bell.** No children are ready before this time. Don't arrive early and park in the Pick up Zone – remember, you can only stop here for 2 minutes.
- **Change your pick-up or drop-off times to avoid the busiest peak times.** For example: in the afternoon, arrive 5 minutes after the bell to pick-up your child and avoid the busy time.
- **Child not there? Keep moving!** Drive out of the zone and come back, don't park and wait for them.





No Parking

This no parking sign means that the area is a Drop off Pick up Zone. You cannot leave your vehicle unattended and you cannot stop for more than two minutes. The times may be a little different at your school, but the rules are the same. Fines can apply if the signs are not followed.

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Be courteous and aware

- **Follow signs, road rules and parking signs.** They are there to keep our children safe.
- **No stopping signs mean "Do not stop your vehicle for any reason".** These areas must be kept clear for pedestrians and motorists.
- **Do not park on nature strips or in front of driveways.** This is very dangerous for children and other road users.
- **Do not drop your children on the other side of the road and tell them to run across.** Use a Drop off Pick up Zone or the safest crossing point, like a School Crossing or Pedestrian Crossing.
- **Be extra careful and patient around schools.**
- **Slow down and be alert!** Children can be unpredictable. Remain careful, especially at the busy morning and afternoon school times.

Use school crossings

- **Casey's School Crossing Supervisors** are trained to help children to cross the road safely.
- **Use the school crossing.** It is the safest place for children to cross the road.
- **Keep the school crossing clear.** Do not stop your car on the crossing. It is dangerous and illegal to block the crossing.



GETTING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL SAFELY IS EVERYONE'S JOB. Think before you park, drive, drop off and pick up. All children deserve to get to school safely.

For more information about safety around schools visit **www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools**

This project is a joint partnership between City of Casey, Casey schools and Victorian Government.

Follow the signs
And keep children safe



School Zone

The speed limit around schools is 40km on school days between 8.00am and 9.30am and 2.30pm and 4.00pm.

Slow down and keep children safe.



No Stopping

The no stopping sign means you cannot stop your vehicle for any purpose, no matter how short the time.



Bus Zone

A bus zone is an area only for buses. You cannot stop there at all.



Never double park, it is illegal and dangerous

Double parking is stopping next to parked cars to pick up or let out children.

Contact the City of Casey:

Web: www/casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools
Email: Safearoundschools@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
Post: PO Box 1000, Narre Warren VIC 3805
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive
Cranbourne: Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre
ABN: 43 320 295 742

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Attendance and Uniform







Every Child Matters. Every Moment Counts

Celebrating Positive Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for students' learning, wellbeing and social development. Every day at school provides valuable opportunities for students to build their knowledge, strengthen friendships, develop confidence and stay connected to their learning. Arriving on time also helps students settle into the day and make the most of every learning opportunity.

We understand that there may be times when students are unable to attend school. However, establishing positive attendance routines and working together as a school community helps ensure every student has the best opportunity to succeed.

Congratulations to Prep C, 1/2B and 5/6E, who achieved the highest attendance rates for Term 4, Weeks 1, 2 and 3! What a fantastic achievement!

A huge thank you to all our students, families and staff for continuing to support positive attendance and engagement in learning. It is wonderful to see our school community working together to strengthen attendance.

Our Attendance Raffle is another way we celebrate and encourage positive attendance habits across the school. We love recognising students who make a consistent effort to attend school and be ready for learning. Keep an eye out for our raffle celebrations as we continue to encourage students to make every school day count!

Let's keep up the great work!

Everyday counts, and every day at school makes a difference!

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

With warmer weather approaching, we would like to remind families of the importance of students wearing the correct school uniform each day.

We have noticed an increase in students attending school in non-uniform items, particularly coloured runners on days when they do not have PE. As a reminder, **black shoes are to be worn on non-PE days**, while coloured runners may be worn on scheduled PE days. We kindly ask families to support us in ensuring students arrive at school in the correct uniform.

School hats are also an essential part of our uniform during Term 4. Students are required to wear their school hat when playing or learning outdoors. Hats help protect students from harmful UV exposure and reduce the risk of sunburn and longer-term skin damage. Please ensure your child brings their school hat to school every day and that it is clearly labelled with their name.

Staff will continue to remind students about uniform expectations and may contact families where ongoing concerns arise.

A copy of our Student Dress Code Policy is available on the school website, and the school uniform flyer is attached below for families to refer to.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students take pride in their school uniform and feel a strong sense of belonging within our QPS community.

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Specialist News – AUSLAN

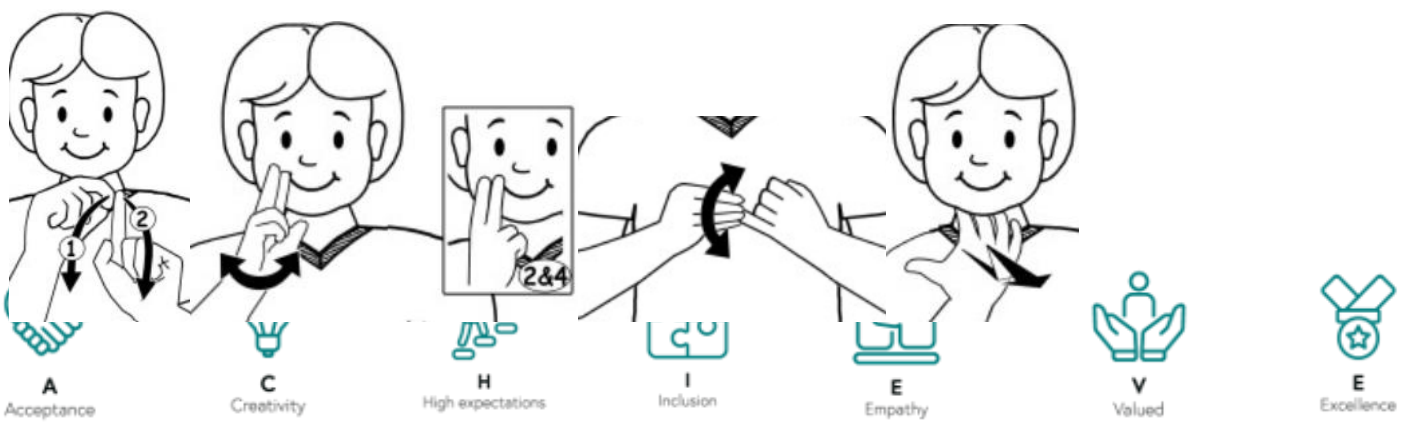
There has been lots of wonderful learning happening in Auslan!

Our Prep to Grade 2 students have been busy building their confidence and communication skills, using simple Auslan signs to greet their friends and ask questions about family members. It is lovely to see them practising their signs and finding new ways to connect with one another. Our Preps have also begun their fingerspelling journey and are enjoying learning how to spell their own names!

Our Grade 3–6 students have been exploring the exciting world of translation, working with different types of media, including Auslan videos and children's picture storybooks. They watched an Auslan video showing how to make zatar scrolls and investigated the many ways we communicate, including signs, gestures and facial expressions. Students discovered that communication involves so much more than just words!

We have also been exploring the amazing way our ears work, learning how sound travels and how it is processed by the brain. This has given students an opportunity to think more deeply about hearing, sound and the different ways people experience and communicate with the world around them.

It is wonderful to see our students growing in confidence, developing their Auslan skills and becoming more aware of the many ways we can communicate and connect with others. Well done, everyone!

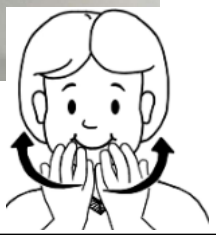


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Some photos of the Prep to Two's activity involving signing numbers and fruit!











Can you guess the fruit?





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School Celebration



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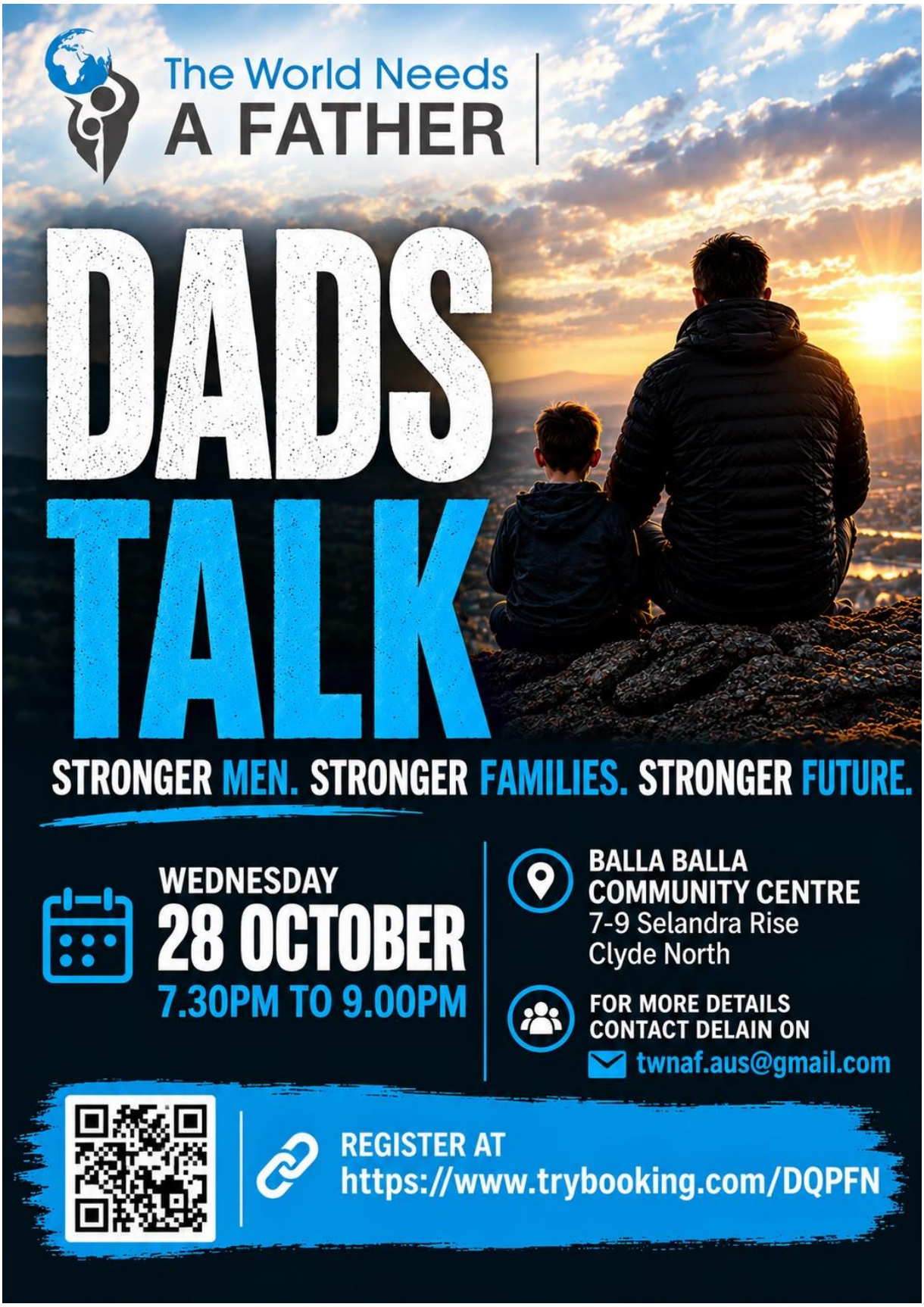
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CRANBOURNE DADS-GROUP

Halloween BBQ



FRIDAY

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OCTOBER

6.30 PM - 8.00PM

SCAN QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE

For all **dads, grandfathers, father figures and their children!**

Bring your kids along for a fun night and a FREE sausage sizzle (including Halal and vegetarian options). Meet other men and their children, chat about being a dad and have fun with your kids.

Make sure to dress up in your scariest Halloween costume.

This community-led group is supported by: VICTORIA State Government, City of Casey, Dads Matter (it's a family thing)

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