

# CONTACT



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing for Years 7 & 9 went ahead this week and the behaviour of our students was excellent. The students in Year 9 and 10 also sat for their Half Yearly exams which contribute significantly to their Semester 1 report.

Many thanks to Ms Critchley and Mr Nash who organised the tests and they were well supported by our Executive team.

### UNIFORM

Adherence to our commitment to full school uniform is always more difficult during the winter months but thank you again to our parents and students who support wearing full school uniform. Wearing uniform ensures the safety of all our students and also impacts on our image across the community. A reminder to everyone that the Uniform Shop is open on a Monday morning 8.10-9.30 for students needing to purchase a new school jacket or sloppy joe. Parents can also complete payment for uniform items through the front office and students can pick these items up when the order has been processed, if work commitments prevent them from attending on a Monday morning. Unfortunately, there are students who continue to come to school in the wrong shoes. There are disciplinary consequences for repeated uniform breaches. Similarly, hoodies are banned items at QHHS.

### SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our annual school athletics carnival was once again an outstanding success, due in large part to the excellent organisation and coordination of Mr Ghobrial, our Sports Organiser. The athletics carnival always serves to promote our school House system and is an opportunity for staff and students to work together in a relaxed and fun environment well away from the confines of the classroom. Thank you to all staff who assisted at the event, but especially Mr Ghobrial and the PE staff. A big congratulations also to our student competitors.

A special mention of the students who represented the school at the recent zone cross country carnival. Mr Ghobrial was full of praise for our student's competitiveness and good sportsmanship.

## Upcoming Events

**14-18 May**  
Exam Week

**15-17 May**  
NAPLAN

**18 May**  
Contact issued

**25 May**  
Year 7 vaccinations  
Finance Meeting

**26 May**  
Musical rehearsal 10-2

**1 June**  
Contact issued  
Yr7 Art excursion

**7 June**  
Zone Athletics Carnival

**11 June**  
Queen's Birthday holiday

**15 June**  
Contact issued  
Year 10 vaccinations  
SW Cross Country

## FUNDING FOR DISABILITY

Every Student, Every School is a State Government initiative to provide better learning and support for the 90,000 students with disabilities, learning difficulties or behaviour support needs in our public schools throughout 2012/2013. Extra funding will help teachers and support staff to gain more skills to help these students reach their potential. For more information, including a booklet to download, questions and answers and a timeline, please go to:

[www.det.nsw.edu.au/every-student-every-school](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/every-student-every-school).

## CYCLING INFO

Riding a pushbike is a great way to get from A to B and keep fit in the process. A new website dedicated to cycling – whether for fun, transport or performance – is available at:

[www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au). Here you will find info on cycle paths around NSW, keeping your bike in top condition, upcoming workshops, sharing the road and much more.

**Newcastle University Summer Schools applications.** The University of Newcastle is offering five-day residential experiences for Year 9 students who are entering Year 10 in 2013. They include Girls Choices Summer School and LIVE IT! (for boys).

The Girls Choices residential experience (2 – 6 Dec 2012) aims to expose girls to the range of study and career options for HSC graduates in maths and science subjects. LIVE IT! (9 – 13 Dec) is designed to inspire boys to build on their potential to succeed in senior school. Participants will experience life on campus - just like a real uni student. Along with meeting equity criteria, students should be willing to be challenged by new experiences and explore opportunities.

**Applications close 29 June 2012** and require teacher and Principal support. For more information and to download application forms, W: [www.newcastle.edu.au/aimhigh](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/aimhigh) T: 4921 6547 or E: [girlschoices@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:girlschoices@newcastle.edu.au) or [liveit@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:liveit@newcastle.edu.au)

Have a great week

**Lauretta Claus**  
Principal

## Deputy Principal's Report

### BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Last week, all students in Years 7 and 8 participated in an on-line Bullying and Harassment Survey. This survey seeks to determine HOW BIG this problem is, WHAT TYPES of bullying are most significant, WHERE and WHEN bullying occurs, HOW students react to bullying and how often they report it. Years 9 and 10 will undertake their surveys after exam weeks.

Parents are invited to participate in a similar survey which can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W8GX7PV> The survey is anonymous and your opinions appreciated.

Bullying and Harassment are problems at our school as they are in any school. I hasten to add that we are certainly serious about the problem and spend a lot of time working with students to solve it. Even though the school's senior executive are serious about dealing with the problem, REAL success in addressing the problem will only occur if ALL groups involved work together to come up with creative and effective solutions. I am hopeful that some major initiatives will result from this process.

I am seeking expressions of interest from any parents who are interested in participating in a Harassment Action Group, who can effectively represent the views and concerns of all parents and contribute to REAL solutions to this problem. This group will have as its members me as DP, 2 staff members, a parent, a police officer and 6 students. If you would like to be considered, please email me at [Robert.bredin@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Robert.bredin@det.nsw.edu.au) by 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Robert Bredin**  
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## ART COMPETITION NEWS

Our talented art students strike again. Congratulations to Alwyn De Los Santos in Year 10 who was awarded first place in the Senior Regional Division for the Harmony Day poster design competition. Congratulations also to Raquel Gerial in Year 10 who was awarded regional runner-up prize. Both students have been invited to attend the prize giving ceremony in June at NSW Parliament House. We also wish Alwyn the best of luck as he is also in the running for the State winner title which will be announced at this presentation ceremony. Nearly 4000 entries were received from 175 schools throughout NSW, so this is a tremendous achievement from both Alwyn and Raquel. Well done to both students.



Poster by Alwyn De Los Santos



Poster by Raquel Gerial



## **SUPER STAR DANCERS**

In Week 7 of Term 1, our very own Quakers Hill High School Dancers auditioned to be a part of the Sydney West Dance Festival, held 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of June at The Hills Centre, Castle Hill. It is the largest festival of its kind in this region, with over 2000 students performing and over 70 schools involved. I am pleased to announce that we were successful in gaining a place in the festival. Callista Banks, Mikaela Blair, Jessica Bobbin, Tamarah Bradley, Kari Davis, Tegan Dean, Gemma Deering, Danielle Iacono, Hannah Kemp, Holly Leikvold, Laura Dunbar-Mortimer, Sarah Mottram, Corrine Padilla, Rachelle Perceval, Nicola Poynting, Lotus Rana, Emma Preussner, Zoe Orlovic and Riley Sparks, will be performing in the 10am matinee Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, and 7pm evening session Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June. I am extremely proud of all of them and cannot wait to see them perform.

Tickets for the Festival can be purchased from The Hills Centre, Castle Hill. Tickets range from \$7 to \$25. I hope to see you all there to show support for our very talented dancers.

Miss Bree Mutch

## **SRC REPORT**

I am happy to report that from 3-4 May, 24 members of QHHS Student Representative Council attended a two day leadership camp at Bundilla Scout Camp, Winston Hills.

With a full agenda, involving seminars surrounding team building, conflict resolution, public speaking, leadership and events management, students had little time to get up to mischief although there was always fun to be had in the kitchen if you were on cooking or clean up duty.

Unwinding after a day full of sessions, students had time to bond while playing an epic game of Spotlight before making damper around the massive campfire, prepared by Mr Head. Large, hot mugs of milo ensured that everyone became sleepy and went to bed at a decent hour.

The SRC would like to extend their heart-felt thanks to all the teachers who came out to visit the camp. In particular, Ms Reid, Mrs Critchley and Mrs Earl who ran such fun-filled sessions that taught each student important skills that will help them better serve the student body. A special mention must also go to Mr Head who was fundamental in organising, supervising and running numerous sessions over the two days. His advice and 'dad jokes' made the camp a fun-filled experience.

Finally to Mrs Claus - thank you for coming out and joining us during the camp. There are few Principals who would get involved, taking over students' clean up duties in the kitchen so that they could get involved in the scheduled leadership session.

I know that all members of the SRC appreciated the efforts of all staff that came on camp. We look forward to using these new-found skills to better serve the QHHS student body in 2012.

**Nicole Neylan**

**SRC Coordinator**



# Sports Report: Bill Turner Cup Soccer Squad

<b>Coaches Name:</b> Mr Daghel	<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Mr Ghobrial
<b>Sport played:</b> Bill Turner Cup	<b>Result of game:</b> 3 -1
<b>Venue played at:</b> Blacktown Boys	<b>Team Played Against:</b> Blacktown Boys
<b>Date Played:</b> 3/05/2012	<b>Date of Next Game:</b> N/A
<b>Man of the match:</b> Jarrod Matthew	

## **Short match report:**

Quakers Hills Under 15s played an exceptional game against Blacktown Boys High School. At half time they were down two goals to none. However, in the second half they showed great strength and commitment placing the opposing team under immense pressure. Joshua Hinzmann was able to secure a goal 10 minutes into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half from a free kick, setting the ball in the top left hand corner of the post. The boys represented the school, displaying a positive team spirit and respect to the opposing team. Well done to all the under 15s boys that gave it their all.

## **Team List:**

Waheed Shienwari  
Jared Rixon  
Daniel Marsh  
T'ie Egharte

Kyle Butcher  
Joshua Hinzmann  
Jarred Matthew  
Corey Butcher

Joshua Ahmed  
Anthony Napolitano  
Nathan Stevens  
Ali Naghavi

Dejan Kupresanin  
Aaron Myers  
Ghouse Mohiuddin





## **SPORTS CORNER**

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

**Congratulations to the following students who came first in the school's Cross Country Race.**

#### **Boys**

U12 Clayton Faulalo  
U13 Nikolas Savage  
U14 Waheed Shinwari  
U15 Ethan Shepherd  
U16 Thomas Dunn

#### **Girls**

U12 Veronica Mullane  
U13 Chelsea Dixon  
U14 Maddison Smith  
U15 Courtney Browne  
U16 Juliette Harrington



### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

**Congratulations to the age champions for the 2012 Athletics Carnival. They did a fantastic job in achieving the maximum points for their age group and competing in a variety of events on the day.**

#### **Girls**

U12 Afraa Jumma  
U13 Tamara Savage  
U14 Elizabeth Micallef  
U15 Zoe Savage  
U16 Juliette Harrington

#### **Boys**

U12 Clayton Faulalo  
U13 Nikolas Savage  
U14 Waheed Shinwari  
U15 Declan Amos  
U16 Mathew Rollo



## ZONE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Congratulations to the following students who represented the school at the Zone Cross Country. It was great to see everyone give it their all on the day. Well done to those students who made the Sydney West Cross Country to be held on 15 June.

Ben	Talintyre
Dev	Nanavati
Tyler	Smith
Bradley	Lannoy
Chloe	Wilson
Sarah	Blazevic
Julliette	Harrington
Alana	Duncan
Holly	Leikvold
Neelam	Singh
Sally	Bowers
Thomas	Pawson
Thomas	Dunn
Brent	Mula
Victor	Fabiano
Callum	Johnson
Zoe	Savage
Daniel	Mcdougall
Liam	Dewsberry
Jarrold	Rixon
Lachlan	Moffat
Pita	Faulalo

Nikolas	Savage
Corey	Browne
Matthew	Walker
William	Riley
Debraska	Rikiriki
Kate	Duncan
Emily	Morgan
Chloe	Silva
Krysten	Rock
Maddison	Smith
Bailey	Allen
Daniel	Byrne
Joshua	Ahmad
Waheed	Shinwari
Harley	Dawton
Justin	Acuesta
Paul	Scrimshaw
Jacob	Harriss
Courtney	Browne
Rachel	East
Declan	Amos
Corey	Butcher
Gemma	Hewitson

Veronica	Mullane
Kadiatu	Jalloh
Aiden	Bath
Cullum	Powdrill
Aryton	Taylor
Boaz	Uillarosa
Daniel	Da Silva
Gibson	Clothier
Hayden	Moran
Clayton	Faulalo
Aaron	Wilson
John	lewis
Jamie	Todd
Breanna	Williams
Andrea	Deller
Jasmin	Xuereb
Chelsea	Dixson
Erin	Warner
Tamara	Savage
Chelsea	Walker
Tayla	Gordon
Paige	Vornfett







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8 -11 years – Cubs – Wednesday 6:30 – 8pm

11 -15 years – Scouts – Friday 7:30 – 9:30pm

**Boys and Girls WELCOME!!**

For more information Ph: 9831-3770 (Neal)