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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Mr Ghobrial on his excellent organisation of our annual swimming carnival. I was thoroughly impressed with the attendance at the event particularly because of the inclement weather we have been experiencing and the level of student participation and enthusiasm that was shown as students supported their house. We had some outstanding individual performances with Gundagai House winning the carnival. The novelty events were a big hit with many of the students this year and no doubt will continue to be on our swimming calendar in the future. Well done to all students who participated.

UPDATING EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

It is absolutely imperative if there have been any changes in emergency contact details that they be given to the school as soon as possible so that in the event of a medical emergency we are able to contact the right people. Could you please complete the form below and give it to your child to return to the front office if there have been any changes to your contact details.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Some of our students have been arriving to school as early as 6.45am. Can I please remind parents that there is no staff officially on duty to supervise your child on school grounds until 8am, 45 minutes before the first school bell. If your child is here at school before that, there is no supervision.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Wednesday the school held its annual Photo Day. A big thank you to Mr Cole for his meticulous organisation of this big event and thank you also to all the students who came in full uniform for this important occasion. These photos are not only valuable family memories but also are a key part of the school welfare referral and attendance systems. With over 1,000 students to supervise and care for, up to date photos assist with this process.

Upcoming Events

24 February & 9 March
Contact Issued

29 February
School Photo Backup day
Premier's Sporting Challenge
Yrs 7, 9 & 10

2 March
Zone Swimming

6 March
Year 5 & 6 Information
Evening—7pm
History Incurion Yrs 9 & 10

8 March
SRC, House Captains & Peer
Support Induction Assembly

10 March
Musical Photos 9-2pm

12 March
Norton Street Excursion
P&C Meeting—7pm

15 March
Year 7 Selective HS test—
hall

QUAKERS HILL POLICE

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/about_us/structure/operations_command/project_eyewatch

“Quakers Hill Police are looking for interested community minded people to join the Quakers Hill Neighbourhood Watch Eyewatch Group (Facebook group). This invites people living or working in the suburb of Quakers Hill to join. This group will involve up to date information in relation to crime related issues in Quakers Hill, persons wanted for offences, community topics of interest and crime prevention post.

Local police will engage the community to participate in decision making about policing their community. Members of this closed group will be able to facilitate this group along with the local police. Once the group takes off and there are many members, a NHW meeting will be able to be held and members from the comfort of their lounge room chair will be able to attend the on-line meeting a couple of times a year.

Police are now seeking people that are interested in joining and will also be calling for some administrators for the site. It will not take up much of your time. If interested, please contact the Crime Prevention Officer at Quakers Hill Police on 9678.8999 or follow us on Facebook Quakers Hill LAC—NSW Police Force.”

BULLYING ADVICE

Schools have a zero tolerance of bullying but with mobile devices such as phones and laptops, bullying can follow children past the school playground. Get the lowdown on bullying from School A to Z: the signs to look for, what to do if your child is being bullied and how you can help your child. There are expert articles to read and videos to watch.

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour

Have a great week

Lauretta Claus
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In my first assembly talk this year, I spoke to the students about some research which had been released that week. The research found that:

- ◆ 1/3 of Australian workers are planning to return to study in order to boost their career choices.
- ◆ Of this 1/3, 23% want to start a new career and 14% want to start a business. The others wanted to qualify for advancement in their current job.
- ◆ 69% regretted mucking around at school and said it had adversely affected their careers. Mucking around involved disrupting class and/or just not trying very hard.

I asked the students which third they wanted to be in:

- ◆ The third who didn't make the most of school, had limited careers choices and were stuck in that career?
- ◆ The third who didn't make the most of school, had limited career choices and had to pursue further study to improve their career options? Or
- ◆ The third who made the most of their opportunities at school (and that includes students of ALL ability levels) and had lost of choices of career and career changes later on if they wished.

I also spoke to students about **starting to think about their future careers** and what they might want to do; to start making a shortlist of careers. Students with a GOAL tend to be more successful because they know where they are going and what they need to do to get there.

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I asked them to think about **what they are really good at and enjoy** and to try to find a career that paid them to do it.

Given that research shows that over 60% of people are in jobs they don't like, I asked them to consider careers that they could enjoy rather than careers that paid a lot of money (of course, both would be nice!). I told them that I studied with people who became lawyers and statisticians and business experts who make a lot of money but are often unhappy in their work. I chose teaching. Compared to all those friends, I make much less money. The difference is that I LOVE MY JOB! And that has to count for something.

I haven't met a parent yet who doesn't want the best for their children or who doesn't want their children to do better than they did or work harder at school so they get more career choices than they did. But when was the last time you actually talked to your child about their plans? About what they are good at? About getting a job they love? Could it be that the career WE might choose for them might not be the best choice for them?

Have a chat with your teenager THIS week. I know that parenting teenagers can be just a "bit" difficult and thank less at times, but I wish you well. Good Luck!

Robert Bredin

Deputy Principal (Years 8 & 10)

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

We are currently experiencing a HEAD LICE outbreak at the school. Could you please check your child's hair for any signs of Head Lice. Thank you.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT



PARENT TEACHER EVENING

Semester One Parent /Teacher Evening will be held on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm for all Year 7.

Semester One Parent / Teacher Evening will be held on Tuesday 8th May 2012 between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm for all Year 8, 9 and 10. All parents are invited to attend and discuss their child's progress with **all** of their teachers.

I encourage all parents to discuss with their children what times they would prefer to visit the school so that when students receive their booking sheets, they can record your preferred times and start making appointments immediately. The longer these bookings are left the more difficult it will be to record appointments within your preferred times. It will be the responsibility of each student to arrange interview times with their teachers on your behalf within your preferred times. Please ensure that interviews have been arranged to your satisfaction. Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will receive their booking schedule in Week 7 in Term 1 during roll call and they can then immediately begin to make appointments.

Appointments will be restricted to 7 minutes in order to accommodate all parents unless the teacher requires an extended interview and it is highly recommended that you allow 7 minutes between each interview to give parents time to move between teachers. Students are also invited to help their parents find their teachers and also to listen to the discussions about their progress.

The library would greatly appreciate if any parent would like to donate a book or some computer software that could be used as a resource to help student learning.

Teachers of Quakers Hill High School look forward to meeting with parents and carers for an informative night.

Mr P.Sultana

Organiser

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club is available for students who are having difficulties with their work, who would like to have additional help from a teacher or who would like to use computers at a school in a quiet environment. Students can get help with homework, schoolwork and assignments. Homework Club runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.10pm to 4.10pm. Permission slips are available from Mrs Azad in the Maths staffroom and Ms Breen in the Science staffroom. Homework Club is held in the Library and is free of charge. Students have to arrange their own transport home at 4.10 pm.

YOUNG SCIENTIST COMPETITION

In 2011 QHHS entered six of our outstanding Year 9 major Science projects into the Young Scientist Competition. This is an annual competition that is run by the Science Teachers' Association of NSW. Students' projects are submitted to the Young Scientists competition by the school based on merit. In judging the best projects, judges consider the originality of the topic, the innovative nature of the aim, the quality of the research and experimental work and the quality of the written scientific report that the student submits to explain their work.

We were delighted to present Certificates of High Achievement which were awarded to Lara Sharpe and Sam El-Kamand and Certificates of Commendation to Avnoor Guron, Jonathan Virgona, Jeanne Marinas and Zilan Hashemi.

In presenting these awards, we acknowledge Mrs Mowbray's enthusiastic involvement in initiating the participation of QHHS in this competition.

PARENT CAREER TALKS AT ASSEMBLIES

At Quakers Hill High School, as part of our school assembly program, we are thinking of setting up a series of parent talks at school assemblies if there is sufficient interest within the school community.

If there are parents available on Thursday mornings to give a 5-10 minute talk to students about their career and the skills and experiences available within their career, we would love to hear from you. The school would like to inspire young people to consider the huge variety of options available to them when they leave school and to encourage them to explore skills and options they may not have thought about.

We would envisage the talks to cover the following types of information:

- ◆ Positive experiences associated with your career or job
- ◆ Skills required before gaining employment in your area of work
- ◆ Skills developed through performing your job
- ◆ What you love about the job and why you think some students may want to consider it as a career option
- ◆ If there are volunteer or work experience opportunities available, this would be an added bonus

If you have photos or video footage, the overhead screen in the hall can be used for your presentation.

Please contact Mrs Therese Hourigan (Deputy Principal) if you are interested in giving a talk or for further information.

Ms B. Tweeddale
Assembly Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

In the next few weeks Year 8 to 10 has been invited to attend incursions. These incursions all assist with the work being done in class. The Year 9 and Year 10 incursion will be held on 6 March:

Year 9 in Periods 1 & 2, Year 10 will be held in Periods 3 & 4.

Any student who has not received a note should come to the History staffroom.

Year 8 notes will be handed out soon.

Assessments: Year 7 are working on their heritage assignment. Year 8 are working on researching Ancient Greece. Year 9 will be completing a source analysis test and Year 10 is working on analysing artefacts from the 1950's to 1970's. We are looking forward to a great year.

Assessment problem solver no. 1

Often students lose their assignment sheets for History or forget due dates. To assist with these problems assessments are most often emailed as a backup to students to ensure they have the ability to print off another copy. They are also put on OLE- the Online Learning Environment. Years 9 and 10 had all their assessments sent to them in the first week as well as being given their due dates for the Semester or year. If any student is experiencing difficulty with access, they can request a printed copy. Problems with logons are easily fixed when students ask. Staff can easily re-email assessment tasks they have deleted.

Gifted and Talented

There are a number of competitions being offered in the next few weeks. One of the competitions beginning next week is Prosperitas. This program allows students to complete their own research task with teacher support in any area of the school. Last year's entries were exceptional and I am looking forward to this year's. Entries into this program can also be entered into other competitions like the HTA competition or the Simpson Prize.

Students projects will displayed on the awards evening in Term3 during Education week.

NAPLAN

In order to prepare for NAPLAN later in the year, and more importantly to identify student learning needs, we will be holding Trial NAPLAN tests in Week 8 this term. They will be sat by Year 7 and 9 in our school hall. This event helps Year 7 who have not experienced exams on such a large scale feel comfortable with how these events run. It allows them to know where to enter, where to sit and what is required for the day. Can I clarify now that they will need a calculator to do the calculator test. A basic calculator is required and this will be explained in their Mathematics classes.

Further details including an exam timetable will be given to students in the near future.

Any questions or discussion are very welcome.

Karen Critchley

H.T Teaching & Learning/History



Hockey

Registrations now open!

Boys and girls, men and women welcome in KLHC's U7, U9, junior competition and open age programmes

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*For more information phone Lyn on 9674 2876
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<http://www.kingslangleyhockey.org.au>*



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- Saturday, January 21st, 10am-2pm
- Sunday, February 5th, 10am-2pm
- Saturday, 11th February, 10am-2pm
- Sunday, 12th February, 10am-2pm

Contact:

Registrar: Karin Crisp – 0433742904

Secretary: Sam James - 0411308243

SUPER REGO DAY!!
FEBRUARY 5TH -
FREE BALL & SAUSAGE
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REGISTRATION!

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS FOR STUDENTS

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

YEAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CARER 1 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

CARER 2 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS (IF ANY) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____