

CONTACT



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

FUNDAY

Funday was a big success and the monies raised we are planning to use on the upgrade of our school oval and football posts. The remainder of the money raised will be used to connect our school hall to the internet. The school has also approached the P&C to assist us in this cost. This internet access is vital for school assemblies and our Graduation and Presentation Days. Special thanks to all the staff who organised the activities for our students on the day but a special thanks to Mrs Naicker for her organisation of the entire day. Congratulations also to the Year 10 team who coordinated the "Quakers Got Talent" concert which was held in the afternoon. There were some wonderful performances and Mr Somerset headlined the acts with an outstanding rendition of the 70's hit "What About Me?"

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

Ms Lachevre has organised another action packed day for Year 6 students from our neighbouring Primary schools, while the rest of the school is attending the Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park. The Year 6 students have been invited to spend the day here at this school where we are planning to run our numeracy and literacy assessments, an online survey about things they are interested in as well as Science, Cooking, Dance, Drama and Music lessons. These opportunities means our future students have a much greater understanding of what high school is like when they actually commence their high school studies.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM 2

This professional learning day was very successful with the teaching staff spending time looking at the new Australian Curriculum and what changes need to be made to our current teaching and learning programs and resources. There was also a session presented by Mrs Khehra giving teachers the chance to practice and improve ways of talking to and effectively communicating with students. The SASS staff took time to focus on customer service skills and how to manage conflict and difficult situations.

Upcoming Events

3-4 May
SRC Camp

4 May
Contact issued

8 May
Year 8,9,10 Parent/Teacher
night 3.30-6.30pm
ROSA briefs 5pm & 7pm

11 May
Zone Cross Country—
Nurragingy

12 May
Musical Working Bee 10-2

14 May
P&C Meeting—7pm

15-17 May
NAPLAN

18 May
Contact issued

25 May
Year 7 vaccinations

26 May
Musical rehearsal 10-2

ROSA INFORMATION EVENING

A reminder to Year 9 and 10 parents that we are offering an information session on the new Record of School Achievement the same evening as the Year 8, 9 & 10 Parent Teacher Evening. There are two different time slots available to suit parents who wish to meet with your child's teachers as well. Please contact the school office if you have questions about these information sessions. The sessions will be held in the school library.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Big congratulations to Juliette Harrington Year 10 who was a finalist in the Blacktown City Council Youth Ambassador Awards. Whilst she wasn't successful on the final night to get this far in the competition was amazing and she spoke incredibly well on the night being the youngest contestant there. Her speech on the "role of the Sister Cities Project during times of natural disasters" showed incredible preparation and thought. I was very proud to attend the evening function and hopes she considers again entering the competition in 2013.

HELP FOR CARERS

The NSW Carer Line provides access to information, registration for the Better Start for Children with Disability initiative, counselling services and a referral to a range of services for carers and the people they care for. Call 1800 242 636, 9am—5pm Monday to Friday. Calls are free from fixed phones.

TAX REBATE FOR SCHOOL ITEMS

The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children's education expenses. In the 2011-12 tax year you could claim up to \$409 for primary students and \$818 for secondary students. The Education Tax Refund now includes school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011, so items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by a school as its uniform may be claimed from 1 July 2012. Keep your receipts for school uniforms and other education-related purchases so you can claim them at tax time. You will need them to calculate your refund and you may need to show them as proof of purchase. The website www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au will help you decide if you are eligible and explains what you can claim and how to claim.

PRIVACY AWARENESS WEEK—27 April—5 May 2012

Privacy Awareness Week is a chance to remind your children to protect their personal details and information, especially online. Australians lead the world when it comes to average monthly social media use and we share many details of our lives online. As a parent, you can help your child behave in safe and smart ways to minimise the risks of their online activity. To ensure that your kids are protected from cyberbullying, unwanted attention or privacy breaches, you can:

- remind them not to share their usernames and passwords with anyone
- go through the privacy settings of social networking sites with them to make sure they are only sharing their personal information with their friends
- Talk to them about the danger of identity theft and the permanence of online sharing.

For more information on how to educate your children about protecting their privacy online and how to avoid being a victim of identity theft or even how to stop junk mail, go to: <http://www.privacyawarenessweek.org/youth.html>

WORLD ASTHMA DAY

World Asthma Day is on 3 May. If you or someone in your family is one of the 10 per cent of people in Australia with asthma, you can find lots of resources to understand and manage this condition at: www.asthmafoundation.org.au. If your child suffers from asthma, we recommend the school be given an up to date asthma management plan available from your child's GP or specialist. If they require an inhaler, please ensure there is one in their bag at all times.

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WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

QHHS are thrilled to be able to participate in this year's Earn & Learn program. Students can pick up their card from the front office. Once full with stickers they can then place the completed card in the collection box which will be located in the front foyer.

UWS FAST FORWARD PROGRAM

Congratulations to our Year 9 students who have been selected to participate in the UWS Fast Forward Program for 2012. These students along with their mentor Mr Hutton and Mrs Hourigan, the Deputy Principal for Year 9, attended the awards evening at the UWS Parramatta Campus last term.

Have a great week.

Lauretta Claus

Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

YEAR 8 COLLEGIATE CUP

On Tuesday 3 April many Year 8 & 10 students were involved the Nirimba Collegiate Cup in OzTag, Hockey, Volleyball and T Ball. It was an extremely successful day and congratulations to the following teams who won their division: Year 8 Girls OzTag, Year 10 Girls Hockey, Year 10 Girls Volleyball, Year 10 Boys Hockey, Year 8 Boys Hockey, Year 8 Boys T Ball

After calculating all results for the day, Quakers Hill High School were awarded overall champions for both boys and girls.

Staff attending this event spoke very highly of our representatives saying that they were fine ambassadors for Quakers Hill High School participating with exemplary sportsmanship. Congratulations to all students who represented the school and many thanks to Mr Blench as the organising teacher.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

On Tuesday 8 May between 3:30-6:30pm, Parent Teacher Night will be held for students in Years 8, 9 & 10. This is a great opportunity for parents to personally speak to their child's teachers and get direct feedback on their child's progress. All students have been issued with an appointment sheet and they are requested to approach their teachers for appointments on behalf of their parents/carers. Any student who does not have an appointment sheet can collect one from the school office.

EXAM WEEKS

Semester exams will be held during Weeks 3 & 4 of this term. Students will be informed by their teachers if they have a Semester exam in their subject. Students will also be issued with an exam timetable informing them of formal exams to be held in the school hall. Students should be preparing for these exams and seek assistance from their subject teacher if they feel they need it. The school also runs Homework Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the school library for students who would like some support with assignments or studying for exams. In order to attend, students will need to return a signed permission note to the Social Science Staffroom. Permission notes are available from the Social Science staffroom or the library.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 1 May the school athletics carnival was held at Blacktown Athletics Centre. Students and staff had a great day in the beautiful sunshine and warm temperature. It is always a pleasure to watch students striving for their best and encouraging each other to do so. On the day we had the opportunity to watch the talent of our young athletes who came in the first few places of their event (and will be representing QHHS at the Zone Carnival) and the courage of our young students who did not place but participated with commitment and true sportsmanship. It was a wonderful day and many thanks to Mr Ghobrial for organising this successful event.

Therese Hourigan (Deputy Principal)

WELFARE NEWS

Vaccination Documentation: this was handed out to Year 7 and Year 10 students on Thursday 3 April 2012. This program is only free when delivered via the school run by the Department of Health and only when the program of vaccinations is started via the vaccination program. This is the last year that Year 10 will be offered the free vaccine under this program. In future, only Year 7 students will be offered the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (dTpa) vaccine.

If your child has not brought the documentation home, please ask them to collect this from Mrs Brakell (School Learning Support Officer) in the Welfare staffroom.

The Year 7 Vaccinations (second round) are being held on 25 May 2012 and the forms have already been returned. If your child missed out on the first vaccination, we have a catch up on 25 May 2012.

The Year 10 Vaccinations will be held on 15 June 2012 and all forms must be returned by 7 June 2012 and placed in the box provided at the student window in the front office.

Please be aware any enquiries about the program, especially those of a medical nature, should be made to the Department of Health on this number: 98403603.

2012 QHHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Perfect weather greeted the 560 participants in the 2012 QHHS Athletics Championships. The ever growing talent pool at QHHS in athletics has provided a more competitive carnival and some extremely close races throughout the day. The number of students who got involved in track and field events was incredible to see.

The feature of the day was the 100m races which saw the biggest turn out by all age groups. All other field events were ceased while the “blue ribbon” races were held. There were plenty of nail biting finishes and a couple of new record holders which was exciting to see. For those students who could not contribute in the competitive events did well to earn their house some points in the novelty events that took place throughout the day.

A big congratulations goes out to all the participants who contributed on the day and also the many parents who came and supported. The Zone Athletics Championships come along on Thurs 7 and Friday 8 of June. Permission notes with full details will be distributed to students over the next week. Parents are more than welcome to attend the Zone carnival and cheer on our team. More details of the carnival, including age champions, will feature in the next edition of Contact.

Sport Calendar dates

11 May – Zone Cross Country at Nurrangingy Reserve

7 June – Zone Athletics Day One

8 June – Zone Athletics Day Two

15 June – Sydney West Cross Country at Penrith Regatta Centre

Yours in Sport

M. Ghobrial



HUNGRY MINDS GET A 'TASTE' OF HIGH SCHOOL

Last Tuesday morning the school was flooded by an ocean of eager and excited faces as Year 5 & 6 students from Marayong Heights, Quakers Hill East and Mary Immaculate, joined the Quakers High School community for our Term 2 Taster Day experience. The students were poised to immerse themselves in a variety of new and interesting learning experience under the careful tutelage of our teachers and it seems they were not disappointed. The Taster Day enabled our prospective students to familiarise themselves with the sometimes daunting high school environment, to make invaluable connections with our staff and their peers and to demystify the whole high school experience. We strove to provide lessons that were fun, varied and inspiring and engendered a positive attitude to the transition to high school.

The students behaved in an exemplary fashion, and the day's success can be attributed to the professionalism of our staff and our outstanding student leaders, who were continually attentive to, and supportive of, our young guests. They were apt communicators, diligent organisers and intuitive ambassadors for our school and deserve our thanks and appreciation for their hard work.

So congratulations to:

Ahmed Fazilat, Alderman Samantha, Bedford Daniel, Bishop James, Burrows Rachael, Coleiro Bradley, Franklin Robert, Grounsell Brendan, Huang Emily, Kaushal Shivam, Lee Georgia, Lloyd Alexandria, McVicar Maddison, Newsome Dennis, Phillips Chloe, Price Bethany, Ranhotty Nethangie, Thomas Sarah, ThompsonKayla, South Genna, Brissett Elizabeth, Woodfield Isabella, Wakeling Brendan, Wakeling Sarah, Price Cody, Williams Joshua, Aitchison Bridget, Alberts Emily, Bernecic Ashleigh, Dive Emily, El-Akkad Rhana, Emerson Michael, Jayawardena Bhawantha, Mackie Keira, Mazlin Sarah, Ryan Danielle, Sewlall Mecara, South Genna, Tupper Alex, Tsitsikronis Marcus, Robinson Nicholas.

THE QHHS SCHOOL MUSICAL NEEDS YOU

As you clear out your wardrobe and dispose of old threads as you prepare for a *fabulous* new winter season, spare a thought for the 2012 QHHS School Musical. We are in desperate need of any black, white and grey clothes that you no longer require to feature in our up and coming show.

Any style. Any size. Total appreciation and ever-lasting gratitude.

If you are able to provide assistance, please drop the garments by our front office or send them with your son or daughter to the school library.

THE MUSICAL INVITES TALENTED ARTISTS TO JOIN THE TEAM

With a recent and dynamic change to our musical focus, we are inviting willing singers, dancers and actors to join the stellar cast of the year's show. It is not too late. If songs from Oliver, Cabaret, The Pyjama Game, Sweet Charity, Jekyll and Hyde, Hair and Miss Saigon capture your imagination, then be a part of the action. If dramatic scenes and soulful tunes awake the performer in you, then see Ms Lachevre ASAP and let the world see you strut your stuff this August.

Grab your rehearsal note from the library today. Rehearsals run each Monday evening, with some select rehearsals on Friday and Wednesday afternoons.

APOLOGIES FROM THE EDITOR

This article was accidentally left out of the 23 March edition of Contact. My apologies to all concerned.

Dancers have right moves

BY NICK SOON

12 Mar, 2012 01:00 AM

FOUR student dancers from Blacktown are "over the moon" to be selected for a three-day dance camp conducted by Happy Feet movie choreographer Kelley Abbey.

The Dance Off! camp will prepare Mikaela Blair, Lotus Rana and Callista Banks, all 15 from Quakers Hill High School, and Kristin Martin, 16, from Wyndham College for selection as a member of the Regional Dance Troupe to perform in regional and state dance festivals.



Mikaela, who is now dubbed "Happy Feet" by other students, said the dance workshop would give them the chance to be picked for the Western Sydney Regional Arts Unit performance tour of China next year.

Their teacher Launcelot Roma, who is also a dancer, said the girls were very excited about learning from Abbey who will give a workshop and lecture at Meroo Conference Centre in Kurrajong from March 28 to 30.

Abbey will be joined by Leslie Bell, the choreographer of the musical Chicago and professional dancer Marko Panzic.

"Kelley will give a workshop on performance skills, the dancers' technique and the entertainment industry," he said.

"Students will be able to talk with her about dance, the entertainment industry and performance skills as well as absorb her wisdom on topics for the budding performer.

"The girls will be among 90 of their peers who share their passion for dance.

"They will immerse themselves in the art of dance, refine their performance skills and learn different styles taught by professionals working in the entertainment industry."

The Dance Off! Western Sydney Regional Dance Camp is a Department of Education and Communities initiative for public school students in years 5 to 12.



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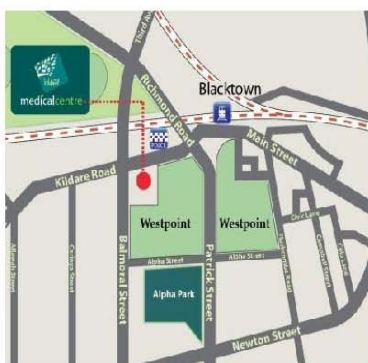
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Signed: _____

Date: _____