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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

GLAD TO BE BACK

Many thanks to Mr Bredin, Mr Barry, Mrs Critchley, Ms Tweeddale and Mr Lloyd who took up extra responsibilities during my long service leave. The school year has started extremely well and this is in large part due to our wonderful teachers who's planning and preparation for the new school year has made the start so successful. A big welcome to our very large Year 7 cohort, our 11 classes in Year 7 means this is our biggest intake the school has ever had. The executive have been busy planning a number of initiatives that focus around improved communication and student management to address our burgeoning school population. At a time when there is lots of media press around growing private school enrolments compared to public schools, our school is certainly bucking the trend and indicative of the excellent reputation the school has in the local community. Our good reputation is clearly founded on our commitment to the wearing of full school uniform, our ability to offer a wide and extensive curriculum, our dedicated and highly skilled staff, our rigorous student management system and our capacity to meet very diverse student learning needs.

ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Mrs Alex Liversedge on her organisation of the annual swimming carnival. The carnival was an outstanding success with some sensational swimming performances from our athletes. A big thank you to Mrs Liversedge and the PE staff for the coordination of the event and of course the staff who eagerly supported the event. All students who attended the carnival will receive a house point for attending the carnival and of course students who participated in events earn extra house points. The swimming carnival is a very important event on the school calendar not only because it allows some of our talented athletes to showcase their skills but it also allows Ms Lachevre and her Transition Team to organise our Year 6 Taster Day. This day gives us the opportunity to invite Year 6 students from our local primary schools to experience high school life and some of the subjects we have. Such an event cannot happen without the school empty of our students. The day was very enthusiastically received by all the Year 6 students who attended and special thanks to Mrs Naicker who managed the day at very short notice.

Upcoming Events

25 February
Panthers Anti-Bullying
forum Years 7 & 8

27 February
School Photo Day

1 March
Zone Swimming Carnival

5 March
Year 5/6 Information
Evening 7pm
History Incursion

7 March
Harmony Assembly
Photo Back Up Day

8 March
Contact Issued

11 March
P&C + AGM

13 March
Sydney West Swimming
Carnival

14 March
Selective High School Test
Norton Street Leichhardt
excursion

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

Parents are responsible for:

- ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- explaining the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school
- taking measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children.

School staff are responsible for supporting the regular attendance of students by:

- providing a caring teaching and learning environment which fosters students' sense of wellbeing and belonging to the school community
- recognising and rewarding excellent and improved student attendance
- maintaining accurate records of student attendance
- implementing programs and practices to address attendance issues when they arise
- providing clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Parents of students living in the Dean Park, Glendenning areas whose children have difficulties accessing the school bus service provided by Busways are asked to call the school and leave their details with the front office. A group of parents are endeavouring to lobby for an additional school bus that serves the Dean Park, Glendenning area.

Have a great week

Lauretta Claus
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I trust that all our parents are coping well with 2013 so far!

I suspect that I am somewhat biased but I believe that 2012 was our best year yet at Quakers Hill High School. I talked about this on assembly last week and then talked about how we could do even better in 2013. Parents, I encourage your involvement this year. I would love to see you at our next P&C meeting which will be in Room B1 at 7.30 pm on Monday 11 March.

At the end of last year we held our first School Service Assembly. Service to school and community has always been one of the values that we encourage at this school so the notion of celebrating student achievement in this area was readily embraced. We congratulated students who served as school leaders (school captains, SRC members, house captains), library monitors, hall and sound crews, peer readers and peer counsellors. This is what I said in my address:

"We are here today to celebrate and recognise the service of young people to their school and we are very proud of the many contributions that our students make Quakers Hill High School a great school. But I want to encourage all of you to consider how you might serve others when your school days are in your past.

When I reflect on my own life, it is obvious that I have followed a family tradition of serving others.



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Back in 1974 when I was just a little older than you guys, I had many careers to choose from. I chose teaching, the lowest paying job on my list because I believed then that teachers can change the world by serving the needs of their students. I still believe that. But you don't have to be a teacher to change the world.

I have helped coach junior sports teams, helped the Quakers Hill Girl Guides get their hall paid for and opened, worked as President to get the Quakers Hill Bombers new equipment, jerseys and matching jackets and bags. With my Rotary Club I have cooked sausages and sold used office furniture to raise \$20,000 a year to support local schools, victims of natural disasters and Ukrainian orphans. I have worked on the BBQ on election day to help the SRC raise money for worthwhile causes and brought in a bag of groceries for the school's Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. I support charities by buying their raffle tickets or red noses or bandaged bears or whatever whenever I can.

Of course, you don't need to wait until you are old and grey to start serving others. I am the proud father of a daughter who this year was named Australian Rotaractor of the Year at a conference in Canberra. Rotaract is a service club for young people aged 18-30. Her favourite project is Splash for Cash which raises tens of thousands of dollars for the Deaf and Blind Centre. She personally raised \$6000 herself by swimming 442 laps in 12 hours and 55 minutes last March. On a smaller scale, every year she hands out thousands of FREE HUG cards as her way of making the world a happier place. There is no limit to the number of ways that you can serve others. It is just a matter of you making serving others a priority in your life and doing it every day. As just one example, adding to someone's IBI Sign changes the world for the better.

I will finish with two quotes from Margaret Mead who was a world famous anthropologist. (Anthropology is the study of human beings.)

She said "I must admit that I personally measure success in terms of the contributions an individual makes to her or his fellow human beings." So according to Margaret Mead, you guys are ALREADY successful.

She also said "Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has." So according to Margaret Mead, and I believe her, you guys CAN change the world and from what I have seen, you have already started to do just that at Quakers Hill High School.

It always gives me great pleasure to stand on this stage to celebrate student achievements and successes and to congratulate students on a job well done. I am a firm believer in the notion that when you concentrate on the GOOD, more good things happen; when you emphasise SUCCESS, more

Success comes our way; when you recognise students for the unselfish way they SERVE other students, our school and our community, more students step forward to serve others and in doing so make this world, or at least our little corner of it, a better and a happier place.

I am incredibly proud of you and your achievements so far! If I bump into you years from now, I would love to hear about what job you have or what studies you are undertaking but I would love it even more if you can tell me how you have made the world a better place through service.

Congratulations to those being recognised today but congratulations also to all of you who have served your school or community in some way. I get really annoyed when I hear adults complaining about young people today. They don't see what I see every day. We are proud of all of you who make a difference through service. Well done."

CANTEEN TENDER

As discussed at this week's P&C meeting, our current canteen agreement ends at the end of this term. We have formed a Tender Committee (consisting of myself, staff and a parent) and will be advertising shortly so that we have an operator in place for the start of Term 2.

Regards

Robert Bredin

Deputy Principal

PENRITH PANTHERS VISIT

The Penrith Panthers are excited to announce that we will be conducting a school assembly visit to QHHS on **Monday 25th February 2013**. The visits will involve 2-3 Panthers First Grade players coming to visit QHHS to **discuss the importance of Anti-Bullying**. The players will also discuss how they became involved in Rugby League and how the students can go about joining a local Junior Rugby League Club. Players will also answer questions from the students along with handing out prizes and give-aways.

HISTORY INCURSION COMING SOON

All students are being invited to attend the History incursion whether they are studying History at the present or not. These events are planned to build on knowledge in preparation for assessment tasks. Students who have attended the events have rated them as highly educational as well as entertaining.

Year 8 will be held on 27 March 2013.

Years 9 and 10 will held on 5 March 2013.

Students are encouraged to pay as quickly as possible as we must close off numbers two days before the event. Any Year 9 and 10 student without a note is encouraged to see the History staff ASAP.

K.Critchley

Relieving Deputy Principal (Years 8 & 10)

SPORTS REPORT

On Friday 15 February Quakers Hill High School held its Annual Swimming Carnival at Mount Druitt Pools. The 550 students who attended on the day are to be complimented for their excellent behaviour and enthusiastic involvement in swimming events. Students showed amazing school spirit by wearing their house colours and chanting creative war cries. The support and encouragement that students gave to their peers is commendable. Once again we saw a huge amount of talent in the pool. Individual swimmers broke records, which is an amazing achievement due to the quality of swimmers who have represented Quakers Hill High School in years gone past.

The following students were successful in winning the Age Championship in their Age group.

Girls	Boys
Katelyn Stephenson (12 years)	Michael Cook (12 years)
Tynesha Caruana (13 years)	Hayden Moran (13 years)
Jamie Todd (14 years)	Matthew Walker (14 years)
Caitlin Brown (15 years)	Luke Micallef (15years)
Dannielle Maker (16 years)	Caleb Hansford (16 years)
Kaylah Godley (17 years)	

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the students and parents who attended and supported the carnival on the day. Congratulations and good luck to those who qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival that will be held on the 1 March at Blacktown Aquatic Centre.

Yours in Sport

Ms A. Liversedge, Sports Co-ordinator

A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME....

Last Friday morning the school was flooded by an ocean of eager and excited faces as Year 6 students from Quakers Hill and Barnier Primary School joined the Quakers High School community for our Term 1 Taster Day experience. Our enthusiastic guests were brimming with anticipation and our bevy of educational professionals and self-possessed student leaders did not disappoint. The day featured a smorgasbord of lessons, ranging from Dance, Drama, Mathematics and History, to Art, Agriculture, Cooking and Metal Technology, thereby providing our prospective students with a solid taste of high school.

The 'Taster Day' initiative was inaugurated in 2011 as a way of augmenting the goals of the end of year Orientation Day. Through a greater presence in our high school environment we hoped to further demystify 'senior school' and familiarise students with the 'lay of the land' and school systems and procedures, whilst enabling them to make invaluable connections with our staff and their peers.

Our young guests behaved admirably, immersing themselves with gusto in each lesson, supported and guided by their attentive and articulate peer support leaders.

A special congratulations goes out to the following outstanding school ambassadors:

Gabrielle Agujo	Tyla Jobson	Monique Schoer
Bridget Aitchison	Shivam Kaushal	Daniel Scott
Emily Alberts	Jarred Laughton	Bryce Simpson
Layton Bellamy	Georgia Lee	Harkirat Singh
Dominique Burke	Rose Lewis	Emma Smith
Jeremy Bushell	Keira Mackie	Maria Sow
Laura-May DeBouter	Elijah Mackie	Kayla Thompson
Karman Deng	Jessica Mason	Kyle Thompson
William Deng	Kavya Mathur	Rhyannah Torrance
Emily Dive	Kiesha Mealey	Shania Tweedie
Jade Elliott	Shreya Mepani	Megan Warner
Kimberlee-Jade Fabian	Dennis Newsome	Rebeka Wojcicka
Emily Huang	Cody Price	David Wojcicki
Caitlin Ives	Catalina Rincon	Isabella Woodfield
	Nicholas Robinson	

What our guests had to say:

"I really enjoyed my Science & History lesson." Kopal Mathur (Barnier)

"I liked learning new things and getting to know new people." Eliana Dean (Barnier)

"I liked both History and Science because they were lots of fun and there was hands-on-work." Ariel (Quakers Hill)

"I wouldn't change anything about the day. It's epic already." Liam Anastasio (Barnier)

"I enjoyed Drama, Art and just the feeling of being in high school." Bolaji Adio (Barnier)

"I like the fact that you could study so many subjects." Mustafa Bandukwala (Quakers Hill)

"I liked the cooking session because we could make and taste the food." Yash Bindal (Quakers Hill)

"I nominate our peer leaders as the best part of the day because they were kind." Callum Belcastro (Quakers Hill)

"I enjoyed the day because I know some teachers now and I know the school better." Madar Marigud-di (Quakers Hill)

Melissa Lachevre, Year 6 Transition Coordinator

PARENT TEACHER EVENING

Semester 1 Parent /Teacher Evening will be held on Tuesday 9 April 2013 between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm for all Year 7.

Semester 1 Parent / Teacher Evening will be held on Tuesday 14 May 2013 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 5 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

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2013 INFORMATION EVENING



TUESDAY 5TH MARCH AT 7 P.M.
QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL HALL

This evening is designed to inform intending students and their parents of the educational programs and facilities at Quakers Hill High School and to assist them in making a smooth and harmonious transition to high school.

Quakers Hill High School

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL TASTER DAY #2



High School Taster Day #2

2013

Quakers Hill High School Hall

70 Lalor Road, Quakers Hill

Year 6 High School Taster Day #2
For Quakers Hill East PS & Hambledon PS

Friday the 3rd of May 2013

Year 6 students will meet in the hall by 8.45 am and can be picked up from 2.30 pm.

Year 6 uniform should be worn by all students. Enclosed leather shoes **must** be worn in order for students to participate in Science and TAS lessons. The canteen will not be operational on the day.

STARTING AT HIGH SCHOOL

Now is the time when children and their parents want to find out all they can about the high school they will be attending. It is that time when some children and their parents may be in the process of selecting the most appropriate high school and are seeking information to assist them with this important decision. It is that time when children and their parents should check potential schools out first hand and then come to a decision based on concrete evidence. Here is a valuable opportunity that we invite you to take full advantage of:

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 7 p.m.

Quakers Hill High School Hall

This evening is designed to inform intending students and their parents of the educational programs and facilities at Quakers Hill High School and to assist them in making the transition to high school as smooth and un-stressful as possible.

The agenda for the evening includes:

Preparation for high school;

The Year 6 – to - Year 7 transition process;

The welfare and support programs provided to assist your children;

The formal curriculum offered at QHHS (a unique curriculum which caters for the needs of each individual);

The gifted & talented program in place at QHHS and the procedures in place for accessing the program

The informal curriculum;

How Quakers Hill High School caters for individual differences in students;

The Nirimba Collegiate and its benefits for our students;

An open forum where your questions will be answered and any concerns can be addressed;

A tour of the school's facilities (we're a LOT bigger than the view from Lalor Road suggests).

If you have a specific question you would like answered on the night, you may if you wish contact Robert Bredin or Melissa Lachevre on 9837 1533 (email robert.bredin@det.nsw.edu.au).

We are confident that you will leave this evening more certain about your future with Quakers Hill High School and comfortable in the knowledge that we are indeed **“shaping a positive future”** for YOUR children.

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