

# CONTACT



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Upcoming Events

**22 March**  
**Contact issued**  
**School Cross Country**

**25—27 March**  
**Year 7 Camp**

**25 March**  
**"Legs on the Wall"**  
**incursion Yrs 9 & 10**

**26 March**  
**Agriculture excursion to**  
**Royal Easter Show**  
**Collegiate Cup Yrs 8&10**

**27 March**  
**Year 8 History incursion**

**2—5 April**  
**20th Anniversary celebra-**  
**tions**

**3 April**  
**Collegiate Cup Yrs 7 & 10**

**4 April**  
**Year 7 & 9 vaccinations**  
**Collegiate Cup Years 7 & 8**

**4—5 April**  
**CHS Swimming Carnival**

### EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE

Recently the school executive held its Annual Executive Conference at the Olympic site in Homebush Bay. The 2 day conference was devoted to preparation for the new National Curriculum and reviewing the school's Assessment and Reporting Practices. Our HT PDHPE, David Blench, did a wonderful job collecting resources, investigating best practice and presenting to his colleagues; how we can improve our assessment of student's learning. Our Acting Deputy Principal, Karen Critchley, led the executive team through the changes that the new National Curriculum brings as well as organising the actual conference. A big thank you to both of them.

As a follow up, the staff will be attending KLA-based professional learning organised by Head Teachers across the Nirimba Learning Community (8 local high schools) around the new National Curriculum on our first Staff Development Day Term 2 (Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April) The second Staff Development Day (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April ) will be our staff back at school looking at current assessment tasks and units of work that need to be written to align with the new National Curriculum.

### SMART EXPECTATIONS

Over the past few weeks the senior executive has been spending a lot of time with students who have been struggling to adhere to our SMART expectations. These conversations may be around non-completion of work, lateness to school, failure to wear the correct uniform and disrespectful behaviour in the playground and classroom.

So a gentle reminder for every one of what our SMART code means and I would encourage all parents to discuss these things with their children as my points below are some of the things that are leading to children getting into trouble at school:

<b>SAFE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being in the right place at the right time</li> <li>• Wearing correct uniform every day, especially the correct shoes and having your sports uniform to change into</li> <li>• Adhering to the “hands off” policy</li> <li>• Walking around school traffic areas</li> <li>• Following safety practices and procedures in the school specialist rooms – science labs, food labs, workshops, etc.</li> <li>• Providing a note to explain absences from school, on your return</li> </ul>
<b>MOTIVATED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bringing the correct equipment and books to school every day – this means packing your bag the night before</li> <li>• Writing your timetable down in your diary so you don’t lose it</li> <li>• Using your diary to record homework and assessment tasks</li> <li>• Getting involved in the school’s many extra-curricular activities</li> </ul>
<b>ACADEMIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing <b>ALL</b> work to the best of your ability and seeking out assistance if unsure or experiencing difficulties</li> <li>• Accessing the school’s “Homework Club” or “Learning Centre” if necessary</li> <li>• Being on “time” to every lesson so you do not miss out on valuable material</li> <li>• Make an effort to catch up on work missed through absence from school</li> </ul>
<b>RESPECTFUL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being polite and cooperative in the classroom and all other learning spaces</li> <li>• Following teacher’s instructions at all times</li> <li>• Ensuring that your behaviour does not disrupt the learning of others</li> <li>• Realise that everyone learns at different rates</li> </ul>
<b>TOLERANT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand that everyone is different and this difference should be celebrated</li> <li>• Realise the school population is very large and this may require you to be patient and wait your turn</li> <li>• Communicate any frustration you may be experiencing to a member of staff – do not try to resolve something on your own while at school</li> </ul>

## SUCCEEDING IN SCIENCE

Encouraging your teen to ask questions and helping them find the answers is top of the list in helping them to succeed in science. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/helping-your-teenager-succeed-in-science>

## FACTS ABOUT TUTORS

Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it's also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors>

## YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection>

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## A CRASH COURSE IN POETRY APPRECIATION

Understanding why an author uses certain words or structures in their poetry can help your teenager enjoy the English subject and give greater depth to their writing and language skills. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/a-crash-course-in-poetry-appreciation-for-your-high-schooler>

## FAST FORWARD AWARDS CEREMONY

On Monday night I had the privilege of participating in the UWS Year 9 "Fast Forward" Awards Ceremony at the UWS Campus in Parramatta. Our Year 9 students selected to this program will attend special sessions at the UWS campus as well as being mentored by UWS staff back here at school. The program is designed to target diligent students who demonstrate the leadership capabilities and academic potential to aspire to tertiary education. In 2013 our wonderful representatives are: Gemma Deering, Adem Gundes, Jarrod Mathew, Toni McLean, Elizabeth Micallef, Sarah Mottram, Sean Mulvany, Lachlan Nolland, Brendan Reid, Maddison Smith, Kasey Vincent, Matthew Walker, Erin Warner, Tyra Wilson.

Have a great week

**Lauretta Claus, Principal**



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# EMBRACE EXCELLENCE

Applications for the 2014 QHHS GAT classes must be submitted to the QHHS Administration Office by Monday the 20th of May 2013

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.

### STEP ONE:

Download the Parental Nomination Form from the school website

(forms can be found on the school website, under the heading "Curriculum & Activities" & "Learning extension".)

### STEP TWO:

Read the 'Information for Parents' section

Complete the 'Parental Checklist'

Have your child's classroom teacher complete the 'Teacher Checklist'

Compile work samples of your child's best work

Have this work verified by your child's classroom teacher

### STEP THREE:

Submit all documents in a file, sleeve or envelop to the QHHS Administration Office by the 20 of May 2013.

Address these documents to:

Karen Critchley (HT Teaching & Learning)

Quakers Hill High School

70 Lalor Rd, Quakers Hill NSW 2763



If you have any questions about the process call Karen Critchley on 98371533





## **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013 LETTER TO PARENTS**

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-16 May 2013.

<b>TUESDAY 14 MAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 15 MAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY 16 MAY</b>
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation)	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b> (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)
<b>Writing</b>		

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 17 May** – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/ carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your child's school.

Please make an appointment with the school Principal if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:

[http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent\\_Carer\\_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html)



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**Saturday 23rd March 2013**

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### **Invitation to past students and families of Quakers Hill East Public School**

Our Principal, Mrs Bird, who has been with the school for over ten years, has decided to retire, making this term her last. The P&C Association of Quakers Hill East Public School has decided to hold a small event to mark this momentous occasion and thank her for all her effort and dedication to the school, students and community. We are currently in the process of finalising details and at the moment we have planned to have it on Friday April 5, from 6pm in the school hall and playground (at the current location of Quakers Hill East Public School). It is a family event with both adults and children welcome to attend (past and present families).

We are proposing to have a pre-paid BBQ (at an approximate cost of \$10 per an adult) or inviting families to BYO their own picnic dinner, drinks and chairs/picnic blankets.

If you would like to stay informed of this special farewell evening, updated with the latest information and receive a note about pre-payment for the BBQ, could you please email your details to [quakershilleastpc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:quakershilleastpc@yahoo.com.au) Please include your name, approximate number of people attending with you and if you are interested in possibly having the BBQ. This is not an RSVP, but rather an expression of interest.

Alternatively, if you are unable to make it or have anything you would like to contribute to the night, please also email us. We are also trying to form a collection of past photos, stories or similar items that we may be able to use on the night to make it a memorable one for all involved. If you have anything that may be used, please email us.

Thank you.

Quakers Hill East Public School P&C Association

## VACCINATIONS SCHEDULE

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2013	Yr7, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose HPV (All students) Yr7, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose Hep B Yr9, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose HPV (Boys only)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	Yr7, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose HPV (All students) Yr7, dTpa Yr9, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose HPV (Boys only)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2013	Yr7, Varicella
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2013	Yr7, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dose HPV (All students) Yr7, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose Hep B Yr9, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dose HPV (Boys only)

This program is only free when delivered via the school program run by the Department of Health.

If your child has not brought home the Vaccinations Forms please ask them to collect it from Mrs Brakell in the Welfare Department. Forms are due back by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and to be placed in the front office in a Vaccinations box provided.

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: 9840 3603.



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