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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The preparation for our week long activities to celebrate 20 years of Quakers Hill HS providing a caring educational community that shapes a positive future for our young people, is well underway. Our creative students under the artistic leadership of Ms Franco, Ms Lachevre, Mr Roma, Ms Mutch, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Tong, Ms Razbusek, Ms Spring and Mr Wong have been putting in many long hours in readiness for a week to remember. Mrs Neylan and the SRC have also been hard at work planning and preparing for the Festival 20 activities on Wednesday 11 September. This is a day for our students to literally have fun. It is a mufti day and there are 3 major sessions planned for the students where they can select to do activities such as: scrapbooking, face painting, cupcake making, Karaoke Café, watching movies, a Wii dance party, playing computer games and participation in a range of sporting events. The day will be capped off with a Fun Run and the securing of our 20th Anniversary time capsule.

Tuesday 10th September **2 One Act Plays – 7pm**

Wednesday 11th September **Festival 20 – 8.45am – 2.25pm**

2 One Act Plays – 7pm

Thursday 12th September **Trivia Capers – 7pm**

Friday 13th September **A Time to Remember Cabaret – 7pm**

UPGRADES TO THE SCHOOL

Mr Head and Mr Wright have been busy researching and investigating the purchase of a PA system for the entire school. This new PA system will improve communication across the school and assist staff ensuring all our students are safe. It will also assist parents when they come up to the school during recess and lunchtime and need to speak to their children.

THANKS TO THE P&C

A big thankyou again to our wonderful P&C who have bought the school a new electronic sign and also paid for the installation of this

Upcoming Events

23 August

Jeans for Genes day (gold coin donation)

Leichhardt excursion

Drama Bites Production excursion

25—29 August SKI TRIP

26 August

Wyndham Art breakfast

Yr 8 Geography excursion to Warragamba

Barnier Coaching Clinic
8.50—10.40

2 September

Barnier Coaching Clinic
8.50—10.40

6 September

Contact issued

new sign. The sign will be up and ready to use by the week of our 20th anniversary celebrations and will prove to be invaluable in communicating with our parents and local community about events happening in the school. The school is incredibly fortunate to have such a generous and hardworking P&C who are always working with us to improve our school.

ELECTION DAY

Our school will again be a polling booth for the upcoming federal election on Saturday 7th September. Year 10 will be holding a cake stall to raise funds for their formal at the end of the year. Any parents able to assist with making a cake, or sweet treats for Year 10 to sell on election day, would be most appreciated. There will also be a book stall, so any family wanting to have a clear out of some of the books they no longer want, please bring them into the front office and we can add them to our stall on election day. The decision to have a book stall this year was to promote reading in our community since the school has been working so hard under our national partnerships program to improve our student's reading skills.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MITCHELL MULLINS IN YEAR 7

He is the NSW champion in his age group in Rock Climbing. He has only been doing the sport for 6 months and was invited to attend the national competition because it was clear he had a real talent for the sport. We need to watch this space because we will obviously be hearing more about Mitchell's success in rock climbing in the very near future.

Have a great week.

Lauretta Claus

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The core business of school communities is the teaching and learning of students. Everything that schools and teachers do is focussed on improving learning outcomes for students. Sometimes that improvement requires a closer focus on the classroom and at other times it requires a re-examination of school structures. For some time now, various members of the Welfare Committee, which comprises a range of dedicated and professional people, have been eager to explore new ways of meeting the welfare needs of the students and as such, a new Welfare system has been proposed.

As you would all be aware the current system consists of 6 houses which are managed by 6 different House Advisers. There are clear benefits to the existing system such as the building of team spirit and cross stage role modelling; however, there are also issues that regularly arise. Most often arising are issues around communicating information. Mr Daniel Nash (Head Teacher Administration) in collaboration with Mrs Piret White (Head Teacher Welfare) has developed an alternative system that will see two Year Advisors per year take responsibility for the welfare of that particular year group.

There are many benefits to this restructure including clearer points of contact. An example of this is that parents are often unsure about whom to speak to with regard to their child. The House Adviser or Year Coordinator? This can lead to more work for the Deputy Principals and the Principal as parents do not always know who else to contact. Moreover, younger students are also often unsure of whom to approach to seek resolution to conflict or to support them in social or educational welfare issues. Once again this can lead to extra work or parent and student dissatisfaction with outcomes.

This system will also allow Year Advisors to more effectively address the sorts of age and stage related problems that often exist within the one year group. An example of this is that bullying is a focus in Years 7 and 8 whereas respectful relationships may be more of a focus for Years 9 and 10. A Year Adviser for a specific year group will be better able to organise relevant speakers, seminars and sessions to explore and resolve these issues.



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Rebecca Mahon (Yrs 7 & 9)

Beatrice Maricic (Yrs 8 & 10)

P&C President

Joanne Warner

School Captains

Megan Warner & Daniel Marsh

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Various groups around the school have already been consulted, with the proposal being presented to the Welfare and Executive Teams, the teaching and SASS Staff and the P&C, with the overall reaction being positive.

Expressions of Interest have been sent out and all interested staff are encouraged to apply. Once the positions are filled, the names of the successful applicants will be published.

Rebecca Mahon

Deputy Principal (Years 7 & 9)

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Prices for the following items will rise starting the beginning of Term 4 2013:

Sport Shirt	\$30
Sport Shorts	\$25
School Jumper	\$65
Tracksuit Pants	\$35

School Uniform Shop will be open every Monday 8.10—9.30am.

VACCINATIONS SCHEDULE

Friday 18 th October 2013	Yr7, 3 rd Dose HPV (All students)
	Yr7, 2 nd Dose Hep B
	Yr9, 3 rd 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.

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.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PROSPERITAS 2013

The standard of work was extremely impressive and while I know that these students have already been acknowledged for their fine efforts, I'd like to congratulate all the winners.



TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish all our students from Quakers Hill HS that are competing in Tournament of the Minds this Sunday 24th August the best of luck. I'd also like to thank the following teachers who have helped organise, supervise and mentor our students – Karen Critchley, Virginia Breen, Nick Cole, Gail Attwood, Louise Grantham, Jen Reid, Amanda Kaur and Anthony Head.

Team	Lang/Lit	Year	Social Science	Year	Social Science	Year	Engineering	Year
1			Megan Warner	10	Rose Lewis	10	Taylan Haydan	10
2	Aidan Bath	8	Rhyannah Torrance	10	Shivam Kaushal	9	Kavya Mathur	9
3	Gemma Hewitson	8	Daniel Scott	10	Emily Elder	7	Kaitlyn Hockey	9
4	Mitchell McLeod	9	Caitlyn Hearne	7	Dominique Burke	7	Rebecca Wojcicka	9
5	Kate Poole	8	Chris Ford	10	Emma Smith	9	Bhoomika Screenvisan	9
6	David Woodward	7	Ashleigh Kennedy	7	Kyle Thompson	9	David Wojcicki	7
7	Harry Poulos	7	Bradley Elliott	8	Jack Steel	10	Alister Tupper	7

GREATER WEST SYDNEY TEAM VISIT

Thank you to the PE staff for inviting players from the **Greater West Sydney AFL team** to come and present to Year 7. These experiences are always memorable and it is wonderful that the staff at Quakers Hill HS see the value in organising these events for our students.

2013 SKI TRIP

On Sunday students from Quakers Hill HS, Seven Hills HS and Wyndham College will be off to Thredbo for the annual Ski trip. Under the supervision of Mr Barry, Mr McCall and Ms Buckley (from Seven Hills HS) our students will challenge themselves to become better skiers over the week. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for giving up their time to make this trip possible and also to thank Mr Finemore (from Wyndham College) who isn't attending but worked with Mr Barry to ensure his students were able to attend.

I wish them all a happy and safe trip and of course lots of snow!

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

This term a number of Year 7 students will be participating in a series of social skills workshops. The workshops run weekly and the topics covered will include communication, self-esteem, problem-

solving, dealing with emotions and dealing with bullying. All of these skills are beneficial and will assist our students in dealing with various situations. I'd like to thank Lauren Paa, who is our Student Support officer, for her contribution to this program.

TEAMS—This year the staff at Quakers Hill HS, have been working on a two term project.

Teams	Leaders
Differentiated Learning	Gail Attwood & Virginia Breen
Student Writing	Maria Romerosa & Emily Gray
The Connected Learner	Michael Brooks
School Sport	Luke Barry
Boys Education Strategies	Launcelot Roma & Grace Del Pinto
Outdoor Learning & Education	Marissa Josselyn & Nick Stamatis

At our last Staff meeting, the teams delivered wonderful presentations in a sharing environment. I was astounded at the quality and depth of the presentations and the amount of work that the staff had invested to look for improvements to assist both our students and staff in their learning. Congratulations to all the leaders for driving these fantastic teams and all the members for their contributions. I look forward to seeing the strategies implemented over time.



Mr Daghel is a member of the Quakers Hill HS iPadian group. Here he is demonstrating how he is using the iPad to produce Prezi presentations with ease.

WORKING BEE – THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

I was so proud to be a part of the working bee that was held on Saturday 17 August. To watch so many people giving up their time freely to ensure the jobs got done was amazing. Under the superb direction of Ms Lachevre and Ms Franco we all worked together to create props and signs, mend, make and even iron costumes. This was a phenomenal effort and whilst there is still much to be done, I'm very much looking forward to seeing the shows and invite you all to join us in the 20th Anniversary celebrations. I'd like to personally thank the following people:

Staff	Parents & Family	Students
Deb Franco	Mrs Kennedy	Callum Watts
Michael Brooks	Mrs Bath	Bradley Coleiro
Maria Romerosa	Mrs Watts	Ashleigh Kennedy
Phillipa Spring	Mrs Simpson	Olivia Simpson
Jeba Rajendran	Mr Coleiro	Megha Kapoor
Josefina Concepcion	Mrs Warner	Mitchell McLeod
Rebecca Mahon	Mrs Keyte	Elisa Keyte
Beaty Maricic	Ash Pratap	Jeremy Bushell
Grace Del Pinto	Lacey Kelly	
Bronwyn Tweeddale		
Sue Pratap		
Tracey Drake		
Lauren Paa		
Lenae Kelly		
Ivan Wong		
Gail Attwood		

Here are a few snapshots of the day more photos can be found on the website:



Ms Beaty Maricic

Deputy Principal (Years 8 & 10)

THE NEW SMART LOGO

During Term 2 this year the PBL committee was running a logo competition for a SMART logo which exhibited our core school values. There were many students who entered and through a vote from all staff and students in the school, the winning design was done by Rebeka Wojcicka Year 9. Rebeka was given a \$50 Westpoint voucher for her efforts.



QHHS

The runners up included Kaitlyn Hockey with 2 designs and Emma Jeffries with 1 design. Congratulations to all the students that participated.

For Parent/Teacher nights for both Year 7 and 8-10 and/or through your emails we would like parents to participate in giving us feedback on what a SMART (Safe, Motivated, Academic, Respectful, Tolerant) teacher looks like as we are developing a matrix of what students and teachers should look like in the classroom. For parents your input into this would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs K Khehra, PBL Co-chair

ELECTIVE HISTORY

Have you ever wondered why things are the way they are today? In the elective History course, we not only learn about the crazy and spectacular things that have happened in our world, we have the opportunity to explore it ourselves and represent it in our own way.

Despite what a lot of people believe, elective History is not all about writing 2000 word essays and copying down boring notes on dead people. We have an interactive and fun learning environment and are given a lot of options as to how we would like to learn. Our core assessments are based only on what we learn in class and do not require an unmanageable amount of research on external topics.

For example, in Term 1 we were given the task of creating a model of an invention/innovation from the Renaissance. I decided to research and construct a replica of the Galilean telescope. A few models that others made include Leonardo da Vinci's helicopter, various artillery and Galileo's water thermometer - inventions that have developed into technology that we have today. History is not just a school subject; it is everything that has ever happened and choosing History as an elective is just one way to experience the wonders for your selves.

Kaitlyn Hockey

Year 9, SRC, Peer Counsellor, House Captain, Library Monitor

Quakers Hill High School

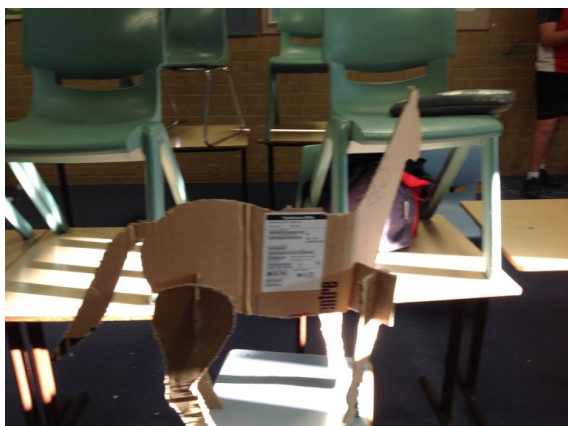


HISTORY NEWS

Well done Year 10. You have completed all you're at home assessment and only have tests and exams left. The accelerated Year 11 class is completing their Historical investigations. Year 9 accelerated have completed a presentation on Vietnam and are writing an essay on change in Australia since World War II. Year 9 are completing their empathy task on life in the Industrial Age. Year 8 are comparing indigenous groups from across the world and Year 7 are looking at Historical skills before moving onto Ancient Egypt.

Tournament of the Minds: The teams compete this Sunday in the regional finals at UWS Kingswood. As we speak horses and cars are being built and costumes are being created out of recycled materials. Go TOM team!

Accelerated Program: Currently we are looking at the Year 8 students most suited to be part of the 2014 Accelerated program. A parent evening will be held soon To offer places to those students chosen.



Karen Critchley

Head Teacher- Teaching and Learning/History

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSAL TIMES AND DATES

Friday 23 August

Ms Franco's (leads) rehearsal 3.30—6.30—Common Room

Saturday 24 August

Mr Roma's rehearsal with Hip Hop dance troupe 11-3pm—Performance Space

Monday 26 August

Ms Franco's rehearsal (Elephant Man) 3.30—7pm—Performance Space

Ms Mutch's dance group rehearsal 3.30—5pm—Hall

Friday 30 August

Ms Franco's (leads) rehearsal 3.30—6.30pm—Common Room

Saturday 31 August

Ms Razbusek's rehearsal with dance troupes 9am—12pm—Performance Space

Monday 2 September

Ms Franco's (leads) rehearsal 3.30—6pm—Performance Space

Ms Mutch's dance group rehearsal 3.30—5pm—Hall

Tuesday 27 August

Cabaret rehearsal Periods 3-6—Hall

Wednesday 4 September

Ms Franco's (leads) rehearsal 3.30—6.30pm—Common Room

Friday 6 September

Ms Franco's (leads) rehearsal 3.30—6.30pm—Common Room

Saturday 7 September

Technical run for whole cast & crew 10am—1pm—Performance Space

Sunday 8 September

Technical run & full dress rehearsal for whole cast & crew 9am—4pm—Performance Space & Common Room

YEAR 8 ON-LINE ESSA READINESS TEST

A reminder to all Year 8 students that on 9 September and 13 September 2013 during Science classes all students will be required to complete an on-line readiness test. Students will need to revise all Year 7 work and any current Year 8 work done this year. They will also need to ensure that the windows password and the DET portal user name and password are correct. They need to bring in their own headphones/earbuds that plug into the school's computers. If you have a problem with passwords, ensure that you tell your Science teacher about this urgently so that can be fixed.

Those students absent on these days will need to see Mr Sultana to arrange an alternative time to do the Readiness Test on 16—19 September 2013.

Mr Sultana

ESSA Coordinator

DISCOVERY DAY

On 8 August five Year 9 students represented QHHS at Wyndham's inaugural event, *Discovery Day*. This day was to celebrate the talents and gifts of students and an invite was extended to the Science faculties across the Collegiate. The students set up stands at the senior campus, displaying their efforts undertaken as part of their mandatory Stage 5 investigative task in Science. The students and their projects that were on exhibition were:

Kavya Mathur - How much water do plants need?

Kaitlyn Hockey - How does the temperature of a room affect a female's ability to work out mathematical equations?

Rebeka Wojcicka - Which flour brand is best to use in making pizza dough?

Erin McCready - Which brand, shape, texture and size of AFL ball soars furthest after being kicked?

Jessica Bobbin - Does surface temperature affect the clearness of a finger print?

Kaitlyn Hockey set up an additional stand which show-cased her project for the recently held *Prosperitas*, highlighting the 20 year history of our school. It was most impressive to see how very articulate these young ladies were, as they were able to not only talk about their projects to those visiting the stands, they were able to capably answer questions and offer additional information to substantiate the methods undertaken, and to validate their results. All of the students were highly complemented by on the day!

Mrs K Naicker, HT Science



A PASSION FOR ENGLISH

The call out was made by the English teachers, “Come one, come all” and share in the richness of the written word with Miss Gray and Miss Soliman in the Book Club; from the pages to the screen they watched their favourite movies in the Film Club.

The Debating Teams were set up to compete in strategic discourse and battle of words. With supervision from Mrs Dyer and Mrs Roy, students are learning to use the skills of persuasion and are still practising for two more rounds this Term.

In class, pen was put to paper, to produce lines that rhymed and just in time, to enter poems that created images in our mind in The Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Awards competition.

Students wanting to challenge themselves and to discover their strengths and potential areas of improvement in English, entered the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools in: Writing, Spelling and English.

Ms Franco, the Queen of Drama has been teaching students the art of performance. These actors and actresses will surely entertain and move an audience to tears in the upcoming 20th Anniversary, One Act Plays: The Elephant Man and Rinse the Blood off My Toga.

Currently being taught in all Literacy classes are units of work targeting reading skills. These units have been developed by Mrs. Attwood, Head Teacher for Improving Literacy and Numeracy Partnerships. The sequence of these lessons will be incorporated into the Year 8 Unit: Media Studies this term.

Mrs Ravikumar has completed an extensive survey in order to assist students who use English as a Second Language. She is also running the RAW (Ready, Arrive, Work) program; a refugee readiness to work program.

But the English Faculty does not only provide students with learning opportunities to enhance their English skills. This term, we are showcasing refined work produced by students. Ms Tweeddale initiated this by presenting Year 10 Representation Tasks that depicted: ambition, greed, betrayal, deception, murder and love, to name a few concepts that they studied in the Shakespeare Unit: Macbeth or The Merchant of Venice. These posters have been placed in notice boards and the school website.

As always, the English Faculty has been supported by the dedicated, diligent and delightful Mrs. Lachevre; whether it is providing resources through Clickview, creating stimulus cards for creative writing, providing reading materials and valuable information regarding what the students of Quakers Hill High School find engaging to read, she has support your child's education.

Finally, I would like to welcome Miss Ho to the English Faculty and our relieving teachers Mr Alex and Mr Cole. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the English Staff for their continued hard work this Semester.

Maria Romerosa
Relieving Head Teacher English

PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE - 2013

On Wednesday 14th August 2013, the following students attended the Premier's Sporting Challenge at Wyndham College:

Year 10—Andronicus Demetriou, Harrison Bleakley, Reuben Gordon, Luke Gordon, Daniel Kenna, Anita Omoruyi, Daniel Marsh

Year 9—Andrea Deller, Dejan Kupresanin, Freyja Hewitson, Maddison Smith, Jessica Bobbin, Luke Micallef, Kasey Vincent, Toni McLean, Matthew Walker, Ashleigh Bernecic, Jenna Grant, Gemma Deering, Bree McNamara

Year 8—Jack Marshall, Gemma Hewitson, Tamara Savage, Ayrton Taylor, Dylan Smith, Natalie Lesa, Elvera Vaitusi, William Woods, William Yallop, Katie Towell, Boaz Villarosa, Tynesha Caruana

Year 7—Nikola Jovic, Maddison Samways, Mitchell Hughes, Caitlin Johnston, Sadeed Bajwa, Tolga Yusuf, Ashley Jaeger, Caitlin Phillips, Megan Humphreys, Shaena-Lee Charlesworth, Neridah McRae, Katelyn Murdouch

In addition to our students, 48 students from Hambledon PS, Quakers Hill PS and Quakers Hill East PS attended the day. The Year 9/10 students coached the younger students in Touch Football, Soccer, Basketball, Dance, Hockey and Basic Sport Skills.

The day ran smoothly with all our students conducting themselves in an exemplary manner. It will be nice to watch our junior student's progress, as many of them will make fine coaches.

Tony Somerset

PDHPE Faculty

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT TAXFILE NUMBER PROGRAM

THE EASY WAY TO GET A TFN

PARENT INFORMATION LETTER

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO), with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available from the school and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student's name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

- students born in Australia will need to provide their
 - birth certificate number, state of issue and year of registration, or
 - Australian passport number and date of issue.
- students born overseas will need to provide their
 - overseas passport number and country of issue, or
 - Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue, or
 - Australian passport number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is fully completed and **signed by the student**. All information provided on the form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to school or the ATO.

PLEASE NOTE: Quakers Hill High School will post completed applications to the ATO, 2-3 times each term (Approximately every 3 weeks). Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address, within 28 days of the application being received by the ATO.

ENQUIRING ON YOUR CHILD'S BEHALF

Due to privacy provisions, parents of children aged 14 or older may enquire about their children's tax affairs only if they are registered as an authorised contact with the ATO. After your child has received their TFN they can authorise you by phoning the ATO on **13 28 61** between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information – Contact Mr Hutton at QHHS on 9837 1533

If you have further questions, please phone the ATO on **13 28 69** between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday and ask for the Community Education and Assistance area.



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