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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Upcoming Events

7 June

Zone Athletics Carnival
Futsal 16 Boys

10 June

Queen's Birthday holiday

11 June

Stewart House Camp

14 June

Vaccinations Years 7 & 9
Sydney West X Country

17 June

Science incursion
Writing Competition Yr9
AIME

18 June

Writing Competition
Spelling Competition

19 June

Collegiate Cup Yrs 9 & 10

20 June

Wyndham subject selection
forms due

21 June

Contact issued

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Caleb Hansford Year 10 who has been selected to represent NSW in the CHS Swimming Championships, in Adelaide, in September later this year. This is a wonderful opportunity and rewards Caleb's commitment to excellence in his chosen sport. We wish Caleb all the very best at the swim meet and no doubt will hear more of his swimming successes in the near future.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

A number of our staff and students are already logging many hours in preparation for our fun packed week of activities, lined up to celebrate 20 wonderful years of Quakers Hill High School. The activities start on the evening of Tuesday 10 September at 7pm with two drama performances: "The Elephant Man" and "Rinse the Blood off my Toga.", Wednesday 11 September will be "Festival 20" a day based around our traditional Fundday that we usually have in Term 1. The SRC have been busy planning a range of celebratory activities for students to participate in as we suspend regular lessons for that day. Thursday 12 September at 7pm in the evening the school will invite the community to share in a fun Trivia Night "Trivia Capers". The whole week will be capped off with a Cabaret Evening "A Time to Remember" commencing at 7pm, where the school showcases its musical, artistic, dance and dramatic talents.

For more information about the week, or if you can assist the school in some capacity, please go to our school website or call Mrs Erika Cooper on 9837 1533.

OUR NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

With the departure of Mr Bredin, Mrs Rebecca Mahon formerly the Head Teacher English at Greystanes High School has been appointed as our Deputy Principal commencing 5 August. Mrs Kamani Naicker will be relieving DP for the last 2 weeks of Term 2 with Mr Bredin on LSL and Ms Virginia Breen will be relieving HT Science. At the beginning of Term 3 Mr David Blench will relieve for Mr Bredin and Mr Tony Somerset will take over the reins of the PE faculty during this time. Mrs Maricic will be on LSL overseas for the first 2 weeks of Term 3 and Mrs Kuldip Khehra will relieve for her and Mr Chris Lloyd will take over the leadership of the Maths faculty in Mrs Khehra's absence.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

It is important for me to remind parents that as part of our school Welfare and Discipline Policy we have a series of detentions that are attempts by the school to allow the students to reflect on their behaviour and accordingly address this behaviour. So students who come late to school without supporting justification from parents will be given a lunchtime detention. Similarly students who fail to adhere to our full school uniform expectations will also be placed on a lunchtime detention. Many faculties also have lunchtime detentions so the student can report back to the faculty and attempt to address the behaviour in a lesson which has impacted negatively on their learning and the learning of the rest of the class.

Students who fail to attend a detention, or who simply forget, are given another chance to redress this and are issued with a second detention. If they fail to attend the second detention, they will then be given an After School Detention (held on a Thursday afternoon from 3.15 to 4.15 in H8). If a student fails to attend an After School Detention without a satisfactory explanation, they will be issued another detention or it may be escalated to a Deputy Principal's Detention (held Tuesday afternoons in the front Admin Office). If a student fails again to follow these expected consequences, a caution to suspend, or a suspension may be imposed by a member of the Senior Executive.

This system of detentions is about the school working with our young people to address their behaviour and ensure everyone works within our SMART expectations, so that we can continue to be a caring educational community shaping a positive future.

Have a great week

Lauretta Claus

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Gili awards

On 24 May I had the great pleasure in attending the Gili Scholarship awards. There were 16 Aboriginal recipients from 9 different Western Sydney schools. Quakers Hill High School was fortunate to have 2 students receive a \$1000 scholarship to go towards their education.

Taniesha Richter



Maddison McVicar

Congratulations to the girls, here's what they had to say:



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Hello my name is Taniesha Richter and I am in Year 10 at Quakers Hill High School. I would like to say thank you to my Principal and the teachers who nominated me for the Gili Scholarship.

This scholarship will enable me to buy a laptop which I will use to take notes in Year 11 and 12. It will also be a great help to me this year as I will be able to take it with me each week when I go to TAFE at Richmond. I am studying Animal Care as I wish to be a Zookeeper. The course will count as one unit of my HSC. If I do well enough in my HSC, I plan to go on to further studies in this area either at Taronga Training Institute, TAFE or University.

I will also use the Gili Scholarship to pay for antivirus software to protect my laptop and I will keep what is left over in case expenses arise throughout the year as I am not yet sure if I will need equipment or protective shoes for my TAFE course.

Once again I would like to say thank you for the scholarship.

Taniesha Richter

My name is Maddison McVicar and firstly I would like to thank you for this opportunity. This scholarship will benefit me by giving me access to things that I didn't have before.

It will also help my schooling a lot because of what I could use the money for. For example, I could get the Microsoft Word Program so that I can turn my assignments into Powerpoint presentations and posters. It would also allow me access to things I may have had difficulty getting before, such as the class textbooks to help me study for exams.

This scholarship will not only benefit my schooling but will benefit me outside of school because it proves that I have the ability to work hard and the motivation to do so. This scholarship will also encourage me to try even harder because this shows me that I can achieve things by working hard and that this is just one step for me.

Finally this achievement means that I can make my family proud by showing them just what I managed to do. Thank you.

Maddison McVicar

UNIFORM

Unfortunately, some students are not adhering to the school uniform policy wearing unacceptable variations in order to 'keep warm'. It is at this point each year that it is necessary to point out that QHHS does have uniform provision for cold weather. Students have the option in choosing to wear the navy blue woollen jumper, the teal sloppy joe or the QHHS sports jacket. **Students are not to wear a long sleeve, coloured top underneath their school shirt.** Long pants are available and QHHS track pants are available for sport.

It is imperative that all students wear black **leather** upper school shoes that cover the whole foot in order to comply with WH&S regulations particularly in the Science and TAS labs. Canvas or fabric shoes do not comply with these regulations and therefore are not acceptable footwear for high school.

Also, students in Years 8 -10 are permitted to wear **the full QHHS sports uniform** on the one day they have timetabled sport only. This will only be scheduled on either a Monday or a Tuesday. Students are not to wear their school trousers as track pants.

The school uniform shop is open on Monday mornings 8:10am – 9:30am. If you are experiencing financial difficulty and you are unable to purchase uniform needs, please contact me so that we can discuss assistance.

HOMEWORK CLUB - NEED HELP GETTING ASSIGNMENTS DONE?

The QHHS Homework Club operates to support students who may require assistance with completing assignments, accessing computers/internet or studying for exams. The Homework Club is supervised by teachers who volunteer their time to help our students and it is held in the school library. The hours of operation are 3:10 – 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In order to attend students are required to submit a completed permission form to the Maths or Science staff room. Please see Ms Breen or Mrs Azad for further information.

SAFETY WHILE TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL

WAIT UNTIL THE BUS HAS GONE AND THEN CHOOSE A SAFE PLACE TO CROSS

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. To reduce this risk you can:

- Meet your child AT the bus stop
- Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedure:
 - STOP!** One step back from the kerb.
 - LOOK!** For traffic to your right, left and right again.
 - LISTEN!** For the sounds of approaching traffic.
 - THINK!** Whether it is safe to cross. Always look and listen for traffic as you cross the road.
- As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus go 'Flash, flash, flash', you must slow down to 40 km/h.

WEAR A HELMET AND RIDE IN A SAFE PLACE AWAY FROM THE ROAD

- Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet when playing or riding on wheels—bikes, scooters, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.
- Your child's helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063). It must be securely fitted and fastened on the rider's head.
- Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to ride with traffic

on the road.

- Children under 12 and those adults accompanying them may ride on the footpath unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.
- When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways as vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children should dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the usual 'STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! Procedure.
- Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place—it's the law.

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL CROSSINGS

- Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing—it is the safest point of entry to the school.
- Where there is an unsupervised children's crossing:
 - * Drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross or are crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.
 - * Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.
- The minimum penalty of a \$344 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points applies if you park or stop on or near:
 - * A pedestrian crossing
 - * A children's crossing
 - * Any marked foot crossing
- The minimum penalty of a \$344 fine and the loss of 4 demerit points applies for failure to give way to a pedestrian.

Beaty Maricic

Deputy Principal (Years 8 & 10)

IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

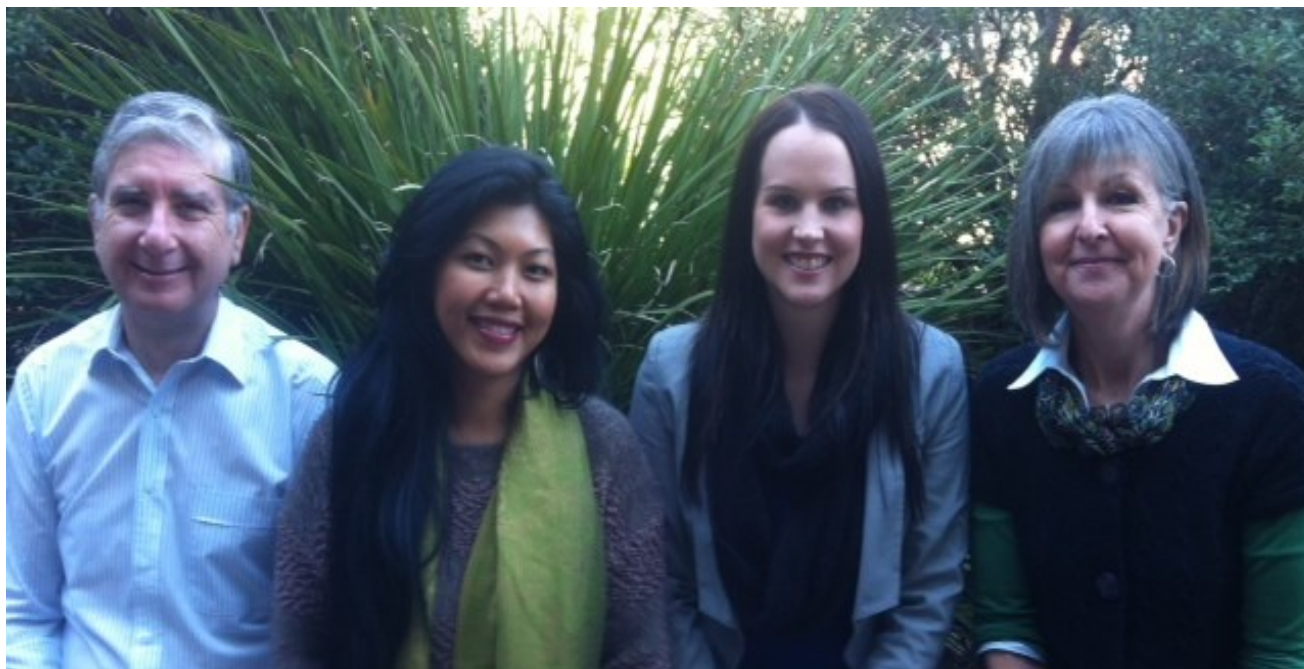
Quakers Hill High School has recently been included in the "Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnerships" initiative for 2013. The objective of this initiative is to improve the performance of students who are falling behind in literacy and/or numeracy, including targeted groups such as students from disadvantaged backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. It is underpinned by a whole-school approach to improving student outcomes in literacy and numeracy and recognises the critical role of quality teaching.

With Literacy having been selected as our priority focus area and Year 8 being the nominated target group, Quakers Hill High School has established an Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnerships Team. The team comprises Mrs Gail Attwood (Coordinator), Ms Emily Gray, (English faculty), Ms Maria Romarosa (English faculty) and Mr Ben Dezman (Learning & Support Teacher).

The team will be working throughout the year to build classroom teacher capacity to improve outcomes in Literacy. With teaching strategies and resources currently being developed to address areas of deficit, teaching staff in all faculties will be provided with a variety of practical, professional learning opportunities which will assist with the embedding and consolidation of literacy skills in classroom instruction. Literacy resources developed this year will extend the impact of the initiative beyond the funded

2013 year, and beyond the current target group. As such, it is anticipated that all students in our school will ultimately benefit from our involvement in this exciting and inspiring opportunity.

Gail Attwood (HT – National Partnerships Literacy @ QHHS)



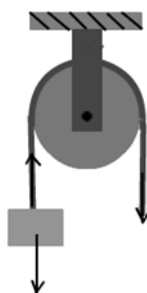
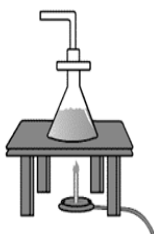
FROM THE SCIENCE LABORATORY

At school, the 'Science' subject is comprised of different areas of natural science, commonly called the *Branches of Science*. An understanding of each of the areas of Science could assist in choosing the correct subject to match up to a career that you are most interested in studying in the future.

Physics

pronounced "fizz-icks"

- *study of matter and energy
 - *someone who works in this area is a physicist
- pronounced "fizz-a-sist"



Chemistry

pronounced "kem-a-stree"

- * study of elements, compounds and how they interact
 - * someone who works in this area is a chemist
- pronounced "kem-ist"

Biology

pronounced "bi-oll-a-jee"

- *study of the living things - animals and plants
 - *someone who works in this area is a biologist
- pronounced "bi-oll-a-jist"



Geology

pronounced "jee -oll - a - jee"

- *study of the earth's crust
 - *someone who works in this area is a geologist
- pronounced "jee-oll-a-jist"

Draw a line to match the following careers to each area of Science:

robotics engineer

geologist

nuclear weapons scientist

scientist who predicts earthquakes

marine biologist

electrical engineer

lab researcher finding cures for diseases

zoo keeper

astronaut

environmental scientist

chemist or pharmacist

doctor or GP

Geology

Biology

Physics

Chemistry

Ms Kamani Naicker

Head Teacher Science

REMINDER TO YEAR 9 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

A Science incursion is scheduled for Monday 17 June 2013. This has been planned to supplement the Stage 5 syllabus in the Astronomy topic. Notes have already been sent out.

Please bring in signed notes and money, to be paid at the front office, by Thursday 13 June 2013.

Please note: Those students who do not attend will be given a holiday assignment to cover the content discussed during the incursion. This will be due on Tuesday 16 July 2013.

Mr Paul Sultana

Organising Teacher

NEWS FROM THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

It has come to our attention that there are some cases of Head Lice apparent in the school. As a matter of urgency, please check your child's hair and treat appropriately. Chemists have a variety of products available. Children should not return to school if there is evidence of the lice being present in the hair.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter.

Ms Bree Mutch

Head Teacher Welfare (Relieving)



VACCINATIONS SCHEDULE

Friday 2 nd August 2013	Yr7, Varicella
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. Forms are due back by 28th 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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