

CONTACT



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Last Thursday I had the pleasure in participating in our annual Student Leadership Induction Assembly. At this assembly we acknowledge all the wonderful students who eagerly assume the responsibility of leadership across our school. Many thanks to: Mrs White, Ms Romerosa, Ms Valatiadis, Ms Lachevre and Mrs Neylan, for their organisation of this induction assembly but also their commitment to providing our student body with invaluable leadership opportunities. Congratulations go to:

Student Leadership 2013

Captains – Daniel Marsh and Megan Warner

Vice Captains – Christopher McRae and Anita Omoruyi-Uwai

SRC 2013

Year 7

Adam Coleiro
Emily Elder
Micah Bonello
Caitlyn Hearne
Neridah McRae

Year 8

Jacob Chin
Timothy Devanathan
Jenelle Magtibay
Tamara Savage
Katie Towell
Boaz Villarosa
Tapi Zinatsa

Year 9

Justin Acuesta
Kaitlyn Hockey
Bradley Lannoy
Alyssa Manalo
Sean Mulvany
Chloe Silva
Maddison Smith

Upcoming Events

11 March
P&C & AGM

13 March
Sydney West Swimming
Carnival

14 March
Selective High School Test
Leichhardt excursion (Yr9)
Pii Day—Maths

18/19 March
Narrabeen/Dee Why
excursion

18—21 March
Trial NAPLAN

21 March
Science Enrichment Day
for Year 10 @ Wyndham

22 March
Contact issued
School Cross Country

25—27 March
Year 7 Camp

29 March
Good Friday

Year 10

Daniela Kupresanin
Emmanuel Prasad
Keyshawn Sunga
Ben Talintyre
Rhyannah Torrance
Trisha Wood

Peer Counsellors

Gabrielle Agujo, Fazilat Ahmed, Natalie Aslanidis, Layton Bellamy, Elizabeth Brissett, Jaime Cumbo, Sarah Curran, Emily Dive, Rhana El-Akkad, Jade Elliot, Brendan Grounsell, Jourdan Heintz, Teigan Hi, Emily Huang, Nethangie Ranhotty, Chloe Phillips, Alexandra Lloyd, Georgia Lee, Keira Mackie, Danielle Ryan, Maria Sow, Toni McLean, Jessica Mason, Clare Miller, Cody Ann Price, Caitlin Ives and Maddison McVicar.

House Captains

Ravensworth	Tamarah Bradley, Jessica Bobbin, Bradley Coleiro and Bradley Cookson
Oberon	Harley Dowton, Michael Emerson, Chelsea Dixon and Andrea Deller
Yallah	Caleb Hansford, Kaitlyn Hockey, Hannah Kemp and Danielle Iacono
Gundagai	Daniela Kupresanin, Dylan Mottram, Sarah Mottram and Shayal Kiran
Bathurst	Brendan Reid, Chloe Silva, Joi Rairi and Arya Raghubanshi
Perisher	Nicole Yallop, Jack Steel, Sarah Wakeling and Chatphet Thimjaeng

YEAR 5/6 INFORMATION EVENING

Congratulations and a big thankyou to Ms Melissa Lachevre for her organisation and coordination of the Year 5/6 Information Evening. This activity was very well attended by prospective Year 7 students and their families. This evening is an integral part of the school's transition strategy as well as an opportunity to promote the wonderful students and staff we have at this school and our quality facilities.

ZONE SWIMMING TEAM

The school's best swimmers under the guidance of Mrs Liversedge represented the school at the Zone Swimming Carnival last week. The team performed very well and as always behaved in an exemplary manner. Thanks to Mrs Liversedge, Ms Schuermann and Mr Kantek for their supervision of the team on the day.

UPDATING EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

It is absolutely imperative if there have been any changes in emergency contact details that they be given to the school as soon as possible so that in the event of a medical emergency we are able to contact the right people. Could you please complete the form below and give it to your child to return to the front office, if there have been any changes to contact details.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Last Wednesday the school held its annual Photo Day. A big thank you to Mr Cole for his meticulous organisation of this big event and thank you also to all the students who came in full uniform for this important occasion. These photos are not only valuable family memories but also are a key part of the school welfare referrals and attendance systems, with over 1070 students to supervise and care for up to date photos assist with this process.

ALL ABOUT APOSTROPHES

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership



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WHEN OLDER KIDS STRUGGLE WITH READING

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

SOLVING EQUATIONS

Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/Rld5/44/algebra

AVOIDING INJURIES

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for school-work? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Experts discuss and give tips on what to watch out for. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy>

QHHS FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have our Facebook page up and running informing parents/carers of events happening at QHHS. To like our page all you need to do is log onto Facebook, look for the Quakers Hill High School photo and like our page. It is not a chat forum, only an information source.

Have a great week

Lauretta Claus

Principal



HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – *have you?*

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Trial NAPLAN will be held on the 20th and 21st March for all Year 7 and 9. A similar test will be sat by Year 8 later in the year to provide feedback to staff on the development of student skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

If you have a child in Year 7 and 9 please read the letter to parents in relation to NAPLAN as it explains exemptions and applications for disability adjustment. If you have any concerns in relation to NAPLAN, please contact Mrs White (HT – Welfare) or myself.

Looking around the school there is a lot to get involved in. We have students entering in Prosperitas, students trying out for roles in dramas and plays, students playing representative golf, games of soccer and football training after school. Students are working hard in homework club and seeking help from staff when they do not understand what an assignment is asking them to do. Students are heads down working hard in the Learning Centre and smiling as they walk out feeling another challenge overcome. On Tuesday Years 9 and 10 enjoyed performances on World War I and the Vietnam War. Soon English will have their event "Legs on the Wall", Year 7 will go to camp, Year 8 are going to Warragamba for Geography, Year 9 will enjoy the delights of Norton street and students will be going to the Easter show for Agriculture. The photography students will be going to the city and art students will see the best from last year's HSC. Mathematics will be feeding us as we enjoy a day of Pi—Pythagoras would be very proud. I am proud to be part of a school that offers so much to our students.

Karen Critchley

Acting Deputy Principal (Years 8 & 10)



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.

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

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



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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 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

GIFTED AND TALENTED ART MURAL PROJECT 2012

Late last year, a group of gifted and talented art students completed painting the Art Mural on the G block wall, opposite D block. This successful project started with an idea, which was later drawn on paper by the Year 10 elective art students from 2012. The sketches involved in the planning and drafting stages were quite detailed and extensive and assisted us in the groundwork for the next step in this project. The mural depicts the progression of Quakers Hill from a farming community to a suburban / urban community.

In Week 8, the Year 10's continued to work on the project, drawing it up on the wall for us in preparation for the painting stage. By Week 9, more gifted and talented students started to work on this project. Litre after litre of acrylic paint was used by capable and tireless students who continued to paint.....and paint. It took a lot of time, effort and motivation from teachers and fellow students to ignore all distractions and setbacks and finally finish the wall by Monday, Week 11. When the wall was finally finished, everyone was relieved and amazed at how great this artwork had turned out. We all felt a sense of pride and accomplishment at what we had achieved in such a very short time. The last two days of school were spent varnishing the wall to protect it from the elements - the sun, wind, and rain.

It was a challenge that all the students accepted and worked very hard at completing. We are very grateful to everyone who took part in this project: Laura Radwill, Kavya Mathur, Rebeka Wojcicka, Andrea Deller, Chloe Phillips, Sara Vella, Georgia Lee, Alexandria Lloyd, Jayden Thompson, William Deng, Monique Schoer, Kate Poole, Shania Tweedie, Brooke Peterson, and especially Mr Wong and Ms Valatiadis who supervised this task.

We hope we get the opportunity to complete another similar and exciting project in the near future.

By: Rebeka Wojcicka and Kavya Mathur -Year 9



VACCINATIONS SCHEDULE

Thursday 4 th April 2013	Yr7, 1 st Dose HPV (All students) Yr7, 1 st Dose Hep B Yr9, 1 st Dose HPV (Boys only)
Friday 14 th June 2013	Yr7, 2 nd Dose HPV (All students) Yr7, dTpa Yr9, 2 nd Dose HPV (Boys only)
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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CHANGE OF DETAILS

To keep student records as up to date as possible, please complete the slip below. If you have changed your address or phone numbers, please return to the front office.

Student Name:

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Mobile Phone (Father):

Email Address:

Signed:

Date: