



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 13 July
Staff Development Day

**UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN 8AM—10AM**

Tuesday 14 July
All students return
RHS NAIDOC Assembly

Wednesday 15 July
Support Unit Swim School

Thursday 16 July
NAIDOC Assembly P 4

Monday 20 July
P&C Meeting

Wednesday 22 July
Opportunity Class
Placement Test

**Thursday 23 & Friday 24
July**
Sydney West Athletics

Friday 24 July
Contact issued
Year 8 Subject Selection
Online Survey

**Monday 27—Friday 31
July**

EDUCATION WEEK

Tuesday 28 July
ICAS English Exam

Wednesday 29 July
Support Unit Swim School



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STAFFING UPDATE

The vacancy in Science left by Mr Hancox's resignation has been filled by Ms Aditi Deshwal a recent graduate teacher from Sydney University and we welcome her to our school. She will commence on the first day Term 3 and will take up Mr Hancox's Science and Math classes. Ms Michelle Hill will start at QHHS in Week 6 of next term in our vacant LaST position. Mrs White has finally put in her retirement papers and so the school will be able to fill this position through merit selection later next term. Ms Maria Romerosa will continue as Relieving HT Welfare and Ms Zoe Ross will be retained in the English faculty taking Mrs White's English classes. Today is also Mr David Blench's last day at QHHS as he moves north with his family to sunny Queensland. We wish him and his family all the very best and will certainly miss him here and the contributions he has made to our

school community. Mr Barry will be Acting HT PDHPE for Terms 3 & 4 and Mrs Roseeta Prasad will be Relieving HT Secondary Studies.

Next term we also welcome back Mrs Neylan and Ms Mutch who have been on maternity leave. Both will be returning on a part time basis and so Mr Tomlinson will continue in his current role in the History faculty.

SEMESTER 1 SCHOOL REPORTS

Today all students will receive their Semester 1 report. The staff welcomes any questions or concerns that parents may have about the reports and their child's progress, so please feel free to call up and make an appointment to see either the



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teacher of a particular subject, or the child's Year Adviser if there are a number of concerns across a range of subjects. I know the Senior Executive is also happy to meet with parents to discuss their child's progress, but make sure you call up and make an appointment as soon as possible so measures can be put in place to support your child's learning.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school ready for another intense term of learning on Tuesday 14 July.

Lauretta Claus

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

AIM HIGHER

Earlier in the year Mrs Claus reported on the *Tell them from Me* survey in which we gathered evidence from a range of students around how they felt about various aspects of school such as the quality of teaching and learning, their level of engagement, bullying, levels of acceptance and so on. Most areas were very positive and made it clear that in the eyes of the students, Quakers Hill High School is moving in the right direction. One area that we do need to develop in is student motivation. Part of this is encouraging students to consider the future and what they would like to achieve.

Last Monday a drama group came out from the University of Western Sydney and they gave a performance around the theme of Aim Higher. The group were highly entertaining and the students thoroughly enjoyed the performance whilst still getting the message that university is a great option for many

young people and the proximity of UWS makes university more accessible than it has been for many people in the past.



ASSESSMENT TASKS

Towards the end of this term the two Deputy Principals and the eight Year Advisers have spent a significant amount of time going through the Stage 5 N Award Warnings and the Stage 4 Non-Completion of Tasks register. Our processes involve printing off the lists of students who still have work outstanding and then interviewing those students about the task and why it has not been submitted. Most students have since completed the task but have forgotten to submit it or lost the teacher's email address

or other similar issues. Many students have hoped that once the due date has passed, that is the end of the matter and they will not be pursued for the task. This is not the case.

N Awards Warnings and Stage 4 Non-Completion of Tasks registers will stay open until each individual task is resolved therefore it is an expectation that these tasks are submitted. Some students and parents have expressed their feeling that it is unfair to insist students submit a task for which they will not receive a mark, and it is true that a zero result will be recorded. However, the task is still marked, feedback is still provided and the student's achievement of outcomes is still assessed. Therefore the importance of submitting the task remains clear.

SEXTING AND CYBERSAFETY

In a recent Year 7 Assembly we had Senior Constable Ben Gillen come and talk to the students about the dangers of sending and/or requesting 'nudes' or other sexualised photographs. It is an unfortunate statistic in our society that the majority of 'sexts' are sent by 10-12 year olds. Quite possibly due to the trusting nature of younger students and the ease with which they can be tricked into thinking that such a request shows love and admiration. If you watch the news and opinion programs you will have seen that there are constant calls for more education around children accessing pornography and pornographic images and where possible we do try to address these issues with the students. That said, there is no doubt that parents play the most significant role in educating their children around the dangers of sexting and other unsafe online behaviours.

I know that many parents in our community use 'Net Nanny' and other internet filtering softwares. Whether or not to use these systems is an important family decision; either

way, it is important to have ongoing discussions with your child about protecting themselves online.

Positives this term: There have been 6,179 positive referrals made this term.

Year 7 – 2117; Year 8 - 1416; Year 9— 1506 and Year 10 – 1140

Bronze Awards: 702

Silver Awards: 152

Principal Awards: 36

On that positive note, I would like to wish all of the students a very happy and safe holiday. Mrs Maricic and I hope you all have a restful break and return to school excited and eager to embrace all of the opportunities that QHHS will be offering in Term 3.

Rebecca Mahon, Deputy Principal

SUPPORT UNIT INFORMATION

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Ms Willmett for being a fabulous member of the support staff over these last two terms, filling in for Mrs Schryver who will be returning from maternity leave at the beginning of Term 3. We look forward to having Ms Willmett as part of our support family again during Term 3 when I take long service leave.

Thank you again to Ms Willmett for organising a fantastic excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park earlier this week. Please see Ms Willmett's report on the day.

YEAR 10 TRANSITION MEETINGS

Times have been finalised for our Year 10 transition meetings which will be held on Thursday 13 and Monday 24 August. Thank you to all our parents who have replied with preferred times. Confirmed times

were listed in student diaries this week. If parents didn't receive their times, could they please email me.

SUPPORT UNIT SWIM SCHOOL

The Support Unit Swim School will commence in Week 1 of Term 3. This will run every Wednesday for seven weeks at Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope Gardens. There will be one remaining class at school for students not attending. This class will run as a regular school day.

HOLIDAYS

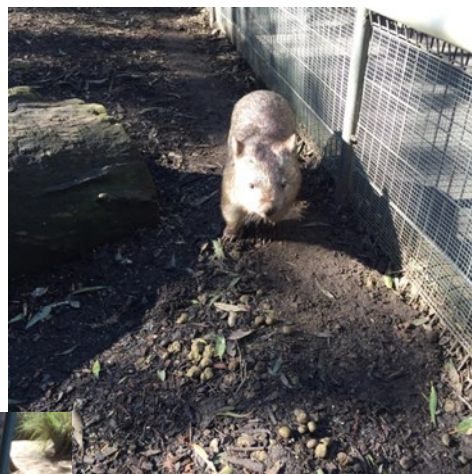
Wishing everyone a relaxing holiday, we look forward to seeing the students on Tuesday 14 July.

Mrs Jennifer Payne, Support Unit Head Teacher

FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK EXCURSION

On Monday 22 June, the staff and students of the Support Unit visited Featherdale Wildlife Park to celebrate the end of term. The day got off to a great start, with beautiful weather for our journey. We were all impressed with the range of native Australian reptiles and mammals, as well as an extensive aviary display. Some of our favourite displays included visiting the adorable Quokkas, petting an Echidna and getting up close with a Tawny Frogmouth Owl. After a quick bite to eat and a couple of photo opportunities, we journeyed back home. It was a fantastic way to cap off another great term!

Miss Willmett



FAREWELL MR BLENCH

As many of you already know my family and I are moving to Queensland at the end of Term 2. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many wonderful people including staff, students and parents that I have met in my 5½ years at Quakers Hill High School as Head Teacher of PDHPE. Quakers Hill High School is an excellent place to work and more importantly a great place for students to acquire their education. They are truly blessed with many wonderful opportunities to improve their knowledge and skills in a variety of ways. Personally, whilst at the school, I am pleased to have made a contribution to the school by building four grassed volleyball courts, marking out all the handball courts



in the quad, organising the establishment of the two Premier's Sporting Challenge programs we run, establishing the Collegiate Cup for a number of years and organising some of our PASS and DANCE students to visit the local Primary Schools in order to teach/mentor younger students. Perhaps the two biggest achievements have been working on the reintroduction of Grade and Recreational Sports for students on a Wednesday which we have successfully achieved in 2015 as well as looking after Assessment and Reporting at QHHS. Again THANK YOU for all the great memories.

Mr Blench, HT PDHPE

FUTSAL 2015

The boys had a fantastic day on Friday 19/6/15. Mr Nash and I would like to thank all the parents who helped transport the students to and from the venue. With your help the day was a great success. A big thank you to Mrs Claus for coming and supporting the boys during the last pool game of the day. I am sure their 14-0 win in their last game was an indication that her presence was felt. A huge thank you to all boys who competed on the day. They demonstrated a determination to win all their games and displayed sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

From my Futsal experience, the A Team were good enough to go on to the final. They were undefeated in their pool group, however they had drawn too many games to progress further. With some extra training next year, I am sure the boys will go one better next year.

Thank you everyone for your support. And thank you boys for all your efforts.

Mr Stamatis and Mr Nash

IMPORTANT—UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 13 July, Staff Development Day, from 8am to 10am. Thank you.

ART NEWS

COMPETITION WINNER – CONGRATULATIONS SOHNJAH LEWIS

The CAPA Faculty are ending Term 2 by congratulating our student successes in competitions and finishing off practical work in the classroom in order to prepare for new topics in Term 3! Firstly, a big congratulations to Sohnjah Rose Lewis in Year 9 who was awarded the Regional Runner-up prize in the annual national Harmony Day Poster Competition with her outstanding poster effort. Sohnjah was presented with her certificate last Thursday at Parliament House, at the official prize giving ceremony. Well done Sohnjah!

Sohnjah Rose Lewis Yr 9 receiving her award at Parliament House and her winning entry:



YEAR 7 STUDENTS' PROJECT BASED LEARNING ON THE PHILIPPINES

Across Visual Arts and Music, students in Year 7 have been eagerly learning about traditional art and music in the Philippines. Here are some of the photos of students working across CAPA. Student work will be on display in Term 3, Week 3 along with the students' Prosperitas work.



MUSIC NEWS

A huge congratulation to Kayla Auld-Schuch of Year 10 who successfully auditioned for a solo vocal part in the PULSE mass choir. She was amongst 50 other students from other schools who tried out for just 8 solo positions within the 700+ choir. She will be singing a verse from 'Blame It On The Boogie' (Michael Jackson) and we all eagerly await her big

solo debut at the Sydney Opera House on the 13th August.



The PULSE choir girls have been busy rehearsing at Glenbrook Primary School and are excitedly counting down to Thursday 13th August for their big performance in front of an audience of at least 3000 people at the Sydney Opera House.



This week on Assembly, Rudolph Hakaei of Year 8 had his last performance at Quakers Hill High School, and we wish him all the best as he moves schools to sunny Queensland. His performance of "Wade in the Water" accompanied by Matthew Tito on guitar was enjoyed by all.

Shiann Downes sang "My Immortal" by Evanescence and she sounded absolutely terrific. Her peers were very supportive of her first performance and we hope to see more of her on stage!

A reminder to all students that fees need to be paid for Visual Arts, Photography and Music and to also come prepared with correct equipment including book requirements for Term 3. Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to another productive term in CAPA!



SCIENCE MATTERS

EXCURSION TO THE MUSEUM OF HUMAN DISEASES



On 16 June 2015 105 students went to the Museum Of Human Diseases at UNSW. We left school around 8.30am. The first part of the visit to the museum was a presentation from the museum's education officer, Monica. She focused on the conditions of some vital organs, showing us samples of healthy and diseased ones and the effects of drinking and smoking. We got to see different specimens of these diseased organs. When we went into the museum we looked around at different types of diseases and how they impact our body organs.
.Karnvir



The science excursion was really interesting. At the UNSW we learnt all about different diseases and what they do to the human body. In the museum, we observed different human specimens that were affected by different types of diseases such as lung cancer, gangrene etc. ... **Owen**



During our visit to the Australian Museum of Human Diseases at The University of New South Wales we got to see real specimens of healthy and diseased organs. We learnt about different infectious and non-infectious diseases from the past and the present, the causes of these diseases and how they are cured. We saw about 3000 specimens of human organs affected by different diseases. It was very informative and fun. ...**Kayla**



The Human Diseases Museum excursion for Science at the UNSW was a thrilling and a fun way to learn about human diseases. With around 3000 specimens and 2500 on display we learnt so much more than we would have in a classroom. The teachers and volunteers at the museum guided us through the museum as we completed our worksheet. It was educational and very enjoyable. ... **Muskan**

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

As Term 2 comes to an end students of Quakers Hill High School have not failed to impress the English Staff. This week Year 8 submitted their E-zines on a social issue of their choice. Their E-zines are eye-catching and thought-provoking. Students of Year 8 have demonstrated that they are passionate, critical thinking and tech-savvy young individuals.

Students of Year 10 have also made an outstanding impression on the English Staff with their submissions of their Visual Representation of a theme in *Macbeth*. We discovered that students of Year 10 are creative and innovative critical thinkers.

Year 8 and 10 will have their beautiful work displayed around the school in the near future.

We would also like to congratulate the Year 7 & 8 Debating Team for winning Round 2 of the Premier's Debating Challenge against Model Farms High School.

The English Staff of Quakers Hill High School would finally like to wish all students, parents and teachers a safe and most enjoyable holiday.

TEACHING AND LEARNING NEWS

On the 30th July student work from the Prosperitas program and the school's Project Centred Learning Program will be on display in the Hall.

HISTORY NEWS

Half of Year 7 and 8 have completed History for the year. Year 9 and 10 are working on their next assessment. The Year 10 assignment is due in the first week back and the Year 9 assignment is due week 4.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on their Principal's Awards:

Year 8 — Haoyang Cai, Ryan Harvey, Emma Hemsworth,
Alana Stephan

Year 9 — Sadeed Bajwa, Adam Coleiro, Abey Couzins





Light refreshments will be available for sale as part of Year 10 Formal Fundraising Drive.

INFORMATION FOR THE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Quakers Hill High School is once again participating in the School Vaccination Program offered by the NSW Department of Health. The Vaccination pack sent home with every year 7 student will give details of the vaccinations being offered with contact details for the NSW Department of Health if you have any questions about the vaccinations being offered. The scheduled dates for vaccinations are as follows

- Friday 27th March 2015 – Yr7, 1st Dose HPV
Yr7, dTpa
- Friday 29th May 2015 – Yr7, 2nd Dose HPV
- Friday 9th October 2015- Yr7, 3rd Dose HPV
Yr7, Varicella

Please return these forms by Friday 20th March 2015 and place in the box provided at the student window in the office. If your child is absent on the day of the vaccinations, please refer to the attached notice from NSW Health.

Maria Romerosa

Relieving Head Teacher Welfare

Year 7 Vaccination Program 2015

My child of class will
not be having the vaccination because

Signed

Parent / Guardian

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS— STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY

If you need to pick up your child early from school:

Write them out a note in the morning.

Tell your child to take the note to the office before roll call in the morning.

The office staff will issue your child with an Early Leavers Note which allows them to leave class at the nominated time.

Your child will be able to leave class at that time and will be sitting in the foyer waiting for you when you arrive.

**REMINDER—EVERY
THURSDAY ALL STUDENTS
FINISH EARLY
AT 2.30pm**

**THE QHHS UNIFORM
SHOP IS OPEN EVERY
MONDAY MORNING
FROM 8.10—9.30AM**

An Important Message for Students Enrolling in QHHS for 2016

All Year 6 students enrolling in QHHS for 2016 are required to complete a Student Interest Survey through Survey Monkey. This diagnostic tool allows our teachers to better understand the needs and interests of their future students.

To access the survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015YR6>

If you have any questions regarding the survey or the transition program at QHHS, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Melissa Lachevre

Yr 6 Transition Coordinator

Email: Melissa.lachevre@det.nsw.edu.au

The 2015 PRC Competition – Less than 2 Months to Reach the Golden 20 Book

Time is raging on and the end date for the PRC Challenge is edging ever closer. So, don't delay. Make the most of the school holidays and fill your PRC Reading Log with a rich array of interesting and irresistible books that will take you a step closer to a lip-smacking pizza feast and a mountain of awards, letters of commendation and general adulation.

The QHHS closing date for the 2015 PRC Competition is the 21st of August. That means, avid readers and dedicated scholars, that you have a little less than two months to finalise your Reading Logs, enter them on-line or present your log to Ms Lachevre.

Say 'yes' to success.

Say 'hell yeah' to recognition.

And open yourself up to an ocean of possibilities.

EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

Greetings Parents and Carers

I am sure that you would agree that effective communication between the school and home is important. One means of communication is the school newsletter 'Contact'.

We have been concerned for some time that our Contact newsletter is not as effective in communicating as we would wish. It often does not reach home, lost without trace at the bottom of a school bag and sometimes our teenagers actively prevent the school communicating with you as parents and carers.

On top of this is the notion that a paper newsletter is expensive (over \$5000 every year) and given the increasing number of parents who use email and actually prefer it, we really need to get with the times and communicate with parents electronically. Of course, a paper version would still be available for those who require it.

Be assured that we are not aiming to overflow your IN tray with school emails.

We would like to start sending out newsletters by email thus ensuring that they reach the desired destination and saving money which would be better spent on resources for your children.

Please carefully and legibly complete the following and return it to school with your child.

Lauretta Claus

Principal

February 2015

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QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL - EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

CHILD NAME: _____ YEAR: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

[illegible][illegible]

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS FOR STUDENTS

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

YEAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

MOBILE NO: _____

CARER 1 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

CARER 2 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS (IF ANY) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Student Absentee Note

Name of student _____ Year _____

Date of absence(s) _____

Reason for absence

The reason for the absence must be shown below. (Please tick the appropriate box and give details.) Note: If you prefer, you may telephone the school to explain your child's absence.

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Sickness (please give details, eg flu)

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Family reasons (please give details, eg attendance at a funeral)

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Other reason (please give details, eg attendance at a religious ceremony)

Name of parent or carer _____

Signature of parent or carer _____

Date _____



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