



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 20 May

Contact issued

Chess Competition 3-5pm

Monday 23 May

Primary Prosperitas halfway
Presentation Meeting 3.30-
5pm

**Monday 23 & Tuesday 24
May**

Year 10 Taster Lessons @
Wyndham

Wednesday 25 May

Australian History Competi-
tion
Theatresports schools chal-
lenge

**Thursday 26 to Friday 27
May**

SRC Camp

Friday 27 May

Chess Competition 3-5pm

Tuesday 31 May

U/15 Boys & Girls Giants
Cup
First Aid Course

Thursday 2 June

PULSE Choir rehearsal @
Nepean HS 1-4pm

Thursday 2 & Friday 3 June
Zone Athletics

Friday 3 June

Contact issued
Year 7 vaccinations
Chess Competition 3-5pm



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN TESTING

A huge thank you to Mrs Critchley, for her coordination and organisation of last week's NAPLAN testing. These tests are very important and provide the school with invaluable information as to how individual students are progressing in literacy and numeracy, against national benchmarks. The whole process is a logistical nightmare because of the sheer size of our Year 7 and Year 9 cohorts, but the organisation and diligence of our staff make the whole event seamless and successful. Furthermore, the tests went extremely well largely due to the excellent behaviour of our students, even more exciting was the fact that so many of Year 7 and 9 remembered to bring their calculator for their numeracy exam. It seems our students are really embracing the "M" for motivated in our SMART code. Great work.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the cooler months the school is always faced with the challenge of some students not complying with the school uniform policy because they do not have the necessary uniform items to keep them warm. All our students are expected to be in full school uniform every day. Our P&C run Uniform Shop is open every Monday from 8.10-9.30. Working parents can complete an order form and we can process the uniform request if they are unable to attend the uniform shop.

There is a Department of Education document "School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools". In this report it



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states some of the benefits of having a school uniform are:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

There are also health and safety regulations pertaining to the wearing of school uniform.

Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 (OH&S Act) the Department of Education and Training must ensure that students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on Departmental premises. The Act also requires the Department to identify any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its premises and to take steps to identify and eliminate or control such risks. School uniform requirements must take into account these requirements. Examples of where a school has a duty to require a standard of dress in the educational setting include:

- requiring students to wear appropriate footwear, eyewear or other protective clothing so as to avoid injury
- requiring students to wear a hat for outside activities when appropriate

- requiring that jewellery or other items that could, with reasonable foreseeability, cause an injury to themselves or other students are not worn.

Staff have a responsibility to report potential and actual health, safety and welfare. I hope we can continue to work with our school community to ensure all our students come to school every day, in full school uniform.

NIRIMBA LEARNING COMMUNITY

It is with great pride that I write about Quakers Hill HS' commitment and contribution to the Nirimba Learning Community. The Nirimba Learning Community comprises of the 9 local high schools in the local Blacktown area: Quakers Hill HS, Blacktown Girls and Boys HS, Mitchell HS, Evans HS, Riverstone HS, Seven Hills HS, The Hills Sports HS and Wyndham College. The learning community has been focused on the sharing of professional knowledge and expertise, through joint Staff Development Days and leadership presentations. The Learning Community is currently facilitating leadership shadowing and mentoring opportunities for future Principals and Deputy Principals. The success of this initiative will determine whether we filter the program down to aspirant teachers who are desirous of being head teachers.

Quakers Hill HS' involvement in these projects is significant and demonstrates the wealth of skill and talent we have in the teaching staff at our school. We have a number of classroom teachers who have attended our NLC Aspiring Leaders Day and are now assisting with the planning and organisation of the KLA based activities for our next Staff Development Day. Furthermore, we have numerous Head Teachers who are key members of the KLA networks and are involved in the leadership shadowing program. Mrs Mahon plays a vital role in coordinating and

facilitating many of the professional learning opportunities that the NLC provides, while Mrs Maricic has the administrative responsibility of maintaining the communication links and dissemination of information pertaining to the learning community.

So the support that our school provides to this learning community is significant and is particularly impressive when you consider the very large numbers of students our DPs, head teachers and staff have to manage, compared to many of the other high schools in the NLC. Quakers Hill HS is truly an educational powerhouse and I am proud to be principal of such a great school and wonderful staff.

Have a wonderful week.

Lauretta Claus

Principal

Tristan Hodder from Year 10 recently competed in the WAKO (World Association of Kickboxing Organisation) National Championships which he placed 1st in a number of events. He has now qualified to represent Australia at the WAKO Junior World Championships in Ireland this August.

This is an incredible opportunity for him to be on the Australian team to represent his country and compete against the best Junior Martial Artists in the world. Two years ago he also qualified and competed in Italy where he placed 3rd in the world bringing home a bronze medal for Australia.

Tristan has set up a "my cause" page for any donations to help him with the cost of airfares, accommodation, tournament fees and uniforms His my cause page can be found at www.mycause.com.au then search Tristan Hodder.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT NAPLAN

I was extremely proud of the way Year 7 & 9 students presented for their NAPLAN testing last week. Their behaviour and preparation for NAPLAN was excellent. I believe out of 520 students only 5 did not have a calculator. This in itself is outstanding. The school was able to accommodate them for the exam. There is a lot to be said about the importance of reminders as Mrs Critchley saturated them at every assembly with the same message "Don't forget your calculator".

Congratulations to Mrs Critchley, Mr Kantek and all the staff who contributed to the organisation and supervision of this year's NAPLAN.

HALF YEARLY EXAMS

Week 3 to 5 is filled with Half Yearly exams for all students. Timetables were emailed to students and placed on the school website. There are even copies available in the front office. It amazes me though that there are still some students who aren't connecting with this information and often forget to bring the necessary equipment to school.

"FAILING TO PREPARE IS PREPARING TO FAIL"

The students have been issued an assessment booklet with all assessment tasks outlined in the schedule. The Half Yearly exams contribute significantly to their Semester 1 report. If your child is absent for any assessment task or fails to submit an assignment by the due date, they are to submit an Illness and Misadventure form with the supporting documentation for the ab-

sence.

CONTRABAND AND ENERGY DRINKS

The focus of a previous PBL lesson was Contraband: What is and is not allowed at school. In this lesson students explored what is not allowed and the consequences for bringing certain banned items to school. The reason for this lesson is because there was often confusion amongst members of the school community as to what is and is not allowed. Some items such as weapons, knives, illegal substances, alcohol and nicotine are clearly not allowed at school and will attract strong consequences. Other banned items that are less widely recognised are laser pointers which are recognised by the NSW Police Weapons Act of 2009 which states "You may own a laser pointer of 1 milliwatt or less, but it is an offence in NSW to carry or use the laser pointer in a public place."

Further banned items include aerosol cans, energy drinks, steel rulers, liquid paper, chewing gum, permanent markers, chalk, water balloons, stink bombs, hoodies and tights. The mantra that we are encouraging students to go by is "**When in doubt, leave it out**". Hopefully this will help students to make more considered decisions about what is and what is not allowed to be brought to school.

Energy drinks have become an issue once again with students purchasing them from the 7-11 in the morning and arguing with staff about whether or not they are permissible. If students are caught with an 'energy drink' they will be confiscated with no further ramifications. If the drink is opened, it will be disposed of and if unopened, the parent is welcome to collect it from the school within a reasonable time frame. If the student chooses to argue about this, it will become a matter for referral, as the student is choosing not to

follow the SMART expectations by refusing a reasonable request.

Energy drinks are not safe for young people, particularly when they use them as a form of 'self-medication' for tiredness. Furthermore, they contribute to higher levels of anxiety and irritability. ***Energy drinks are not allowed at Quakers Hill High School under any circumstances.***

LOITERING AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AND IN THE STAFF CARPARK

There have been some complaints from the community about some students hanging around at the 7 Eleven. We encourage all students to make their purchase and move into the main quad instead of waiting in the street or the car park as this is unsafe. Once in, school students are not allowed to leave school grounds to go to the 7 Eleven - even if the bell has not rung to signal the beginning of the school day.

After school, students are permitted to go to the 7-11 to make a purchase but they are not allowed to loiter. Students who are catching a bus must make their purchase and move immediately to the bus bay area. Once in the bus bay area, students will not be permitted to leave and go to the 7 Eleven. Students who are being picked up by a parent are to make their purchase and move immediately to the **footpath out the front of the Tyre Shop**. Students who are walking home are to make their purchase and then walk home. Senior Executive will be resuming intermittent checks and students who do loiter will be asked to move on. Failing to follow such a request will result in a consequence including possible removal of bus passes and after school detentions.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN WEEK 5?

Wyndham Taster Days for Year 10 students will be held next Monday and Tuesday. There will be NO classes for Year 10 as their attendance is compulsory. They are to wear full school uniform and be there at 8am ready for learning. These days are an excellent way to see what is on offer and to help you make informed choices. We wish you a great couple of days.

The annual SRC Camp is on Thursday and Friday. This will be a nice way for the SRC team to unwind after exams and learn new skills. We wish them lots of team building and good weather.

Mrs B Maricic

Deputy Principal, Years 7 & 9

HISTORY FACULTY NEWS INCURSIONS

The History Faculty will be soon offering a wonderful opportunity for students to attend some educational incursions that provide valuable insights into historical events under study such as World War I & II. Please watch this space for further information. Remember incursion fees and permission notes have to be submitted promptly for a place to be reserved.

COMPETITION NEWS

QHHS would like to offer all our amazing History students the opportunity to compete in the Australian History competition coming up

on 25 May. There are prizes on offer to the winning students from each year group and students will be recognized for their achievements.

NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE 2016 - TRIUMPH OR TRAGEDY

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students. It gives students a chance to be an historian, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating their community or exploring their own roots. It emphasises and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation. Please go to the following website for more details:

www.historychallenge.org.au Closing Date: 26 August 2016

HISTORY TOPICS TERM 2

Year 7: Ancient Egypt, Ancient China

Year 8: Feudal Japan, Case Study

Year 9: Australians at War

Year 10: Changing Rights and Freedoms

Elective History: Medieval Times, History of Crime

HISTORY ASSESSMENT TASK DUE DATES – TERM 2

Year 7: Nil

Year 8: Nil

Year 9: Australians at War Research Task

Year 10: Site Study, Civil Rights Empathy Task

Elective History: Research Task, In Class Assessment

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY FACULTY WEBSITE

Welcome to the QHHS History Podcast Website!

www.tinyurl.com/zh3oe8p

Here you will find links to your assignment sheets with Podcasts that you can download and listen to help you along your way. This site is a work in progress, so keep checking back regularly for updates. Good luck!!

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club is now open. It will be held in the Library on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. This is to provide assistance to students needing help with homework activities and assessment tasks. Students will need a new permission note for 2016. Notes can be obtained in the Library at Recess or Lunch.

Times: 3:10pm - 4:10pm

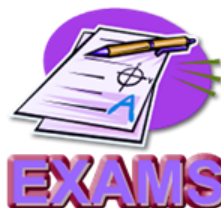
Tuesday: Mr Krilic

Wednesday: Ms Fensom

SCIENCE MATTERS

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION

The past few weeks have been busy for both staff and students with the Year 9 and 10 cohorts having completed the semester exam. Next week, Year 8 students will sit the exam on Monday 23rd May and Year 7 on Tuesday 24th May. Students in all years were provided with an examination notification which included guidelines on what they need to revise in order to prepare effectively for their Science exams. It is hoped that, together with the in-class revision done by teachers, students use the structured notification to develop summaries of the content studied this semester.



SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

It is pleasing to see students across Years 7-10 registering their interest and participating in the Science Competitions offered at the school. These include the Big Science Competition, ICAS and the National Chemistry Quiz. This week students sat the online Big Science Competition. The ICAS Science competition will take place on 31st May, followed by the National Chemistry Quiz on 21st of July. All students who participate in these competitions will receive a detailed report regarding their performance as well as a certificate that recognises their achievement later in the year.

EXCURSION- YEAR 9 DISEASE MUSEUM

As part of the *Diseases* topic studied in Year 9, students in this cohort will be provided with the opportunity to attend the Human Diseases Museum at the University of New South



Wales. This excursion allows students the opportunity to see examples of the various types of human diseases documented and how these impact on the body. They will also get to see how advancement in technology has led to many diseases being treated and in some cases even eradicated. This excursion does have a limited number of students that can attend. Per-

mission notes will be given to students outlining the excursion details, cost and what to do to secure a place in order to attend.

YEAR 7 PCL PROJECT

All Year 7 students are in various stages of completing their Project-Centred Learning task in Science on *'Our Indigenous Gardens'*. This task has allowed students to work collaboratively in a team, demonstrating their originality and creative abilities. During weeks 5-7 students will present their research and understanding of the uses of the various indigenous plants of Australia through PowerPoint presentations and informational brochures.

TEACHING AND LEARNING NEWS

Well done to Year 7 and 9 on the completion of NAPLAN. The students' behaviour was exceptional. It is always pleasing when students recognise that by behaving they support each other to do their best. The school was proud of the improvement in students who brought their calculators to the calculator exam (out of over 500 students only 8 calculators had to be lent out and 2 of those stopped working just before the exam or during the exam). No matter what the results we know that in this exam you tried your best and NAPLAN does not measure your kindness, your good manners, the things you do extra around the school or whether you are a good friend or sibling.

Coming soon - **Week 3, Term 3 Prosperitas and the Year 7 Project Centred Learning display in the school Hall.** In this display students who have created their own individual project will display their final product and the Year 7 will showcase the work they have done on Aboriginal and Torres Strait histories and cultures.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their Gold Principal's Award:

Year 8—Dylan Robinson

Year 10—Camryn Batchelor x 2, Meet Patel



CAPA NEWS

Thank you to Mr Sale for the timely and efficient hanging of the Year 9 Mural project 2015. Eryn McCullough and Alannah Montrose, who were the driving force behind the creation of the "School Landscape" paintings, stand before the newly installed paintings in H9. The students photographed the school grounds using mobile Apps to design their images



The Elective Photography classes are invited to attend the city excursion organised for the 7th June, 2016. The students will document their experiences of time, place and site through images to be exhibited in our annual exhibition. Notes have been distributed and must be returned by May 27th for students to be eligible to attend.

Year 7 are also working on their Torres Strait Islander inspired artworks in Linocut technique. These will be collaged together to form several large works to be revealed during Education Week 2016.





Year 7 S1 students holding their Abstract paintings

The students have been engaged in exploring the Elements of Design throughout Term 1. All Year 7 students have created artworks exploring the use of line, texture, tone and particularly colour. Many have also taken photographic “crops” of their paintings to create a light installation at the Visual Arts exhibition evening later this year. Curating their own “Vivid” luminous experiences!

Here are some samples...



MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to all our students that have done their Half Yearly Exams so far. Students have been well prepared with their calculators and ready to go.

Classes will be starting new topics after the exams, so it is important for students to stay motivated and continue to do their best in class.

Year 7 students have recently completed their PCL projects on the Aboriginal number system, and number systems from around the world. Some of the projects are spectacular! We encourage all parents to attend the upcoming presentation evening to see their children's amazing work. More information about the evening will be given closer to the date.

Maths trivia for the week:

- The first number to contain the letter 'a' is 1 000
- Four is the only number to have the same number of letters as its meaning
- The only number to have its letters in alphabetical order is 'forty'

CHESS

We have four teams entered in the Junior Metropolitan Schools Chess Competition this year. Students play on Friday afternoons in the school library, or drive to other local schools to play. We have some stiff competition playing against schools like Baulkham Hills, James Ruse and Girraween.

The students have a lot of fun building their chess skills, practising new strategies and meeting students from other schools. Special thanks to the teachers that drive the teams to their away games.



SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

Support Unit students continue to work hard in all subjects with many Bronze awards being achieved, plus some Silver and Gold. Congratulations to Emmanuel Seay and Linden Koster who recently received their Gold Principal's Award.

Work Ed students continue planning and researching for their upcoming Mini Market Garden. A variety of produce will be available for sale after harvest.

S1 Year 7 students are delighted to announce that their potato plants are beginning to flower which means tiny taters are starting to form under the soil! We expect to be harvesting new potatoes within a couple of weeks and leaving the rest to continue growing for another month. Students will be experimenting with a number of different potato recipes in the near future.

Parents are reminded to send in swimming notes and payments.



TAS FACULTY

Ms Ossington's Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory classes are completing their Plant Production module and have donated a variety of herbs and vegetables to the Agriculture Plot garden. They will take their remaining plants home and install them in designated garden spaces that they designed during the unit. Students have worked on researching types of culinary plants suitable for planting in areas with limited space and in correct seasonal climates.



KNOCKOUT BOYS SOFTBALL TEAM

The KO Boys Softball team showed exceptional sportsmanship to each other, the students of Plumpton High and the coaches, umpire and parents that were at the game on Tuesday afternoon. We even had parents comment on how impressed they were with the boys' behaviour and attitude. These boys were hands down the MOST RESPECTFUL team of players I have ever taken and should be commended on their success on and off the field! I was blown away!

QHHS defeated Plumpton High School 15 runs - 2 runs. Joshua Wickens didn't even let them out of the batting box in the first innings, pitching some exceptional strike balls! Blair Overton (the cricketer) took a cracker of a dive in the centre outfield to catch them out and win the game in the last innings. Harry Cavender made some outstanding plays from 3rd base when fielding as did Mitchell Tritton on 2nd base.

Congratulations to: (Year 7) - Mitchell Tritton, (Year 9) - Scott Fitzgibbon, Blair Overton, Mitchell Pugh, Shaun Tweedie, (Year 10) - Aidan Brown, Luke Papworth-Buchanan, Harry Cavender, Andrew Hazell, Adam Kenna, Josiah Roberts, Callum Seymour, Joshua Wickens

Bring on Round 2!



Ms E Barratt

UNDER 15 BOYS' BILL TURNER CUP FOOTBALL

On Monday 16 May Quakers Hill played in the 2nd round of the Bill Turner Cup Knockout Football Competition. The boys played away from home against St. Andrews College of Marayong. The game started with St. Andrews attempting to dominate possession and force some attacking play, however our boys managed to keep their shape and a formidable defensive line led by the team's captain, Brandon Parkes, thwarted any attack St. Andrews could muster.

After settling into the game the boys found their rhythm and quickly took control of the match as they gained possession of the ball and made quick transitions into attack through some excellent passing by Joel Cuthbert. The breakthrough came via some quality build up play with Caleb Senico tapping in from close range. Riley Vincent then added a second goal with a well taken shot from just inside the box that lodged in the top corner of the net. Moments later Bailey Burrows-Dukamp demonstrated great pace to break into the box down the right hand side of the field and found himself on the end of a penalty decision to which he displaced into the bottom corner. Quakers Hill were dominating and went into half time 3 goals to nil.

The 2nd half continued as the first ended. The boys were dominating the play and the opposition struggled to contain the movement from Mitchell Schubert, Bilal Kabi and Iqbal Khuras-

sani. Excellent team play allowed the boys to add 3 more goals in the 2nd half. Justin Galindez and Caleb Senico combined nicely to allow Bilal to get on the score sheet. Bilal managed to contribute another goal within the half with a well taken shot before the goal of the day was reserved for some outstanding pass and movement play down our right hand side and an a spectacular top corner finish from Sticky Iqy.

Overall an outstanding performance from the boys in which they represented the school with terrific sportsmanship and displayed great energy and enthusiasm in marching into the 3rd round of the competition. The boys will now face off against Patrician Brothers Blacktown away from home within the next 2 weeks. A fantastic result for the school.



PREPARING TO EXCEL



Applications for the 2017 QHHS GAT classes must be submitted to the QHHS Administration Office by Friday the **27th of May 2016**.

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, envelope or on a USB to the QHHS Administration Office by the 27th of May 2016.

Address these documents to:



Karen Critchley (HT Teaching & Learning)

Quakers Hill High School

70 Lalor Rd, Quakers Hill NSW 2763

**GAT
APPLICATIONS
CLOSING
SOON**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS CALL KAREN CRITCHLEY ON 98371533

PLUMBING



WHAT DOES A PLUMBER DO?
Plumbers create a healthy environment for us to live in by installing pipes to bring in fresh water and remove waste water (sewerage). They also install gas piping systems, fixtures such as Hot water systems, baths, taps and toilets. These are just a small selection of a Plumber's duties.



WHAT IS AN APPRENTICE?
An Apprentice is someone who is signed up by a host employer for a period of up to 4 years. The host employer teaches the Apprentice on-the-job training and releases the Apprentice 1 day a week for 2 ½ years to attend TAFE



HOW DO YOU OBTAIN AN APPRENTICESHIP?
You need to find an employer willing to sign you up.
The internet, local papers and calling local Plumbers are ways you could locate a prospective employer.
Friends or family could be another option.
Work experience through your school could also lead to an Apprenticeship.



WOULD YOU LIKE PLUMBING?
Most plumbing involves the outdoors and manual labour, so you need to be physically fit, enjoy working in the heat of summer or the cool of winter outdoors. Have a reasonable understanding of Maths and English.



AT MOUNT DRUITT TAFE WE OFFER:
CERT 111 COURSES IN PLUMBING & ROOF PLUMBING.
T-VET COURSES (school based)
PRE-APPRENTICESHIPS (2 ½ days per week for one Semester)



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2016 PLUMBING PRE-APPRENTICESHIP COURSE



Course concept

The Plumbing Pre-apprenticeship is aimed at young learners, with on-site and in-college tuition. The learners are taken to various building sites by bus and given on-the-job training, as well as college based learning, enrolling in the equivalent subjects as normal apprentices.

Course delivery

2 ½ days per week for 18 weeks classes commencing on Tuesday 12th July 2016.

Course details

Learners enrol in the 1st Semester of Plumbing course only, once an apprenticeship is gained the learner can re-enrol for semesters 2, 3, 4 and 5 and continue to gain a trade certificate in Plumbing.

Course costs

COURSE FEES

This is a free course (no admin charges)

Materials and Book fee is \$ 100.00

FEES are payable on the first day of class (by CHEQUE, EFTPOS, CREDIT CARD NO CASH) NO LATER

Testing and information day

Monday 20th June at 10:00am

D Block Mt Druitt TAFE

- The course will commence on Tuesday 12th of July 2016, at 8am sharp each day, and on Tuesday and Wednesday finishing at 4:45pm and on Thursday finishing at 12 noon.
- Students will learn basic plumbing and hand skills, how to follow correct Occupational Health and Safety procedures and how to work in a group environment to help them gain fulltime employment in the Plumbing Industry.
- On completion of the Pre-apprenticeship and upon the student providing evidence of gaining a fulltime apprenticeship the student is eligible to be re-enrolled into normal class streaming.
- Successful applicants will be required to pay the fees listed below on the first day of class. Also all students are required to supply their own Safety glasses, leather steel capped boots and full (boiler suit) overalls or long pants and shirt cotton drill for use in the practical workshop whilst in the College. Whilst On-site students may wear King-Gee type drill pants or shorts with a Hi-vis Fluro shirt and steel capped boots. Board shorts and track pants are unacceptable on the worksite.



Eastern Creek Public School

Proud of our past, focused on our future

Celebrating 150 years



It's our 150th birthday!



Eastern Creek Public School is celebrating 150 years in 2016. If you are an ex-pupil, staff-member or community member (past or present) please register through the school to get emails with up-to-date information as it becomes available. If you know someone who should be informed of these exciting events, encourage them to visit our school Facebook page or contact the school on: (02) 9625 8112 to obtain additional information via email. We hope to reach out to as many 'Eastern Creek Public School Families' as we can.

There are a range of events happening and we would like to invite everyone to come along and help us to celebrate this exciting milestone.

Our celebrations will commence on Saturday 15th October. This is the date 150 years to the day, of the official opening of the school in 1866. A community fete is planned for Saturday 15th October to begin our week of birthday festivities. We will have rides, entertainment, a BBQ, a display of school memorabilia and a wide range of stalls for you to enjoy. Visit our Facebook page for more details closer to this event.

On Wednesday 19th October an official assembly will be held to celebrate our wonderful achievement in Public Education. On this day there will be performances, the opening of the memorial path area, an aerial photo shoot (in the formation of the numbers 150) and the cutting of our birthday cake.

Make sure you have ordered your own paver by the 1st July, 2016 so that you too can be included in our historical path. Attached to this letter is an order form with the details needed to make sure you can have a lasting memory of your time at the school.

The birthday week will continue with an outdoor family movie night on Friday 21st October. Tickets will go on sale prior to the event.

There will also be a Celebration Dinner held on Saturday 22nd October in the Waratah Room at Rooty Hill RSL. This event will be a wonderful time to reconnect with other past pupils and staff, an opportunity to share a trip down memory lane together. Again, more details will be available closer to the date.

We warmly invite everyone to come along and join us in celebrating this exciting milestone. Don't forget to mark it on the calendar, the week beginning 15th October, 2016!

Yours sincerely,

The Eastern Creek Public School Celebration Committee

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP IN PLUMBING

SEMESTER 2, 2016 Intake

Duration: 18 weeks (20 hrs/week)

PRODUCT CODE: 162-R5099V01

COMPULSORY TESTING & INFORMATION SESSION

(Mandatory Literacy and Numeracy test)

Date: Monday 20th of June 2016

Time: 10:00am (takes approx. 1 hour)

Location: Building D, Plumbing Section

Room: D.1.01

COURSE FEES

No Admin charge

Materials and Books \$ 100.00

(Duration of the course 2 ½ days (20 hours) per week for 18 weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and ½ day Thursday)

(Classes begin on Tuesday 12th of July 2016)

Contact Peter Bowler (Plumbing Teacher) 92086466 for further information.

READING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR LIBRARY LEADERS

***Everything Everything* – Nicola Yoon**

Review by Anindita Chand (Year 10, 2016)



Everything Everything is a tale about an unlikely romance. This captivating novel by Nicola Yoon, revolves around the experiences of teenager, Maddy, who hasn't left the house in seventeen years, but desperately hopes that one day she'll see the world through her own eyes. This tale follows her journey as she helplessly falls in love with the new boy next door, Olly. This is a story of contrasts, for whilst Olly is full of life, Maddy prefers to stay invisible. As their relationship evolves, Olly reveals the world to her, a world so much greater than her cloistered existence. Maddy wants to risk it all for love, but ends up questioning whether it will be worth it. *Everything Everything* is a love story told through antibacterial wipes and a platter of risks.

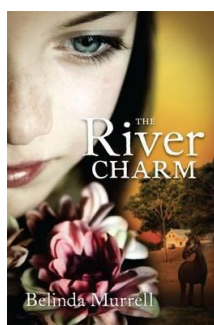
This story takes you through the life of someone who knows they will never be 'normal'. It is a page turning book that has the ability to make the reader question the normality of life. *Everything Everything* allows you to embrace the challenges inherent in life and to understand the fearlessness required to love fully in a world with unfathomable limitations.

RATING:



***The River Charm* – By Belinda Murrell**

Review by Zoe Morgan (Year 8, 2016)



The River Charm – is a first-hand account of life in the early colony. Set in the 1830's, *The River Charm* is the story of the Atkinson family and their struggle with the unpreparedness of the New South Wales colony. Charlotte tells the story her sisters, Emily and Louisa, brother, James and mother, Mrs Barton and step-father, Mr Barton and explores the challenges they endure throughout their lifetime. The family live on the Oldbury Estate, left to them by their now dead father, before their mother remarried to the abusive and violent Mr Barton. Mr Barton asserts himself as a heartless figure, he steals all of their possessions to sell and consistently takes money from the family. Eventually, the family must move out and away from Mr Barton, and so their adventure begins...

This is an engaging book with relatable characters that you discover more about with every unravelling chapter. Charlotte was my favourite character, she was warm, personable and compassionate, and through her eyes we discover a loving perspective of her family. It was a thought – provoking novel which kept you guessing at

every turn and wondering what would happen next. The book was richly descriptive and this served to draw the reader in, engaging their senses and stimulating their minds.

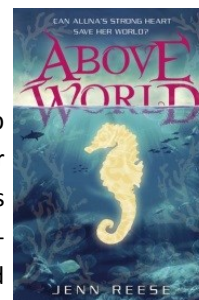
I would recommend this book to teenagers and adults who enjoy a bit of mystery, entwined with adventure and who enjoy historical fiction set in Australia. It is very intriguing, with an interesting plot and I would give it four out of five stars. I would also recommend reading other books by Belinda Murrell such as 'The Ivory Rose', 'The Forgotten Pearl' and 'The Locket of Dreams'.

RATING: ★★★★★

Above World – By Jenn Reese

Review by Sarah Branson (Year 10, 2016)

Above World by Jenn Reese is a Science Fiction and Fantasy novel that focuses on a group of humans that have moved to the sea. The main character in this book is thirteen year old Aluna, who realises the faults in their society and endeavours to change her society's views of the 'above world'. This book focuses on human flaws, our inherent destructiveness and the causes of war. This book contains great insight into personal sacrifice and how it can affect people. It also explores the concept of struggling for righteous change and how time can change the tide of understanding.



RATING: ★★★★★

Year 8, 9 & 10 Parent Teacher Night – Term 2

On Tuesday the 3rd of May, the first Year 8, 9 & 10 Parent Teacher Evening run with smooth efficiency, supported by our dedicated and self-directed student leaders, who ensured that the evening was hosted and catered for with admirable proficiency. I would like to thank the following student leaders for their contribution of their time and effort. It was most appreciated.

Taha Irfan	Camryn Batchelor	Harry Poulos
Shumaila Aroob	Sarah Branson	Sarah Thurecht
Zoe Morgan	Sehajpreet Lamba	Adam Coleiro
Rhiannon O'Neill	Rovielyn Espiritu	Sidney Walde
Lindsay Bath	Vanessa Gowans	Benjamin McDonell
Rocklin D'Cruz	Angie Groom	Alister Tupper
Maddison Latham	Vipneet Kaur	

An Important Message for Year 6 Students Enrolling in QHHS for 2017

GAT APPLICATIONS DUE SOON

If you're aspiring to be part of the Year 7 QHHS GAT Program in 2017, you will need to submit your GAT Application Form to the QHHS Front Office by Friday the 27th of May, in Week 5 of this term. Please address your envelope to Mrs Critchley and ensure that your folio of work/evidence contains photocopies of your official documents. Additional copies of the application form can be found on the school website, or can be collected from the QHHS Front Office.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING AFTERNOON

All Year 6 students that do not attend one of our partner primary schools and have received a First Round Offer of placement at QHHS for 2017 will need to attend an afternoon Diagnostic Testing Session scheduled for Tuesday the 31st of May in Week 6 of Term 2. The testing session will commence at 3:45 pm in the school Library and will conclude at 5:00 pm. The exams will provide us with invaluable data regarding your child's Literacy and Numeracy skills and will help us in formulating the most advantageous class groupings for them and in developing Teaching and Learning Programs that support their academic development in high school. Following the tests we will forward attendees a detailed summary of their performance, for your perusal and use in discussions with their tutors and/or teachers. A letter of invitation has been sent out to all candidates.

STUDENT INTEREST SURVEY

All Year 6 students enrolling in QHHS for 2017 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/2016YR6>

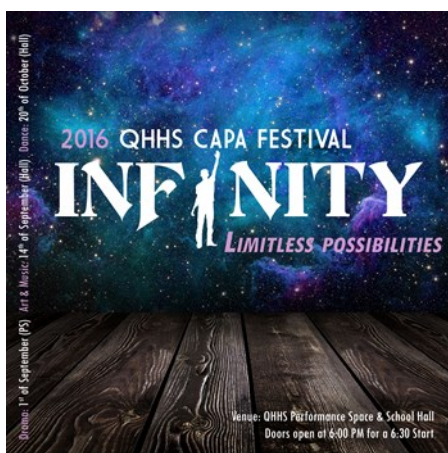
If you have any questions regarding the survey or the transition program at QHHS, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Melissa Lachevre

Yr 6 Transition Coordinator

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

INFINITY – THE 2016 CAPA FESTIVAL BEGINS



With an abundance of light footed groovers, soulful crooners and musical virtuosos, we had no choice but to give each performance style a night of their own in 2016. Our classic 'CAPA Showcase' has been transformed

into a festival spanning three nights, across two terms, with guest performances from our equally talented partner primary schools. The variety, the talent, the sheer energy and passion of our cast of artists and performers is simply out of this world.

Rehearsals have been underway for our Junior and Senior Choir, our Musical Theatre Ensemble, our Dance Ensembles and our Rock Orchestra, with Ms Tong and Ms Nicholls conducting auditions for would be vocalists and instrumentalists in Week 6.



The Key Dates In Question Are:

Drama Performance Evening

Thursday 1st of Sept

Doors open at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start

Art & Music Performance Evening

Thursday 14th of Sept

Doors open at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start

Dance Performance Evening

Thursday 20th of Oct

Doors open at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start

How Will Ticketing Work in 2016?

As we experiment with a really diverse program this year, we have reduced ticket prices to encourage the broadest patronage possible, with tickets retailing for a phenomenal \$2 each. With prices so low, we have for-gone a fixed seating system for a 'first in, best dressed' approach each night. This means that audience members that wish to sit together, will need to arrive together and that movement from the Hall or Performance Space is discouraged during the show. Ticket holders will also need to keep their tickets in a secure spot, as we will not be tracking purchases.

Ticket Order Forms can be collected from the QHHS Front Office from the start of Term 3. Payments are to be made at the QHHS Front Office and receipts and tickets will then be provided to you by Office Staff.

We encourage lovers of theatre to secure their tickets to the Drama Performance Evening as soon as sales begin, as there is limited seating and a wealth of talent.

Important Documents That Need To Be Submitted ASAP

All participants need to submit their signed Media Release Forms to Ms Lachevre in the Library ASAP or place them in the CAPA Festival Note Box located on the Library Front Desk. The forms have been distributed to all Festival participants by all ensemble facilitators. If you have not received one yet, please see your supervising teacher or collect a spare copy from the Library front desk today. An additional copy will be available on the school's Facebook account.

Mr Cole has circulated a Rock Orchestra Rehearsal Note for Term 2 this week and anticipates that all musicians will be available to commence Monday rehearsals on Monday the 23rd of May in Week 5. Additional copies of the Permission Note can be collected from the Library front desk.

Do You Know

That **The Salvation Army** at Blacktown is running a training program called **Youth Business Vision 2020** to provide students with real-life retail management work experience. If you are interested in this program, you should call or email Mark Andrews on 0429 450693 Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm or Mark.andrews@aue.salvationarmy.org



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YEAR 7 EXAM TIMETABLE TERM 2 WEEKS 3 - 5

Date	Periods 1 - 3 Go to Roll Call and get your name marked off before proceeding to your allocated B Block room	Periods 4 - 6	
Wk3 Tuesday 10 th May	NAPLAN – LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS	<i>Normal Classes</i>	
Date	Periods 1 & 2 Go to Roll Call and get your name marked off before proceeding to the quad	Periods 3 & 4 At the end of recess proceed to the quad	Periods 5 & 6 At the end of lunch proceed to the quad
Wk3 Wednesday 11 th May	NAPLAN – READING	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>
Wk3 Thursday 12 th May	NAPLAN – NUMERACY	<i>Normal Classes</i>	
Wk4 Tuesday 17 th May	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>	MATHS Exam
Wk4 Wednesday 18 th May	PDHPE Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>
Wk5 Monday 23 rd May	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>	ENGLISH Exam
Wk5 Tuesday 24 th May	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>	SCIENCE Exam
Wk5 Wednesday 25 th May	LITERACY Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>

- Student's MUST have a **doctor's certificate** if they are absent from school on the days of the exams.
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YEAR 8 EXAM TIMETABLE TERM 2 WEEKS 4 - 5

Date	Periods 1 & 2 Go to Roll Call and get your name marked off before proceeding to the quad	Periods 3 & 4 At the end of recess proceed to the quad	Periods 5 & 6 At the end of lunch proceed to the quad
Wk4 Thursday 19 th May	<i>Normal Classes</i>	ENGLISH Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>
Wk4 Friday 20 th May	<i>Normal Classes</i>	PERIOD 4 ONLY - PDHPE Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>
Wk5 Monday 23 rd May	MATHS Exam	SCIENCE Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>

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YEAR 9 EXAM TIMETABLE TERM 2 WEEKS 3 - 5

Date	Periods 1 & 2	Periods 3 & 4 At the end of recess proceed to the quad	Periods 5 & 6 At the end of lunch proceed to the quad
Wk3 Monday 9 th May	Normal Classes	PDHPE Exam	PERIOD 6 ONLY – DRAMA Exam
Date	Periods 1 - 3 Go to Roll Call and get your name marked off before proceeding to the quad	Periods 4 - 6	
Wk3 Tuesday 10 th May	NAPLAN – LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS	Normal Classes	
Date	Periods 1 & 2 Go to Roll Call and get your name marked off before proceeding to the quad	Periods 3 & 4 At the end of recess proceed to the quad	Periods 5 & 6 At the end of lunch proceed to the quad
Wk3 Wednesday 11 th May	Normal Classes	NAPLAN – READING	Normal Classes
Wk3 Thursday 12 th May	Normal Classes		NAPLAN – NUMERACY
Wk3 Friday 13 th May	Normal Classes	TAS BLOCK A Exam	Normal Classes
Wk4 Monday 16 th May	Normal Classes	MATHS Exam	Normal Classes
Wk4 Tuesday 17 th May	Normal Classes	ENGLISH Exam	Normal Classes
Wk4 Thursday 19 th May	SCIENCE Exam	Normal Classes	HISTORY Exam
Wk5 Tuesday 24 th May	Normal Classes	TAS BLOCK C Exam	Normal Classes
Wk5 Thursday 26 th May	Normal Classes	TAS BLOCK B Exam	Normal Classes

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YEAR 10 EXAM TIMETABLE V2 TERM 2 WEEKS 3 - 5

Date	Periods 1 & 2 Go to Roll Call and get your name marked off before proceeding to the quad	Periods 3 & 4 At the end of recess proceed to the quad	Periods 5 & 6 At the end of lunch proceed to the quad
Wk3 Monday 9 th May	ENGLISH Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>
Wk3 Tuesday 10 th May	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>	MATHS Exam
Wk3 Friday 13 th May	SCIENCE Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>	PDHPE Exam
Wk4 Monday 16 th May	GEOGRAPHY Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>	PERIOD 6 ONLY - DRAMA Exam
Wk4 Tuesday 17 th May	TAS BLOCK A Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>
Wk4 Friday 20 th May	HISTORY Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>	<i>Normal Classes</i>
Wk5 Thursday 26 th May	TAS BLOCK B Exam	TAS BLOCK C Exam	<i>Normal Classes</i>

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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 2016

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL - EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

CHILD NAME: _____ YEAR: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

[illegible][illegible]

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY

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

1. Write them out a note in the morning.
2. Tell your child to take the note to the office before roll call.
3. The office staff will issue your child with an Early Leavers Note which allows them to leave class at the nominated time.
4. Your child will be able to leave class at that time and will be sitting in the foyer waiting for you when you arrive.

STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE TO SCHOOL

If your child is late to school and have missed roll call, they need to go straight to the front office to be marked in late. If they are accompanied by a parent or have a note covering their lateness, they will not receive a lunchtime detention.

If your child is late to school and they do not have a note or a phone call explaining their lateness, they will be put on a lunchtime detention.

MEDICAL

Any students who is on an anaphylaxis or severe asthma plan will need to send in an updated copy of their current Action Plan from their doctor to the office.

EVERY THURSDAY ALL STUDENTS FINISH EARLY AT 2.30pm

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

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE REGULARLY

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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