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CALENDAR DATES—TERM 2, 2017

Monday 8 May	P&C Meeting @ 7pm	Thursday 8 June	Stage 4 ROSE break- fast 7.30am library
Tuesday 16 May	Fast Forward @ UWS Parramatta @ 6pm	Friday 9 June	Year 9 History Incursion
Thursday 18 May	Big Science Competition		Stage 5 ROSE break fast 7.30am library
Mon 22/Tues 23 May	Wyndham Taster Days		SRC Winter Sleepout
Wednesday 24 May	History competition		Queen's Birthday holiday
Thursday 25 May	Primary Prosperitas Mentoring Meeting 3.30-5pm	Monday 12 June	
Friday 26 May	Sydney Writer's Festi val @ Riverside Theatre	Tues 13-Fri 16 June	ICAS Writing Assess ment
Monday 29 May	Premier's Sporting Challenge	Tuesday 13 June	QCCP Day No. 2
Tuesday 30 May	OZTAG championships	Monday 19 June	P&C Meeting @ 7pm
Monday 5 June	Wyndham Subject Infor mation Evening Year 10's	Tuesday 20 June	Spelling Bee
		Thurs.22/Fri 23 June	SRC Camp
		Friday 30 June	Last day Term 2

Chess Competition every Friday
afternoon after school (alternate
home & away venues)

SPORTS CALENDAR

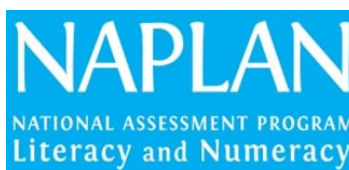
Thursday 1 & Friday 2 June—Zone Athletics Carnival
@ Blacktown Olympic Park Athletics Track

Wednesday 14 June—Sydney West Cross Country @
Eastern Creek Motorsport Park

Monday 19 June—14 Boys & Girls Futsal @ Dural

Wednesday 21 June—16 Girls Futsal @ Dural

Friday 23 June—16 Boys Futsal @ Dural



9—12 MAY

Support Unit Work
Experience—every
Tuesday during Term 2

SMART FOCUS FOR WEEKS 3 & 4: TRYING MY BEST



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

CLOSING SCHOOL GATES

I would like to thank staff and parents for all of your assistance with the closure of the school gates of an afternoon. Thus far it has run very smoothly and there seem to be less issues with student movement around the school.

TERM 2 LITERACY FOCUS

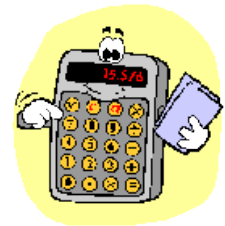
As part of our ongoing commitment to improving literacy and numeracy, we will be moving to a roll call literacy focus in Term 2. Year 7 & 8 students will be focussing on reading for increased understanding, working out the meaning of words in context and 'here, hidden, head' questions. Year 9 will focus on writing TEEL paragraphs and Year 10 will focus on skills for Stage 6.

POSITIVE DATA

Over 600 students went through Term 1 without receiving a single negative referral. Those students attended on time, in uniform and followed the SMART values each and every day. In recognition of their efforts each of those 600 students will be receiving a merit award.

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday to Thursday. All NAPLAN tests are in the morning. Catch up day is Friday for any missed NAPLAN exams. What do you need to bring—a few pens, a pencil, a sharpener, an eraser and a CALCULATOR for the calculator section.



EXAM EXPECTATIONS

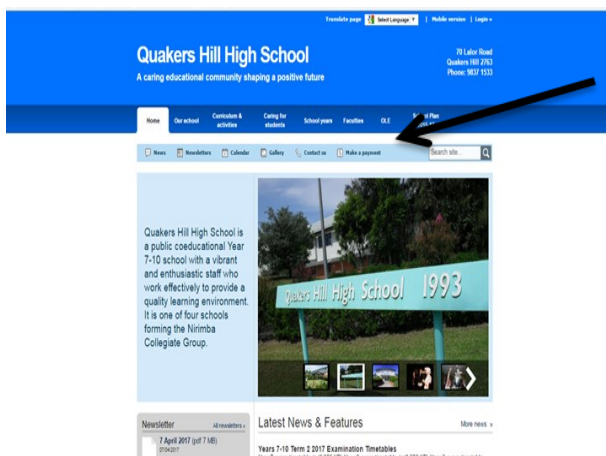
TIPS

- Ensure you have a plan on how to approach the exam and which questions you will first.
- Take note of how much each question is worth and use this as a guide for the depth of your response and the time to spend on that question.
- Read each question very carefully underlining the key words and ask yourself what the question is really asking.
- Take the time to brainstorm ideas for essay and jot down a plan before you start. If you become stuck on a question or experience a "mental blank" put a mark next to it, leave it and come back to it later as something in the rest of the exam might give you a clue.
- When you finish, go back and check all of your answers looking for any mistakes or incomplete answers. Ensure nothing is left blank as when you make a guess your answer may be correct.

EXAM RULES

It is important to:

- Write and stop writing when instructed to do so.
- Behave in a way that does not disturb others that includes not to communicate with others.
- Behave in a polite and courteous manner toward supervisors which include invigilators that we have employed and other students.
- Be aware that silly or insulting answers or a non-serious attempt may involve your paper being cancelled.



FEES

There are some families that have fees still owing. Please understand with some subject that consumables are used so we encourage you to make payments for these. You can go to our school's website and make a payment online. See below.

UNIFORM

As the weather gets colder and students increasingly try to wear non-uniform items it is a good time to remind parents that hoodies are completely banned at QHHS. If your child's jumper or jacket cannot be worn for a short term (day or so) reason please do not send them in a hoodie as it will be requested from them. Send them (with a note) wearing a blue jumper or pullover. Students are able to borrow clean school jumpers/pullovers from the welfare staffroom.

NUMERACY TEAM RESULTS

In Term 1 the Numeracy team at Quakers Hill High School implemented lesson in Roll calls that targeted areas of weakness for our students. Students in Years 7 and 8 were taught skills relating to Number Theory, and students in Years 9 and 10 where taught skills in regards to Area. At the beginning of Term 1, students completed a pre-test which they re-sat at the end of the term. All year groups displayed a significant improvement in their averages, the value added for each year group is listed below:

GRADE	PRE-TEST AVERAGE SCORE	POST-TEST AVERAGE SCORE	VALUE + OR -
7	46%	59%	+13
8	53%	65%	+12
9	48%	55%	+7
10	63%	68%	+5

Well done to all the students who contributed to these results, and a big thank you to all staff members that prepared and presented the lessons.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING FOR 2018

All Year 6 students enrolling at QHHS for 2018 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/2017Yr6>. If you have any questions regarding the survey or the transition program at QHHS, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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