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25 MAY 2018 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 2 2018

Friday 25 May	Chess competition HYPE Program	Friday 1 June	Chess competition HYPE Program
Monday 28 May	Geography competition	Friday 8 June	Year 10 History Incursion
Tuesday 29 May	ICAS Science Year 6 diagnostic testing 3.45-5pm		Chess Competition HYPE Program Contact issued
Wednesday 30 May	Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Evening 7pm Debating against Colo High @ 9.30am	Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 31 May	Reconciliation Day Year 10 Subject Taster Day Primary Prosperitas half way presentation afternoon 3.30-5pm	Wednesday 13 June	ICAS Spelling Stage 4 ROSE b'fast
		Thursday 14 June	ICAS Writing Stage 5 ROSE b'fast
		Friday 15 June	Year 9 History Incursion Food Technology Taste excursion HYPE Program Chess Competition
		Monday 18 June	P&C Meeting Wyndham MADD Night rehearsal SRC Camp

SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday 31 May—Girls Schools Cup Netball
Friday 1 June—Open Girls Netball Game
Tuesday 5 June—Bill Turner Cup Round 3
Thursday 7 & Friday 8 June—Zone Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 13 June—Sydney West Cross Country



SMART FOCUS FOR WEEKS 5 & 6: Being an active learner

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It may only be Week 4 but the term has already been jam-packed with a number of significant events occurring.

MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

The students demonstrated outstanding behaviour in the hall examinations with our invigilators commenting on how well organised and well behaved the vast majority of the students have been. Now that the main examination period is over, the focus will be on marking the papers and from there collating the grades and beginning to undertake report writing. In order to continue to ensure our strong focus on quality teaching and assessing most faculties spend several afternoons pilot marking with a particular focus on the extended responses. Pilot marking is where the whole faculty mark several of the exams and extended responses together before they split up to mark individually. Pilot marking means that we can ensure a consistent approach and confidently state that an A at Quakers Hill High School is the same as an A at any of the schools across the Nirimba Collegiate and indeed across NSW. Pilot marking is also excellent professional development for all staff and we often engage in pilot marking exercises with other schools in the collegiate and the Nirimba Learning Community. Once this process is completed, staff will be writing the mid-year reports.

BEHAVIOUR REMINDERS

We have had three phone calls in the last month from concerned members of the public regarding some unsafe or anti-social student behaviour in the community.

- students who catch the 6540 and get off near Marayong Primary School are crossing the road and causing cars to swerve or slow down to avoid them. Students who alight here are reminded to cross at the lights.
- Please join with us in continuing to remind students that they are not to loiter in the 7-11 carpark but that they are to make their purchases and then to move towards home immediately.

With regard to anti-social behaviour students are reminded that when they are in uniform they are representing the school and are very easily identified. Students who do behave in an anti-social manner are usually identified and this has led to some very serious consequences. We expect all students to follow the **SMART** code at all times – whether they are at school or not and we encourage all students to remember that they are always representing themselves, their families and their school.

TERM 2 UNIFORM

A recent Facebook post about the need to wear full school uniform caused quite a lot of commentary. Quakers Hill HS is a uniform school and very few students on any given day are out of uniform which adds to the overall attractiveness of the school but also reinforces our stance on safety. It is very rare that we have an intruder on our school grounds but when we do, we are able to identify them immediately due to our students wearing uniform. Hoodies are a specifically banned item also due to safety. Hoodies are not only banned at QHHS but there are many public places where people are requested to remove them for safety and security reasons. We do not want students to be cold hence the option to wear a clean piece of warm clothing. No child is

asked to put on a previously worn and subsequently unwashed piece of clothing.

Dance or sports tights are also not permitted unless they are worn (on a Wednesday) under a pair of shorts. The uniform shop is open every Monday morning from 8.10am to 9.30am and extra times can be arranged upon calling the school. Finally, we do not want any student to feel excluded hence if financing a full school uniform is a problem, call the school and we will arrange student assistance for those who are in need.

VERY EXCITING NEWS!

Author Jay Kristoff is not just a New York Times best-selling author—he is literally a Literary Giant. Jay is the author of a number of best-selling novels for young adult readers, he's 6 feet and 7 inches tall and he is coming to Quakers Hill High School!

On Thursday 24th May during Periods 5 and 6, Years 9 and 10 students will attend a very special session with Jay in the school hall. Jay will be talking about his life and work as a writer, and will focus on his new book, LifeL1k3, which has been described as “part *Romeo and Juliet*, part *Terminator*, and all adrenaline”. Selected students from Years 7 and 8 will also be invited to attend.

This is a free event, and is sponsored by Jay's publisher, Allen and Unwin. Students may pre-order copies of Jay's books, which he will sign on the day. Please see Ms Ridge in the library for an order form. LifeL1k3 is \$19.99, and students may also order copies of the Illuminae Chronicles trilogy (Illuminae, Gemina, Obsidio), written with Amy Kauffman, at \$22.99 each.

We will be joined by 40 students from Riverstone HS, reporters and photographers from both the Rouse Hill Times and the Blacktown Advocate will also be covering this very exciting event.



Don't forget to like our Facebook page to get all of the latest news and updates on QHHS.

STUDENT REVIEW

Now that the Semester 1 Exams and NAPLAN are almost all done, the fun of marking and reports begins for the teaching staff. The students were told at recent assemblies that this was also a time for us to analyse the data and nominate our students for the ROSE breakfast and those that require intervention.

Students who qualify for the ROSE breakfast will receive a letter of congratulations and an invitation for the parents/carers to attend. The dates are as follow in Week 7:

Wednesday 13 June for Stage 4 Thursday 14 June for Stage 5

If students require intervention regarding behaviour, academic or attendance, they will front the Student Review team to discuss necessary sanctions to improve on some or all of these areas.

FEES

Fee reminders will be coming home via students in the next fortnight. We encourage the fees to be paid in full before the end of Semester 1. If families are experiencing financial difficulty and would like to discuss a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Maricic for Years 7 & 9, Mrs Naicker for Years 8 & 10 or Mrs Mahon, the Relieving Principal.

YEAR 10 SUBJECT TASTER DAY

As part of the transition process into Year 11 2019, Year 10 students will be attending Wyndham College to experience a snapshot of what Year 11 may look like for 2019.

Attendance is compulsory for all students, even if your child is not sure of what they may be doing in 2019. Your child has been issued with an individual, six period timetable, based on the online selections they made over the past four weeks. Every effort has been made for each child to be issued the subjects they selected but in some rare instances some students could not be accommodated. If there are any issues before or during the day, please feel free to see either Mr Hutton (Quakers Hill High School, Careers Adviser) or Mr Dummett (Nirimba Collegiate Deputy Principal).

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and we fully expect this to be another highly successful component of your child's transition.

Mr Dummett, Collegiate Deputy Principal

GOLD PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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

Year 8—Casey Arena, Ramya Krishnan, Erika Ukkonen, Leah Woods

Year 9—Adam Cooper

Year 10—Dylan Sharma

**Ms Rebecca Mahon
Principal (Relieving)**





KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

INTRODUCING...

Dr. Nasim Ahmed, MBBS, FRNZCGP, FRACGP

Dr. Ahmed graduated from Chittagong Medical College, Bangladesh and soon after moved to New Zealand where she completed her internship, relocating to Australia this year. Dr. Ahmed is very focused on continuity of care for the patient, their family and the community as a whole and is interested in all aspects of family practice, mental health, paediatric medicine and women's health. Dr. Ahmed speaks Bengali and Hindi

*To make an appointment with Dr. Ahmed, go online at kildaremedical.com.au,
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