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9 September 2022 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 3 2022

Friday 9 Sept	Year 11 Yearly Examination period, Farm Crew, Drama Club
Mon 12 Sept	Year 11 Examination period, P&C Meeting, Tell them from me Year 10
Tue. 13 Sept	Year 11 Examination period, Work experience & community access support unit, Debating Club, Farm Crew, Homework Club, Code club.
Wed 14 Sept	Year 11 Examination period, Support Swim School, Homework club
Thurs. 15 Sept.	Year 11 Examination period, QCCP Excursion Brewongle Dharug Experience, Textiles & Design Club, Caring for Community Project
Friday 16 Sept.	Year 11 Yearly Examination period, QCCP Connecting with the community program, Farm Crew, Drama Club
Mon 19 Sept.	Year 12 Excursion State Library, Tell them from me Year 11
Tues 20 Sept.	Support Unit Work experience & Community access, Debating Club, CAPA Showcase, Farm Crew, Homework Club, Code club
Wed 21 Sept	Support Swim School, Homework Club
Thurs 22 Sept.	Caring for Community Project, Textiles & Design Club, Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
Friday 23 Sept.	Farm Crew, Drama Club

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY
MONDAY 8.10AM—9.30AM AND
WEDNESDAYS 2.45PM—3.45PM**



SMART Focus for Weeks 7 & 8: Completing tasks on time

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers,

Last week we sent an email to all parents, carers and students acknowledging some communication challenges and glitches. Following some feedback from our community, we realised that a technical issue with the Sentral Parent Portal meant our regular communications were not visible. They had been uploaded correctly but not accessible on the Portal. This issue has now been addressed, and our technology team has endeavoured to update the school website with archived copies of all recent communications. These can be found under the "newsletter" tab. I have also requested that each newsletter or important communication to our community is emailed *and* made available on the Sentral Parent Portal. We encourage Portal use as much as possible, as it is a great way to assist our two-way communication about attendance, school reports, newsletters, etc. while also understanding that email is the preferred method for many to receive communications.

This issue has highlighted the value and importance of community feedback to help us improve our processes. Besides our current communications platforms such as newsletters, our website, Facebook, Instagram and Sentral, I encourage parents and carers to reach out and share questions, queries, or concerns via phone through the front office or by email if more convenient. If you ever want to make an appointment to speak with me directly, I welcome the opportunity to connect with our community and discuss how to support our students and make our great school even better. Another great way to connect is through attendance at P&C meetings. Our next meeting is Monday 12 Sept on site from 6.30pm for a chat and some light refreshments, then 7pm for the actual meeting. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Jason White
Principal

Attendance Matters

Based on the ongoing articles, parents would be aware that attendance is a very strong focus for us as a school and indeed it is one of our focus areas in our strategic improvement plan. Our goal is to have as many students as possible attending over 90% of the time. There are various ways and means that we use to encourage students to attend regularly and we have definitely seen an improvement this semester.

One of the key ways in which parents can support our attendance targets is by ensuring that you provide an explanation for any student absence. [There are multiple ways that you can do this and the most popular seems to be responding to the absence SMS that is sent each morning at approximately 10 AM.](#) If you know that your child is going to be away you can contact the school office the day before and the projected absence can be entered into the system, if you know that your child is going to be absent for a protracted period of time it is important that you contact us so that we can work with you in applying for an exemption for that period of time.

Every week 3 and week 8, Mr Dacey and Mrs Mahon undertake an attendance data harvest to examine the numbers of unexplained absences. The list of students with unexplained absences are sent to roll call teachers who will make contact with parents, in the spirit of healthy competition we will be running 'An attendance matters' competition as outlined below. The focus is on being the roll call class with the least unexplained absences.

To further encourage improved attendance we are moving to recognising 100% attendance for each fortnight rather than just each term, this will be entered as a positive referral and students who have 100% attendance for the term will receive a bronze certificate in recognition and appreciation of their high level attendance.

So far we have 147 students who have 100% attendance for Term 3 and 470 (55%) students who have over 90% attendance for Term 3. Lets see if we can get those percentages even higher for Term 4.



QHHS ATTENDANCE MATTERS COMPETITION

Which roll call will win?



For the rest of Term 3 and for Term 4 we are running a whole school competition on explaining absence. If you are absent ensure you bring a note or that your parent responds to the SMS, calls the school or emails to let the school know of the reason for your absence. The roll call with the least unexplained absences will win a pizza lunch at the beginning of Term 4.

LET THE BATTLE FOR BEST ROLL CALL BEGIN!!

Year 12 Graduation Assembly

The final days of our first cohort of Year 12 in many years are winding down and it is with a mixture of excitement (for them) and sadness (for us) that we engage with this wonderful group of young people over their last couple of weeks of secondary education. Parents are reminded that we need firm RSVP's to the year 12 graduation assembly as this is a catered event. RSVP's are due back to the school on Monday the 12th of September. Students are not required to wear school uniform for the graduation rather they are able to wear smart casual clothing that is in keeping with the significance of the event. Students will be graduating in school graduation gowns. Students will be allowed to sign out at recess on the day of the graduation assembly.

7-10 Parent/Teacher Night

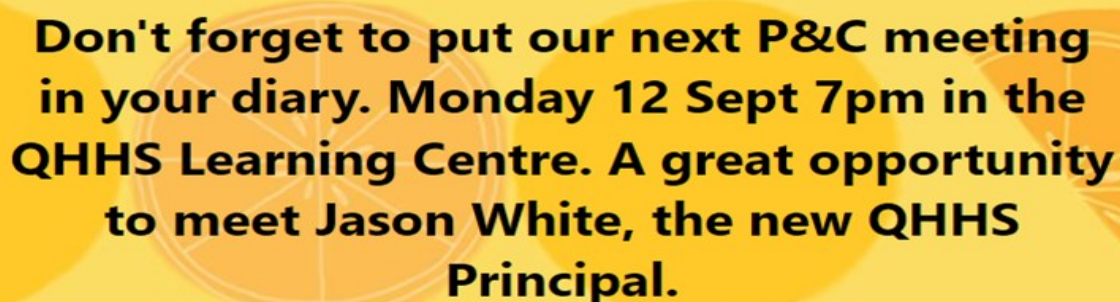
Our 7-10 Parent/ Teacher meetings will be held in person on 13th October, 2022. Bookings will open at 3.30 and conclude at 6.30. All bookings can be made online on the Sentral Portal and will be opened to parents in Week 9.

Year 7 and 11, 2023

Our numbers for Year 7 2023 are continuing to grow and we are very excited to announce that we will be holding a camp in March. Year 11 students will also be attending this camp as it will provide an opportunity for them to undertake the Year 11 Life Ready program. Information letters are being emailed out to all year seven parents for 2023 as we appreciate that the camp is a significant cost. If you do not receive any information about this, please contact the school.

P and C for Monday

The QHHS P and C comprises a small and dedicated team of people who are committed to our school continuing to be a provider of quality comprehensive education in a local community setting. The time required to be part of this com-



Don't forget to put our next P&C meeting in your diary. Monday 12 Sept 7pm in the QHHS Learning Centre. A great opportunity to meet Jason White, the new QHHS Principal.

A few bits and pieces

Year 8 subject selection is going along well with all students completing their selections in a swift timeframe. The initial selections will be published in due course once we have made some determinations around which subjects can run. These decisions are based on numbers and Mr Head works very hard with all students to support them getting their initial choices.

Year 11 Examinations are well underway and students are adapting to the challenges of having a concentrated examination timeframe. Examination weeks are always challenging for students (and for staff with all the demands of marking and provision of feedback) however this is excellent practice.

BELL TIMES - 2022

TUES THURS FRI	ROLL	8.45	8.55	10'
	1	8.55	9.55	60'
	2	9.55	10.55	60'
	RECESS	10.55	11.25	30'
	3	11.25	12.25	60'
	4	12.25	1.25	60'
	LUNCH	1.25	1.55	30'
	5	1.55	2.55	60'

MONDAY	ROLL	8.45	9.05	20'
	1	9.05	10.05	60'
	2	10.05	11.05	60'
	RECESS	11.05	11.35	30'
	3	11.35	12.35	60'
	ASSEMBLY	12.35	1.20	45'
	LUNCH	1.20	1.50	30'
	5	1.50	2.50	60'

WEDNESDAY	ROLL	8.45	9.05	20'
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	RECESS	10.05	10.35	30'
	2	10.35	11.30	55'
	3	11.30	12.25	55'
	LUNCH	12.25	12.55	30'
	4	12.55	1.50	55'
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BELL SIGNALS SYSTEM

There are various bell signals which tell students and staff what to do.

SINGLE RING indicates the start of the day, end of lessons or breaks and the end of the day.

TWO RINGS indicate an assembly in the quadrangle has been called. All students and staff should assemble in the quad as quickly as possible.

THREE RINGS indicate that the oval is closed due to extreme heat or rain. Undercover walkways become in-bounds for that break.

WHOOPEE SOUND indicates that an evacuation is necessary. Students and staff must evacuate the buildings and assemble on the oval.

DOORBELL SOUND indicates a lockdown is required. All students and staff must remain in the buildings, close and lock all doors and wait for the all clear (which is two rings calling everyone to the