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11 SEPTEMBER 2023 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERMS 3 & 4 2023

Monday 4 September—Friday 15 September—Year 11 exams

Mon. 11 Sept.	Newsletter issued, P&C Meeting 7pm
Tues. 12 Sept.	Prosperitas Day and Evening in Hall, QCCP Day, Debating Club, Senior Tuesday After School Farm Crew
Wed. 13 Sept.	Support Unit Swim School, Wednesday After School Farm Crew
Thurs. 14 Sept.	RUOK Day, Thursday After School Textiles & Design Club & Caring for Community Project, Year 12 QHHS Formal 6.30pm-10.45pm
Friday 15 Sept.	Friday After School Farm Crew
Tues. 19 Sept.	Year 12 Graduation rehearsal Period 1, Debating Club, Senior Tuesday After School Farm Crew, Under 16's boys rugby league panther trophy
Wed. 20 Sept.	Year 12 reports on parent portal, Wednesday After School Farm Crew
Thurs. 21 Sept.	Primary Prosperitas mentoring sessions with primary school students 8.30am—10am, Thursday After School Textiles & Design Club & Caring for Community Project, Year 12 Graduation 4pm—6pm
Friday 22 Sept.	Friday After School Farm Crew, Year 12 Picnic Day, Bumper Contact issued, last day of term for students and staff

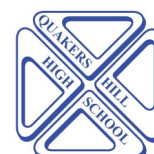
TERM 4

Monday 9 Oct.	All students and staff return for Term 4, P&C Meeting 7pm
Tues. 10 Oct.	Debating Club

Wednesday 11 October—Friday 3 November—HSC exams

Thurs. 12 Oct.	Primary Prosperitas final presentation evening 6pm-7.30pm
Tues. 17 Oct.	Debating Club
Wed. 19 Oct.	Support Unit Job Readiness Workshop

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY
MONDAY 8.10AM—9.30AM**



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF TERM EVENTS

School life is full of opportunities to celebrate student achievements. These past weeks and the coming days before the school holidays are a great example of this.

Last week our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme students and teachers spent two days in the beautiful Blue Mountains on their Bronze qualifying walk. By all accounts the first day was very chilly but with beautiful views and the second day featured glorious Spring sunshine. This week we have also had the HSC Breakfast where our TAS staff and Year 12 Hospitality students cooked a delicious hot breakfast for staff and students. What a great way to celebrate the end of their course. Hospitality in the true sense of the word!

Prosperitas was another highlight of the week, with students displaying their amazing projects and fellow students and families learning about project design and products during the day and evening. Projects included science and technology themed investigations, a cafe-style bake sale, art works, craft displays, game design, Lego, a choose your own adventure online novel, and many more. Congratulations to all the students involved and to the many teachers and families who supported them.

The coming days see more exciting events, chiefly for Year 12 with their Formal, Graduation and Picnic Day rounding out their 13 years of formal education prior to the HSC exams starting next term.

SUPPORTING THE CURRICULUM

Many of our elective courses and practical courses have fees that assist us to purchase materials, ingredients and equipment to ensure we are providing quality learning experiences for students choosing those courses. These fees are different to the annual voluntary contribution that schools seek if families are able to pay. These voluntary contributions are a very valuable way of funding items and experiences that the department does not provide.

Course fees are a separate matter and are communicated up front during the subject selection process. These fees should be part of the decision making about pattern of study in Years 9-12. However, we do understand the financial pressures families sometimes face and we are happy to discuss a payment plan to support your needs or other arrangements to assist families. Please let us know by phone or the school email address - quakershil-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

CELEBRATING OUR ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT STAFF

Last week we took the opportunity to celebrate the work of our many school administration and support staff (SASS) who are the heartbeat and engine room of our school. These roles include our office staff and managers, maintenance staff for our grounds and farm, learning support officers, library, kitchen and science assistants, technology support, students support officers, and our business manager. We are very

fortunate to have such a highly skilled and experienced team here at Quakers and we appreciate the work they do to support our students, staff and families.

Jason White
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS LAWSON-COHEN



Last Tuesday night several staff members had the opportunity to see Ms Lawson-Cohen receive one of the highest awards in NSW education: The Secretary's Award for Excellent Service to Public Education.

Over her six years as a member of the QHHS team, Ms Lawson-Cohen has run farm crew – growing it from one afternoon a week to three afternoons a week. She leads a textiles group that developed some beautiful fabric installations for Remembrance Day and for Book Week this year. She has successfully led and built Duke of Ed – giving up substantial hours of her own time to scout out walks that will meet the needs of students and the program. She has led the QCCP and Aboriginal Education programs since starting

at Quakers, she has taken a range of grade sports and developed the community service group so Duke of Ed students could build their service hours. She led the Recalibration Culture team and has been the HT Administration and HT TAS – both highly demanding jobs. Even as I was writing this article I received a text from her containing photos of the most recent Duke of Ed walk over the weekend. Everything Ms Lawson-Cohen has achieved is all in addition to teaching multiple Year 12 and other classes.

Ms Lawson- Cohen is an example to all of us - staff and students alike of servant leadership and duty. She is an example of commitment, of dedication and the power of a passionate educator to effect real, lasting, and positive change. She is an example of someone who walks their talk having voluntarily worked in some of the toughest educational environments in Australia because she believes in education. She is also an example of humility and courage.

Ms Lawson-Cohen congratulations on your award. There is no one who has served education, schools, and young people more than you.

Mrs Kerry Ellis, former P&C President and a champion of Public Education herself said it beautifully in this Facebook post: *"You are a true inspiration to many students and teachers. Your warm giving heart is bigger than the legendary Phar Lap. But best of all you are a wonderful human being so deserving of this amazing award. Your commitment to the students in your own personal time is astounding. You are a beautiful gift to this school in so many ways."*