



# The Poppet Head

Weekly newsletter of Quarry Hill Primary School  
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## Our Purpose:

To provide a creative and nurturing learning environment that enables everyone to achieve their personal best.

**Principal:** Andrew Schaeche  
**School Council President:** Loretta Kingston-Brown  
**PFA President:** Kasslea Shaw

## 2013 Term Dates

Term 2 April 15 – June 28  
 Term 3 July 15 – September 20  
 Term 4 October 7 – December 20

## IMPORTANT DATES

	Time	Details
<b>MAY</b>		
Friday 3	2.30pm 3.30pm	PFA Fair Meeting Bookclub Closes
Thursday 9	Various 3.30pm	School Photos Second Grade 5/6 Camp Instalment Due \$120.00
Friday 10	9.00am 1.45pm – 3.30pm	PFA Meeting School Cross Country
Monday 13	7.30pm	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 14 – 16	Various	NAPLAN
Friday 17	All Day	School Curriculum Day – <b>Students do not attend</b>
Thursday 23	7.00pm	Prep 2014 Information Session
Friday 24	9.00am – 11.00am 10.00am	School Open Day commencing with concert Prep 2014 Information Session
<b>JUNE</b>		
Tuesday 4 (11, 18, & 25)	Various	Gym Program Begins (Prep – 3)
Wednesday 5 (12, 19 & 26)	Various	Gym Program Begins (Grade 4-6)
Friday 7	3.30pm	Third Grade 5/6 Camp Instalment Due \$120.00
Tuesday 11	2.30pm 5.30pm	Cybersmart Presentation (Grade 4-6) Cybersmart Presentation (Parents)
Friday 28	2.30pm	End of Term 2 – Early Finish Final Grade 5/6 Camp Instalment Due \$ 130.00

## ~OUR VALUES~

### Integrity:

Being true to oneself  
 Being honest  
 Owning our choices  
 Respecting people, property & environment  
 Being Positive ambassadors for QHPS.

### Sense of Belonging:

Feeling safe  
 Being part of a community  
 Being inclusive and accepting  
 Being committed to friendliness and caring for others.

### Passion for Learning:

Being curious, inquisitive, active thinkers and engaged learners.

### ATTENDANCE:

Our whole school attendance target is 95% each week. Last week's result:-

**95.9%**

Last week's winning room: Room 6  
 Miss Coates with

**100%**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS – THURSDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

School photo envelopes were sent home today and are to be returned on the day of the photos (May 9<sup>th</sup>) with the correct money inside and handed directly to the photographer.

**Late orders cannot be accepted.**

If you require a family photo please collect a form from the office and return the family order to the office by photo day. If you have any questions please see Alice or Narelle.

Hi everyone,

### ANZAC Day Services

I have included a couple of photos of the School Captains and Vice Captains from the ANZAC Day Service in Bendigo on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>. The student laid a wreath on behalf of the school at this ceremony.



### Campaspe, Goldfields and Sandhurst Division Cross Country 2013

The Division Cross Country titles were held at the Bendigo Jockey Club last week under slightly overcast skies. Events throughout the day progressed well, with more than 2500 runners from more than 70 schools attending to compete on the day.

Students aged from 8 year old to the 12/13 year old age group competed on the day, with each age group of boys and girls divided into four separate divisions. The elite runners competed in the blue division, while red division, green division and gold division runners also competed on the day catering for students across all ability levels.

Students competed for a place at the Regional Championships in St Arnaud on Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> and a chance to progress to the State Cross Country Championships. The top 10 place getters in each blue division race now have the opportunity to go on and compete at the Regional Championships.

Quarry Hill had approximately 50 students compete in this event and we had some outstanding results this year.

**Carrisa B** finished fourth in 10 year girls (blue group) and **Audrey V** finished 6<sup>th</sup> in 12 year old (blue group) and will go onto the Regional Championship at St Arnaud to compete. Other commendable results include:

8 year old boys (blue group)

Elliot L -11<sup>th</sup>

8 year old girls (blue group)

Hannah C- 5<sup>th</sup>

Hannah W- 14<sup>th</sup>

9 year old boys (blue group)

Zane T -9<sup>th</sup>

9 year Girls (red group)

Lily B- 8<sup>th</sup>

10 year old boys (red group)

Will K -2<sup>nd</sup>

Oliver H- 5<sup>th</sup>

Will C- 6<sup>th</sup>

10 year girls (red group)

Amy H- 11<sup>th</sup>

12 year old girls (red group)

Maree W- 8<sup>th</sup>

Lily T -11<sup>th</sup>



A huge thanks to the following parents who assisted our staff members on the day: Vicki Brook, Amy Connolly, Karen Whillance and Janiene Vendy.

### Staffing news

We welcome Michelle Chng, English as an Additional Language (EAL) teacher who joins us on a short term basis to support a student with learning English.

### Book Fair

Last week the book fair raised a total of \$1809 and we are most appreciative of students and families for supporting the fair by purchasing books. I would like to acknowledge the work of Narelle Jones who organised the fair and thank Amanda Dole for assisting. As a result the school will receive approximately \$400 to purchase additional books for the school library.

## National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)."

The NAPLAN 2013 Information for Parents brochure is now available ([http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/resources/NAPLAN\\_2013\\_Parents\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf)).

## Sunsmart

From May put sun gear away.

Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones, muscles and general wellbeing. The best natural source of vitamin D is the sun's UV. From May to August when UV levels are low (below 3), we are advised to put sun hats and other sun protection gear away and ensure staff and students get some sun for vitamin D. At this time of the year, staff and students need to expose their face, arms and hands (or equivalent area of skin) to midday winter sun for 2-3 hours spread over the week. Those with naturally very dark skin may need 3-6 times this amount. Sun protection is not required at this time of year, unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow, outside for extended periods or when the UV reaches 3 and above.

We encourage all students to take their hats home at this time of year so they can be washed (if necessary) and can then be brought out again in September. I have noticed that a number of students have hats that are torn, cut or have graffiti on them. Students with damaged hats will need to replace them before September. New hats can be purchased at the office for \$10:00.

## National Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

The event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine, because children need a minimum of 60 minutes exercise per day. It also encourages parents to drive less and walk more, aiming to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars.

This year we are excited to introduce the **Walk Safely to School Day** App for Apple and Android phones. The App will allow children and parents/carers to track their kilometres travelled to and from school, time spent walking and their average walking speed.



## School Cross Country-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

All students have been practising for Cross Country and will continue to do so right up to the school event on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>. We acknowledge that not all students enjoy cross country running, however, this is a compulsory activity and we expect every child to participate to the best of their ability. We also expect that all students will be present on this day to represent their House in the school competition; this is not an opportunity to allow your child to stay at home because they do not like running!

### STUDENT ABSENCE

To comply with DEECD policy, if your child is absent from school you are required to send in a note detailing the absence on their return. Please ensure notes are handed to your child's teacher after every absence.

### Principal Awards

#### Persistence

- Hannah C (Room 2) for using her reading strategies to work out unknown words.  
Jaeyln K (Room 12A) for an excellent effort with his reading and persisting with new words.  
Charlotte ED (Room 4) for her development with her writing skills.  
Jordy L (Room 7) for learning more letters and their sounds.  
Abby C (Room 10A) for persisting in her efforts to write persuasive texts with pleasing results.

#### Confidence

- Ruby W (Room 12B) for being a much more independent learner.  
Maree W (Room 10B) for a courageous effort in her Regional Cross Country participation.

#### Passion for Learning

- Kiara D (Room 8) for working hard to improve her persuasive writing.  
Tammin S (Room 3) for her excellent recount writing about her weekend.  
Blair J (Room 9) for being a hard working enthusiastic student who always produces high quality work.  
Jacob H (Room 6) for creating wonderful colour patterns in Maths.  
George J (Room 1) for putting effort into everything he attempts.  
Audrey V (Room 10A) for being a quiet achiever who always applies herself to her learning with pleasing results.

#### Organisation

- Amelia B (Room 5) for her outstanding organisational skills in all learning areas.

## REPEAT NOTICES

### Student Attitudes to School Survey

All Grade 5 & 6 students will complete the anonymous 'Attitudes to School Survey' before May 10<sup>th</sup>. This survey is conducted every year and it is a chance for students to express their views on our school in general, their experiences in the classroom, with the teachers and other students. The information is useful for the school in planning programs and activities and to continue to improve.

### Chinese Study Tour program

It is likely that Quarry Hill along with nine other Bendigo Primary Schools will again host up to five Chinese students each (hopefully from our sister school Wencui Primary School) from approximately 14<sup>th</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> December, as we did last year in a cultural immersion program. At this stage I am seeking an expression of interest from families (preferably with a student in Grades 4-6) who might like to be involved in hosting a student for four weeks (half the study tour program) or for all eight weeks. Please let me know if you are interested or you would like more information about the home stay program and when more information becomes available I will contact families personally. I am travelling back to Suzhou Industrial Park in China in late May, early June with the other 'Team China' delegates from Bendigo. We will be working on strengthening our sister school relationships and exploring the possibility of a student study tour from Bendigo Primary Schools to China for an 8 day experience next year.

### You Can Do It

The school's You Can Do It Focus for this term is: **GETTING ALONG**

Our Habit of the Mind this fortnight is: **Thinking First**

Thought for the Fortnight : **In order to have friends, I must act in a kind way.**

This term we are concentrating our discussions around the You Can Do It foundation of Getting Along. We appreciate it when families can also take some time to discuss our fortnightly thought with their children also. Staff will be using the 'Circle Time' process to address and focus on getting along skills and strategies.



### Education Week Activities & Dates

The prospective Prep Parent Information Evening at Quarry Hill PS is on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> between 7.00pm-8:00pm. This session is then repeated on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.  
For an individual appointment, please contact Mr Andrew Schaeche, Principal.

### Whole School Open Morning

Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am with a concert in the quadrangle.

Enjoy your week!

Andrew Schaeche  
Principal

### School Environment Blog

Visit our blog <http://ourschoolenvironment.global2.vic.edu.au/>

### LOST

Paige M from Room 8 has lost her school bomber jacket. Her name is printed on the waistband. Please check your child's jackets and return to the office if found. Whilst checking your child's jacket please ensure their name is clearly marked on their jacket.

### Canberra Camp 2013 Grade 5/6

A note containing information about payment options for the Grade 5/6 camp has been sent home. For those wishing to pay in instalments please use the cut off section of the note and return money to the office by the due dates. Alternately, a deposit of \$50 was made on March 22nd and the outstanding amount of \$490 could be paid by 28th June.

Dates are as follows:

Deposit	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	\$50
Payment 1	26 <sup>th</sup> April	\$120
Payment 2	17 <sup>th</sup> May	\$120
Payment 3	7 <sup>th</sup> June	\$120
Payment 4	28 <sup>th</sup> June	\$130

If you have any questions please see your child's teacher, Alice or Narelle in the office.



### Chinese Study Tour program

We are interested in hosting a Chinese student for four or eight weeks (please circle the one that interests you) in October-December 2013.

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Children at Quarry Hill & grade level/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



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# LOST

HAVE YOU SEEN MY seal ?

**REWARD**



seal is wearing a dark name tag and He has little feet He has a black nose. And He has little eyes and He has whiskers. He has light fur.

# LOST

HAVE YOU SEEN MY Orangutan ?

**REWARD**



He has a ~~wide~~ wide nose and has wide eyes and wide in the middle of his eyes ~~and~~ and a chocolate face. My teddy has no tall and small ears and chocolate hands and feet. The bottom of his feet are wide.

### Quarry Hill Primary School is again participating in the Run Around Australia

Promotion organised by the Bendigo Marketplace Shopping Centre. Beginning Monday 15th April until Sunday 26th May 2013, customers will be awarded kilometres for dollars they spend at all stores in the centre. Customers can nominate the name of the school they wish to donate their "kilometres" to at the Customer Service Desk or in the quick drop boxes near the Service desk.

let's live better.

**RUN AROUND AUSTRALIA.**

If you need to keep your receipt the Customer service desk will stamp your receipt and hand it back to you and record your amounts.

The school that runs the furthest wins!! **First prize being \$10,000 this year.**

Currently after Week 2 we are still running 10<sup>th</sup> with 3929km. We have been allocated an extra 500 bonus points for our shoe decoration. The shoe can be viewed at the Marketplace. Thank you to Miss Wilson for arranging the artwork on this. For further information check online at [www.runaroundaustralia.com.au](http://www.runaroundaustralia.com.au)

### BOOKCLUB

Issue 3 of the Scholastic Bookclub is due in by Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Credit card payments may be made online or by phone. Please fill in all applicable forms correctly and in full. No late orders will be accepted. Many thanks Simone

### WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Thank you to all those families that have been bringing in the Earn and Learn stickers. Please continue dropping the stickers into the box located in the foyer of the office.



**PFA NEWS**

Mother's Day is around the corner, and the Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> due to school photos on Thursday and cross country on Friday.

The stall is much loved by the students as it can be the first time for many younger students that they are in charge of their present buying. They have the opportunity to pick out a special gift for mum and have that wonderful memory of being independent.

We ask if each student could please bring in a small Mother's Day donation which we will be selling at the stall for the students to buy. All presents will be \$2.00 each. Please place your donations in the basket in your child's classroom. Suggestions for donation include small toiletries, chocolates, plants, mugs, and even re gifted Christmas and birthday presents. Students are asked to bring in the correct change if possible. It is one gift per student however if you have more than one mother in your family and your child would like to purchase a gift for each mother, we ask that you donate two gifts so that every student has the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mother.

Once the student has purchased their present for mum, we will be placing it in a bag, writing their name on it and placing it back into their classroom basket to be handed out last thing in the day. This is to combat presents being lost, broken and even eaten!

**The next PFA meeting is Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am in the staffroom.**

**The next School Fair meeting is Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30 pm in the staffroom.**

Kasslea Shaw  
PFA President



**Quarry Hill Healthy Food Service  
Special Lunch Day Order Form**

**Date:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
**Lunch Item :** Cheesymite Scroll, Flavoured Milk and Apple  
**Supplier:** Scrolls from Bathlane Bakery Apples from Quin's  
**Return date:** All orders to be returned to the office by 9am Thursday morning.

**PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH**

Adult/Child ..... Room..... Grade .....

<b>Lunch Item</b>	<b>Lunch Pack</b>	<b>\$4.00 each</b>		
			CIRCLE	
<b>Includes</b>	1 x Cheesymite Scroll			
	1 x Nippy's (250ml) flavoured milk		CHOCOLATE	STRAWBERRY
	1 x Local Harcourt apple			

**Quantity** ..... **Total amount enclosed** .....

## PFA FUNDRAISING QUESTIONNAIRE

Return this questionnaire by next Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> to go into the draw to win a \$25 "Happy Mother's Day" voucher from Hairem Scarem!

The PFA would like to know which of our proposed fundraising goals are the most popular among the school community. Two of the possibilities are a rock climbing wall and a sandpit in the bushland area:



We would also welcome any other suggestions for fundraising objectives.

Please cut out the section below, rank the suggestions in order from 1 (being the most desirable) to 4, and place it in the box outside the school office. A winner will be drawn next Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm.

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### PFA Fundraising Questionnaire

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rock Climbing Wall

Bushland Sandpit

More Outdoor Seating

Other \_\_\_\_\_