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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I think you'll agree our first eNewsletter was a great success. The interactive format allows us to include much more detail and of course photos and video footage. Make sure you keep connected with us by downloading the school App and also following us on Twitter so you can catch all of the highlights from our school week!

STAFF UPDATE

Mrs Clissold will be on leave from 12 March until 23 March. Mrs Allan will be teaching 1/2C during this time. Mrs Brady will be on leave from 19 March until 29 March and Mrs Leech will once again be teaching 3B over the two week period.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

We are supporting this day of action on Friday 16 March. Children have been asked to wear the colour orange on this day and make a gold coin donation. Staff will be reinforcing the message "Bullying. No Way!" in lessons during the week prior. Each child will receive a "Bullying. No Way!" wrist band.

We will also be celebrating HARMONY DAY at QHEPS on Friday 16 March. This day highlights the importance of everyone working and living peacefully together. The theme for Harmony Day is "Racism. No Way!" It is a special day where we will be completing in class, tasks highlighting the importance of embracing cultural diversity.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographs will be taken at school on Wednesday 28 March by MSP photographers. An information sheet with payment options was sent home today. Please read the information sheet carefully for instructions around payment. Children are required to wear full summer school uniform on the day with their hair done neatly. Also please note that family photos will start at 8am in the school hall on the same day.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews this year will be on Monday 26 March and Tuesday 27 March. These meetings are a part of the QHEPS reporting to parent's process and are a very valuable opportunity to visit your child's teacher to discuss how they are progressing. The interviews will be held from 3:10pm until 7:00pm on the Monday evening and between 3:10pm and 5:00pm on the Tuesday afternoon.

You will have received a note today with a section that will need to be returned to your class teacher indicating your preference of times. The teachers will do their best to give you as close to the times that you request but unfortunately some times are very popular and go quickly. You will be given a confirmation slip indicating the time of your interviews. 1/2C and 3B interviews will be held in the last week of term. Further information will be given to these classes at a later date.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have paid their voluntary school contribution. This money supports us to purchase the much needed basic supplies such as paper, pencils, paint, glue and scissors that your children use every day. Your support with payment of this money is appreciated by every student at QHEPS!

CONGRATULATIONS

To all of our children that participated in the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival. You were an amazing group of competitors and supporters.

Michele Hedge
Principal

FROM THE DESKS OF THE DEPUTIES

THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be sitting the tests next term. The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas of:

- Writing 15 May
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) 15 May
- Reading 16 May
- Numeracy 17 May

In NSW, NAPLAN is administered by NESA.

Please note ALL tests at QHEPS will be paper this year and are not online. Only 400 schools were selected to undertake the online process in 2018.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you for your wonderful support in the Coles Sports for Schools program. When you shop at Coles supermarkets (either in-store or online), you will be able to earn vouchers for QHEPS! For every \$10 that you spend, you will receive one Sports for Schools voucher (don't forget to ask the cashier). Collection bins are located at the front office, just near the back staffroom door and at Coles, Stanhope Gardens, into which you can place your vouchers.

Every voucher received by our school will go towards our tally. QHEPS will then be able to order sports equipment to use in Physical Education lessons.

The program runs until the start of April so please start collecting now! If you are shopping at Coles online, you will receive an electronic voucher. Simply select "Quakers Hill East Public School" as the school you wish the vouchers to be allocated.

LET'S TALK ABOUT BULLYING:

The NSW Department of Education rejects all forms of bullying. All students and staff have the right to be treated fairly and with dignity in an environment free from disruption, intimidation, harassment, victimisation and discrimination.

All members of the school community contribute to preventing bullying by modelling and promoting appropriate behaviour and respectful relationships.

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons.

Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

Conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Bullying behaviour is not:

- children not getting along well
- a situation of mutual conflict
- single episodes of nastiness or random acts of aggression or intimidation.

Some useful information about bullying can be found at the following website:

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

On Friday 16 March 2018, Australian schools will stand united in their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

Here at Quakers Hill East Public School, we will be participating in NDA 2018 by conducting special lessons and activities in classrooms on this day. Our Primary students in Stage 2 and 3 will also be having a Bullying and Cyber Safety talk with Constable John Bollard.

THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY:

We are delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: The Tell Them from Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them from Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

We want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

If you do not want your child or children to participate, please indicate this in writing and send a note directly to the front office ASAP addressed to Mr Fisk.

ICAS 2018:

For the last 30 years, ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in 2018.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Year 2 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling. ICAS has also been extended to Year 2 students in English and Mathematics. More information about these new tests can be found online here:

<http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/>

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses. The UNSW certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

If you have general ICAS questions, please see Mr Fisk.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY LEAVERS:

Parents are reminded that if children arrive late to school (i.e. once children have left the assembly area) they are required to come to the office for a late note.

Also, those parents needing to collect children early will need to collect an early leaver note at the office before collecting their child from the classroom.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL MUST SIGN IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE.



K-6 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE:

Information regarding the 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge has been sent home today. Below is a summary of the challenge.

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative of the NSW State government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a

challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Who can enter the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. Participation by schools and students is voluntary. A child is considered a student once she/he is enrolled in a school or registered as a home schooled student with the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) or granted an exemption from registration.

When does the PRC start and finish?

The 2018 Challenge kicks off Monday 5 March and closes Friday 31 August (midnight) for students.

For PRC related questions, please first see Mrs Sparks or Mrs Pearse in the library.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend!

Sharon Crowley & Scott Fisk
Deputy Principals

OUT & ABOUT @ QHEPS

NEWS FROM 2R

2R have been enjoying learning about living things in Science this term. The students planted sunflower seeds and have been watering them each day, eagerly waiting for them to grow. Angelina and Harman's seeds were the first to sprout. This week they observed earthworms and Mrs Inns shared her knowledge about worms with the class. On Friday 2R helped clean up the school for Clean Up Australia Day. They filled three bags with rubbish from the bush area near our classroom!

Mrs Reardon



RIDGES ZONE 2018 - SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

On Friday, March 2, 32 students from Quakers Hill East attended the Ridges zone swimming carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Eleven schools competed at the event including Ironbark Ridge, John Palmer, Kellyville Ridge, Kenthurst, Oakville, Parklea, Riverbank, Riverstone, Rouse Hill and Schofields.

The behaviour and enthusiasm of all members of our squad was outstanding and our team's cheering was certainly the best on the day. A big thank you to all of the parents and



grandparents who provided transport and vocal support on the day. Your assistance and support is always appreciated.

All of our swimmers performed exceedingly well, with many achieving personal bests. Caleb Yago came first in all of his events and, as a result, is the Ridges Senior Boys Champion. The following students will progress to the Sydney West Carnival at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre, Homebush on Tuesday, March 13.

Student	Event(s)
Caleb Yago	100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly, Individual Medley
Mikaela Llave	50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly
Georgie Head	Junior Girls' Relay
Mia Shore	Junior Girls' Relay
Matilda Olson	Junior Girls' Relay
Alice Edenborough	Junior Girls' Relay

Congratulations to all of the above students. Thanks also to Mrs Hedge, Mr Fisk and Miss Baker for their roles as time keepers and check starter.

Thank you,

Lynda Talintyre
Carnival Coordinator

AWARD WINNERS

Weekly Class Award Winners - Term 1 Weeks 4 & 5

KAR - Cooper, Gunita, Christian, Vennie
KB - Maya, Marcus, Sophia, Mohan
KD - Sophia, Ishaan, Bethaney, Anwesh
KG - Isla, Aiden, Beau, Chantelle
KT - Neave, Eryk, Milica, Ryker
1D - Aanya, Carlijn, Ethan, Zoya
1J - Jashan, Akshadha, Jessica, Leonardo
1P - Nikisha, Travis, Kriti, Hayden
1R - Gemma, Alexander, Ben, Shivani
1/2C - Makayla, Aarav, Aanav, Matilda
2G - Khushi, Murtaza, Chace, Reejh
2P - Darshil, Lauren, Shuban, Abbi
2R - Kiran, Harman, Angelina, Ayaan
2W - Jasreet, Nirav, Liyana, Prabhav
3B - Aarna, Isaac, Jake, Ayush
3C - Anabya, Sathini, Lucus, Shea
3G - Linda, Olivia, Allegra, Ava
3K - Joshua, Bella, Alexis, Alwin
4H - Vera, Jasmine, Natalie, Lincoln
4N - Joshua, Isabella, Saahil, James
4S - Amber, Landon, Rachel, Matthew
5B - Olivia, Ryder, Christina, Ramia
5C - Isabelle, Trish, Koby, Gracie

5JT - Stephanie, Carson, Cooper, Ella
5Q - Riley, Charliese, Archie, Julia
6B - Mankeerat, Matthew, Justice, Fatima
6T - Asena, Yenuki, Katie, Justin
6W - Shaian, Ebonie, Jordi, Daniella

Citizens of the Week – Weeks 4 & 5

K-6

Sofia V (1P), Bella Z (1/2C)
Zoya S (3K), Rohan S (5C)

Be Your Best Winners – Week 4 & 5

K-6

Jane J (KAR), Eliana B (KG)
Eknoor S (3G), Stevie-Marie P (6W)

PSSA REPORT

T-BALL- Juniors/SOFTBALL – Seniors

Week 4

The T-Ball and Softball teams played Rouse Hill Public School.

The T-Ball team lost 15-13. The player of the match was Vera O.

The Softball team drew 9-9. The player of the match was Katie W.

NRL OZ-TAG

Week 4

The Oz-Tag teams played Kellyville Ridge Public School.

The junior team lost 10-6 and the senior team won 8-7.

The players of the match were Georgie H for the juniors and Tyson G for the seniors.

PAYMENT REMINDERS

Stage 3 Camp – April 4 – 6 – Milson Island

Final payments for camp **must be made by Thursday 15 March**.

Stage 1 Excursion – Tuesday 8 May – to The Riverside Theatre Parramatta

Permission slip and payment of \$31.50 due into the office no later than Thursday 29 March 2018. Please note that, as we have to pay in advance for tickets, there can be no refunds.

Bookpack Fees

It would be appreciated if all bookpacks could be paid for as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your note, spares are available at the office or can be downloaded from the website and school app.

LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

PRC starts this week Monday, March 5.

Students will be encouraged to borrow PRC books in Library lessons. All students will be shown how to, and will be given the opportunity to, log the books they have read directly on the PRC site.

K-2 students need to read 30 books to complete the Challenge. Students will have the support of the Librarian and classroom teachers in order to complete this Challenge.

Years 3-6 students need to read 20 books to complete the Challenge. They will be given the opportunity in Library lessons to borrow, read and log their books. Please support your children in this Challenge by encouraging them to read Premier's Reading Challenge books at home.

For more details please visit:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

You will need your child's DET username and password.

Mrs Claire Pearse
Relieving Teacher Librarian

P&C NEWS

WORKING BEE

If you have any free time this Friday 9 March, from 3:30pm onwards, you are welcome to come along and help with our gardening working bee. Please bring your tools and gloves with you. Our aim is to revamp the school's front garden.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

The uniform shop second hand stall is now held on the **third Tuesday of each month at 2:30pm** during school terms.

The next stall will be held on Tuesday 20 March. Come along and pick up a bargain.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note:

If you are ordering a Meal Deal for your child, this will all be provided at lunchtime only and **cannot be split up over recess or fruit break.**

If you are ordering something which requires a spoon, a spoon will be included with the order. Children requiring additional spoons, or a spoon to eat food that was not purchased from the canteen will be provided with one for the cost of 10c.

UNIFORM ORDERS

All purchasing of NEW school uniforms must now be done online through Flexischools. The Uniform Shop will be open each week:

Mondays – 2:45pm – 3:15pm (approx)

Fridays – 8:45am – 9:15am (approx)

These opening times are only for trying on clothes and exchanging items (which must still have their tags attached)

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

We are pleased and excited to inform you that we'll be producing a new eNewsletter with Schoolzine. The move to this new format will enable us to communicate with the school community across multiple channels. It will promote and enhance our engagement with parents, students and the wider community.

We believe you'll find the eNewsletter highly engaging, as it will provide us with a more efficient and effective means of connecting with you. The new format will allow the inclusion of video, photo galleries, online bookings, mobile app, feedback forms, calendars and so much more.

The newsletter also has a sponsorship section which provides a great opportunity for local businesses to engage with our parent community. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact Schoolzine.

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