



NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

Date	Event
06/11/17	Drama Night
08/11/17	P&C Crazy Hair Day
13/11/17	Drama Night 2
15/11/17	P&C Meeting @ 9.30am
16/11/17	Dental Screening

School Banking each Wednesday
Uniform Shop each Monday (8:45am to 10am)

From the Principal



Quakers Hill not only serves to improve student learning outcomes and academic success, which is a given and evident through all external assessment results, but our beautiful school is also about providing for the well-being of the whole child. We as a staff and a community are committed to ensuring that each child's emotional intelligence and resilience are also catered for. What this means for our students is that when things don't always go according to plan or when they feel down, they can bounce back and continue to be the happy, altruistic individuals that they are. It means that our kiddies will be able to face life's challenges with strength of character and a positive outlook. We are committed to ensuring that our students enjoy coming to school and that they

enjoy learning.

Our core belief is that our school is built on innovation, excellence and success. This belief is evident in all that we do and achieve in every single classroom and across curricular and extra-curricular activities. The innovation, excellence, success was evident this year in terms of academic excellence through our outstanding NAPLAN and university test results and demonstrated by 65% of the Year 6 students who sat the selective high schools test being success in gaining entry in to selective high schools and that 14 our Year 4 students gaining entry into opportunity classes. These are amazing results by an amazing school by any measure.

Staff Development Day Term 4, 2017 – Friday 15 December is the last day of school for students. Please make alternative arrangements for your child(ren).

Parent Helper Morning Tea 2017



Our annual parent helper morning tea will be held on Friday 8 December. On this day the staff at Quakers Hill PS will host a special morning tea to thank all those parents, grandparents and carers who so freely give up their time to assist with the many programs and activities happening across the school. I look forward to sharing a cuppa with all of our wonderful parent helpers and personally saying thank you for supporting us in the provision of the quality education that our children receive.

Celebration of Excellence



This year’s celebration of excellence assembly will be held on Friday 8 December. Together our school community will celebrate the many successes and achievements of not only those students who will receive awards, but the achievements of all students who have worked so

wonderfully ensuring that 2017.

2017 was not just an outstanding year, but a magnificent one for Quakers Hill Public school and our students. It was a year filled with exciting achievements in the academic area, in the sporting arena, in the area of the performing arts and in leadership. I would encourage all mums and dads to join us on the day and help to acknowledge and celebrate what was a truly and educationally rich year.

Year 6 Farewell 2017



This year’s Year 6 Farewell will be held at Lily’s Function Centre on Wednesday 6th December 2017. Arrival time for the farewell is 6pm, with dinner commencing at 6.30pm. Mums & Dads/Caregivers may attend from 8:45pm for the official Ceremony. The evening will conclude at 9.45pm

Principal’s Recognition

T20 Bash Cricket Competition



Congratulations to the senior boy’s cricket team who participated in the Sydney West T20 cricket bash. Our talented young cricketers payed with great skill, enthusiasm and sportsmanship to once again take out the competition for a second straight year. A marvelous achievement for a hugely talented group of individuals playing as a well-oiled team.

The team will now defend their crown as state champions at STATE level. Congratulations on a wonderful achievement. We wish our boys the very best of luck.

Kindergarten EXPO



Congratulations to Ms Vidler and her team on a wonderfully organised and hugely successful Kindergarten transition program and Kindergarten Expo.

BLC PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



Well done to our stage 2 public Speaking reps Kashish and Aaron who competed on Wednesday in the BLC Public Speaking Competition. Huge congratulations to Kashish on winning the competition! We are so proud of you.

November’s core value is CARE - Concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

Bert Lo Campo - Principal

BLC Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 November, four of our public speaking finalists represented Quakers Hill Public School with great pride, participating in the annual *Blacktown Learning Community Public Speaking Competition*. Such topics selected were, ‘My day 100 years from now’ and ‘Parents don’t understand how tough it is to be a kid these days’.

All four finalists performed spectacularly, with Kashish Narayanan beating out the rest and taking home the trophy in the Year 4 category. With the help and support of their dedicated coaches, Mrs Kovac and Mrs Stewart, the day was a great success and all QHPS competitors deserve to be congratulated on their accomplishments.

Iqra Razzak, Publishing Crew

Grandparents Day



On Friday, 27th October, students of Quakers Hill Public School invited their grandparents along to commemorate Grandparents Day. The grandparents were flowing in from recess time to enjoy picnic lunches with their grandchildren and the Environment Club even had an assortment of plants on offer to the community. Afterwards, it was back to classrooms with activities including Coding, poetry, grandparent interviews, story-time, art and craft, games and more – the school was abuzz. The students embraced the precious time they were sharing with their grandparents, creating memories to last a lifetime. Without the community and the students, this Grandparents Day could not have been better.

Parleen Gill, Publishing Crew

Caught you Being Good!

Ethan Geevarghese KG, Brooklyn Steep KY, Avin Wanniarachchi KG, Jiya Singh KG, Hunta-Lee Hewitt KW, Zac Wilkins 12J, Tanmayee Nakka 1H, Phoenix Fuimaono 1KM, Ashish Ramanathan 34K, Chantelle Larsen 56H

Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrol now for 2018 don't miss your opportunity to enrol in our great school.



Quakers Hill Public School prides itself in delivering quality programs to students in a warm, caring learning environment. Our teachers are professional, caring and committed to teaching students a broad and balanced curriculum across the key learning areas (KLAs). We pride ourselves on catering for the individual learning needs of all children.

If your child is turning 5 before 31 July 2018 they can enrol at Quakers Hill Public School for 2018. Please collect an enrolment package from the office and return it as soon as possible. Proof of age and residency status will be required.

The safety of our Students – Staff Car Park

A reminder that parents are not to park in the staff car park during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up due to the obvious safety risks to children. Children are not often as aware of what is going on around them, especially in the excitement of going home at the end of the day and when talking to their friends.

I remind our wonderful families that entry and exit into our school is through the pedestrian gates only, not through the staff car park

Parking - Please, Please, Please

Parking along Medlow Drive continues to be an issue at Quakers Hills, during drop off and pick up times (morning and afternoon). The congestion along Medlow Drive between 3pm and 3.30pm is a concern for our parents

and residents. **Infringing on residents' driveways is one major concern** and an unsafe practice.

I strongly encourage our school community to be mindful of the parking situation and understanding of the rights of our residents. **Simple precautions such as parking** along Quakers Rd or at Quakers Court and walking a short distance to the school would go a long way to easing the congestion along Medlow Drive and ensuring the safety of our wonderful students.

During morning and drop off times Medlow Drive (school side) is a no parking section, it is a drop and go zone only. Police do monitor the drop off zone from time to time.

Another dangerous practice is that of carrying out a three-point turn along Medlow Drive, or driving into the staff driveways. Please note that Medlow Drive leads to Quakers Rd in both Directions. There is no need to complete a u-turn or a three-point turn.

QR Codes



QHPS - Website



QHPS - Speech



QHPS - E-learning



Our School



Android App



Apple App



Facebook Page



Blacktown Sun - Article



S/SP Blacktown Sun

Our codes will be added to regularly Use your smart phone/tablet QR reader and join the fun

QR Codes are a digital tracking system that removes the need to remember URL codes, websites and other sources of digital information with a quick and simple scan. They connect the real world with the digital world.

At Quakers Hill we are developing the use of QR codes to allow instantaneous information at your 'e-device fingertips'. When the codes are scanned using a smartphone, tablet or camera enabled computer, a text message is displayed or an action will be performed by the device. The code instantly connects the device to a

website, can initiate a phone call or SMS message. It can send an email or connect to Google Maps or Twitter and most importantly to our school. These are a few of the many tasks that can be initiated by the QR Code.

As we continue to build upon our use of QR coding you will be able to scan and learn about the exciting things happening at Quakers Hill on a regular basis. Your children will become familiar with their use as they will become embedded in our teaching and learning programs.

Continuing in our endeavour to ensure we have the best communication between our community and our school our already successful Facebook page and twitter accounts are now connected to the Blacktown Learning Community's Facebook page/twitter accounts. Many activities and events our school participate in are run through the Blacktown Learning Community. If you are a Facebook / twitter user keep up-to-date with what is going on. www.facebook.com/blacktownlearningcommunity and Twitter https://twitter.com/BLC_Schools

Please visit all forms of our social media accounts as each play different, but important roles in communicating and celebrating the wonderful events and achievements of our school, our students, our staff and of course pour amazingly supportive community.

Our webpage - www.quakershil-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Our Twitter - <https://twitter.com/QuakersHPS>

Our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/Quakers-Hill-Public-School-254166201373045/>

Our school app - <http://quakershillps.myauschools.com/authentication/login>
OR download the app from the app or google play store.

Professional Learning

Teacher professional learning, professional reading and dialogue are integral components in order to ensure that teachers in all schools continue to keep up to date with current trends, programs and philosophy and that our students continually receive the very best teaching and learning possible.

Quakers Hill Primary School is committed to ensuring that its teachers are involved in a process of continual learning and continually attending quality professional learning opportunities. Throughout 2016, the staff have been involved in many varied and innovative professional learning activities.

The knowledge, skills and pedagogy the staff bring back to our school, their classrooms and for your children will

be pivotal in ensuring that what happens in the classrooms is exemplary, up-to-date teaching.

Our school has a structured process in place for when teachers attend important learning opportunities. Teaching and learning programs, literacy and numeracy lessons **do, at all times, continue** and are carried out by teachers covering classes.



School Uniform



Boy's school uniform consists of the royal blue shirt and grey pants with white socks and black shoes. Girls have the choice of wearing either the school dress (preferred option) or the royal blue shirt with skirts and white socks and black shoes.

The yellow polo shirt is now the school's Friday sports shirt and is worn with royal blue shorts for boys and royal blue skort for girls (with the school's emblem) and sneakers with white socks.

During the winter months our students also have our wonderful micro-fibre track top and pants. Our girls can choose to wear the school dress (with the school microfiber/bomber jacket). In 2014, the school has added

long grey pants for boys and blue slacks for girls for the winter months.

For the winter months the school has added new bomber style jackets, these are replacing the older fleecy jackets. The bomber jackets are extremely warm and a great look. QHPS beanies are also available from the uniform shop. These have been added to the list of school uniform after many parent requests. Please note, that only QHPS crested beanies are to be worn at school.

We have an amazing school array of school uniform for our amazing students. Only school branded clothing, purchased from the uniform shop is to be worn to school. Please ensure that your child is always in our school uniform.

Please note that yellow polo shirts are worn on Friday sports day only and school hats are to be worn at all times. Our uniform can be purchased from the P&C uniform shop located in school grounds, at the old hall.

Morning Assembly

Morning assemblies are a time that teachers pass on the day's information and any quick notices. It is also a time to quickly settle our wonderful kiddies and ready them for the mornings teaching and learning sessions. These assemblies happen every morning other than Tuesdays. Our school encourages parent involvement in the school; it is an important philosophy that is embedded within our ethos. However, I ask that mums, dads and caregivers stand quietly at the **back of the assemblies** away from the kiddies, allowing the teacher to leading the assembly. It is also important that once the assembly is dismissed that parents do not follow their child's class to the classroom. Please say goodbye to your child prior to the morning assembly commencing.

Bikes and Scooters

It is wonderful to see so many children riding their bikes and scooters to school. Please remember that all children who ride their bikes or scooters to and from school must wear a bike helmet.

Morning Arrival Times

The school's supervision roster starts from 8.40am. Teaching staff is not available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time.

We well understand that many parents have commitments at work, which require them to leave before 8.40am. However, there is available within the school a Before and After School Care service which

operates from 6.30am every school morning. Alternatively, you may be able to arrange with friends or neighbours for the supervision of your children. Some families in the school with working parents take turns to take each other's children to school. As well, many employers will be sympathetic to parents with responsibilities for caring for children and will allow some flexibility in parents' working hours. By law, employers are restricted from treating an employee detrimentally on the grounds of their status as a carer.

Whatever arrangements you make, please understand that you remain legally responsible for your child prior to 8.40am when supervision begins. I would therefore ask that you ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at the school before 8.40am anymore.

Late Pick Up

School concludes at 3.15pm. Whilst we understand that from time to time parents are running late to pick their children up from school, we do ask that students are collected in the afternoon on time. If you know that you are running late on a particular day, we do ask that the school is notified.

Parents will be contacted for children who are not collected by the time the final school bus leaves the school. If parents are unable to be contacted, students will be admitted to before and after school care. Please note that this will incur a cost from the before and after school care providers.

Student Absences

Quakers Hill uses an electronic system to monitor student attendance. As part of this system letters are generated for students who have unexplained absences. These letters are sent home and I ask that you return the note to your child's teacher explaining the reason for your child's absence. On occasions, you will receive an attendance letter asking for an explanation of absence and which you believe you have already explained. If this occurs, please return the letter anyway with an explanation. Sometimes our electronic system has made a mistake and of course there are times when human errors are made. I do apologise for the inconvenience this causes, but I am sure that you'll understand that it is far better to better safe than sorry and follow up on unexplained absences.

A positive attitude towards punctuality and full attendance at school are most important in ensuring the best possible learning opportunities for all students. Children who attend school regularly are usually more

successful and happier than those with frequent full or partial absences. We realise, that on occasion, events occur beyond your control and students are absent from school, however, we ask for your support to ensure that your child is at school by 9.05am each day.

From time to time Department of Education and Training officers audit the school attendance records. In these circumstances children with attendance patterns that are of concern may be identified. If attendance and partial attendance become a concern to the school, then parents will receive an attendance concern and partial attendance concern letter. These letters will need to be signed and returned to the school.

If you have any concerns over your child's attendance, please arrange an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

What is a justified reason for being absent from school? Justified reasons for absences may include the student:

- having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- being sick, or having an infectious disease.

Please remember that the easiest and best way to provide the school with an explanation of your child's absence is through the school app.

Approaching Students and Parents

As a parent myself, at times issues occur in my children's school concerning other children. I know that when issues do occur, as parents, they affect us emotionally and we want to sort out these issues for our children by talking to the students concerned, this is a natural human reaction. When issues occur, I encourage you not to confront or talk to the children involved. If there is an issue with another child or parent, it is imperative that you talk to your child's teacher, any of the assistant principals, Mrs Davis, Mr Lambert or me (Bert Lo Campo).

Please ensure that you do not speak to anyone else's child or their parent as this often escalates matters. Our school

has very clear expectations about this. Please be assured that the school will deal with any issues/concerns raised by parents and we will work to resolve them for you. Your co-operation on this matter is very much appreciated.

The use of inappropriate language, even just in conversation, is always inappropriate (in and around students). The school has clear expectations of what we expect from our amazing students – who are the very, very best to be found in any school setting. As a school and wider community the same high expectations are in place for all of us at all times and should be demonstrated at all times.

Please note, that just as a school community, we have zero tolerance of inappropriate behaviours from the students, the same philosophy applies to adults. I will not hesitate to take stern action in regards to such incidences. This is due to the government's bottle buy back scheme

Canteen News!

Hello to all our Parents. We need to let you know of some changes in regards to the Canteen. As of this week there will be a price increase on milks **\$2.00 to \$2.20**. This is due to the Government's bottle buy back scheme and the increase is being passed on to us from our suppliers.

As you might be aware the Government has brought in a new **Healthy Canteen Policy**. This is to be phased in over the next 2 years in **ALL** Public School canteens. We are going to be slowly phasing out some menu items and introducing new ones to meet the new guidelines. You will notice quite a few changes in the menu so we ask that you be patient and understand that this has been introduced by the Government NOT the canteens. Eg: any crumbed products like nuggets, pies and sausage rolls will only be allowed one day per week.

Our new 2018 menu will be out in 2 weeks and be effective from January 2018. We would appreciate your feedback on this, if you would like more information here is the website: <http://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au>

NEW EFTPOS FACILITIES

The school office now has an Eftpos machine and can take credit and debit card payments.

Eftpos payments can only be made between the hours of 8.30am to 2.00pm as we need to balance the money at the end of the day.

You can also pay by **cash** and by the **online payment** option on our school website. Please remember when paying online that you need to pay before 5pm for the school to see the payment the next day.



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN PAY ONLINE?

Many families are now using the school's online payment option linked to our school website to pay for school related expenses. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other (any items not listed above)

Unfortunately, payments to the uniform shop and P&C cannot be accepted via this system.

How do I make a payment?

Go to the school website.

Click on make a payment, found on the front page of the school website.

1. In the student and payer details, fill in all the **green asterix** items. (These are compulsory)
2. Choose a payment option.
3. Enter the amount you are paying and the payment description (Eg: the name of the excursion)
4. Enter credit card details.
5. Confirm payment details.
6. Receive online payment receipt.

Pay before 6pm for the school to receive your payment the next working day.

How do I let the school know I paid online?

Please write the receipt number on the permission note and return to the school.

**Making an online payment does not constitute permission.
Please return all signed permission notes as per normal.**

**COLLECTING
GREEN
BOTTLES**

\$ SAVE \$
YOUR EMPTIES
WE WANT THEM!

**BOTTLE
DRIVE**
TO HELP SUPPORT

**QUAKERS HILL
PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
RECYCLED BOTTLE
GREEN WALL**

- ==> Collect **GREEN** 1.25L and 2L plastic soft drink bottles (we **DO NOT** need clear bottles).
- ==> Wash the bottle thoroughly.
- ==> Keep the cap screwed tightly on the bottle.
- ==> Carefully remove the label from the bottle.
- ==> Bring the bottle/s to school and place into the specially marked bin under the COLA.