



# NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates

Date	Event
23/09/2017	Last day of Term 3
09/10/2017	First day of Term 4
16/10/2017	Stage 3 Mini Fete
18/10/2017	Diwali 2017 P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm

**School Banking each Wednesday**

**Uniform Shop each Monday (8:45am to 10am)**

## From the Principal



As Term 3 concludes it is an opportune time, as a school community, to reflect on and celebrate the successes on what has been an extremely busy, but thoroughly productive term filled with some many outstanding programs and activities with stunning achievements across all facets of school life. Innovation, Excellence and success is very much embedded into each one of our classrooms.

During Term 3, our students were afforded so many wonderful learning opportunities by our dedicated and very talented teaching staff. Opportunities such as an array of sports program, GAT programs through S.H.A.R.I.N.G, coding, K-2 sports carnival, education week, athletics carnival (school and zone), excursions, author visits, Microsoft visit, director and other schools/principal visits, debating, education week open

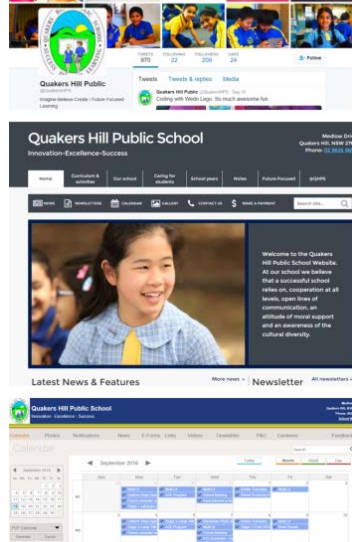
day, NAIDOC Day, university competitions, leadership initiatives, and other special workshops, just to name a few.

Quakers Hill is truly a wonderful place of learning where quality, innovative learning programs, exceptionally talented teachers, wonderfully behaved students and of course extremely supportive parents are in abundance. It is a school that is built on high expectations and outstanding academic results and this is evident in every aspect of our school. It is a school where students, staff and parents want to be and where our enrolments continue to grow, because of its warm, caring learning environment built on trust and respect. Quakers Hill is an amazing school because it is a community school, where all stakeholders contribute to the vision, tone and culture that is uniquely Quakers Hill Public School.

Our philosophy is and always will be to help our students **imagine** the possibilities that are available to them, **believe** in themselves and in the wonderful possibilities and then **create** these possibilities. We, as a staff, want our students to have the very best and be the very best they can be by providing invaluable opportunities and differentiation of the curriculum for our students.

### QHPS Website/School App/Facebook/Twitter and the Blacktown Learning

Community Communication The key to a successful relationship between our school and our community is strong communication. To help this newsletter and our school website provides an abundant supply of information about our school and what is going on.



have the best communication between our community

For up to the minute notifications our smartphone app is a great tool. For both Apple and Android phones, you can always get a reminder of what is happening. After downloading the app type in: **Username: quakershil community. Password:**

Continuing in our endeavour to ensure we

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](http://www.facebook.com/blacktownlearningcommunity) and Twitter [https://twitter.com/BLC\\_Schools](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](http://www.quakershil-p.school.nsw.edu.au)

Our Twitter – (@QuakersHPS) <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.

### Quakers Hill High School Musical/Senior Dance Group



On Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 September, our wonderfully talented senior dance group performed a wonderfully choreographed dance routine as part of the Quakers Hill High School musical 'That Moment When'



Our senior dance group performed as part of the Quakers Hill Learning Community schools along with Hambledon Public School and Quakers Hill East Public School.

The dance group produced a flawless performance over the two nights, demonstrating superb skill and technique. A huge thank you to Mrs Amodeo and Mrs Weatherburn who have worked so closely with the high school ensuring that our were totally prepared.

**September's core value is COOPERATION** - Working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.

*Bert Lo Campo – Principal*

### Principal's Recognition

#### Dev Makwana



Congratulations to Dev who is the ICAS (International competitions and assessment for schools) medal winner for the highest score in the Spelling test in NSW/ACT.

This is a remarkable achievement from one of our hugely talented students. So very proud of his accomplishment and sensational achievement.

Dev will receive his medal at an official ceremony at a later date.

#### Chess Teams



Congratulations to our wonderful chess teams who competed at the recent chess competition against a number of public, catholic and private schools. Our wonderfully gifted

chess payers performed with great distinction.

Congratulations to Sayum who won his competition. A wonderful achievement.

### Premiers Debating Team



Congratulations to the Quakers Hill Blue debating team who defeated Iron Bark Ridge Public School on Friday 8 September at the Interzone finals. The Quakers Hill Blue team will now compete in the Semi Final.

The topic of the debate was 'schools should only ever give feedback instead of grades or marks'. Quakers Hill were the affirmative team on the day, demonstrating outstanding debating skills, team planning, wonderfully thought out and presented rebuttals. So hugely proud of our premiers debating team.

### Books Alive - Book Parade K-6



Wow! Wow! Wow! What a sensational day our 2017 book parade was. This was the day that our favourite book characters came to life. This was the day that as a school we celebrated the power of books and the manner in which books can help to shape our lives and broaden our imaginations and take us to wonderful exciting worlds.

Our students demonstrated wonderful maturity, a sense of great pride and our school expectations. The manner in which they participated in these activities and acknowledge and supported their peers, teachers and parents alike was wonderful. The way in which our children encouraged each other during the book parade and looked out for each was a demonstration of the calibre of our students and their altruistic nature. The special culture that exists at Quakers Hill is a true indication of the connectedness and close knit, supportive school community that we have.



Our book week parade was simply a fabulous, entertaining, amazing day. The effort that our parents and students put into making their costumes, and the enthusiastic manner in which our dedicated staff supported this event through their costumes was simply altruistic (every single staff member was in character). Our book parade involved our every single class and each and every student and staff member had an incredible, incredible time.

Thank you to Mrs Durrington and her team for their organisation of this wonderful opportunity. A huge shout out to our awesome MC, Mr Hynes, and to our parents who so warmly supported and shared the day with us and for staying on to read with the children. The children were so engrossed in listening to our parents and staff reading their favourite picture books to them. Thank you to the students and teachers who dressed up as a book character and helped to make the day so wonderfully exciting for everyone.

To see our favourite book characters come to life was just a magical experience to behold. What an amazing world where we can explore, create and live through the written word. Literacy and literature are building blocks to life and dreams. Did anyone see the Big Bad Wolf? Congratulations, Quakers Hill.

### Fun at the Farm!

Kindergarten had an amazing day at Calmsley City farm. Every one of our students were bubbling with excitement and enjoyment while they explored the farm. Students were given the opportunity to learn about living things and their needs in an engaging way. We had so much visiting all the farm animals. We even had the opportunity to milk cows, pat animals and venture on an exciting tractor ride around the farm. Students viewed the whip cracking, sheep shearing and dog shows. All of these shows allowed students to gain knowledge and learn in a fun, interactive way. All teachers were exceptionally proud of our little kiddies, as they displayed our school's values and expectations at all times.

*Shameen Ul Haque - KBlue*



### Book Character Parade 2017

Pirates, princesses, heroes and heroines all made major appearances on Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, as the children paraded around the school for the Book Character Parade.

It was a time for the students to dress up as their favourite character, taking on their roles with incredible eagerness



- of course, as usual, the teachers could not resist dressing up as well. In fact, even Mr Lo Campo took on the character of The Big, Bad Wolf from Little Red Riding Hood, with Mrs Maruncic being Little Red Riding Hood. Obviously, Mr Lo Campo suited the role of the wolf perfectly.

With students, teachers and community members all participating in this annual event, which is always thought of as one of the pinnacle events in the year, the inclusive, vibrant atmosphere was evident. From simple ideas, to the most outlandish concepts, everyone who participated had so much fun - one Kindergarten student saying, 'It's so much fun, I love seeing the way everyone else dressed up.'



Partnered with the year's most recent music hits, the book character parade was amazing, as there was much to see and do. Without the teachers, the students, the entire Quakers Hill community, this year's Book Character Parade could not have been better.

*Written by Year 6 student, Iqra Razzak*

## 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 – 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 Hill, 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.

## 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 skorts 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 to be worn on Friday sports day only and school hats are also 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 Student 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.

### Afternoon Pick Up

Please be aware that in the afternoon, the **only** supervised area for students to wait is at the bus shelter. Two teachers are on duty in this location and assist students in catching the bus and supervise them whilst waiting for their transport home.

We require all students to wait within the school grounds until they see their mode of transport. This is in the students' best interest, to ensure their safety at all times.

We thank you for your cooperation with this.

### 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 will understand that it is far better to be 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 Maruncic, 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 have 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.

### Lost Property

Lost uniform items that are left in the playground are sent to lost property. Where an item is clearly labelled, the item can be returned to the owner. Unfortunately, many items are either unlabelled or the name is unable to be read.

We would appreciate it if all items of clothing are labelled with your child's class and first and last name, particularly jackets, jumpers and hats.

The lost property bin is located under the main COLA outside rooms 7 and 8 and available for children to look for their items. Any items not claimed after a period are donated to the Clothing Pool or to Stewart House.

### PEANUT ALLERGY (Anaphylaxis) - Please help

Peanut allergy is an increasingly common food allergy, especially in children. The allergy is seen in about one in 50 children and one in 200 adults and it is the allergy most likely to cause anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) and death.

Signs of the allergy usually appear in the first few years of a child's life. Children can become highly sensitive or reactive to peanuts through a number of ways apart from simply eating peanuts. These include:

- Through close contact with a person who often eats peanuts or peanut products
- Speak to your child about the importance of not sharing their lunch, and if a nut based lunch is consumed, the importin massaged with peanut-based oils

If the child does become sensitive or reactive to peanuts, and subsequently eats the food, it can cause a serious allergic reaction. Highly allergic individuals can have an anaphylactic reaction even to the smallest amount of peanut. Ingested peanuts can cause the most life-threatening reactions. However these can also be triggered by skin or eye contact with the food or even inhalation of food particles containing peanut. For this reason, I would ask that you avoid sending your child to school with recess or lunch with peanuts or nut-based

products. Please talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands.

### 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.



A big thank you to Cake Art for their generous donation for the Blacktown Learning Community's cake sharing course held at Quakers Hill Public School.

*Mrs. Therese Virveste and Mrs. Vera Stojanovic - Course Coordinators*



Penrith: (02) 4731 2514

Rouse Hill: (02) 8883 1923

W: <https://www.cakeart.com.au/>



: [facebook.com/CakeArtandDesign](https://www.facebook.com/CakeArtandDesign)

Cake Art is a pioneer & industry leader in fondant iced cakes. First established in 1996, the team at Cake Art Australia are continually pushing the boundaries whether it be a Birthday Cake, Wedding Cake, Engagement Cake or Holy Communion and Christening Cake; our customers can be sure that their guests will be left amazed.

Cake Art's Five-star commercial kitchen, located in Penrith, can produce over 100 wedding, engagement and specialty cakes per week.

The friendly and professional staff at Penrith and Rouse Hill Town Centre are available to assist in choosing a cake that suits our client's event, colour scheme, season and budget.

Cake Art Australia's sister company, Candle Art Australia, designs and creates custom wedding, engagement, Baptism or Holy Communion candles in a variety of sizes.

Cake Art Australia is the only destination for a creative and unique cake that is sure to tantalize and amaze.

# Parramatta High School

## Open Night

**Wednesday 18 October 2017**  
**Commencing in the School Library**  
**5pm School Tour**  
**6pm Information Session**

*An information session for  
 parents of students in the  
 2018 Selective Classes, and  
 parents of students in Year 5  
 seeking placement in 2019*

*Contact the school on  
 9635 8644 for further details, or  
 visit the school website  
[www.parramatta-  
 h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.parramatta-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)*

*Parramatta High School  
 Great Western Highway  
 Parramatta NSW 2150*



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# Blacktown City Cricket Club



now taking registrations for the 2017/18 season

Under 8's through to Senior Opens

& Milo In2Cricket Program for 5yrs-8yrs

Please visit our website for all the information

[www.blacktowncitycricketclub.com.au](http://www.blacktowncitycricketclub.com.au)

or email: [registrar@blacktowncitycricketclub.com.au](mailto:registrar@blacktowncitycricketclub.com.au)



## Wesley Out of School Hours Care Vacation Care reminders

On Excursions please ensure your child has a Backpack clearly labelled with their name. We will no longer be using plastic bags to transport the children's lunch.



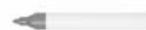
We provide afternoon tea but water and a filling lunch with snacks is a must have for your child each day! Reminder – we are unable to heat food or drinks.



We have a 'no hat, play in shade' rule. Please ensure your child has a hat each day!



Please ensure that all property of your child has their name clearly labelled. Wesley Out of School Hours Care staff do not take responsibility for any lost, damaged or stolen valuables.



You may bring along your electronic devices on the days indicated on the event calendar. Please note that internet access is not allowed (should devices be found to have).



Don't forget socks!!!



Enclosed shoes must be worn – especially on excursions.



### Important

On excursion days your child must be at the centre no later than 9 am. Please remember the centre is a nut free zone. Do not send your child with nuts or nut products. This includes peanut butter, nutella etc.



(02) 9626 1260 [wesleymission.org.au](http://wesleymission.org.au)

## WESLEY MISSION ACTIVITIES

### Bubs in Bloom

For children aged 0 - 3 years and their parents/carers

Bubs in Bloom is a new supported playgroup which offers children the opportunity to engage in experiences that will begin to prepare them for the transition to Pre School/ Long Day Care; including following routines, developing concentration, group participation, listening skills, following instructions, independence and self - help skills, respect for others and responsibility for their belongings and for completing tasks.

Breakfast provided for children  
& parents/carers from 9:15 - 9:45am

Bookings required

**TUESDAYS 15/8/17 - 19/9/17**  
9:15am - 11:15 am  
Riverstone Public School Cottage, Elizabeth St  
Riverstone  
Contact: Melissa on 9627 3511

### Baby Massage

For children aged between 0 - 6 months and their parents/ carers

All children, including babies, love new experiences and benefit from the fun and rewarding activity of baby massage. Meet other local parents/ carers and join in the fun with easy to follow, step-by-step, in-class demonstrations by a qualified Infant Massage Instructor.

The therapeutic benefits of baby massage include:

- Improves sleep
- Reduces anxiety
- Improves alertness
- Reduces stress
- Assists with developing coordination & flexibility

Bookings required

**THURSDAYS 3/8/17 - 14/9/17**  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Box Hill, Community Centre Lot A Nelson Rd, Box Hill  
Contact: Dhanya on 9627 3511

### Move & Groove Music Group

For children aged 1 - 4 years and their parents/ carers

Our Music Playschool group is an early childhood development program that utilises active music making, singing and movement to facilitate the physical, cognitive, emotional and social components essential for early child development.

It can assist your child with developing their social and emotional skills and increase your child's speech development, whilst strengthening the bond between you and your child.

Bookings required

**FRIDAYS 18/8/17 - 22/9/17**  
10:00am - 12:00 noon  
Box Hill, Community Centre Lot A Nelson Rd, Box Hill  
Contact: Jessica on 9627 3511

### Child, Youth & Family Support

Raising a family is an important job, but it can also be the most difficult. Together we can assist you to explore the strengths and skills you have within your family and identify changes or improvements that you would like made by setting goals and/or locating specialist services to achieve improved outcomes. Contact us on: 9627 3511

### Financial Counselling Services

We are able to work with you and your family, providing free independent and confidential face-to-face counselling. Our professional financial counsellors can help you if you are in financial difficulty or would like to manage your money more effectively. They can provide short-term crisis management and long-term prevention strategies. Contact us on: 8805 7288

### Multicultural Supported Playgroup

Come along to this fun filled multicultural supported playgroup, specifically targeting children aged between 0 - 5 years and their parents/ carers!

- Children's activities
- Arts and crafts
- Music and singing
- Parents information and resource
- Family Support

Bookings required

**MONDAYS 14/8/17 - 18/9/17**  
10:00am - 12:00noon  
Quakers Hill Uniting Church, 32 Highfield Rd  
Quakers Hill  
Contact: Alice on 8805 7288 or Jess on 9627 3511

### Bringing Up Great Kids

The "Bringing up great Kids" program uses ideas of mindfulness and reflection to support parents/ carers to review and enhance their interaction and connection with their children. Through the program parents/ carers of 0-8 year olds will explore:

- Important messages that children communicate to their parents & how they do this
- The importance of building self-esteem in children
- Ways for carers/parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it

Bookings required

**WEDNESDAYS 23/8/17 - 20/9/17**  
10:00am - 12:00noon  
Wesley Family Centre, The Hills, Unit 437, 14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista - rooftop parking.  
Contact: Jess on 9627 3511

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## Wesley Out of School Hours Vacation Care Calendar

September / October 2017

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Footy FINALS</b> <p>This weekend is footy finals week.</p> <p>Wear your footy jersey or colours and participate in playing football and other sports today.</p> <p>Who do you think is going to win the grand final?</p>  <p>Electronics day</p>	<b>Wannabees Excursion</b> <p>Wannabees Family Play Town is a themed indoor play centre where children discover what they wannabee when they grow up. We feature a child size city where your kids can experience firsthand what it is to have a real job.</p> <p>They can play to be fire-fighters, police officers, doctors, beauticians and many more in one of the Wannabees City buildings.</p> <p>\$35 extra per child</p>	<b>Community Day</b> <p>We are going to connect and acknowledge our local community.</p> <p>Bring in a plate of food to share with your friends. Don't forget to include the ingredients!</p> <p>We may have a visit or two from some community members</p> <p>Electronics day</p>	<b>Walk to the Park</b> <p>We will take a walk and spend some of the day at our local park.</p> <p>Games, activities, sports and crafts will be set up to participate in while we are there.</p> <p>Don't forget your walking shoes, hat, sunscreen and drink bottle</p> 	<b>Australian wildlife display Incursion</b> <p>Do you love possums, frogs, bats, birds, invertebrates, crocodiles, pythons and lizards??</p> <p>If you said yes then this is an incredible hands on experience for you!!</p>  <p>\$16 extra per child</p>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Public Holiday</b> <p>(Centre Closed)</p>	<b>Green Day</b> <p>Everything today will be green!</p> <p>Come dressed in green, participate in cooking green cupcakes, pikelets and more</p> <p>All our art and craft will be green and even afternoon tea!</p> <p>Electronics day</p>	<b>Reverse Garbage Incursion</b> <p>Make a difference to our world by reducing waste and creating change in the way we look at resources</p> <p>See what you can create with many of the wonderful resources that will be on offer to use.</p>  <p>\$11 extra per child</p>	<b>Space Day</b> <p>It is world space week.</p> <p>We will learn, create and be inspired as we spend the day doing arts and crafts on everything space.</p> <p>Stars, planets, rockets, astronauts and more....</p> <p>Electronics day</p>	<b>Inflatable World</b> <p>We will take the bus to one of the biggest Indoor Inflatable Playgrounds in Australia.</p> <p>Climb the inflatable rock wall, slide down the slides, shoot some hoops and have some great fun with your friends on the last day of vacation care.</p> <p>\$24 extra per child</p>

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Vacation care days- open 7.00am- 6.00pm



## Exciting reasons to keep saving with School Banking.

Welcome back to school for Term 3. It's great to see School Bankers showing continued saving efforts through the first half of the year.

Don't miss out on the Grand Prize competition ending this term.

To be in the running for a family trip to Tokyo Disneyland, children need to make 15 or more School Banking deposits between 23 January 2017 and the end of Term 3.

**New reward items available in Term 3**

After making 10 School Banking deposits, children can now choose to redeem the Smiley Emoji Keyring or the Volt Handbat.

Keep track of savings and tokens with the CommBank Youth app. To help enhance the financial education of children, we've introduced the CommBank Youth app, available on any iOS 9.0+ device from the App Store. This innovative banking app gives kids hands-on experience in learning real-life money skills in a safe and fun digital environment. It also provides a new way for School Bankers to keep track of their Dollarsmites tokens.

### PLUS EXCITING GAMES TO PLAY AND PRIZES TO WIN

On Monday 14 August 2017 we will be launching an exciting School Banking competition with prizes to win and an incredible game experience. Your school will receive more details soon, so stay tuned.

More information about CommBank's School Banking program and the CommBank Youth app is available at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

**THE PRIZE YOU SHOULD KNOW:** Full terms and conditions found at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Competition is open to Australian residents aged 4-12 years old, with parent/guardian permission, who have an active CAN Youthpower account and are participating in CAN's School Banking program. Competition starts 23 Jan 17 and ends 31 Aug 2017 23:59:59. Max 1 entry per person. Draw takes place at 11:59pm AEST on 31 Aug 2017. Winner's details published in The Australian 17/12/17. Prize details: 1 x 8-night trip for 2 adults + 2 kids aged 12 and under to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AUD22,000. Commenced in Bank of Australia, ABL 40 121 123 124, of Level 10, 11 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Phone: 1800 130 130/1306, A&T 130 1306, SA 130 1306.



**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.



## 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 6pm 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.**