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Week

## Education Week 2022 'Creating Futures'

Dear parents/caregivers,

The innovative teaching and learning happening at Quakers Hill Public School will be on display as part of Education Week 2022 celebrations. Education Week is an annual state-wide event held during the first week of August to recognise the variety of achievements of NSW public schools and students. This year's theme 'Creating Futures – education changes lives', continues to celebrate the journey students and learners take throughout the NSW Education system, focusing on how we are creating futures for our students, staff and families. From the first days in childcare to post-school pathways, our education system is preparing young people to be agile thinkers and lifelong learners. We celebrate all types of learning that occurs at all levels across our education system and we have a shared responsibility in helping to shape the lives and create the future of today's learners. Public education can change the lives of not just our students, but also the lives of our teachers, staff, families and communities.

Please refer to the information below about the week's activities:

### Monday 1 August



#### **Education Week Launch**

##### **Live Streamed Video**

Education Week will be launched with a special live streamed video event by the Department of Education from 10 am. The event will be available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/education-week/ed-week-launch>

### Tuesday 2 August

#### **QHPS Open Day**

**Please note: due to the current COVID-19 situation, all parents/carers/adult visitors will be required to wear a mask when in classrooms/indoors and students are encouraged to wear a mask. Masks will be available on the day.**

All day

##### **Book Fair in the Library open all day (except during the assembly)**

The Book Fair is like having an exciting bookstore come into the school. Each student is given a time to visit and explore the books on offer. Students may bring home a 'Student Wish List', you can use this to discuss the books they have seen. Come along on Open Day and purchase a quality book for your child, or simply go online to place your order and make your payment. Then complete the form listing the titles purchased and return it with your child who will bring the books home to enjoy.

9:30 am – 10:00 am

##### **Open Classrooms**

All classrooms will be showcasing some of the wonderful learning that occurs each day. Parents are encouraged to participate with their child.

10:00 am – 11:00 am

##### **Whole School Creative and Performing Arts Assembly**

Join us under the COLA to watch some of our Creative and Performing Arts groups showcase their talents.

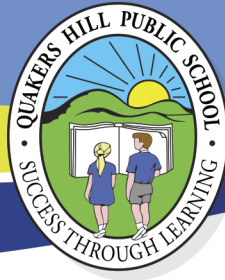
11:00 am – 11:55 am

##### **Picnic Lunch**

Bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy with your child/ren. For health and safety reasons, please do not share food with other children.

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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

### **Parent Workshops**

Parents are invited to attend workshops that are based on the Education Week theme and key initiatives within the school. Each workshop will run twice so parents can attend any two of them; **workshop 1 – 12:00pm – 12:30 pm, workshop 2 - 12.30 pm – 1:00 pm.**

### **New K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabuses**

The new curriculum is designed to give students more time to focus on key learning areas so that they can acquire a deeper understanding of central concepts. It aims to ensure students develop strong foundations for learning, life and work in a complex and fast-changing world. Come along as Miss Gibson and Mrs Tolson provide more detail about the new syllabuses and how you can support your child/ren at home.

### **KIDDO**

As parents we always want our kids to be the best version of themselves. We want them to do well both inside the classroom and out. KIDDO has been created by the team at the University of Western Australia to help develop your child's fundamental movement skills, to improve their physical literacy and to help them become a confident and competent mover. KIDDO is about nurturing a love of physical activity for your child that will, quite literally, benefit them for life. Mr Madden and Miss Morley will provide more information about the KIDDO Movement and how you can support your child/ren's physical literacy at home.

### **Reading**

One of the most important gifts we can give our children is to help them learn to read and write so that they can succeed in school and beyond. Confident, active readers are able to use their reading skills to follow their passions and curiosity about the world. Learning to read is complex! Mrs Hooke will be sharing information based on the Science of Reading research, providing insight into how the brain develops as we learn to read, the skills required and the key elements of effective reading instruction.

### **Mathematics**

Mathematics will help prepare your child for life and work in the 21st century and to meet the needs of communities they will come to engage and lead. We aim to move students away from placing importance on memorising methods and facts, and that mathematics success comes from memorisation. We want our students to notice and understand that the subject is made up of a few big, linked ideas, and students who are successful in mathematics are those who see this subject as a set of ideas that they need to think deeply about. Join Mrs Levack and Mrs Simmons as they delve deeper into Starting Strong K-2 and Working with the Big Ideas 3-6.

## **Wednesday 3 August**



## **NAIDOC Celebrations – Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!**

**NAIDOC celebrates the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.** NAIDOC Week is celebrated by all Australians and is a great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. QHPS is celebrating Naidoc Week as part of our Education Week celebrations. We are holding a special corroboree/assembly, where students will experience a traditional smoking ceremony, performances by our own Aboriginal and visiting Aboriginal high school students. They will also see and hear from Local Aboriginal Elders, sharing their culture, history and achievements with our school community.

All parents are welcome to attend our special Naidoc Week Corroboree/Assembly. It will be held under the COLA, starting at 9.30am.



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## **Thursday 4 August**

12:30 pm

### ***Westpoint Blacktown Performances***

The senior choir and senior dance group will be performing on behalf of our school. Parents are invited to join us at Westpoint on the rooftop to enjoy the performances at 12:30 pm.

## **Friday 5 August**

9:30 am

### ***Little Library & PSSA***

#### ***Little Library – Fitness Theme***

Pre-schoolers and their parents/carers are invited to get ready for big school at QHPS. Wear your activewear and come along to meet some teachers, sing a song, get active and have lots of fun!

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

#### ***PSSA***

Parents, caregivers and families are invited to come and support our students during PSSA. Goodluck Quakers!

Rugby League - Exeter Farm Reserve

Oz tag - Marayong oval

Netball - International Peace Park

Football (soccer) - bye

We value the time that many families dedicate to being part of our school community and sharing in their child's education. We hope you enjoy this exciting week.

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***Principal***

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