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Education Week 2023 175 Years of Public Education



Dear parents/caregivers,

Education Week 2023 will be held from 31 July to 4 August 2023 (Week 3, Term 3). This year's theme is 175 years of public education in NSW and focuses on learning from our past, celebrating our achievements and embracing the future with confidence.

This year marks 175 years since the establishment of public schools in NSW. Founded in 1848, the Board of National Education was formed and tasked with establishing a public education system in NSW. Prior to 1848, schools operated under a denominational system and were the responsibility of churches.

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

Monday 31 July

Learning Celebrating Embracing

31 July – 4 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 1 August

All day

QHPS Open 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, alternatively an online payment can be made which the student can use as credit to choose a book/s to that value (please note, with an online payment you must complete the slip with the receipt number and return it with your child/ren 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 – 1:10 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 – 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm, workshop 2 - 12.40 pm – 1:10 pm.**

School Hall

New 3-6 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 Mrs Tolson and Miss Kenny provide more detail about the new syllabuses, the philosophy underpinning them and the changes.

Room 31

The Resilience Project

The Resilience Project is a whole school wellbeing program that teaches and supports positive mental health in the classroom and wider community. Mr Madden and Mrs Morley will introduce The Resilience Project, how it will look at QHPS in 2024 and the driving factors behind its implementation, focusing on the 3 Key Pillars: Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. These are evidence-based strategies that are shown to build positive mental health. With regular practise they increase learning capacity, emotional literacy, physical health and happiness.

Room 34

Mathematics - Multiplicative Thinking

Multiplicative thinking has been at focus at QHPS this year. Multiplicative Thinking is the capacity to work flexibly with the concepts, strategies and representations of multiplication and division as they occur in a wide range of contexts. In this session, Mrs Hooke and Miss Nunn will delve deeper into Multiplicative Strategies in line with the current research and the new Mathematics Syllabus. Come and find out more about what multiplicative strategies are, what it looks like and what the expectations for our students are.

Wednesday 2 August

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Little Library

Little Library – Fitness Theme

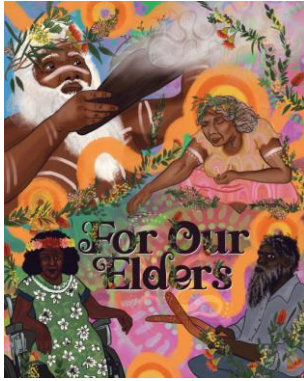
Get ready for big school at Quakers Hill Public School. Each term we hold two special sessions for all pre-schoolers who will be attending school in 2024. These sessions are for both parents and children.

Wear your favourite active/sportswear and meet us under the Kindy COLA (Kindy Turf). Come and meet some teachers, sing a song, read a book, play some sport, and have lots of fun! Looking forward to seeing you there!



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Thursday 3 August



NAIDOC Celebrations – For Our Elders

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 about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. QHPS is celebrating NAIDOC Week as part of our Education Week celebrations. We are holding a special assembly, where students will experience a traditional smoking ceremony and performances by our own Aboriginal 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 Celebration. It will be held under the COLA, starting at 9.30am.

Friday 4 August

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 – Quakers Hill PS vs Shelley PS at Exeter Farm Reserve

Oz tag – BYE

Netball – BYE

Football (soccer) – Quakers Hill vs Marayong Heights PS at Morgan Power Reserve

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.

Bert Lo Campo
Principal

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Education Week Coordinator