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30 APRIL 2021 CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 2 2021

Friday 30 April Newsletter issued
Chess competition

Monday 3 May—Friday 14 May

Exam Weeks

Monday 3 May Youth Frontiers
Tuesday 4 May Collegiate Senior
Information Night @
Wyndham College
Year 11 Biology
excursion
Support Unit Work
Experience
Wednesday 5 May Barnier Reading Club
Friday 7 May Chess competition
Monday 10 May P&C Meeting
Youth Frontiers
Tuesday 11 May Wyndham College
Information Night
Wednesday 12 May Barnier Reading Club
Thursday 13 May Guides in School
Program
Friday 14 May Chess competition
Newsletter issued

Monday 17 May Youth Frontiers
Big Science Comp

Tuesday 18 May QHHS Senior
Information Night
(Year 11 2022)

Wednesday 19 May Barnier Reading Club

Thursday 20 May Uniform Shop open
6-7pm

Guides in Schools
Program

Shine & Strength
Programs

Friday 21 May Chess competition

Monday 24 May Youth Frontiers

Wednesday 26 May Pathways to Dreaming
Year 8

Barnier Reading Club

Junior Top Blokes and
Haka Warriors Mentor-
ing Programs every
Thursday

SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday 30 April—Blacktown Zone Cross Country



SMART Focus for Weeks 3 & 4: Properly organised bookwork

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome all students, staff and parents & carers back to what will no doubt be another productive and enjoyable term at Quakers Hill High School. Term 2 is always a busy one, with course examinations and reporting taking place amongst the usual mix of school activities. It has been great to see students engaging with school so effectively after their holiday break.

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATIONS AND NAPLAN

Our examination period runs in Weeks 3 and 4 of this term. Timetables for the various papers have been distributed to students, as well as notifications detailing any specific arrangements. If any student cannot locate theirs, they should see their Year Adviser urgently for assistance. Students have been reminded of the school's SMART expectations in relation to assessments and examinations. Students must ensure that they come prepared, with all necessary equipment, for their examinations. If a student is absent for an examination, they must complete an illness/misadventure form to explain it. Parents and carers are asked to take their child to the doctor if they are sick and request a medical certificate to substantiate their absence.

NAPLAN will take place for students in Years 7 and 9 during Week 4, beginning Tuesday 11 May. The schedule of NAPLAN tasks are included on examination timetables. It is important for students and their families to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing. Its purpose is to assess how students are progressing in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN results form part of the larger suite of evidence used by schools to plan for improvement. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns in relation to NAPLAN.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our School Improvement Plan is now accessible through the school website. This plan charts a course for our ongoing development as a school and places students at the centre of all that we do. The School Improvement Plan now runs on a 4 year cycle of excellence, although will be revisited following the next external validation process, which is due in 2022. Please contact me directly if you have any queries in relation to this.

SPORT

On the last day of Term 1, Thursday 1 April, we held the annual Athletics Carnival. Participation on the day was very strong and a number of students achieved some excellent results. I would like to thank and recognise the organisers: Mr Hill, Mr Hawkes and Mr Nash, as well as all those who provided assistance to them. This is in addition to the staff who assisted on the day and of course the students who participated and engaged so wonderfully.

I would like to congratulate Kaleb Sciberras and Joshua Hand for their outstanding achievements in the Sydney West Swimming carnival held last Tuesday. Kaleb achieved a 3rd place in backstroke, which an excellent result. Joshua received 1st place in the 50m, 100m and 200m freestyle and 100m backstroke, as well as 2nd place in 100m butterfly and 3rd place in 100m breaststroke. These are truly outstanding results! Both boys have progressed to the Combined High Schools Championships.

The school Cross Country Carnival was held on Tuesday 27 April in the grounds of the school. This was a competitors only event and had a strong level of participation across the age groups. My thanks again to the organising staff – Mr Hill, Mr Hawkes and Mr Nash, as well as those who assisted. Thanks also to the competitors who took part and demonstrated excellent school spirit.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Our first Duke of Edinburgh expedition took place from Friday 23 April until Sunday 25 April and was an overwhelming success. This expedition catered for students attempting the Bronze award, who hiked over 2 days, and students attempting the Silver award who hiked for 3. The expedition was led by Ms Lawson Cohen and Mr Tomlinson, with Mr Head assisting with Bronze level students and ensuring their safe return home on Saturday. The Silver award students produced a moving video to commemorate Anzac Day, which can be viewed on the school Facebook page. I thoroughly recommend this. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding participation of all students on the hike and wish them all the best as they continue to progress through the program. I would also like to sincerely thank Ms Lawson Cohen, Mr Tomlinson and Mr Head for giving up their personal time to enable the hike to go ahead and for the leadership of the program at Quakers Hill High School. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is another example of the huge array of high quality experiences on offer for students at Quakers Hill High School.

ANZAC DAY

Quakers Hill High School commemorated Anzac Day with a ceremony on Monday 26 April. This was managed superbly by our SRC students, who highlighted the sacrifices of Australian service personnel across many theatres of war. The ceremony was held in the school quadrangle, which allowed students to view the flags at half mast as the Last Post was played and a +minute's silence observed. I would like to thank the SRC students involved as well as Mrs Critchley and her team of organisers who ensured the ceremony was authentic and expertly executed.



UNIFORM REMINDER

I would like to remind all families that as the cooler weather sets in, it is imperative that all students adhere to the school uniform policy at all times. Put simply, all students are expected to be in full school uniform every day. A further reminder that hoodies and tracksuit pants (unless they are uniform tracksuit pants worn on a Wednesday) are never to be worn to school. Our school uniform shop is now open twice weekly (Monday 8:00am-9:00am and Wednesday 2:45-3:45pm). Parents and carers may speak with their child's Deputy Principal or myself in the case of financial difficulties.

YEAR 8 CAMP

Thank you to the Year 8 parents and carers who completed the survey on a possible Year 8 camp. We aim to publish the results in the next issue of Contact.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our Parent Teacher night on Thursday 29 April. These are always excellent opportunities to discuss how a student is progressing and identify where additional support may be needed. If a parent or carer missed the opportunity to speak with a particular teacher, please email the school so that the teacher can contact you.

Mr Andrew Skehan, Principal

CANTEEN UPDATE

The Canteen is now serving breakfast from 8am every morning



**Bacon & Egg Rolls
Egg Rolls
Croissants
Toasties
Hash Browns**



UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform ordering—if you cannot make Monday mornings or Wednesday afternoons, there are other ways to order your uniform. Leave your order form and cash or card details at the school office. Your order will be processed on the next Monday and left back at the office for collection.

Send your order via email to: quakershillhighschool-uni@pandcaffiliate.org.au. You can scan through the order form (available on the school website and at the school office), add your card details or pay online into the P&C account. Once funds are cleared, your order will be processed on the next Monday and left at the office for collection.

Bank details:

Quakers Hill High School P&C Association

BSB: 062-425

Account No: 010014308

Reference: (your surname)

If you are unsure of your size, you are best to come into the shop. You are able to return or exchange sizes as long as the swing tag is attached and you have a copy of your receipt.

Regards, Linda (QHHS Uniform Shop Manager)

TERM 2 LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR

As part of the Library's 'Term 2 Events Calendar' we will be conducting the following activities:

- Morning Trivia – Weekly: Tuesday/Thursday/Friday
- Kitsch, Fun & Funky – A Mother's Day Earring Creation Station – Friday Lunch Week 2
- A Jar of Positivity – A Creative Opportunity to Spread the Love – Tuesday Lunch Week 5
- A Literary Lunch – A wonderfully retro opportunity to be read to – Weekly: Friday Lunch Week 5-9
- Pinata Mayhem – Have a cracking good time – Tuesday Recess Week 6
- Wii Battle – Super Mario Brothers – Thursday Lunch Week 6
- Year 7 & 8 Chess Knockout – Tuesday Recess & Lunch Week 7
- Year 9, 10 & 11 Chess Knockout – Thursday Recess & Lunch Week 7
- The QHHS Egg Festival – Embark on a fast-paced egg-tastic quest to win mini challenges, collect egg tokens & redeem them for cold hard chocolate delights – Tuesday Recess Week 8
- Minecraft Build Battle Challenge – Thursday Week 8
- Stop motion Animation Workshop – Tuesday Recess & Period 3 Week 9