Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Term 3 has begun smoothly with all students settling in very well. It was lovely for all the teachers to catch up with everyone after the holidays and see how much they had grown. I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms and chat to the children and attend my first P&C meeting where I was welcomed unreservedly. I look forward to working with the wonderful staff, students and community of Quakers Hill East PS.

I would like to thank Mr Ross for his outstanding leadership of the school during 2014 and Mrs Talintyre, Mrs Clissold and Mrs O'Neill for doing fabulous jobs relieving in higher positions. Mr Ross will now continue in his role as Deputy Principal and Mrs Talintyre will continue her role as Assistant Principal and classroom teacher for 6T.

Thank you also to Mrs Partington and Mrs Leech who conclude extended casual engagements with us at the end of last term. Mrs Cole will continue her work at Quakers Hill PS for the rest of the year and return here part time next year. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication to the students at QHEPS.

Mr Miranda will conduct 3-6 RFF teaching for the first 5 weeks of this term. Sarah Moylan will be the permanent teacher in this role commencing in Week 6. Mrs Smith (ESL) will be taking long service leave and during this time her role will be covered by Mrs Allen. Mrs Taylor (KJ) will also be taking a period of long service leave and her role will covered by Miss So.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Staff attended a workshop named “Teach Like a Champion”. This workshop described 49 techniques in a concrete, specific and actionable way to allow teachers to begin...
using a range of strategies to get from good teaching to great teaching. This is a strengths based approach to maximizing student learning. Practical learning such as this will allow staff the opportunity for further reflection on their teaching craft throughout the remainder of the year.

EDUCATION WEEK
Education Week is an opportunity to visit your local public school and watch real learning in action. This year it will be held across the state from 28 July until 1 August. At QHEPS we will be holding our Open Day on Monday 28 July beginning at 11:30am with open classes until 12:00 midday when we will move outside for a book character parade. Further details about the parade will be sent home in a separate note today. Everyone is then invited to join us for a picnic lunch. We are looking forward to seeing many families here on this special day in the school calendar.

On Tuesday 29 July our dance groups, Stage 1 and Primary, are performing at Westpoint Blacktown from 11:30am as part of Education Week celebrations. This is a great opportunity to display the many talents of our wonderful students so if you have the opportunity, come along and watch the dancers in action!

NAIDOC DAY ACTIVITIES
Yesterday we celebrated NAIDOC Day at QHEPS with a visiting performance. The students listened to music, talked about dance, and learnt about Aboriginal culture from communities around Australia. All students had a wonderful day celebrating Australia's Aboriginal heritage.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
QHEPS annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 4 August at the Blacktown International Sports Park. The day involves all students in Years 3-6 and any children in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year. The permission notes with all of the details went home on Tuesday. There will be opportunities for students to compete in a range of activities at the carnival. We are looking forward to a very successful day!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015
Enrolment forms are now available for children starting Kindergarten in 2015. Please come in and pick up an enrolment form from the office at your earliest convenience.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...
- Our Senior Boys Knockout Softball team who defeated Metella Road Public School 17-8 in an outstanding performance. Their next opponents will be from Sydney South West. Well done boys.
- William P who was selected last week to represent Sydney West at the State Rugby Union Championships. He has also been selected to represent NSW in Rugby League at the interstate championships in Wollongong in August. This is an outstanding achievement and demonstrates William’s great talents and skills.
- Riley W and Jack G are off to Japan for Baseball. A fabulous effort boys!
- Clayton C has been selected to play in the New Zealand U12 national baseball team in the USA. Well done Clayton!
- Our debaters continue their unbeaten run with their most recent success against Bert Oldfield PS. Congratulations debaters.
- Kanishka A and Caitlin G, Stage 2 and Juliet T and Elise G, Stage 3, who represented our school brilliantly at the zone finals. Juliet received a highly commended award. Well done.

Michele Hedge
Principal

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
Children turning 5 by July 31, 2015 are eligible to commence school at the beginning of the 2015 school year.

Enrolment Forms are available from the school office.

Originals of your child’s Birth Certificate, Immunisation Certificate and proof of your place of residence must be produced.
IMPORTANT:

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

All purchasing of new school uniforms must now be done through Flexischools

- see letter sent home with newsletter on 19 June 2014 for more information (spare copies available from the office)

We are now cashless in the shop and all purchases (except second hand items) are now through Flexischools.

If anyone needs any help or has any problems with this new ordering system please let me know and I am more than happy to help. It does take a few minutes from your end, but is already saving so much time for the volunteers at our end.

We are still "open" as normal for pick-ups, try ons, exchanges, second hand uniforms and to answer questions at the usual times of:

  Mondays – 2:30pm – 3:15pm (approx)
  Fridays – 8:30am – 9:15am (approx)

Thank you

Jo Fickel
On behalf of Uniform Shop Coordinators

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UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost a drink bottle, lunch box or an item of clothing please have them come and check in lost property.

For hygiene reasons, any food or drink containers which have not been claimed by the end of Week 2 Term 3 will be disposed.

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PAYMENT REMINDERS:

TRI-SKILLS GYMNASTICS LESSONS

1AR, 1B, 1D, 1M, 2B, 2C, 2K, 2S, 3B, 3C, 3R, 5S, 5T, 5W, 6G, 6T, 6W

begins Week 2 Term 3

Cost $34 for 8 week program

Please return completed permission slip and payment to the office by

TOMORROW, Friday 18 July 2014

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Years 3-6 and Year 2 children turning 8 this year

Monday 4 August

Cost: $8 per student

Please return completed permission slip and payment to the office by

Tuesday 29 July 2014.
REMINDER:
SOCCER CLINICS FOR STAGE 1

This term for sport, the students in Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will be involved in a program to introduce, develop and consolidate skills related to soccer. As part of this the students will be involved in soccer clinics on Tuesday 22 July 2014, run by Football Sydney Group.

We strongly encourage Stage 1 children to participate in these FREE clinics.

Please complete the permission note on the bottom of the yellow note sent home on Tuesday of this week and return it to your child’s class teacher by Monday 21 July 2014 to allow your child to be involved in this very worthwhile program.

Kerrie Scott
Coordinator

HOW ARE COMMON COLDs SPREAD?

Common colds are usually caught from other people. Colds can be passed on through touching hands or objects (e.g. tissues and toys) or by breathing in droplets from sneezes or coughs.

To help prevent the spread of colds, encourage children and adults to:

* cover their mouth when sneezing or coughing
* keep their hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth
* use paper tissues to blow their nose, and throw tissues away after use
* wash hands with soap, particularly before preparing and eating food and after blowing their nose
* avoid sharing cups, glasses and cutlery.

Parking Rules & Penalties

A 'Kiss & Ride' area is always within a 'No Parking' zone. The 'No Parking' rules apply to all 'Kiss & Ride' areas.

- Fine from $165 + 2 demerit points

You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick up passengers, or goods.

Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

When you obey the parking rules, it makes it easier to see what pedestrians are doing.

GOOD GUYS PROMOTION

Don’t forget to collect your “Skool is Kool” reward vouchers the next time you make a purchase at Good Guys Prospect. Make sure you let the service desk know that you are associated with the “Skool is Kool” program for Quakers Hill East.

Thank you to Gillian Dickson for their donation of reward vouchers.

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17th July 2014

Lisa Shanahan
K-2 Author Visit

We have arranged for Lisa Shanahan to visit K-2 students at Quakers Hill East on Thursday 31st July 2014.

Lisa is an award-winning writer of picture books and novels. Her books are published both in Australia and internationally.

There will be three one hour sessions on Thursday 31st July 2014 and K-2 students will have the opportunity to attend one session at the cost of $3.00

We are hoping that all students are able to attend a session with this acclaimed author. Please complete the permission slip below and return it with $3.00 to the office by Tuesday 29th July 2014.

Miss K Baker
Organiser

Mrs M Hedge
Principal

I give permission for my child __________________________ of class ________ to attend the Lisa Shanahan performance on Thursday 31st July 2014. I have enclosed $3.00.

Signed __________________________ Date ____________________

"Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation"
17th July 2014

Deborah Abela
3-6 Author Visit

We have arranged for Deborah Abela to visit Years 3-6 students at Quakers Hill East on Thursday 14th August 2014.

Deborah’s books are available around the world and she’s won awards for many of them, her latest being a USBBY Outstanding International Book Award in the USA. She is also an ambassador for the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

There will be three one hour sessions on Thursday 14th August 2014 and Years 3-6 students will have the opportunity to attend one session at the cost of $3.00.

We are hoping that all students are able to attend a session with this acclaimed author. Please complete the permission slip below and return it with $3.00 to the office by Tuesday 12th August 2014.

Miss K Baker
Organiser

Mrs M Hedge
Principal

I give permission for my child ___________________________ of class ________ to attend the Deborah Abela performance on Thursday 14th August 2014. I have enclosed $3.00.

Signed ___________________________ Date ________________

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
Come and help Quakers Hill East Public School Celebrate Education Week.

We have a couple of events planned where you can come and show your support for our school.

**Monday 28th July:**

- **11:30—12:00pm** Come in and give your child a chance to show off their work in our **Open Classrooms**.
- **12:00—1:00pm** Children have the chance to dress up as their favourite book character and parade around in our **Book Character Parade**.
- **1:00—2:00pm** Bring a Picnic blanket and join your child for a **Picnic Lunch** on our oval. Please note if your child is going home with someone other than yourself, a note is required stating so.

**Tuesday 29th July:**

- **11:30am** Our Stage One and Primary Dance Groups are performing at Westpoint Blacktown. We're sure the groups would love to hear your cheers from the crowds!
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to your school! With more than 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 41,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education... We know how to ‘help break the ice’. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Our fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. This session extends their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
1 hour – Years 5 & 6
This session helps to prepare children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. Information is also presented on menstruation and wet dreams.

You and your child will benefit from the information presented in this program. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive. What parents have said about us:

“The educator has a great way of putting things simply” “Provided me with a solid foundation”
“Covered areas I hadn’t thought of talking about” “Entertaining and informative”

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Interrelate SCHOOL SERVICES presents
A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

FAMILY COST: 1 session $25 per family • 2 sessions $30 per family
Please Note: The Family Cost is GST exclusive
The GST is payable/claimable by the School/Organising Body

Where: QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
When: Thursday, 7th August 2014
Time: 6:00 pm SHARP (“Where Did I Come From?”) 7:15 pm (“Preparing for Puberty”)

Please Note: Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.
Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with student’s name and class.

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A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

Name of Family: ____________________________

No. attending:  □ Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”  □ Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”

Amount enclosed: $  □ Cash  □ Cheque (please make cheques payable to school)

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