



Welcome Newsletter

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Kaya, welcome back to another school year at Quinns Beach Primary School (QBPS). Whether you are a new family to our school, or a returning one, it is great to have you all part of our wonderful school community. Our site is also proud to be home to the West Coast Language Development Centre (WCLDC), with six classrooms from Kindy to Year 1. Their students wear the QBPS school uniform and participate in many of our school activities including assemblies, break times and other events.

I hope your children have settled back into the school routine and have enjoyed their first week of school. We certainly have! Our staff have been amazing at building positive relationships with students and providing a safe, supportive and welcoming place to learn. They will communicate regularly with you via Class Dojo/email/phone about the learning that is taking place and anything relevant to your child. I encourage you to do the same.

As I walk around each and every class, there is a buzz in the air and students are engaging and working hard. As you may tell, I am very excited about this year. It has been a positive start across the school. If this hasn't been the case for your child, please talk with your classroom teacher or arrange a time to meet with myself. Our aim is to make sure all students want to come to school, are ready to learn and are enjoying themselves.

We welcome 8 new staff to our school community. Here is a little about them:

 <p>Mrs Leigh- Year 3</p>	<p>My name is Mrs. Leigh and I am so excited to be the new Year 3 teacher at Quinns Beach Primary School. I graduated from Edith Cowan University Joondalup in 2019 with a Bachelor in Primary Education specialising in Special Needs. I have taught from PP- Year 4 during my practicums and career in Perth Metro schools.</p> <p>I am a dedicated professional who is eager to share my passion to learn with you! I was born in England and moved to beautiful Perth, eleven years ago. When I am not teaching or planning awesome things to do at school, I enjoy visiting the beach, reading, running, and spending time with my family and friends.</p>
 <p>Mrs Toonen- Year 2</p>	<p>Hello students, parents, caregivers, and Quinns Beach Primary School Community. I am thrilled to be here at this fantastic school and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all your friendly faces, particularly getting to know the students and families in K4.</p> <p>I come to Quinns Beach from Lockridge Primary School where I taught for four years. I made the decision to move so I could be closer to home and work around my local surroundings allowing me to be a part of the school culture and community more freely. Prior to Lockridge I worked at Yanchep Primary while on maternity leave and South Hedland Primary in the Pilbara where I lived for two years.</p>
 <p>Mr Passmore- Year 6</p>	<p>I have been teaching for 10 years at various schools in the country, remote and suburbs of Perth. My wife and I have owned our house in Quinns Rocks for the last 7 years because we love the coastal lifestyle. I have always aspired for a position at Quinns Beach Primary School and I am so glad to be here. I grew up in the Kimberley with both parents as teachers, so I really do strive for that community involvement.</p> <p>I have a daughter named Bailey and another daughter named Mackenzie, who has joined Kindergarten at QBPS this year as well. They are both super excited about school because they've always seen their Dad 'go to school'.</p> <p>I am very much into outdoor activities whether it's fishing, snorkelling and anything that involves bathing in our beautiful weather and sun. I enjoy playing various musical instruments including the guitar and drums and more recently learning the</p>

	<p>ukulele. I used to play in bands throughout Northbridge and Fremantle. I'm happy to join or form any student or school bands, so if you child would like to play some rock n roll, let's get jamming!</p>
 <p>Mr M- Physical Education</p>	<p>My name is Mr Mihal, students will know me as Mr M. I am extremely eager and excited to commence the Physical Education role at Quins Beach Primary School. My education comprises of Business Management, Bachelor in Exercise and Sports Science, majoring in Human Movement, and Graduate Diploma in Education. Previously, I was a tennis coach for 7 years and have 8 years of teaching experience at various schools with, hopefully, many more to come. I have and will continue to use all of my knowledge and wisdom to inspire the children of today.</p> <p>I grew up in a small mining town where I completed my schooling years. From living in a tight knit community, I have always understood that community culture is extremely important. My passion for physical activity and fitness was developed during these years where I was lucky enough to have the opportunity and exposure to excel in many sports including tennis, soccer, basketball and AFL.</p>
 <p>Olivia Weck- Chaplain</p>	<p>I was originally born in South Africa but have grown up here in the Northern Suburbs of Perth. At a young age I developed a keen interest to be involved in the community and school programs, which spurred me on to pursue a career that would enable me to be of support to children of all ages and stages of life. My background has included extensive volunteer work with my current church and more recently, work within the Department of Child Protection. I am currently studying a Bachelor of Youth Work and a Certificate IV in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care. I am passionate about seeing this current generation fulfil their fullest potential. This year I am so looking forward to being involved with the students, staff, families and the community of the school. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks.</p>
 <p>Melissa Birch- School Psychologist</p>	<p>I am the oldest of four siblings and my youngest sister is currently in Year 10. I am originally from England, and have been living in Perth since 2006. Last year, I lived in Esperance and worked as a School Psychologist there in seven schools. I love spending time with my family and friends and reading fantasy books. This year I am looking forward to the Winter Olympics and getting to know the staff and students at Quinns Beach Primary School.</p>
 <p>Emma Boylan- Year 5/6</p>	<p>Kaya! My name is Emma Boylan and I have been teaching for 10 years. I have taught in places such as Newman, Kalgoorlie and Exmouth. I am passionate about the environment and I am always looking for ways to live more sustainably. I enjoy playing sports such as hockey, touch football and netball. I am looking forward to working with all the students and getting to know families throughout the year.</p>
<p>Rachel O'Hara- Music Specialist</p>	<p>Rachel has come from Landsdale PS and is a keen musician herself.</p>

Here is some further information that I wish to share with you all:

- We currently have 391 students enrolled.
- Mrs Moss is our Associate Principal two days a week, in addition to her Staff Coaching role.
- Mr Carmody is taking Long Service Leave each Monday for semester one.

- Adjusted timetable where each period is now 45 minutes, down from 1 hour.
- Adjusted timetable where students play at lunch first before eating after.
- Students from Year 1 to 6 are allowed to play across the school, with the direction to try and play with students either a year above or year below.
- New Positive Expectations plan has been introduced and will evolve with time.
- Commenced a partnership with West Coast Language Development Centre (WCLDC), accessing targeted support for the early years.
- **Remote Learning Plans** are ready, when learning is to take place at home due to COVID outbreak or restrictions.
- Planning is underway for our School Review scheduled for early Term 2.

COVID Update

The Chief Health Officer has advised that schools should limit in-school gatherings of students and staff to class groups or small groups within a year level. This is to minimise the number of students or staff impacted by the presence of a positive case. At this stage, it is not necessary for us to postpone or cancel infrequent special events, such as interschool carnivals. As previously announced, further public health measures may be stepped up in line with high caseloads in the community which WA is not yet experiencing.

What that means unfortunately is that some events that bring everyone together, need to be scaled back. We will aim to still do our best to ensure students, staff and the community are still enjoying some of the benefits of events such as merit certificates.

How does this impact us?

- No face to face assemblies until advised otherwise. A revised virtual assemblies will occur where certificates will be awarded to students
- Parent/Teacher meetings will not continue as planned. Your classroom teacher will provide all families with either an email or hardcopy of the information. I know it's not the same, however it is what we are required to do.

I will continue to update all parents/carers as information comes to hand. This will be communicated via email and SMS.

Positive Expectations Plan (PEP)

Year 1 to 6 students attended a welcome back assembly on Tuesday where our new PEP was introduced. More information explaining how it will work will come in the Week 3 Newsletter, and all Parent/Carers provided with a copy. A lot of work has gone into this plan and I thank the following staff: Miss Bell, Mr Paini, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Scherini, Miss McCosh, Miss Morgan; and parents Mrs McCulloch, Ms Williams and Mr Whiteley.

General School Expectations:

- No toys to be brought to school.
- Wear appropriate footwear. Thongs, gumboots and uggs are not appropriate.
- Classroom doors open at 8.20 and students are expected to arrive between 8.20 and 8.35am
- Learning commences at 8.35am. Arrival after that time can impact negatively on the child and class.
- Students are not expected to arrive before 8.20am.
- Bikes and scooters are to be walked through the school grounds.



Caring	We help each other	We are honest	We play safely	We use equipment correctly	We keep our school tidy
Respectful	We use our manners	We use kind and calm words	We follow instructions	We are proud of our school	We let others learn
Resilient	We have a positive attitude	We can work our way through a problem	It's ok to be me	We accept that things don't always go our way	Setbacks are clues to try something new
Successful	We always try our best	We have a growth mindset	We set goals and work towards them	It's ok to make mistakes	We celebrate my own and others success

Finally, I encourage the following:

- Families are welcome to stay and use the play equipment after school, only if a Parent/Carer is present. Duty of care is with the adult present. Toilets will not be open for use however. No playing on equipment before school.
- Parking: Please use designated parking spaces around the school. The Kiss N Ride is a great way to drop your children off as it eases congestion. Our community members who live adjacent to the school, are in constant communication about cars parking illegally.

Have a great weekend one and all.

Regards

Taylor Webb

Principal

