Welcome back to Term 4 everyone!

What a busy start to the term we have already had.

Those of you who have been into the school over the last week will no doubt know that something has changed in our Early Years classroom. Yes, it is now a ping pong hall – well not quite. Both classes will be undertaking a 5 week table tennis unit as part of our physical education sessions. Mr. Brown has spent the holidays planning these units and started teaching the students in last week. For the next couple of weeks he will be absent coaching overseas for this year’s World Aerobics Championships. Mrs. Fitzgerald will teach the lessons he has planned until Mr. Brown returns. Throughout this term, Sensai Mutton will also be taking a couple of short overseas trips but has organised several ‘make-up’ sessions throughout the term.

Last week, we finished our self-evaluation for our school review and I must extend a big thank you to Mrs. Fitzgerald, Sylvia and School Council for assisting with this and ensuring that the evaluation was relevant, positive and will help drive the future direction of Queenscliff Primary School. We are fortunate enough to have three review meeting days this term where our reviewer, Mr. Chris Thomson will work alongside myself, our school’s Senior Educational Improvement Leader, Mr. Alan Davis and our peer principals, Mr. Andrew Dalglish (Montpellier Primary School) and Mrs. Mary Hutchison (Roslyn Primary School). The meeting dates will be the 17th of October, the 7th of November and the 7th of December. Parents and students will also have opportunities to have discussions with the review team.

Our focus in Inquiry this term will include communities and health. Students have already begun these sessions and we look forward to seeing what journey these units take us on. We also have an African Drumming incursion for Performing Arts and a musical Japanese excursion planned for the end of the term.

Last week we finalized our Term 4 transition dates (attached). Transition for this term is open to all 2017 Prep students AS WELL as any other potential student enrolments across other year levels. Please spread the word about how well Queenscliff Primary School is doing and pass on the school details to anyone who may wish to meet with myself or attend one of our transition sessions. You will see on the transition flyer that we have scheduled a school picnic for all staff, current and new 2017 students and their families for the 12th of December between 4.20 and 6.30pm. We thought it would be a great opportunity for the school to run some activities share a bite to eat and get to know each other. We ask that every family brings a plate to share.

Another important date for people to put in their diaries is November 16th. Between 11.00am and 2.00pm we will be having a school ‘Open Morning’ which will coincide with one of our 2017 Prep transition days. Please come along and invite anyone you think may be interested in seeing what we do at QPS – especially those with school aged children, whether they be Preps or any other year level. School photos will also be on this day between 9.00am and 10.30pm. Well, until next newsletter, let’s keep on doing what we are doing.

Richard Buckingham
Principal
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week One
Beau Broughton—For an Outstanding start to Term 4

Week Two
Cullen Broughton—Outstanding effort when completing homework

WALK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST

This Friday, we have been invited by the Borough of Queenscliffe to share breakfast to celebrate Walk to School month. Each morning, we have met at the corner of Stokes Street and walked together to school. It has been very enjoyable. On Friday we will be meeting at Camp Wyuna at 8.30am. We will have breakfast with the other schools in attendance and then after breakfast, we will walk to school, from Camp Wyuna. We look forward to all of our students being in attendance.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween 🎃 Monday October 31 - Q.P.S. Family
Celebrate Halloween while the children ‘Trick or Treat’
Where: Baileys house between 3:30 - 6:30
Bring a plate to share if you wish.

WE CRACKED THE SLIME!!
WEEK 38 – BEING A GOOD SPORT

Wellbeing Element – Relationships and Optimism
Character Strength – Caution

When playing sport or participating in an activity with other people, an essential growth mindset which we need to cultivate in students is to be a gracious winner and an accepting loser. The experience of participating is a rich learning opportunity to develop their Relationships and Optimism element of wellbeing.

With the media coverage of intolerant behaviours from sporting professionals, we need to balance the ledger with explicit conversations about more appropriate and dignified ways to act.

Discussing desirable and appropriate ways to act in all interactions with others will enable students to reflect on what they currently do and then set self-expectations to live by. This is the true essence of School Wide Positive Behaviours.

In time students will adopt doing the right thing and doing the thing right, which in turn will lead to an attitude and mindset that this is the way we do things around here.