The rain has been a welcome relief after the very cold week prior and we look forward to a further soaking this week.

To assist with our Leading School Improvement (LSI) processes, Wheatbelt Regional Education Office has contributed financially to obtaining a presenter for a series of workshops with staff across a twelve month period. We very much appreciate their support and look forward to initiating the workshops in term three.

School council has taken advantage of the WA Education Awards process to recognise and nominate Mrs Penny Johnston in the Education Assistant of the Year category. This category is for those who assist teachers to deliver education programs and encourage supportive and inclusive learning environments. We wish Mrs Johnston all the best in her nomination, and thankyou to School Council for putting forward the nomination.

Miss Wilson has been leading the Admin staff in the process of learning about a new ‘app’ to be used across the school for further streamlining of communication processes. This has been an item we have been working toward for a while now and we look forward to a launch in term three.

Our Wheatbelt Youth Council met recently to discuss current projects underway in which our students can be involved. Our councillors - School Captain Aahlia Faltyn, Val Hayden (Yr10), Faction Captain Adam Cosgrove, and Anthony Hayden (Yr9) are committed to assisting this group support the Youth of Quairading. Our latest project is the ‘Blue Tree Project’ about which you may have heard. We look forward to being involved and can bring you further details as they become available.

I attended a joint Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) exercise recently, where we worked through the possible capability and capacity to set up and operate a local welfare evacuation centre for a significant local emergency such as a ‘Microburst’ rain/flood event. This was a valuable and informative exercise and I appreciate the support of our local emergency services in their protection of the community.

Our very most sincere congratulations to Mrs Kate Walker and Scott on the safe arrival of baby Darcie Alice. We wish them all the very best for good sleep patterns and can’t wait to see them!

Our Kindy and Pre-primary students travelled to Merredin on the P&C bus recently to see the theatre
production of Possum magic. They had a fabulous time and we appreciate the support of Miss White, Mrs Thompson and JC in getting them there and back safely.

While we’re on the KP, did you know that Miss White is currently upgrading her qualifications with a graduate certificate in Early Childhood Education through Edith Cowan University? She is a great example of lifelong learning – which is our vision. The course is almost concluded and we wish Miss White all the best in completing the final requirements for the course as term draws to a close.

Our students from years 4-6 competed in the primary winter carnival in Kellerberrin recently. Our teams had a great day and came away with two trophies for netball and hockey, and many other strong sporting achievements. Congratulations to our competitors and to Ms Nottle on her first winter carnival. Thank you to the myriad of parents who went along to umpire, score, coach and provide general and overall support. Well done to everyone involved!

Promoting connections with higher learning institutions and supporting our STEM learning and Science focus, we recently hosted Felicity Bradshaw AM MSc, STEM Professional in Schools, Honorary Research Associate, School of Biological Sciences from the University of Western Australia. With Felicity, we are excited to conduct Science learning with links to the Quairading Nature Reserve and building on our current Nature Reserve Project, with cross curricular links to Art and English. Further to that, Felicity has contributed, with the CSIRO, to a Two Way Science Education project in the Western Desert and can support our teachers in mapping a semi natural plot near the school to document and analyse plants, animals and soils, incorporating indigenous knowledge from our local community support network.

Last week Ms Nottle hosted a Student Leadership afternoon with our Student Council and Faction Captains. Students worked from 11.30am through to 4:30pm on: the qualities of a leader and of a leadership team; and planning to improve school culture from a student perspective. Our P&C support team fed our hungry future Prime Ministers with a delicious lunch and afternoon tea. Thanks Ms Nottle and Mrs Caporn and our student leadership team.

Our year 7-8 Science class undertook some peer tutoring recently when they ran a science lesson for the 1-2 class on solids, liquids and gases. It was a very exciting and informative afternoon and we appreciate the planning and preparation of the students and staff involved.

Recently Mrs Garret’s relations, Fiona & Robert Ahwong, visited the secondary students for a discussion on commitment, careers and culture. Robert is a former Queensland state rugby player and has firsthand experience in achieving excellence at an elite level in sport, as well as preparing for and succeeding in life after elite level sport. Fiona and Robert have four children and Fiona also had pertinent messages on commitment to careers and culture. Thank you Mrs Garret and Fiona and Robert. You can read some feedback about the visit from students elsewhere in the newsletter.

Yesterday our students selected to participate in the Talented Young Writers Project travelled to Perth with Mrs Gelmi and Ms Hansen to attend their first workshop. They had a long day of strong literature and literacy immersion at the Literature Centre in Fremantle. They were inspired with writing tips and tricks from author Kirsty Murray and will continue with workshops with different authors in terms three and four. Thanks to Ms Lesley Reece AM, Director of The Literature Centre, for thinking of our children when scholarships arose, and congratulations to Joshua Cosgrove, Aaron Schultz, Jasmine Keir, Shelby Falty, Stella Squiers, Jorja Squiers, Matilda Gelmi, John Hippisley, Tuscynnie Yardley and Brock MacDonald on your strong conduct.
Last night our P&C catered for the Rotary Changeover Dinner with funds raised going to our students and resources at our school. Together with Rotary who have recently made a significant donation to the school, they support our students to be involved in activities that might otherwise be out of reach financially. Thank you to both Rotary and P&C.

Our School Council meet next Monday after school. Your School Council representatives are Mr Brett Caporn, Chair, Ms Jessica George, Miss Danielle Hayden, Mrs Jody Yardley and Mr Jonathan Hippisley.

On Tuesday after school at 2:30pm we will have our second ‘Fire n Yarn’ event at Nookaminnie Rock. All parents and community are welcome to join us for an hour’s chat over a cup of billy tea and a piece of damper. Kevin O’Keefe, Principal Advisor, Aboriginal Education Teaching and Learning Directorate, will be joining us so please make some time to come on up.

Our Singing Buddies will be competing in the Avon Valley Arts Festival Eisteddfod on the final Friday of school this term. They have been rehearsing for this and the musical madly and we wish them all the very best on the day. Best of luck also goes to our instrumental music students who will be preforming on different days. Thank you to our P&C for the provision of the bus for the event and Mrs Squiers for her planning and preparation.

Our final assembly for the term will be hosted by the Student Council and will include Certificates of Excellence and Citizenship. I look forward to presenting those certificates to our highest achievers in academics and social responsibility.

Mrs Kylie Squiers has been working long hours and days preparing students for the musical this Thursday. Have you seen the entertaining banners at the coop? Have you found the photo of yourself or your child from somewhere in the past twenty-one years? Have a look, somewhere between now and Thursday. The banners will then move to the hall for the Musical on Thursday. This year’s musical is The Beatles’ – music we all know and love, of course! This is our final musical of this format and I urge family and community members to come along, join with us in acknowledging Mrs Squiers and Mr Wilson who has been our ever present piano player for our musicals over the years.

Finally, our condolences go to Dorothy and the Rogers family on the passing of Roy and the George family on the passing of Percy, Percy was a former student of QDHS.

Pauline Wray
Principal
Mathematics at QDHS

At Quairading DHS we have a whole school focus on mental maths strategies.

We use a program called ‘Think Mentals’. Each Wednesday morning the students from Year 1 to Year 6 are split into five different groups ranging in levels of challenge. The whole school focuses on a particular mental maths skill for the week in that hour. At the start of every other maths lesson for the first 10 minutes the students complete 10-20 mental maths questions on that skill to help reinforce it.

This year we have made power points to demonstrate to the students how to use each strategy. If you are a parent who is interested in seeing the strategy or would like some extra work to do with your child at home please contact Kylie Squiers via email and she will discuss it with you.

kylie.squiers@education.wa.edu.au

Rubik’s Cube and Rubik’s Race
In High School Maths, the students have been introduce to the Rubik’s Cube (the iPod of the 1980s).

Currently the students are improving and becoming very quick at making one colour. The goal by the end of the year is to solve the entire cube.

If you have any old Rubik’s Cubes lying around at home and no longer need them, we would love to give them a new home.

Maths Wizard Competition Term 3
Next term we start our Maths Wizard Competition. High School students will be in the Maths Terminator Competition which focuses on adding and subtracting positive and negative numbers and well as multiplying decimals. Students from year 4-6 will be in the Maths Professor Competition which focuses on multiplication and division. Year 1-3 students will be involved in the Maths Wizard Competition which focuses on addition and subtraction.

This competition will run from Week 1 – Week 8 and each week students are given five minutes to complete as many questions as they can. Students record their score each week and at the end of term certificates are handed out to the highest score and most improved for each week. Trophies are awarded to the overall highest score and most improved for each category.
News from Mr Kujawski and Miss White.
As with many District High schools, we enjoy taking on graduate teachers. There are many benefits to this – for them and for us. There are also responsibilities and one is to support and assist in their development as a teacher.

In 2019 Miss White (2017-18) is using the QDHS method of evaluation in numeracy and the ‘triangle’ system of recording student progress. She and our school have been complimented on this system. Great news and thanks Miss White for sharing our expertise!

Mr Kujawski (2017-18) recently requested to be able to use the Maths Professor program in his class to provide extra focus on multiplication. He presented the concept to the numeracy team at his new school, the idea was accepted, and Mr Kujawski is now coordinating the Maths Professor Program through upper primary across his school. We look forward to hearing of their progress!

Congratulations Miss White and Mr Kujawski on your achievements at your new schools.

Thursday 27th June
Quairading Town Hall
Show starts 6:30pm

Tickets are on sale at the Front Office.
$10 Adults – Children are Free
Tea, coffee & snacks on sale during the interval
DVDs on sale on the night $25
Robert and Fiona Ahwong, recent visitors to the secondary classroom. Student recollections.

Valerie Remembers
Fiona and Robert have 4 kids, 2 girls and 2 boys
Robert had lots of jobs, therefore he wasn’t around his kids much
Fiona had to look after the kids while Robert was away and it was tough for her
Robert had to live with other family when he was young

Valerie found Interesting
Robert could have made it into the NRL
Fiona’s son struggled with learning and she had to be with him all the time. So she coached his soccer team.
They kept a positive mindset through the tough times

Valerie Questioned
How did she manage to look after the kids when Robert was gone?

Jaxon Remembers
Fiona said “If your first job doesn’t go to plan, you should have a plan B”
Roberts father passed away when he was only 10
Their son Brandon wanted to be just like Dad

Aahlia Remembers
Robert spoke about his childhood and his favourite memory
Fiona spoke about their time as young parents and how much of a struggle it was doing everything for their kids
The sport stories, Robert coaching and playing Rugby most of his life, whilst Fiona having to run around after the kids with their sport

Aahlia Found Interesting
Always have a Plan B, for a back-up plan with a job.
Primary Winter Carnival

On Friday 14th June our Upper Primary students attended the Primary Winter Sports Carnival in Kellerberrin. Our students showed fantastic sportsmanship and should be proud of the way they represented our school. A great day out was had by all and we came home with a couple of trophies for netball and hockey.

Thank you to the following parents and staff for their assistance in coaching, umpiring and supporting our team: Sarah Caporn, Jason Colbung, Scott Fairhead, Jen Tonkin, Renee Anderson, Kelsie Squiers, Melanie Mills, Claire Gelmi, Jane Johnston, Kylie Squiers.
The Year 5/6 students have been busy making healthy food choices in Home Economics, they made these delicious Breakfast Tarts last week.

**Breakfast Tarts**  
*Serves 2 (4 tarts)*

**Ingredients:**

1½ cups rolled oats  
½ cup shredded coconut  
1 tbspn chia seeds (or you could use wattle seeds)  
1 tbspn chopped macadamia nuts  
½ tspn cinnamon  
¼ cup coconut oil  
1 tbspn coconut oil  
¼ cup of honey or golden/maple syrup

**Filling:**

1 cup plain Greek yoghurt  
1 tbspn honey  
1 tspn vanilla essence  
Seasonal fruit for topping—strawberries, kiwifruit, apple, bananas etc

**Method:**

1. Preheat oven to 180C  
2. Combine oats, shredded coconut, chia seeds, macadamia nuts and cinnamon in a large bowl. Mix well  
3. Melt coconut oil with honey over a low heat  
4. Pour melted mixture into your dry ingredients and mix well  
5. Lightly grease your tart cases  
6. Divide your mixture into four portions and place into your tart cases. Using a spoon, gently press the mixture into the case as this will form the tart shell.  
7. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until a light brown. Watch carefully to ensure they don’t get too dark or burn  
8. Allow cases to cool on a cooling rack. They must be completely cool before filling.  
9. Combine yoghurt, honey and vanilla essence.  
10. Place spoonfuls of the yoghurt into each tart case.  
11. Cut your fruit and arrange creatively on top of your yoghurt.
QUAIRADING P&C FUNDRAISING EVENT

EMMA KRAUSE  THE PONY  SIMONE SPRINGER  LUCY EWING

The Motherhood PRESENTS
Surviving the circus

Quairading Town Hall
Saturday 27th July
7pm - 10pm

TICKETS: $40
including supper from Flavour Town Catering.
Purchase tickets by online transfer direct to the Quairading P&C, with your name as reference and email chad.mills@bigpond.com
Alternatively, pay cash in person at the Quairading CRC. Your name will be on the door list on the night.

Quairading P&C
BSB: 036 172  ACC: 760 326

Cash bar. No BYO.

Enquiries to Sarah Caporn 0401 052 192 or via Quairading DHS P&C Association Inc on Facebook.
BreastScreen WA’s FREE screening mammogram service will be in:

Quairading
24/07/2019 – 01/08/2019
Quairading Community Resource Centre car park, Parker Street
Bookings: Online or Tel. 13 20 50 from approximately 24/06/2019
All women aged 40 years and over are welcome to attend.

Please see posters displayed locally, website and Facebook page. Group bookings can be made by contacting Health Promotion email breastscreenwa@health.wa.gov.au or Tel. 9323 6709.

NORTHAM PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL: previously known as the Northam Eisteddfod is taking place the last week of this term from 30th June - 5th July. Guitar/Drum and Piano students will receive information about it this week with their teacher. Entries are due this Friday 17th May. If there is anyone else who would like to enter this Festival in either singing, guitar, piano, drums, drama, etc please contact me and I’ll send you out the application form. Please note: individual performances are not run through QDHS and therefore it is the family’s responsibility to get you to and from Northam. Thanks Kylie 0400 766 269

Loose Stitches: We are offering a 5 week class for the kids, starting on the third Tuesday of the month (6/7/19), straight after school. You will be joining Sarah in making a ‘Zippy Hobby Bag’. The bags come in 2 different sizes. The cost of the class is $25, plus the cost of fabric (only a small amount needed) and a zip. A sewing machine in good working order (with a 1/4” foot would be great!) and the usual sewing supplies are required. We can supply some basic items. We would like for the participants to come in prior to starting the workshop to choose their fabric, so that on that first Tuesday we are ready to get going! Payment up front is requested please. We will have a sample of the bag in the shop for the kids to look at.
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