

Quantin Binnah

Quarterly Newsletter



October to December 2021

MESSAGE FROM OUR C.E.O

Welcome to our 4th Quarterly Newsletter. We thank you as a community for your patience during these changing times.

Despite having more weeks in lock down than without, our QB team have been diligently working to deliver our programs. The children and staff team creativity is inspiring and they demonstrate this through the activities they plan based on our QB monthly themes. You will see this in this addition.

This term we launched our new Web Site and new brand. This newsletter is proudly displaying our new look. Please visit our beautiful new website which proudly displays our work here at QB.
<https://www.qbcc.org.au/>

We will soon be sending out an invitation to our Annual General Meeting which will be held via zoom on Wednesday 27th October. We would love to see you there!

Once again, we welcome your feedback at any time and we wish you a safe and peaceful break over the coming period.

Yours Sincerely,
Christine Barca CEO

COVID SAFE

Please follow each of our service sites COVID Safe guidelines. Masks must be worn inside all Quantin Binnah sites. Together we can keep out QB Community safe.

CHILD SAFETY

Quantin Binnah is a Child Safe Organisation.

Please remember to keep children who are unwell at home.

Term Dates

	Start Date	Finish Date
Term 1	28 January	1 April
Term 2	19 April	25 June
Term 3	12 July	17 September
Term 4	4 October	17 December – To reopen Tuesday 4 th January 2022

October	November	December
1st Vacation Care Term 3 Ends	2nd Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	2nd Social Inclusion Day
4th Term 4 Starts	4th Diwali Festival	10th Little Kinder Parent Information Session
4th-10th National Family Week	8th-14th Recycling/sustainability Week	17th Term 4 End Kinder Concert Dates (TBC)
25th – 31st National Children's Week	8th Applications Open Term 4 Vacation Care	17th Kindergarten Staff Term 4 – (no kinder) Clean Up
27th QB AGM	11th Remembrance Day	17 th Childcare End of Year
25th-29th Dress Up Day	24th Board Meeting	25th Christmas Day
31st National Grandparents Day	24th Kindergarten Parent Information Session	27th Christmas Day Public Holiday
		26th Boxing Day
		28th Boxing Day Public Holiday

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RE-BRANDING REVEALED

On the 11th August we officially launched all of our Re-branding with an Online Launch Webinar. We thank all of those who attended online.

We were very pleased to finally be able to reveal our new logo and website.



You will see our new branding in all of our print media, signage and banners, uniforms and documentation.



Also, on 11th August we had our new logo installed in the foyer. We are very excited to have a fresh new reception area to welcome all of our staff, families and visitors. We hope you all enjoy the new look QB.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Introduction to English for Beginners

Develop your language skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening; including the use of numbers. Join a free 6 week course starting on Monday 4th OR Thursday 7th October. Monday's or Thursday's 9.30am to 1.30pm



Mindful Monday

Join Emma & others from the community for a chat, share some strategies and complete a Mindfulness activity.

Join Zoom Meeting at 3.00pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81521258245?pwd=NGdEWVpWazlvckVEUo1kRkh1Umxdzog>

MINDFUL MONDAYS

Meeting ID: 815 2125 8245

Passcode: 146351



Walking Wednesday

Join others for a walk around your local neighbourhood. Good for your physical and mental health. Connect with other members of your community.

Wednesday's at 10.30am *Weather permitting



Lockdown Lunchtime Bingo

Tuesday @ 1.00pm during October.

Please contact community@qbcc.org.au to register and receive your game cards & Zoom link.

Limited vacancies each week. Get in quick!!

Bookings essential.

Community Development Team

9742 5040 or community@qbcc.org.au

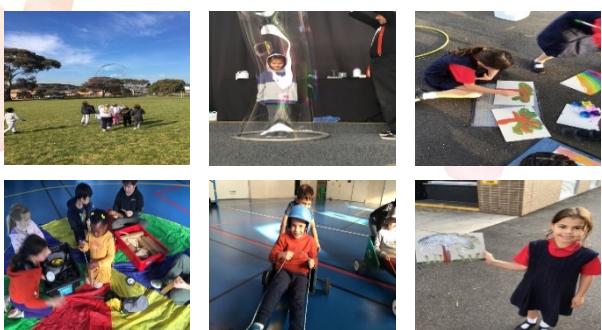


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Here are the ways QB embraced our themes of **Heritage and Communication, Science, Exploration, Sustainability, Spring and Community Carers** across all our programs for the last quarter!

School Age Care Reflections

Children were able to experience BUBBLES! They loved trying to predict how long they would last.



Go Karts!!! The children were able to investigate, hypothesise and draw conclusions through exploring STEM. The children went on a hunt to see what they could find in the yard to re-use as materials for art and craft.



Tea bag lift off - The children enjoyed learning about how heat rises and catching the slow-moving ash as it descends while cooling.



Folded Paper Airplanes The children loved making paper planes. This activity enabled the children to explore their ideas and creativity while using paper from the recycled paper box. Once completed, the children had a paper plane competition and watched it back with delight on the iPad.

School Age Care Reflections

STEM Skills: The children explored the stem engineering technology. They connecting circuits, learnt about positive/negative connections and used an alarm buzzer and witnessed a light turn on.



Children have learnt about sustainable patterns of living. The group has engaged in:

- Feeding the community chicken with left over fruits/water
- Maintaining the community garden
- Watering the plants with leftover drinking water
- Creating a scare crow



Our Lady School Age Care showed a greater focus on recycle, reduce and reuse. The children decided to have a plastic bag fashion show and reuse recycled Coles shopping bags from the Service weekly orders.

The children also worked together to wash the toys and equipment and this presented the opportunity to discuss how old toys don't always need to be disposed. They also focused on the Lorax and the messages found in the movie – the children made some of their own pledges to help the environment and contributed to the sustainability wall.



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School Age Care Reflections



Harry Potter week helped submerge our children into the themes for August. The children were engaged in a world full of imagination, science experiments, colour mixing potion classes and making sustainable wands.



The children made stress balls and used them for Egg and Spoon races. There were a lot of laughs.



A smoothie bar was set up for the children to make their own fruit smoothie. They were delicious!

Little Kinder Reflections



In Little Kinder we did lots of fun activities to help teach the children about sustainability and the world around us.

Kinder Reflections

Our Tokyo Olympics games week was celebrated with lots of fun outdoor games and art and crafts.



Pyjama & Breakfast Day allow our children to experience a day that's a little out of the ordinary, that's a little out of their usual routine, that's a little more comfortable than usual and that's a little more fun!



Spring is here and oh how excited we all are and happy to have the warmer days and the beautiful sun shining. We get to play outside a lot longer. We talk about all the baby animals that are going to start to appear and we even had a chat about swooping magpies and how to keep safe. We chatted about the lifecycle of a butterfly, we read the book the very hungry caterpillar, then we completed our learning experience with some art and craft.



In kinder we planted parsley, silver beet and celery while the children learned about sustainability.



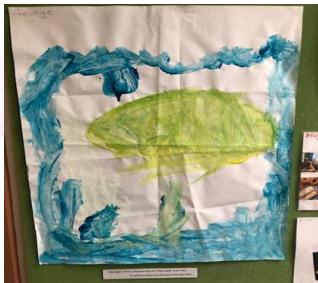
Dental Care Week was all about learning to brush our teeth correctly and how many times a week. We read books and completed art and crafts. Normally we would have had an incursion with the dental company called JK Dental. Dr Jay and his team come and teach the children, so we used previous experiences to help the children learn more about caring for their teeth.

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Childcare Reflections



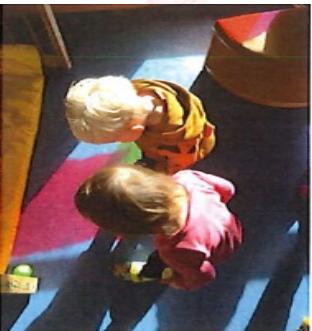
In the Preschool room during group time, we discussed our heritage and asked the children what they knew about the Werribee River.

The children were then invited to do a painting to express their ideas about what they had learnt from their conversations.



The children practised their fine motor skills by using the tongs to collect rubbish from the ocean. We learnt that by doing this we could save the sea life by preventing rubbish from blowing into the ocean.

The children also learned about density and buoyancy and experimented with objects from around the room and discovered which would sink or float.



The children discovered rainbows and shadows on the floor with the sun's reflections.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Our Strategic Plan is now completed and will provide the direction for Services at Quantin Binnah for the next 5 years.

Once the Strategic Plan 2021 - 2026 is formally approved by the QB Board, this report will be loaded onto our website:

<https://www.qbcc.org.au/newsandpolicies>

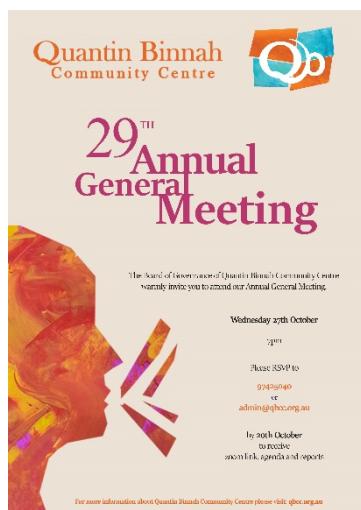
I would like to thank all of you who enabled QB to undertake this planning process by providing feedback through the surveys and your testimonials. We are grateful for the feedback you provide to support us to enhance our service provision.



AGM

Quantin Binnah's Annual General Meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 27th October 2021.

Invitations will be sent soon and the link will be emailed to those who RSVP by Wednesday 20th October 2021.





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PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

QUANTIN BINNAH OPERATES SERVICES AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:

Quantin Binnah 61 Thames Boulevard Werribee- Kinder, Little Kinder, Playgroup, Childcare, School Age Care, Vacation Care and Community Programs

Woodville 82 Woodville Park Drive Hoppers Crossing - Childcare

Corpus Christi P.S. 29 Russell Street Werribee – School Age Care and Vacation Care

Our Lady of the Southern Cross P.S. Howqua Way Wyndhamvale – School Age Care

St John the Apostle P.S. 76 Kingbird Avenue Tarneit – School Age Care

St Martin de Porres 25 Bellin Street P.S. Laverton – School Age Care

St Leo the Great P.S. 389 Mason Street Altona- School Age Care

Newport Lakes - Elizabeth Streets P.S. Newport – School Age Care and Vacation Care

All our services will be running the following activities and more:

	October Dress Up & Super Heroes	November Respect & Pets	December Summer & Year Ending Celebrations
Kinder	World Space Week – a variety of arts and crafts, also project work – learning about space. National Children's Week- games week – “let's talk about our favourite game to play -a week full of playing games -children to bring in their favourite game. Cooking with the children.	Road Safety Week – discussion and role play about road safety. Art and craft – (traffic lights and hold my hand) Bring in recycled boxes from home (remember recycled boxes that CONTAIN nuts cannot be brought in) for box construction.	Christmas activities Getting Ready for School
Little Kinder	Join the Number sheets Guess the superhero activity Making super hero arm bands Group time discussion “What are the super heroes' powers?” Making a mask Pin the star on the shield game Felt board activity with different super hero characters 26th-27th Dress Up Day Car painting	2rd, 3rd Diwali celebration Lantern making Activity Rangoli / sand art making Making a lamp Traditional food cooking Playing charades Playing animal's charades Match animal's habitat/ food/ babies activity sheet Teach animal songs in different languages Reading books about respecting pets Celebrate Remembrance Day	10th Little Kinder Parent Information Session 14th and 15th Kinder Concert Dates Making cards Making Christmas gifts Making gift tags Christmas colour potato masher painting

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		Making a place mat using recycle material Recycling/sustainability activity	
Childcare	Dress up Month-multicultural & Super Hero “Dressing” our bodies traced on paper Grandparent’s Day – making a special gift for Grandparents	Pet Picnic – bring a soft toy and/or pet photo Parents invited to email Pet photo & we make a Pet Book Using books/discussions to talk about manners/respect	Water Play/ Sprinkler Fun Beach Environment Inside/Outside – SunSmart talk Christmas craft/ Christmas concert if permitted to do so
School Age Care	Our Lady Superhero Masks Dress up day Superhero Arm bands Icy Pole stick puppet superheros Write a letter to your superhero (superhero cards) Superhero Shields Superheros Vs Villains Dodgeball Colouring In fun Newport Lakes Super hero trivia Super hero dress up theme Make your own super hero costume Super hero masks Quantin Binnah Our children will be creating superhero-city wall papers from old newspapers, they will be designing and developing their own capes their own capes and even have a dress up day Corpus Christi Cuff creations, create your own super hero cuffs, to fight crime and evil Captain America shields Super hero workout, design your very own super hero exercise plan St Leo Super hero lightning bolt Make A LEGO Rubber Band Car Super hero masks Super hero hop	Our Lady Tree of good manners Respect acrostic poem making Lorax how to make the world a better place cards Paper Plate Pets Rock Pets Grass growing pets Make your own fish tank (box craft) Paw print paintings Pet Origami Newport Lakes Create your imaginary pet Blooming with respect follower hand print poster Origami pets - cats, dogs, birds and other various animals Paper roll animals Quantin Binnah We will be creating a paper bag pet farm for the children. In alignment with our theme of respect – sustainability and respect for the environment will be embedded in our practices. We will also be involving families this month with the activity: “bring a photo of your family pet”. These photos will help us create a beautiful background display for our pet farm! Corpus Christi Photo frames: Bring a photo of your pet, and make your very own photo frame to hold the photo	Our Lady Make your own fan Ice cream collage Frilly Paper Sun Paper Plate Sunflowers Sun Smart Games Letters to Santa Christmas Card Making Gingerbread Paper Men Christmas Tree Cones Reindeer handprint Paintings Icy Pole stick Christmas Tree decorations Newport Lakes Paper plate sun and rainbow Outside chalk fun Smoothie station - Healthy eating Most memorable moments poster Quantin Binnah We will be bringing in our Christmas activities and water play. From water balloons, bubbles, present making and tree decorating our children won’t know which activity to choose from. Corpus Christi End of summer: Christmas decorations Advent calendars Paper chains St Leo Summer themed colouring ins Popsicle Bird stick feeder (group craft) Outdoor rock tic tac toe (group) Felt popsicle sticks

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Dress up parade Halloween
 Captain America paper shield
 Wonder woman crown and cuffs craft
 St Martin
 Dress up
 Origami
 Crowns
 Making our own dress out of paper
 Dress up afternoon
 Draw our favourite superhero
 Group comic strip
 Paddle pop stick heroes

St Leo
 Today I..... (respect box)
 Blooming with respect (hand painting art) - group poster activity
 Random acts of kindness bingo
 Respect colouring ins
 Empathy Bracelet Making
 Courage Jar
 Who do we respect?
 How do we show respect?
 Heart Clay
 Printable pet templates (to be decorated)
 Playdough/ clay matt templates
 Make a butterfly w décor (made with clay)
 Build A PUPPY
 Craft stick pet puppets
 Mosaic pet art
 Paper Plate animal crafts
 Word pet templates – “what I love most about my pets etc”
 Raising for animals in need
 St Martin
 Discuss respect
 How does respect grow paper garden
 Origami -Angel
 Drawings
 Bring in favourite stuffed animals
 Each child to bring a photo of their pet to make a pet collage for everyone to see

Handprint sunflowers
 Jelly fish suncatcher
 Bird paper kite
 Butterfly nature craft
 Nature suncatcher
 Dragon fly craft
 Summer sun paper plate
 Cardboard lemonade
 Egg carton turtles and flowers
 St Martin
 Draw our favourite beach
 Shrink art
 Paint sea shells
 Make our own Icey poles/ ice cream
 Decorating hall for Christmas
 Make cookies
 Games day
 Sparkly snowflakes popsicle sticks
 Candy cane pipe cleaners
 Paper plate Christmas wreath
 Cup Christmas trees
 Akon Christmas trees
 Christmas tree ornaments
 Tealight snowman
 Reindeer plates
 Christmas colouring in
 Christmas cards
 Fireworks toilet roll painting
 New Year photo booth props
 Party hats
 Party glasses
 Noise makers
 Party popper
 New Year fireworks
 New Year colouring ins
 New Year resolution Bags

Vacation Care	Not running in October	Not Running in November	Not Running in December
Community Development	Introduction to English Walking Wednesdays Mindful Mondays Lunchtime Bingo		

We look forward to sharing QB Programs themed activities for October, November and December in our first QB Quarterly for 2022.
 Wishing you all an enjoyable Term 4.