



# Quantin Binnah

## Quarterly Newsletter

January to March 2023

### MESSAGE FROM OUR C.E.O

Welcome to our 9<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Newsletter. In this Newsletter we are reporting on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022 as well as providing information on what is coming up!

It's been a busy 3 months. In addition to having lots of community programs all of our education and care services continuing to delivering quality programs and activities, we have had our AGM and our wonderful 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. I hope you all received my email and the wonderful photo montage photographed and produced by Nat Britchford.

Both the AGM and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations were great events and aptly planned and executed by the wonderful staff here at QB.

For those of you who involved in our education and care services, we hope you continue to enjoy our communication through OWNA, <https://www.owna.com.au/> our Parent Platform. We continue to work with OWNA to enhance the platforms features to provide a better experience for all.

During this quarter, we finalized our migration to Share Point and Office 365. My thanks go to all the staff and the families for your patience during this process.

I think we are there now.

### COVID SAFE

Please follow each of our service sites COVID Safe guidelines. Masks are optional at all Quantin Binnah sites. Together we can keep our QB Community safe.

### CHILD SAFETY

Quantin Binnah is a Child Safe Organisation. Please remember to keep children who are unwell at home.



QB continues to lobby the Wyndham City Council to enable our vision for our Centre to become a reality. We hope to make some announcements soon about some improvements the WCC will be making and we will continue to pursue our Vision to enhance our facilities

We thank you all for your wonderful ideas for our 2022 monthly themes to support our integrated programming and for your ideas for our 2023 Calendar. Please visit <https://www.qbcc.org.au/annual-reports> for our Beautifully Illustrated Annual Report containing our 2023 calendar. We hope you will enjoy the 2023 themes which have been crafted from your children's creative talents and ideas. You can pick up a copy at the Centre.

We love to hear your feedback at any time <https://www.qbcc.org.au/feedback> We would also welcome your children's ideas for our activities for our themes in the first part of 2023.

- Time & Evolution History = Jan
- History, Discovery & Adventure = Feb
- Giving & Sharing = March

Please remember to drive at the speed limit in the Car Park and to ensure we are watching out for each other.

Yours Sincerely,

**Christine Barca CEO**



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### 2023 Term Dates

	Start Date	Finish Date
<b>Term 1</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> January	6 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Term 2</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> April	23 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Term 3</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> July	15 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Term 4</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	20 December – To reopen Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024

### Important Dates

January	February	March
2 <sup>nd</sup> New Year's Day	9 <sup>th</sup> National Pizza Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Beginning of Autumn
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vacation care QB	22 <sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> Term 1 Vacation Care Applications Open
22 <sup>nd</sup> Chinese New Year	Strategic Plan Review	1 <sup>st</sup> Kindergarten Registration Open WCC
26 <sup>th</sup> Australia Day Public Holiday		5 <sup>th</sup> Clean Up Australia Day
27 <sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Staff Return (child free Day) Term 1 Start		8 <sup>th</sup> International Women's Day
30 <sup>th</sup> Students Term 1 Start		13 <sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public Holiday
		14 <sup>th</sup> National Close the Gap Day
		17 <sup>th</sup> St Patricks Day
		21 <sup>st</sup> Harmony Day World Down Syndrome Day
		22 <sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting
		24 <sup>th</sup> National Ride2School Day
		26 <sup>th</sup> Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness)
		26 <sup>th</sup> Neighbour Day

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REFLECTION

2022 brought freedom from lockdowns and restrictions but it also delivered many other challenges including increasing cost of living pressures, cold & wet weather, the continued presence of COVID and the uncertainty of returning to group activities. But 2022 also brought exciting & dynamic Community Development Activities and Initiatives.

<b>Monday</b>	Breakfast Club
	Café QB
	Creating Villages Craft
	OOey gOOey messy play
	Wyndham Parents Support Network
<b>Tuesday</b>	Café QB
	Creating Villages Craft
	CraftABILITY
	Home Schoolers Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	Breakfast Club
	Café QB
	Creating Villages Craft
	High Tea & Craft
	Maggie the Clairvoyant
	Social English Group
	Loose Parts Play
<b>Thursday</b>	Wonder Women
	Wyndham Women's Support Group
<b>Friday</b>	Early Leaps Little Leapers Therapy Playgroup
<b>Saturday</b>	Australian Crochet Club
<b>Sunday</b>	Craft Binge

<b>Courses</b>	Parenting during a Pandemic
	Triple S for Parentis – Support, Strategies, Self-Care
	Tuning into Kids (delivered by MacKillop Family Services)
	Digital Literacy (provided by Gen U)
	Introduction to English for Beginners
	Barista Essentials

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REFLECTION

<b>Community Initiatives</b>	Community Connectors
	Mind
	Tweddle
	Foodbank
	Life! Community Kitchen
	QB Marketplace

<b>POP-UP EVENTS</b>	Art Spectrum
	Life! Diabetes
	Heart Matters
	Adult Learning Festival – Basic Car Care
	Adult Learner Festival – Flower Arranging for Beginners
	Seniors Festival – Craft & High Tea
	Seniors Festival – Musical Melodies
	Science Week STEM discovery
	Yoga for kids
	Victorian Carer's Forum 2022
	Halloween @ Café QB
	International Day for People with Disability
	Bunning Christmas Craft
	Christmas Fun & Games
	Christmas Gifting Crafts and High Tea
	Morning Melodies Christmas Carols

<b>Behind the scenes</b>	WCC Video Project
	Living Your Best Life Expo
	Policy development
	Room hiring and community groups
	Student placement
	Grant submissions
	QB 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
	QB AGM
	Professional development and networks

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REFLECTION

In 2023 we encourage you to continue to pop into Café QB Monday to Wednesday and support this fantastic social initiative enterprise. Café QB is serviced by volunteers and is a not for profit training venture for people with disabilities and mental health to gain valuable experience. All purchases made at the café is reinvested into the menu. We look forward to your ongoing support during the new year.

Community Development will continue to deliver some of our most popular and valuable activities and introduce new programs and workshops in 2023. For further information on Community Development times, activities and information please visit [www.qbcc.org.au](http://www.qbcc.org.au), like the QB Facebook to receive posts and information about our Pop-Up Events or pick up a hard copy brochure in centre. To discuss anything in detail email [community@qbcc.org.au](mailto:community@qbcc.org.au) or call Emma or Penny on 9742 5040.

Please get in touch with the Community Development Team on [community@qbcc.org.au](mailto:community@qbcc.org.au) should you have any requests for programs and activities or if you have any special skills you'd like to share with others. We can't be a community without you!

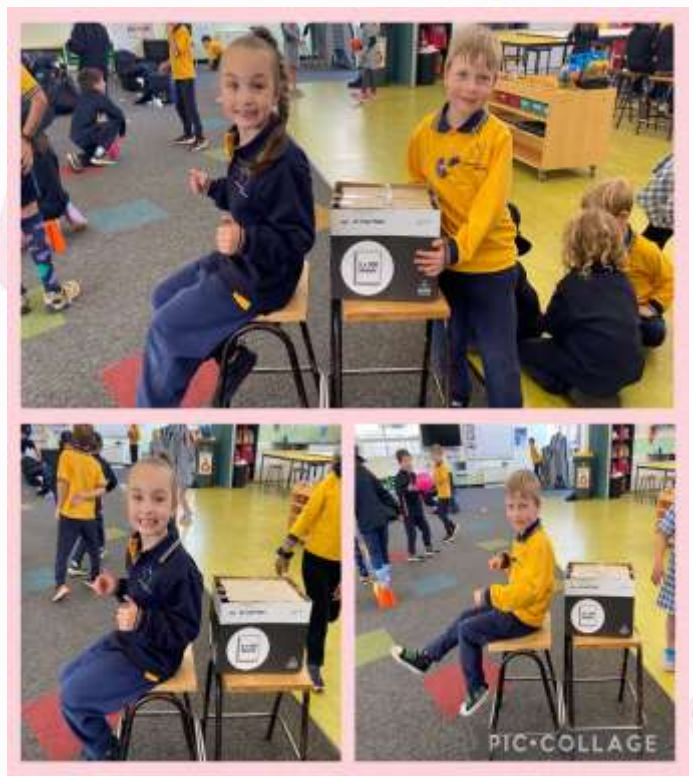




## Quantin Binnah Service Reflections

Here are the ways QB embraced our themes  
Fantasy/ Dreams & Adventure, Sports & Teamwork  
and Under the Sea & Journeys

## School Age Care - Fantasy/ Dreams & Adventure



## School Age Care - Team Work







School Age Care – Journeys



School Age Care – Sports



School Age Care – Fantasy/ Dreams & Adventure



Week 1 vacation care

- Craft with QB
- Werribee Zoo
- Cinemas: Paws of Fury

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### 4 Yr. Kindergarten Reflections

#### October - Fantasy/ Dreams & Adventure

This term our focus was “all about books”, we focused on the books the children have enjoyed throughout the year. Puff the magic dragon was one of their favourites, the children enjoyed singing the song and making dragons. “The song is very catchy” and we find throughout the children’s day we hear them sing it.



“Goldilocks and the Three Bears” story is not only a favorite of the children’s but the educators as well. ‘What a great experience Miss Nicole set up for the children, so much role play happened. Miss Nicole also set up “we’re going on a bear hunt” as well, another favorite of the children’s, love of books.

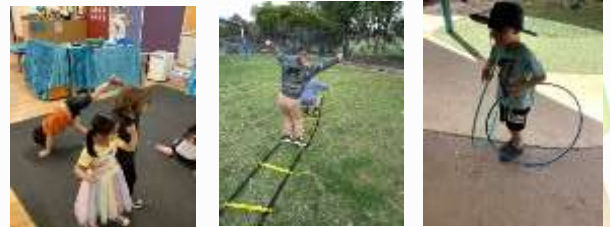


### November – Sports and Team Work

One of the first skills children learn in kindergarten is the ability to work in groups. Teamwork offers many different advantages to children, especially as they grow older. Teamwork requires children to cooperate with each other, and children who learn these skills are also on their way to establishing solid skills in problem-solving, communication, listening, creativity, and self-esteem. Sports and game playing are great ways for young children to earn this skill, and the children have so much fun while participating too.....the photos say it all. Summer obstacle course, jump rope/ladder/hoops activities, duck duck goose, and freeze dance.

### 4 Yr. Kindergarten Reflections

#### November – Sports and Team work



### December - Under the sea experiences

Earth’s ocean covers nearly three-quarters of its surface. The average depth is two and one-half miles, or four kilometres. Whether you’re looking at the ocean on a globe or standing on the ocean shore, the vastness of our ocean is its predominant characteristic.



All ocean water is salty and filled with an unfathomable variety of plant and animal life, from the largest to the tiniest life forms on Earth. Did you learn something new!!!! We certainly do when we teach children. Teaching the children about the ocean and ocean life can be an amazing and highly educational joint venture. There is so much to know! Below are photos of the children experiencing learning about the natural wonders of our world.....just by playing.







### Childcare Reflections October

Children's week and superhero and fairy tale weeks were a great success! The children and educators dressed up in their favourite costumes, pjs and many more party clothes. We made these days all about celebrating children and had lots of fun and exciting days, faces painting, disco dance parties and eating yummy food.

We visited the QB café for a babycino, many of the children recognised what they were drinking from previous experiences with their families. The children were very excited to share in the enjoyment with their peers and educators, going on a little adventure and having a treat with a babycino and marshmallow, which for some was the highlight, lots chatter about mellowes.

We have been exploring the celebration of Diwali and made our own clay diyas, discovering the colours and patterns of the paint on the clay. We also made barfi, a traditional Indian sweet, the children enjoyed the process of the ingredients changing as we mixed them and waiting for it to set in the fridge. As mentioned previously using art and sensory exploration through taste, texture and sound to explore culture with young children provides them with a way to begin to understand and connect to other cultures and learn about different celebrations.

The children are continuing to work towards understanding their own personal space and boundaries towards others, this is in terms of hugging one another and encouraging the children to ask first before giving each other a hug. To further the children's understanding of this we have been watching some short stories on the iPad about a Stick Man by Julia Donaldson, which discuss emotions and feelings in basic terms.



### Childcare Reflections November

This month the children and educators were very busy, working very hard practicing for our concert for the centre's 30th year celebration on the 26th November. It was a wonderful day, thank you to the families that were able to attend.

We have been exploring more physically active play to explore our gross motor development further, with obstacle courses, ball activities, balancing and dancing. As well as encouraging the awareness of wearing our hats and sunscreen when going outside.

We are continuing to encourage the children's self-help skills and invite them to participate in recognising their own hat and help put their own sunscreen on.

All of our older children recognise their own water bottles and their peers as well, as the bottles are kept at their reach, they are able to get a drink whenever they feel like. Together we made a wreath out of poppies to acknowledge Remembrance Day, while the children cannot comprehend what this means, it is important that we acknowledge the day and provide the children with the awareness from an early age so they can grow with the knowledge. As a sign of respect, we listened to the last post today and then attempted a minute silence at 11am, which the children did really well with. Imagine getting toddlers to be silent for a minute, but they did well nevertheless.





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### Childcare Reflections December

We would like to welcome the new children and families who have joined the Nursery room over the last couple of months.

We have been continuing to encourage the children's awareness of sun smart practises and their awareness of sunscreen and hats when going outside. Additional to this, other self-help skills include hand washing, packing up and recognising their own drink bottle, all of which the children are working well towards achieving these.

Over the last couple of months, we have been making a conscious effort to make more sustainable practices within our room, we have quite successful with using recycled materials for creative use for art work and made many experiences using recycled materials. Such as cars, steering wheels, gum nut fairies and wands and many more creative pieces, some children have even begun to distinguish what is paper and plastic through our recycling experiences. Many of Christmas experiences and craft activities have been repurposed using recycled materials, the children have really enjoyed the extra special joy Christmas brings to this time of year and celebrating with all their peers and educators, singing along to carols and creating their own representations of Christmas art.



Orientation began for the children who will be moving into the Toddler room next year, great progress has been made and the children are doing well in finding their way in a new environment with their new educators. I have no doubt they will be more than ready for the transition in the beginning of January 2023.

Thank you all for a wonderful year, we wish the children moving to the Toddler room all the very best as their learning journey at QB continues.

### Childcare Reflections





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Fairy tales are an important part of a child's development, especially in terms of their consciousness and moral development. The theme of the month is Fairy tales, Fantasy, Dreams and Adventure. In the Preschool room we set up Fairy garden to explore. Along with many other activities to explore Fairy tales and Fantasy we did lots of art and craft activities too.

What a wonderful week we had dressing up as superheroes and fairies. It was so beautiful to see children dressing up in their favourite character. They all looked absolutely beautiful.

During this whole week we explored many different activities including watching movies, playing at fairy garden, making crowns, castle and many more.



### Childcare Reflections

#### Diwali

Pre-schoolers enjoyed lots of art activities especially for Diwali. We made Diya with cardboard rolls, painting Rangoli and some fireworks painting too. Diwali symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". Also, we cooked Indian sweets it's called coconut laddoo (coconut ball) using two ingredients coconut and condensed milk.



During outdoor play we played bucket toss game and Children absolutely loved it. We place the baskets far enough away to provide some challenge without it becoming a frustration. Children had their turn one by one to throw the bean bags into the basket. Sometimes we alter the distance as necessary. Together we count how many they got in and children cheering up their friends by saying their names. This simple game strengthens hand and finger grasp and develops the ability to release objects. These are fine motor skills that help kids develop precise movements, like movements needed to cut with scissors or pick up a cup to drink. Also, develops eye-hand coordination, which is important in linking the brain with movement. This helps with tasks like tying your shoes and prepares kids for success in reading and writing.

Strengthens visual tracking skills. Tracking a moving object helps develop eye muscles needed for reading and writing.



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### Childcare Reflections



### Rainbow fish game

We read the book rainbow fish and to extend their interest about the book I made up this game where each child rolls the dice and whatever number it lands on they check the list and correspond to a colour which they then all add to their fish template. It was a great game to learn about taking turns.

I was surprised that pre-schoolers understand the rules and instructions very well for this game and was very involved throughout the activity as every time they need to find out the numbers and corresponding colours. Some children were very confident with the counting and could able to say the number without counting it by their pointer fingers and others work it out really well by counting the dots.



### Childcare Reflections

#### Remembrance Day

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes' silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. Throughout the Remembrance period, we see poppies worn with pride in every corner of our lives to honour our Veterans. We're also able to incorporate Poppy's into experiences in the program to gently pay respects with children to those who have fallen. Children made their own poppy flower using arts and crafts materials to then create our beautiful wreath to pay our respects. Also made red and black play dough to create poppy too.



#### December (Under the sea and journeys)

This month we were exploring the theme "under the sea". Throughout the month we discuss about sea animals, their habitats and ocean pollution. We started our simple set up of under the sea using lots of recycled materials and using them in our ocean craft too. Preschoolers enjoyed lots of water play during the sunny days.

As the festive season starts in December and all the preschoolers were very excited about Christmas. We did lots of Christmas craft throughout this month.





### Playgroup Reflections

Welcome back to term 4. Two new families have joined this term, and we were very excited to have them. This month's playgroup Children showed their interest in our monthly theme-based Fantasy/Dreams-adventure and Sports and Teamwork activities. we celebrated Diwali and cultural dress up and food day which was a big success. Cultural celebrations foster respect and open-mindedness for other cultures.

We did different activities like listening to songs, colouring different Rogali patterns and Henna designs



We all are enjoying different experiences through the indoor and outdoor spaces according to our themes. They were happy to participate in their learning. we explored literacy concepts through, singsongs, and free writing. Teamwork, pack-up together. Children enjoyed playing in the hair saloon corner. Children socially communicate with each other and develop their communication; social power and their gross and fine motor skills were also improved. It also improves their confidence in them and enhances their imagination.



### Playgroup Reflections

After a long wait finally, Denise from Maternal Child Health visited our playgroup. We were very grateful for this opportunity and appreciative of the wonderful support that our Maternal Child Health Nurses delivered. Thank you for giving information, support, and advice on various topics to our playgroup families, providing individual care, and monitoring and running educational programs to assist parents and enable them to develop supportive social networks.

Thank you all 😊🙏



We had our end of year party at Bunnings. A big thank you Werribee Bunnings for their support this year. We had a great morning with them. and I just want this opportunity to say thank you to you all. Thank you for being such an amazing group of people.

I am looking forward to seeing you all next year.

Have a safe Holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.







### 3 Yr. Kindergarten Reflections

Thank you to Amber Bunnings for donating such beautiful planting projects for us to enjoy. We will be sure to keep you updated on the progress of the growth! Once again, a big thank you!!



### DIWALI

This week we have participated in our theme (Teamwork) based activities to recognise Diwali. We celebrated the Diwali festival in our kinder. We looked at art and craft experiences for Diwali. We used a variety of coloured sands and glitter to make Rangoli patterns, henna designs, and colour in Diwali pictures. This allowed us to look at cultural celebrations and look at differences within our world. We were also able to enhance our fine motor skills while making clay Diya/lamps and paper lanterns, explore our creative skills, and use communication while talking to our educators and peers. During group time we also discussed what special things we do on that day & how we celebrate.



### 3 Yr. Kindergarten Reflections

Today's weather was amazing. Such a great day to play AFL. We were lucky enough to have a day organized with Kris from Aus. Kick. Thank you very much for coming to the centre and teaching our children new footy techniques.

Children played AFL outside and had a lot of fun playing in small groups. AFL skills are an important activity as they allow children to practice their hand and eye coordination, timing, sequencing, and motor skills.



What a busy week we had in the lead-up to Father's Day. On the 30th and 31st of August, Amber from Werribee Bunnings visited our 3yrkinder to commence the Father's Day activities so that children can create gifts for their fathers or a special person and take them home.

Amber discussed with the children what she brought and encourage children to make it with her help of her.

We made special presents for our DAD or special person with our own hands. We also prepared cards, a screw set holder, fridge magnets, and a welcoming colouring sheet ready for them. We had a great morning with them. Thank you, Werribee Bunnings, for spending your time with us in 3yrkinder.



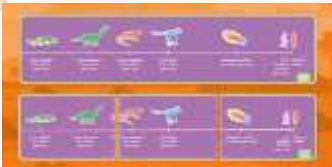



### PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

#### QUANTIN BINNAH OPERATES SERVICES AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:

Quantin Binnah 61 Thames Boulevard Werribee- 4-Year-Old Kinder, 3-Year-Old Kinder, Playgroup, Childcare, School Age Care, Vacation Care and Community Programs  
 Woodville 82 Woodville Park Drive Hoppers Crossing – Childcare, 4-Year-Old Kinder and 3-Year-Old Kinder  
 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. Please see your OWNA Parent App for regular updates about what's happening during the first quarter of the year.**

	January Time & Evolution	February History, Discovery & Adventure	March Giving & Sharing
4 Yr. Kindergarten	<p>Holiday fun Research with your children - dinosaur time line.</p>  <p>Research with your children – the history of clocks</p>  <p>We would love to hear your discovery's when you start in February.</p>	<p>Variety of memory games &amp; puzzles “We are going camping”- social area play experience Simple science discovery's –color changing celery</p>	<p>Puppet show and play Art and craft – emotion rocks and mirror drawing. Emotion and mindfulness circle time games</p>



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Childcare	Singing welcoming songs/Acknowledgement of Country Explore connection to land – embedding aboriginal culture Plant life cycle and dinosaur fossil discovery Chinese New Year craft experiences	Community nature walks – collect nature Create adventurous games to create sense of belonging Water play and water safety	Explore turn taking through rhymes/games/books Talk about the children's emotions – craft related Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness) – all invited to wear Purple Harmony Day – all rooms join in together for lunch, as well as craft experiences.
Vacation Care	Cinema excursions Science incursions Wild Action Young Engineers Airoworld and Inflatable World Ooey Goey Messy Play Fun Days Dance and sports	Not running in February	Not running in March
Community Development	Please see Community Programs Brochure at <a href="https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups">https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups</a>	Please see Community Programs Brochure at <a href="https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups">https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups</a>	Please see Community Programs Brochure at <a href="https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups">https://www.qbcc.org.au/community-groups</a>

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### QB Café

A reminder that Café QB is open on Mondays & Tuesdays from 8am to 2pm and Wednesdays from 8am to 430pm from 23<sup>rd</sup> January and throughout Term 1. The café will close on during the school holidays. Please feel free to drop in for a coffee on the run or take a seat and enjoy some hot food or sweet treats.

We look forward to sharing QB Programs themed activities for Jan, Feb and March in our next QB Quarterly for 2023.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Term 1.

