

QUINTILIAN SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 CAMP

Our Year 6s are back from what is undoubtedly, the pinnacle of their Quintilian educational journey. Our Kimberley camp, now in its sixth year, provides hands-on learning opportunities outside the classroom and offers a unique range of educational and personal benefits, including:

- Geography and Environmental Studies
- Cultural Awareness
- Personal Development new friendships, independence & life skills
- Technology-Free and Nature-Focused

Each year in the lead-up to camp, the children undertake a 5-week "Calm Confidence" course run by outback camp experts, Adventure Out. The sessions are designed to help prepare students emotionally to believe in themselves and in their ability and inner strength to face the challenges of camp and beyond. The sessions also involve practice in setting up and packing away the tents, opportunities to participate in team games and challenges, and plenty of time to ask as many camp questions as they can think of.



















We flew over the breathtaking Lake
Argyle. When we landed we went on the
bus to Kelly's Knob and hiked to the top it was a stunning view where we could see
and hear all the birds. My favourite
activities were making shelters at the
bush camp and canoeing, I would
definitely go on that camp again if I could
because I got to do an eight day sleepover
marathon with my friends, and it was
really fun.

There was so many great experiences and activities on camp...one of the key parts was teamwork and learning to work with your classmates. Whether you were cooking dinner or helping others put up their tent, the effort put in to help others was phenomenal, and it was a great skill to learn. Looking back on camp, it was a great experience and I am so lucky that I had a chance to go on this trip. After this, I feel more confident and more self-reliant.

- ALICE

Before camp I felt really excited and also nervous at the same time. The thing I found difficult was when Lilly and I went canceing in Lake Argyle, it had strong winds and currents but we pushed through. I learnt that Lilly and I worked really well together, communicating and listening to each other. A new thing I learnt was to listen to people more. I will always remember this fun time I had.

- AMELIE



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IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 20 August	Midweek Munchies
Wed 20 August	Upper Primary Principal Coffee Morning & Info Session 9-10.30am
Thurs 21 August	Book Week Parade
Sat 23 August	P&F 70s Disco Quiz Night 6.30 - 10pm
Wed 27 August	ELC Father's Day Event 9-10am
Fri 29 August	One Big Voice
Wed 3 Sept	Year 3-6 Father's Day Event 9-10am
Fri 5 September	PK Dads or Lads Morning 9-10am
Fri 5 September	School Disco 5 - 7pm
Wed 17 & Thurs 18 Sept	School Production 6pm



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Quintilian Families and Friends,

It's hard to believe we're already in the fourth week of Term 3, and what an inspiring start it's been! The school is buzzing with learning, creativity, and community spirit, and it's a pleasure to share some of the highlights so far.

This term has already been packed with excursions, inspiring incursions, and community celebrations. Our Pre-Primary students enjoyed an amazing outdoor classroom experience, exploring nature and learning together in the fresh air. Our Year 3s loved their trip to Scitech after discovering the wonders of space through the new interactive exhibits. Library Susan brought the whole school together for a lively incursion with author Cristy Burne, as we get ready for Book Week.

On top of this, our weekly class assemblies have been brilliant, celebrating learning, seeing our students shine, and bringing our community together. Year 5 shared their impressive French skills on Friday!

It has also been a busy term for academic competitions. Thanks to Tristan our Maths Leader, our students are currently taking part in the Australian National Competition in Mathematics (ANC Maths), testing their problem-solving and critical thinking skills against others across the country. Some students are also completing ICAS assessments in subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Digital Technologies, and Spelling Bee. These challenges are a fantastic way to extend learning, and we are proud of every student taking part.

Adding to the creative side of things, rehearsals for our highly anticipated school production are now in full swing. Thank you to our students for giving their time and talents, supported generously by Rebecca and Galina before and after school. We can't wait to share the performance with you later this term.

We're privileged to be part of a statewide Generative AI Project, the first of its kind in WA and endorsed by the Minister for Education. This term, we've begun trialing an AI platform that



creates lesson plans and resources matched to the WA Curriculum, helping reduce teacher preparation time and supporting engaging, high-quality learning for students. Our Technologies Leader, Nathan, and Upper School Leader, Chris, are representing our school in this trial, exploring how the technology can best benefit both staff and students.

Our students are also embracing exciting challenges of their own. Entrepreneurship lessons are underway this term, building creativity, financial literacy, and problem-solving skills. Shark Tank Week will take place at the end of term, when students will pitch their ideas, followed in Term 4 by our annual Kids Market for Kids.

Another term highlight was welcoming back our Year 6 students from their unforgettable camp in the Kimberley. They returned with smiles, confidence, tiredness, and lifelong memories of exploring landscapes, learning about local history and culture, and working together as a team. We extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated staff who accompanied them, the generous parent volunteers, and the Adventure Out team for making it another valuable experience.

It's been a wonderful start to Term 3, and we are grateful for the way our families, staff, and students continue to work together to make our school such a thriving place. Whether it's through learning, performing, exploring, or simply playing, our students are discovering just how much they are capable of and we couldn't be prouder.

Warm regards,



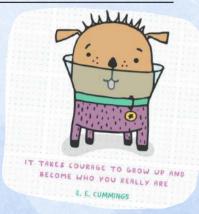
Principal Elliott Hateley



WELLBEING FOCUS



This month's wellbeing focus is COURAGE, and the key outcome for this URSTRONG theme is for our students to explore how courage helps to create healthy friendships.



Whether our kids are introducing themselves to someone new, heading to camp, or letting a friend know they're not ready for a sleepover yet, one thing is for sure...friendship takes courage!

The theme also ties in beautifully with our Friendology session on being a friendship magnet - stepping out of their comfort zone and putting themselves out there and "attracting" new friends.



The high-energy and hilarious speaker, author, and scientist, Cristy Burne visited Quintilian last week,

entertaining our students with her tales of adventure as a writer, scientist and mum. She had the children both squirming and in stitches as she shared the real-life story behind her book "Beneath the Trees" - think leeches, pouring rain and a very, very, very long hike - reminding them they can do hard things, even if at first they think they can't.

Excitement levels peaked when Cristy donned her scientist's hat and performed experiments involving gas "explosions", rockets, vacuum cleaners and marshmallows, with some of our students stepping into tutus and sunnies for the grand finale!

Engaging and dynamic guest speakers like Cristy are a huge part of the educational landscape at

Quintilian, reminding our students to believe in themselves and their dreams and inspiring them to have the courage to explore their curiosities, limitless imaginations, and know that they have what it takes to step up to life's challenges.



INCURSION: CRISTY BURNE







SPOTLIGHT

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This term, the Year 5s will embark on **Poetic Journeys**—a unit designed to immerse them in the rich world of poetry. Through creative expression and exploration of language, students will develop their descriptive writing skills while learning to communicate ideas in engaging and original ways.

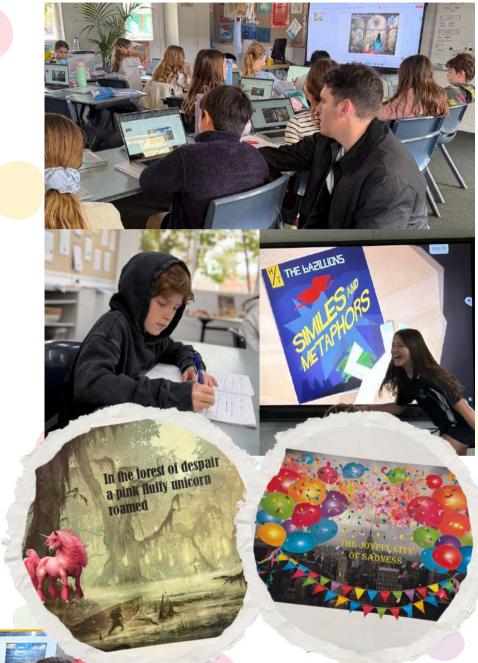
The unit aims to foster linguistic confidence and creativity, encouraging students to take risks with language and stretch their imaginations.

There are four tools the Year 5s will use to create their poetry:

Alliteration - the repetition of consonant sounds to create rhythm and mood.

Sensory description - engaging all five senses to bring writing to life.

Juxtaposition - placing unexpected ideas side by side for dramatic effect.





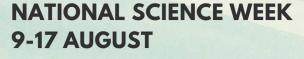


Figurative language - using similes, metaphors, and personification to add depth and meaning.

Students will explore both abstract and concrete nouns, create poetic landscapes with titles such as **The Cave of Dreams** and **The Forest of Despair**, and participate in a mix of collaborative and individual writing exercises.

This unit will both sharpen students' technical writing skills and invite them to see poetry as a meaningful, expressive art form.





Element Classification:

Flower Experiment Predictions:

What do you think will happen?

James said "They might turn blue." Izzy said "They will turn purple." Haran said "They'll change colour." Will said "They'll turn yellow." Rishin said "blue" Annabel said "They might stay white."

Leonardo said "They will turn into a koala colour."

Thea said "They will turn pink."





YEAR 3 SCITECH VISIT

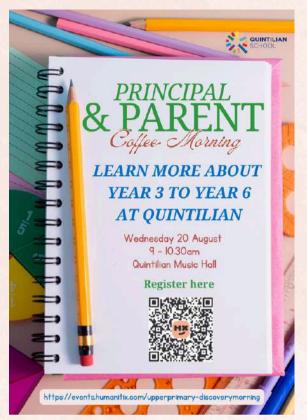
YEAR 4 BUILDING LECO MODELS OF THE WATER CYCLE

PRE-KINDY FLOWER EXPERIMENT PREDICTIONS



LET'S CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCIENCE





PRINCIPAL & PARENT COFFEE MORNING WED 20 AUGUST 9 - 10.30AM MUSIC HALL

Learn more about our middle and upper primary education (Year 3-6) during an informal morning, which will provide our existing families from Pre-Kindy to Year 5, with an opportunity to hear from and chat with our upper cluster leader and year 6 teacher Chris, as well as our literacy and numeracy leaders, Anne and Tristan.

Hear from some of our current year 6s about their Quintilian experiences and gain insight from parents of Quintilian alumni as they share stories of their child's Quintilian journey and how their time here prepared them for a successful transition to high school.

<u>Please register here</u> for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing you.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION 6PM WED 17 & THURS 18 SEPTEMBER

Sticking with our 50th birthday theme, our Deputy Principal Rebecca Potts has penned this year's musical production extravaganza - THE BIG 50 CAKE & CHAOS!

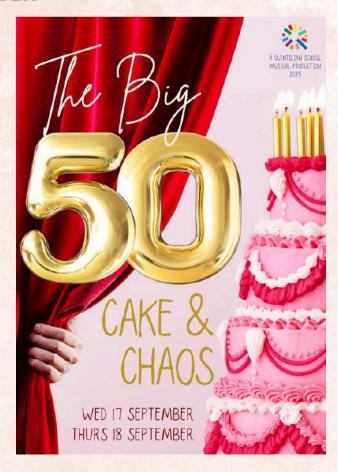
Quintilian is 50 and the school is throwing the most extravagant party it's ever seen, but when things don't go to plan, Principal Elliott is sent into a spin!

Rehearsals are well and truly underway, before, during and after school and we congratulate all our students for their continued efforts and commitment towards learning their lines and songs in time for opening night.

Ticket sales will open next week - keep an eye on your emails in coming days for details.

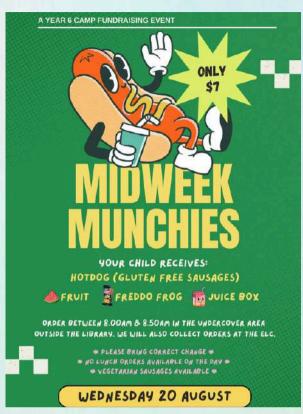
For our Pre-Kindy, Kindy (Sheddies) and Pre-Primary families, your child will perform on either Wednesday OR Thursday evening, so please be sure to book your tickets for the night your child is scheduled to perform.

Please note that a maximum of 6 tickets can be purchased per transaction.





UPCOMING EVENTS



MIDWEEK MUNCHIES
Wed 20 August



50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY Sun 16 November



P&F 70s DISCO QUIZ NIGHT Sat 23 August



ROTTNEST FAMILY CAMP 2026
Accommodation bookings open Wed 3 Sept



