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Fair Funding Now! Campaign Update

Recent workplace ballots across the state have taken place and demonstrated overwhelming support for the goals of the FFN campaign (see details of the campaign and results [here](#)). A big thank you to all the QTU workplace reps in the Metropolitan Central region for giving their time to ensure rank and file democracy for QTU members.

If you haven't done so already, please make sure you show your support and keep updated on the campaign by signing at: <http://www.fairfundingnow.org.au/>. If you'd like to get involved in the local activities we will be undertaking in the lead up to the federal election, please contact me.

Enterprise Bargaining – Preparing for EB9

From July 1 this year, we enter the final year of the three-year term of our last Teachers' Agreement. This sees the final pay rise of EB8 implemented and more pay rises in excess of state government wages policy due to QTU negotiation. It also sees a teaching position crack \$100,000 for the first time, with Experienced Senior Teachers now on \$101,000. You can see new salaries on our [website](#).

Over the coming semester, we will be providing opportunities for members to feed into our planning for the next EB. Keep any eye of for EB meetings and other opportunities to have your say on what you would like addressed in our next agreement along with items like the Promotional Positions Classification Review.

Spread of full time Salary Scales as of 1 July 2018

<i>First year teacher salary</i>	⇒	<i>Experienced Senior Teacher Salary</i>
\$70,081		\$101,000

Branch Meetings

If you have not come to a meeting before or perhaps not in a long time, please consider doing so! Branch meetings are a great opportunity to meet colleagues from other schools and next term we will be focussed on planning for the next EB. Plus, I always provide snacks and beverages and we try our best to keep the meetings to an hour. Please go to end of this newsletter to find out when and where your next branch meeting is scheduled.

QTU Noticeboard Competition

Do you have a designated area in your school for QTU News and information? Schools are required to provide a space for union news in a common area. I think it's time to get creative with a revamp of your QTU noticeboard! Consider including:

- Photos of your Reps
- Articles from the journal that are relevant to your workplace
- Upcoming meeting information
- Eye-catching signs and headings

Before you ask, YES! There will be prizes for the best noticeboards in the area and the winners will be showcased in the next newsletter. Please send a photo of your school's QTU noticeboard along with the name of your school and the members involved in its masterful creation. Send to organisers@qtu.asn.au. Entries close on Friday, 7 September.

Previous winning noticeboards!



Principal Union Representatives

There are a number of Principal Union Representatives in each QTU region who can be a contact point and source of advice and information for other principals and deputy principals in their area. The Principal Union Representatives are also valuable in providing a school leader perspective on education and industrial issues for the QTU. For your information, the following are Principal Union Representatives in this region:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Sandra Hackshall	Principal, Petrie Terrace SS
Rod Iffinger	Deputy Principal, Corinda SS
Joseba Larrazabal	Principal, Kedron SHS
Carmel McGrath	Principal, New Farm SS
Llew Paulger	Executive Principal, Kelvin Grove SC
Paul Robertson	Executive Principal, Kenmore SHS
John Schuh	Executive Principal, Ferny Grove SHS
Maree Schuh	Deputy Principal, Ferny Grove SHS
Debbie Spanner	Principal, Yeronga SS
Jessica Walker	Deputy Principal, Yeronga SHS

It is a long-held belief of the Queensland Teachers' Union (QTU) that the interests of all in the teaching profession, and the students in state schools, are best served by a union covering principals, other promotional positions and classroom teachers. The interests of all in providing the best possible education for students and in secure, healthy, well-paid, professional employment are overwhelmingly common. Where there is tension between interests, those tensions are best discussed and resolved in the forums of a union that recognises and balances sometimes divergent interests of different groups of members.

The QTU is the only organisation that is recognised and authorised to represent the industrial interests of teachers, including principals and others in promotional positions, and has a proud history of doing so. Only the QTU as an organisation is entirely independent of government in representing the interests of its members.

Training & Branch Meeting Dates for Term 3

The Union offers a range of courses and seminars focusing on supporting its members by developing skills in a variety of areas through QTEC and organiser run training. For QTEC training dates for Semester 2 click [here](#). Further Organiser led training are listed below and will be communicated via email. Flyers will also be posted on the [Metropolitan Central webpage](#)

Event	Date	Time	Location
Legal Seminar for Education Leaders	Wednesday 1 August	2.15pm – 3.45pm	Paddington Tavern
Legal Seminar for teachers	Wednesday 1 August	4.00pm – 5.15pm	Paddington Tavern
State Council <i>(elected delegates only)</i>	Saturday 11 August	9.00am – 5.00pm	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
LCC and Union Rep training	Wednesday 22 August	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Jindalee Hotel
Metropolitan Central Area Council <i>(elected delegates only)</i>	Saturday 25 August	9.00am – 1.00pm	QTU Milton Office
LCC and Union Rep training	Thursday 30 August	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Three Little Pigs Tavern, Stafford
LCC and Union Rep training	Wednesday 5 September	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Blackwood Café & Espresso Bar, Mitchelton
Assertiveness Training – Level 1	Tuesday 11 September	4.00pm – 6.00pm	Kedron State High School
LCC and Union Rep training	Thursday 13 September	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Shady Palms Café, Stones Corner

Branch meeting dates for term 3 are listed below and can be accessed on the QTU website [here](#).

Branch	Date	Time	Location
Centenary	Wednesday 25 July	3.45pm	Jindalee Bowls Club
Brisbane Central	Thursday 2 August	3.45pm	Bistro, Victoria Park Golf Club, Herston
South Brisbane	Wednesday 8 August	3.45pm	Junction Park SS, Library
Windsor	Thursday 16 August	3.45pm	Stafford Tavern
Ferny Grove	Monday 20 August	3.30pm	Arana Leagues Club, Keperra
The Gap	Thursday 23 August	3.45pm	The Gap Tavern
Mt Coot-tha & Sherwood	Wednesday 29 August	3.45pm	Pig N Whistle, Indooroopilly

For more information, please visit the [QTU website](#) or contact organisers@qtu.asn.au

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