



The Westerly

Queanbeyan West Public School

P&C meets the first Wednesday of every Month at 7.00pm in the Staff Room



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Congratulations to KB and KC who worked so well in the Hall last week while the painters completed their work. Thank you also to the parents who helped us relocate the classes to their temporary home unexpectedly on Monday morning. The rooms are looking terrific.

Over the next three weeks you will receive three surveys related to school programs. These surveys are part of our evaluation process that will involve staff, students and parents. The areas of focus for this year are Spelling, Parent Satisfaction and Teaching. It is mandatory that I evaluate the satisfaction of current parents. The information provided will be used to evaluate current practice at our school and will be reported on in our 2012 Annual School Report. Please take the time to make any further comments you feel may clarify your responses and/or attach any further information you feel necessary.

Mrs Elva Wight has relinquished her position at Queanbeyan West effective from 7 November. Elva has made a significant contribution to our school from day to day maintenance, improving the grounds, to painting backdrops for our District Performance. She has been a one women dynamo and she will be greatly missed by all of us. We wish her well as she pursues other areas of interest. We are seeking expressions of interest to replace Elva, 7 days a fortnight until the end of the year.

Remembrance Day

This year Remembrance Day, 11/11/2012, will fall on a Sunday. As you are all aware our school participates in these services which are organised by the Queanbeyan RSL. We are hoping that our families consider putting this date in their calendars now. The service begins at 10:45 on Sunday 11 November at the Cenotaph in Farrer Place.

School Concert

This year Queanbeyan West Public school will be proudly presenting an end of year concert on December 17. The concert will be held at the Bicentennial Hall in the evening. The theme of the concert is "Around the World"; this celebrates the multicultural aspect of our school. It will be a

showcase of different countries around our wonderful world with items from each and every class, the QWPS school band and the school choir will also perform.

Tickets will be \$5.00 a family you will receive more information on ticketing when these are available and go on sale.

With such a busy term ahead, I ask that parents keep looking at each Newsletter for events coming up that will involve yourself and your children. Also, remember the school website! If you Google Queanbeyan West Public School, you will find us easily. We also have our calendar on that website.

Coming Events

16, 23, 30 October – **K-2 Rugby Clinics**
26 October, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November – **Stage 3 Leisure Sports**
29 October – 1 November – **Library Book Fair**
1 November – **Count Us In**
6 November - **2013 Kindergarten Parent Evening**
6 -8 November – **SRC Talent Quest**
15 November – **SRC Fundraiser – Wear Red for the Heart Foundation**
4 December – **Presentation Day**
12 December – **Reports Home, Year 6 Farewell**
17 December – **School Concert**
19 December – **Students Last Day**
21 December – **Staff last day**

Swimming for survival

Help keep your child safe this summer at Swim and Survive programs for all levels. The programs – taught by experienced, AUSTSWIM-qualified instructors – run November to February throughout NSW.
<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/>

Starting Kindy

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013? Show them this video which explains what happens during a typical day.
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/devlopment/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

Moving into high school

Starting high school means a new location, new friends and teachers, and new routines. In this video teachers talk about how you can help to make your child's move into high school less daunting.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

Selective schools

Are you already thinking about your child's Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2014? Online application and information regarding the process will be available from **Tuesday 16 October 2012.**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Walk to Cure Diabetes

This Sunday staff are joining 40,000 people around Australia who share our hope for a cure at the 2012 Walk to Cure Diabetes. We all know someone who is affected by type 1 diabetes, like 122,300 other Australians. The disease usually arises in childhood but it lasts a lifetime because it destroys the ability to produce insulin, which is vital for life. There is no cure - yet and it is certain that going on a diet or cutting down on sugar doesn't stop type 1 diabetes.

It can be a difficult life. Kids and adults with type 1 diabetes need to give themselves insulin several times a day with an injection, or be continuously connected to an insulin pump, as well as check their blood sugar levels with a finger prick between 6 and 8 times a day. Just to stay alive.

There are dozens of Australian research projects that need funding this year. Not only will these researchers focus on finding a cure, they will look at what may cause or trigger type 1 diabetes and look at ways to combat the complications.

Be part of a better life for people with type 1 diabetes. You are welcome to join our team. Just go to the website: www.jdrf.org.au/walk - and fill in your details. When you come to the section that asks 'do you want to join a team, click yes, click family and you'll see Queanbeyan West Public School - Cathryn Rodgers, click and you're there.

Thank you for sharing our hope; we'll meet you at the starting line at 9:30am.

Walk to Cure Diabetes Route - 5.5km



Scholastic Book Club

A parent volunteer very capably organizes our book club orders and distribution. She has been doing it for a number of years now and is looking for anyone interested in becoming a helper. If you would like to assist with book club please ring the office and leave your name.

Have a great week

Vicki Muscat

Principal



Class Library Days- Term 4, 2012

AMENDED FROM LAST WEEK

Mondays- 4T, K/6H & K/6R, KR

Tuesdays- 2/3S, 6D, 2N, 2M, K/1M

Wednesdays- 5/6B, 3W, KB, KC

Thursdays- 5W, 4/5L, KF, 1/2K

Fridays- 2T, 1C



Leisure Sports - Years 5 & 6

It is vital notes and money are returned to school by this Wednesday the 10 October 2012. The cost of the program is \$60. It is a six week series at indoor sports and skill development with trained instructors. We need to know numbers for organisational issues.

Ms Lowman



KB: Manu – for being adaptable and helpful.

Simone – for being a happy and respectful student.

KC: Inderjit– welcome to Queanbeyan West School and KC.

Christina – working hard in reading groups.

KF: Kiara – for good work in phonics.

Baltazar – keen participation in all areas of work.

KR: Alana – for a great start to Term 4.

Gilbert – for making great improvements with his sounds.

K/1M: Jasmine - a fabulous effort in spelling.

Anthea – great effort in writing.

1C: Edu – for excellent journal writing.

Tyler – great independent work.

1/2K: Cody – excellent efforts in reading and writing.

Georgia – outstanding behaviour at all times.

2M: Tayla – for making a settled beginning at QWPS.

Emilie– for being a good friend to others.

2N: Marcus – fantastic attitude to learning.

Andrew – great work in all areas.

2T: Hiruni– for excellent effort in maths.

Kiara – excellent effort in handwriting and an encouragement in spelling.

2/3S: Kiara – consistent application to all tasks.

K/6H: Mary-Therese – excellent reading.

Hayley– improved handwriting.

K/6R: Ryan– fantastic participation at Swim School.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26/10/12 Leisure Sports begins for Yrs 5 & 6

29/10/12 Scholastic Book Fair begins

6/11/12 Kinder 2013 Parent Information
Night – 7pm in Library

7/11/12 P&C Meeting

BEFORE SCHOOL READING

Before School Reading is running again this term.

Every Wednesday Morning 8:30am - 9:05am.

See you in the Learning Centre!

Mrs Bedin

WAKAKIRRI DVD ORDERS

The Wakakirri Heats DVD's have been ordered. We expect them to arrive in the coming weeks.

If you wish to purchase the Wakakirri **Finals** DVD then we suggest that you place your order directly from the website (www.wakakirri.com.au). We feel this would be a more efficient process for you.

Remember the finals were held on the 6th September.

Thankyou

Mrs Gayle Doyle

Gatherings in the Park

Barnardo's 'gatherings in the park' community BBQ will be held Thursday 25th October at town park (Lowe street side).

We will have activities for kids including Aboriginal painting, Traditional Indigenous games, jumping castle, sports games, BBQ and a fairy floss machine will be operating free of charge for the afternoon.

'Gatherings in the park' is a great way to network with local services and our local Aboriginal community in a relaxed environment. So bring along any flyers and info to pass around.

For more information contact Hayden Page on: 6124 3800 or 0417 238 173.

Queanbeyan Nature Reserve Community Day.

On Saturday November 10 from 11am to 1pm Park Rangers and ecologists will be at Queanbeyan Nature Reserve to share the natural wonder of the reserve.

For example there are endangered earless dragons, endangered daisies and other interesting native species in the reserve.

There will also be a free sausage sizzle and information displays and a guided walk heads off at 11.30am. Further down the track Parks, Landcare, and an organisation called Kosciuszko to Coast (or K2C) will do works to re-vegetate parts of the reserves and at that time students may like to be involved, either to study the progress or to get dirty and help with plantings.

Schools as Community Centres

Positive Approaches to Pees/Poos for children with additional needs with Pelvic Floor physiotherapist Irmira Nahon (PhD). Workshop is FREE, dinner is provided. 6pm at SaCC in the grounds of Queanbeyan PS, Isabella St, Thurs 25th Oct.

Brain Gym information session 6pm Wed 24th Oct at SaCC. Have you ever wondered what Brain Gym is and how it can help your child prepare for learning? Come along to our free information session presented by Brain Gym facilitator Wendy Imrie. Dinner provided. More info or to register for either of the sessions contact Brooke on 6297 2167.

Queanbeyan District Basketball Ass.

New Players & Teams are welcomed. Term 4 Games Commence: Monday 15/10/12 for High School & Yr 5-6, Thursday 18/10/12 for Yr 3-4 & Friday 19/10/12 for Kindy-Yr 2. Game Draw available as of Friday 12/10/12 at stadium or from coaches. Further Information Contact Rosie-pete35@tpg.com.au for Kindy-Yr 4 or Carole – cjduvall@hotmail.com for High School & Yr 5-6. Tot-ball to commence Friday 19/10/12 from 4.30-5.15pm.

Queanbeyan Basketball 35th Reunion
Saturday 10th November 2012. Gala Day from 10am -5pm & followed by Dinner at Kangaroo's Rugby Club & 80's Disco. Tickets on sale now \$40 each-Table of 10 required. Contact Jane Browne 0403290503 or Wayne Bradley on 0418473710

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value of \$60 to be
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Posters.**



QWPS BOOK FAIR

Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November, 2012
Family Event: School Library

Thursday 1 November, 2012

3.30pm – 6.30 pm