



# 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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### Welcome back to Term 4

As we start Term 4 and warmer weather arrives we begin to have issues with uniform, especially jumpers and coats etc. Please make sure they are labeled as we seem to have mountains of jumpers in lost property and also please support us by not allowing your child to wear hoodies etc. instead of their uniform jumper. Those without a school hat should find it or purchase one as all students must wear the school hat to play in the sun. **Students not wearing a hat will be directed to play in the shade.** This is especially important as we reach the longer and sunnier days. Thank you for your help with uniform issues. Now is also a good time to check that children have the necessary equipment to participate in class activities. Pens, pencils, rulers and glue often disappear over the holidays so please check these items as well as ensuring your child has their school hat.

### School Development Days

Term 4 does not begin with the School Development Day for teachers as do the first three terms. However the last two days of the year have been set aside for staff development activities. Staff at Queanbeyan West Public School will be spending the two days looking at Cultural Awareness Training, the school's management plan and school organisation and planning for 2013.

Please note that Term 4 finishes for students on Wednesday 19 December 2012.

### Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten next year. If you have a child who will be starting at West next year could you please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form. Parents of 2013 kindergarten students, who live out of the West enrolment zone, are entitled to submit an *out-of-zone* enrolment application and should contact the Principal for further details.

If you have a friend or neighbour, who does not receive this newsletter, could you please pass on the information that enrolments are now being taken and we would like to have our numbers finalised by the end of term.

### 2013 Planning

Our anticipated enrolment for next year needs to be confirmed. If your child is in a class, Kindergarten through to Year 5 and will be leaving QWPS at the end of the year, please contact the school with this important information.

### End of Year Reports

In line with Departmental guidelines the school is not permitted to give information about students to people who are not listed as parents on the student enrolment form. This affects the distribution of school reports. One report is given to each family, delivered through the child. In circumstances where the parents do not reside at the same address, a second report will only be photocopied and distributed to the second parent if the school has been notified of the living arrangements. The second report will be sent to the address listed for the second parent, not sent home through the child.

If your family circumstances have changed or if the address of the second parent has changed, please notify the front office, in writing, as soon as possible so our records can be updated

**Rachel and Kade** travelled to Sunshine Bay Public School, at Bateman's Bay on Wednesday 19 September to participate in the Regional Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee.

They represented our school admirably. Well done Rachel and Kade.

### Coming to grips with measurement

Coming to grips with measurement. It may come as no surprise to learn that a child's early awareness of mass and volume is often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Find out what you can do at home to help your child measure mass and volume.

Go to: Helping your child measure mass and volume

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

## Stranger Danger

This is always a concern to us all. I ask all parents, if not done already, to reinforce with your child what procedures to follow if a "stranger danger" situation arises.

Meanwhile, parents are again being encouraged to teach their children the „Safe People, Safe Places“ messages, including:

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, "Go away, I don't know you". This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.

## MP3 players and hearing loss

If your child can't hear you talking when they're listening to their MP3 player, then their music is up too loud. Find out what you can do to help protect your child's hearing.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/mp3-players-and-hearing-loss>

## Before School Reading

There will be no Before School Reading this week, it will resume again next Wednesday 17 October in the Learning Centre beginning at 8.30am.

Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal



## Class Library Days- Term 4, 2012

**Mondays-** 5/6B, 2N, 2M, KR  
**Tuesdays-** 5P, 4/5L, K-6H, K-6R, K/1M  
**Wednesdays-** 4T, 3W, KB, KC  
**Thursdays-** 2/3S, 6D, KF, 1/2K  
**Fridays-** 2T, 1C



## Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves

### WEEK 10 TERM 3

**K-2:** Danielle KF, Jacob 1/2K, Anna 2N, Andrew 2T.

**3-6:** Tiana 4/5L, Jenna 4/5L, Caitlin 5W, Emily 5W.

## 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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15/10/12 World of Maths Performance  
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16/10/12 K-2 Rugby Clinic  
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



**Queanbeyan West Public School end of year concert will be on 17 December 2012 at the Bicentennial Hall Queanbeyan.**  
**STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!!**



**Family Photos are for sale at the Front Office. \$8 each and all money goes to P&C fundraising.**

## World of Maths Performance

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the **World of Maths performance** on **Monday 15 October and Tuesday 16 October 2012**. I enclose \$6.00 per child. Please return note and money ASAP.

If you took the opportunity to pay for all the performances in one payment at the beginning of the year, this performance is already covered.

**World of Maths is a unique travelling maths show that provides fun, colourful, hands-on mathematical problem solving activities for student participation in school visits since 1990. The activities or 'displays' have been invented/designed and manufactured by World of Maths and therefore would not be found anywhere else in the world. The program has been designed to cater for all abilities with 34 activities covering ages from 5 to 14 years old.**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Be Prepared...**  
for new adventure!

**Joey Scout Fun Day**  
**Sunday, 28 October 2012**  
**10:00am to 2:00pm**

**Queanbeyan Town Park, Queanbeyan**

**Do you like adventure? Do you like having fun?**

**Are you 5-7 years of age?**

**Would you like to see what Joey Scouts do?**

Come along to Southern Ranges District's annual Joey Scout Fun Day!

You don't have to be a Joey Scout to join in the fun and adventures; you just need to be 5 – 7 years old. There is heaps of fun for boys and girls with a spirit of adventure.

**Fee:** \$5.00 – everyone who participates will receive a cloth badge for their camp blanket.

**What do I wear?** Wear sun-sensible clothing, a hat and sunscreen. Closed-in shoes are also recommended. Joey Scouts should wear their Joey shirt and scarf.

**What do I bring?** Bring a full water bottle with you, and a snack. It's a busy day, and you will need to keep up your energy!

**Lunch:** A sausage sizzle will be run on the day, or you can bring your own.

Come along to the Queanbeyan Community Mental Health Day - Friday 12th October, 12pm-4pm at Ray Morton Park, Queanbeyan East (behind the new river cafe). Create a tile for the Community Mural to be installed in the new Sensory Garden! There will be a BBQ, activities and the SaCC baking fundraiser stall.

*What's On @  
Queanbeyan Schools as  
Community Centres*

In the grounds of  
Queanbeyan PS,  
Isabella St,  
Queanbeyan



**Term 4, 2012**



**KINDY GYM** Mon 10am (2-3yrs) 11am (3-5yrs) 12pm  
(children with special needs)

**PLAYGROUP** Tues & Wed 9:30am

**TRANSITION PLAYGROUP** Thurs & Fri 9:30am  
for children starting school in 2013

**MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP** Fri 12pm

**SPEECH THERAPIST VISIT** 24th Oct & 6th Nov

**CANTEEN VISIT** (TRANSITION PLAYGROUP) 2nd Nov

**SCHOOL VISIT** (TRANSITION PLAYGROUP) 19th Oct

**PEES & POOS WORKSHOP** 25th Oct 6pm

**DAD'S NIGHT** 12th Dec 6pm

**CRAFT CLUB** 13th Oct & 8th Dec 2pm

**GARDEN CLUB** 25th Oct & 29th Nov

**BAKE-OFF FUNDRAISER** Fri 12th Oct 12noon

Ray Moreton Park

**LJ PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION** 24th Nov

**QUEANBEYAN SHOW (SaCC STALL)** 10th/11th Nov

For more info contact: Brooke 6297 2167



**BOOK FAIR**  
**Luau**  
Say Aloha to Great Books!

**Scholastic Book Fair begins Monday 29  
October 2012  
in school library.**

# The Teddy Bears' Picnic



Kindergarten classes and their  
Teddy Bears enjoyed their special  
picnic on the last day of Term 3!



## Queanbeyan Little Athletics Registration

Register online first at  
[www.actlaa.org.au](http://www.actlaa.org.au)

Pick up pack at  
**Wright Park  
Athletics Shed**  
Saturday 29th September  
3-5 pm