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Queanbeyan West Public School

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



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Last Friday was **World Teachers' Day**. This day provides an opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers within our communities. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

At Queanbeyan West Public School we are fortunate to have such a dedicated, committed group of professionals who work tirelessly to ensure your children receive the best possible opportunities. On behalf of the school community I would like to express our gratitude to our wonderful teaching team that make Queanbeyan West the special place it is.

Absence Notes

If a child is away from school because of sickness or a family commitment, parents/carers need to provide a note explaining the absence within two days of returning to school. Longer absence such as overseas travel needs to be approved by the School Principal, the School Education Director or the Regional Director depending on the length of absence. An 'Exemption from Attendance' form needs to be completed and submitted before the leave occurs. These forms are available from the school office. School rolls are legal documents. The school needs to make sure these rolls are an accurate record of attendance.

Year 7 Selective HS Placement 2014

Application is required in November 2012 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2014.

Offers for selective high school placement will be made on the basis of the Selective High Schools Placement Test results and school assessment.

The Selective High Schools Placement Test will be held on 14th March, 2013.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2014, you will need to do so soon.

Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed information about the selective high school placement process will be available from 16th October 2012 on the Internet at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement>.

If you do not have internet access, you may complete a commercially printed application, available after 23rd October, 2012.

Parents who apply using paper application forms will need to lodge their applications by Friday 16 November 2012. Online applicants have until Monday 19 November 2012 to submit their applications.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Live Life Well @ School: How Much?

Quenching your child's thirst - In the coming summer months what are the best drinks to prevent dehydration? And do you know the recommended daily intake of water for your child's age? Find out the facts:

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/kids-teens/stats-and-facts-teens-nutrition/drinks-for-hydration.aspx>

Water - Does My Child Need It?

Water is good for us - our bodies are made up of 50-60% water. Water lost each day through breathing, sweating and going to the toilet needs to be replaced, especially in hot weather.

The recommended daily amounts of fluid for children and adolescents are:

- * 5 glasses (1 litre) for 5 - 8 year olds
- * 7 glasses (1.5 litres) for 9 - 13 year olds
- * 8-10 glasses (2 litres) for 14+ years
- * a glass is 250 ml

Please provide your child with a clean, clear plastic water bottle (with their name clearly marked). This can be any clear bottle, such as empty water, sports drink or juice bottle. Make sure you wash the bottle each night!

Private tutoring

Are you thinking about a private tutor to complement your child's education? This article explores questions about what to look for in a tutor, what you would want your child to achieve and tips on what to ask a potential tutor. Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors>

Rainforest heroes app

Is your child researching the rainforest ecosystem? This new, free iPad app helps students capture their discoveries—at the zoo or from home—and save them as a report.

Go to: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/taronga-zoo-rainforest-heroes/id558373157?ls=1&mt=8>

Asthma action plan

If your child has asthma you want to feel as confident as possible about leaving them in child care. Here's a checklist on what you need to do, and what you can expect of others. Go to:

<http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/Childcareinfoforparents.aspx>

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31/10/12	6D Science Fair
1/11/12	Book Fair Family Event
2/11/12	Leisure Sports
6/11/12	Kinder 2013 Parent Information Night – 7pm in Library
6/11/12	SRC Talent Quest
7/11/12	SRC Talent Quest
7/11/12	5/6B Science Fair
7/11/12	P&C Meeting
9/11/12	Leisure Sports
13/11/12	Kinder Orientation – 9.30am
13/11/12	Parent/helper afternoon tea
15/11/12	Kinder Orientation – 9.30am
15/11/12	Wear Red –SRC Fundraiser.
16/11/12	Leisure Sports

Scholastic Book Club

At present 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.



KB: Flynn – for his excellent efforts in our work looking at verbs with our writing task.

Lola – for her continual great efforts in our concert practice.

KC: Ellie – always showing our school values.

Ethan – great efforts in journal writing.

KF: Charlotte – for being happy to be involved in everything about school.

Geoffrey – for improved reading and number skills.

KR: Jacinta – for great improvement in her class work.

Isabella – for being a wonderful leader in KR.

K/1M: To be advised.

1C: Brayden – for trying his very best to follow the school rules.

Abby-Rose – for her excellent work presentation.

1/2K: Luke – showing respect and being responsible.

Christina – improvements in reading and comprehension.

2M: Koby – always trying hard with homework.

Cameron – making exceptional effort in his homework.

Amelia – writing fabulous recounts.

Keegan – trying hard to write a good recount.

2N: Ollie – working well in reading groups.

Steven – taking more chances with his learning.

Charlie – working well in reading groups.

2T: Annamaria – welcome to QWPS.

Martin – excellent involvement in 2T construction of an explanation about Monarch Butterflies.

2/3S: Jed – great effort in story writing.

K/6R: Christine – for always doing her best work.

Super Effort!

**Positive Behaviour
for Success
Lucky Leaves
WEEK 3 TERM 4**

K-2: Zara KB, Mastura 1C, Jaidyn K/1M, Kiara 2/3S.

3-6: Bailey 5W, Amy 5W, Chloe 5/6B, Amanda 6D.

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

Second Hand Uniform Stall

A clothing stall is being planned for Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 November. (Times to be advised). Please check lost property for any of your child's missing articles of clothing. The lost property baskets are located outside the Learning Centre.

Any clothing left at the end of the week will be sorted and laundered for sale at the upcoming uniform stall. Any summer uniform donations would also be gratefully accepted and can be left at the front office.

Thank you.

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



QWPS BOOK FAIR

**BOOK FAIR
Luau**

It's a Reading Celebration!

**Monday 29 October – Friday 2
November 2012**

**Family Event: Thursday 1 November 2012
3.30pm – 6.30pm**



**Queanbeyan West
Public School end
of year concert
will be on Monday
17 December
2012 at the
Bicentennial Hall
Queanbeyan.**

UP TO DATE CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have changed your contact details, either address or phone numbers please let the office know so we can update our records. It is important that we are able to contact you regarding your child. Thanks.

Hats

The school has a policy of 'no hat – play in the shade'.

Hats may be purchased from the front office at a cost of \$7.00

Our whole school rules are:

RESPECT - Be caring and polite

SAFETY - Be safe and learn

RESPONSIBILITY - Be accountable

