



### Concert

The week has finally arrived and preparations for next Monday are paying dividends to which parents and community members will bear witness in raptures. My sincere thanks and admiration to my staff and the many parents who have contributed to making our Concert a true spectacle. To ensure the night is all that it can be, all students will need to be dropped off by 5:00pm.

Doors open at 5.00pm and show begins at 6pm.

### Final Day for Students

A reminder, that the last day of term for students is Wednesday, 19th December. On this day, all students will assemble at approximately 2.50pm near the Library to enable us to farewell our Year 6 students.

### Important Dates and Information for 2013:

- Years 1 – 6 Students return on WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30 2013.
- Kindergarten commences school on MONDAY FEBRUARY 4 2013.
- Staff return TUESDAY 29th January 2013 and the office will be open for any enquiries.

Please note that when the Year 1–6 children return on Wednesday 30th January, they will be with their 2012 teacher and class. This will be for a short period and their previous teachers will move them onto their new class and rooms. Naturally things can change for families during the holidays and we won't know this until the first day back. We are currently approximately 6 children away from forming a new class so these first 2- 4 days are extremely important for getting accurate numbers and restructuring classes if necessary. Both the staff and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children throughout 2012. It is

a great privilege to watch the children as they learn and grow into fine citizens who are proud of their school. Thank you boys and girls!

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the staff, for not only their dedication, but the quiet way in which they go about providing support for all and who are unashamedly proud of their students and their school.

For our families who are moving on we thank you for being part of our school and the great support so many of you give freely. Your new schools will be lucky to have you as part of their school community.

Finally to all our remaining families many thanks for your ongoing support and willingness to work with staff to provide the best outcome for your child/ren. In addition, the P&C, with your help, has provided outstanding support to the school. We look forward to working with you all in 2013.

### Walk 'n' Roll-a-thon

We had a lovely afternoon at Queanbeyan Park, last Friday at the Roll-a-thon. Many students, parents and staff participated. The smiles, on everyone's face, were a delight to see.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transporting scooters etc down to the park. Thank you also to the St John Ambulance and Police for all their assistance on the day.

It's now time to collect your sponsorship and return it to school by next Monday 17 December.

One student from each stage who raised the most money will receive a \$50 gift voucher from Coles/Myer.

Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12/12/12 Year 6 Farewell  
12/12/12 Reports go Home  
17/12/12 School Concert  
19/12/12 Last day of school for students  
30/01/2013 – Students (except Kinder) start back at school.



**Please return all library books as soon as possible please - Mr Lumley has started the library stocktake. Thank you**

### Canteen News

#### **CHANGE OF TRADING DAYS!**

**The canteen will be closed next MONDAY due to the school concert but will be open TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY.**

As this term is quickly coming to an end, stock in the canteen is being greatly reduced and as a result some menu items will not be available. There are no hamburgers, cheeseburgers, macaroni or potato bake. Chicken fingers will be replaced with the Dino snacks. Frozen treats and snacks are mostly still available.

If an item is unavailable I always try to substitute it with something to your child's satisfaction, and of the same value.

**I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the helpers who have assisted this year and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. Look forward to seeing you all in 2013.**

### **SCHOOL BANKING HAS FINISHED FOR THE YEAR.**

#### **Schools as Community Centres**

A free Dad's Parenting Night will be held this Wednesday 12th Dec, 6pm at SaCC. Please RSVP to Brooke 6297 2167. Dinner will be

provided, followed by a talk about being a dad, and then Q&A time and a general chat. Come and meet some other dads and have a night out learning more about being a dad!

SaCC has had a large donation of baby clothes and toys - come down to the centre on Isabella Street or call Brooke 6297 2167 for more information. Everything is free, everything needs to go!

### **Relay For Life**

**It's time to Relay! Queanbeyan Relay For Life  
16-17 February 2013**

Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan

Now is the time to sign up for this exciting, overnight, fundraising event. You can make a difference. Early bird registrations are available until 22 January 2013. To register, go to [www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au](http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au) For enquiries, contact the Southern Relay For Life team at [sthnrfl@nswcc.org.au](mailto:sthnrfl@nswcc.org.au) or call 4223 0200



#### **Noah's Ark 3 year old Playschool at Jerrabomberra and Letchworth.**

Noah's Ark is taking expressions of interest in our Playschool sessions for Term 1 2013.

**Tuesday 9.30am – 1.30pm at the Letchworth Neighbourhood Centre Queanbeyan.  
Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre.**

**For more information please contact Jan Brennan on 62871117, [j.brennan@noahsarkact.com.au](mailto:j.brennan@noahsarkact.com.au)**



The Queanbeyan City Library will be running its popular **Summer Reading Club** over the upcoming summer holidays. If you are aged between 5 to 12 years, why not come down and join 'Untangled Tales'! All you need to do is register at the library on or after 3 December to receive your reading record, collect your goodie bag and get reading.

### **Queanbeyan Basketball Presentation Day**

Saturday 15th December 2012

For Kindy-Year 4

At Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium  
from 11am-3pm

-Jumping Castle, Ice Cones, Piñatas,  
Face Painting &

The Big Bang Ballers from 11-1pm  
BBQ & Trophies Presentation starts from 1pm

## *Roll-a-thon - Friday 7 December*

### 2012 Year Book - \$15.00

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ copy(ies) of the 2012 Yearbook.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cash/cheque/credit-debit card for Yearbook/s (at \$15.00 per copy).  
(Please make cheques payable to Queanbeyan West Public School)

#### Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total amount)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Verification No: \_\_\_\_\_ (on back of card)

Card Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature.....

Alternatively, a credit card authorisation can be given by telephone to the Front Office on 6297 2020

### LOST PROPERTY

As the end of the year fast approaches, your child may be missing an article of school clothing, a lunch box, drink bottle etc. Please take a look in the lost property boxes to claim any item/s that belong to your child.



### Surveys

Today parent surveys on Homework are being sent out with the Westerly. These surveys are important and your opinions are highly valued. Please complete the survey and return it to school by next Monday 17 December.

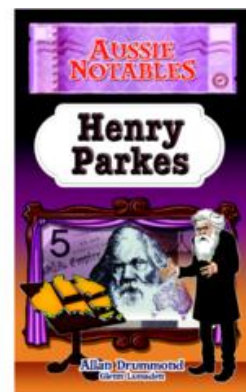
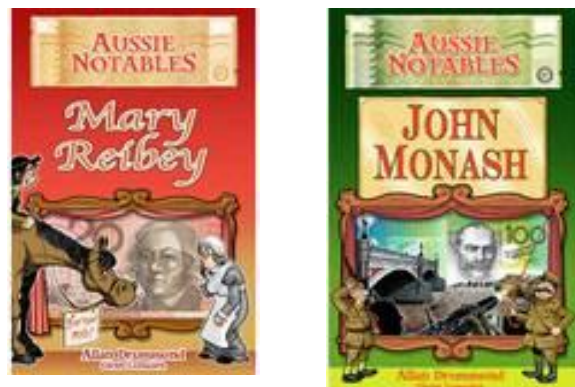
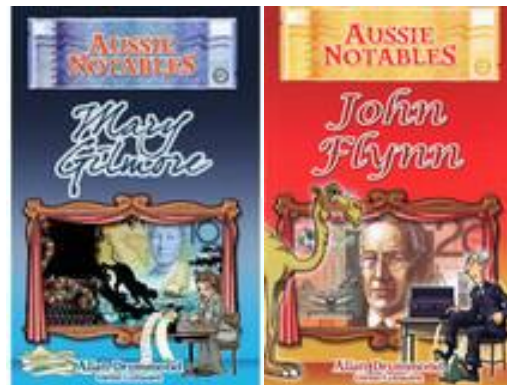
### BOOK OFFER

The Aussie Notables series is a highly regarded collection of books about the people on the Australian bank notes. The publishers are offering all members of our school community a 20% discount on this series when purchased on line (available to the end of 2012). To take advantage of the discount:

1. Go to [www.aussienotables.com.au](http://www.aussienotables.com.au)
2. Select your titles

3. Proceed to the checkout and in the designated space, type in the code **180670**.

More information about the series is available from the Aussie Notables website.



### P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our last meeting for 2012. Our first meeting for 2013 is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

The P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank all community members, parents and volunteers for their wonderful input throughout the year and to wish all families a blessed, safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



# HOMEWORK PRACTICES AND STUDY SKILLS PARENT SURVEY

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ (optional but helpful)

Directions: Please answer each of the questions below in terms of your child's homework habits and return the form to the school by Monday 17 December.

How important do you think homework is for your child's success in school?	Not important	Little importance	Moderate importance	Much importance	Very important
How important do you think success at school is for your child's future life?	Not important	Little importance	Moderate importance	Much importance	Very important
How many hours do you think should be spent on homework and study during the week?	none	1-3 hours	4-6 hours	7-9 hours	10 or more hours
How many hours are actually spent on homework during the week	none	1-3 hours	4-6 hours	7-9 hours	10 or more hours
Does your child have a table or desk at home where he or she can study and do their homework?	yes	No			
Is it in a quiet location where your child can concentrate?	Yes	No	N/A		
Apart from his or her school textbooks, are there other books at home that your child can use to help them in their study: such as encyclopaedias, or books on history, science or the other subjects they are studying?	Yes	No			
Does your child have use of a computer at home?	Yes	No			
If Yes, does that computer have internet access?	Yes	No			
If Yes, does your child use the internet at home to help in their studies?	Yes	No			
Do you feel your child has enough time to do the things that he or she likes doing, or needs to do, other than study?	Yes	No			

What, if anything, prevents your child from completing homework assignments? Tick as many as are relevant.

Other homework assignments	<input type="checkbox"/>	No one is able to help	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performing arts (music, dance, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forgetfulness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rather do fun things	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family responsibilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rather spend time with friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too lazy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rather watch TV	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doesn't care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rather play electronic or computer games	<input type="checkbox"/>
The homework is too difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is too much homework	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does your child's teacher check to see if homework is completed?	Yes	No
Does your child's teacher mark their homework?	Yes	No
Does your child's teacher make useful comments on the homework?	Yes	No
Does your child's teacher give useful guidance to help improve your child's study skills?	Yes	No

Thank you