

Last Tuesday our School Council Representatives, School Captains, our Aboriginal students and friends represented Queanbeyan West Public School at the Queanbeyan Reconciliation Walk. There was a Welcome to Country by Aboriginal Elder, Louise Brown and performances by Queanbeyan Public school choir and Indigenous Rap Artist Michael Weir. This was followed by a BBQ lunch and Indigenous games. We were very proud of the students. They were exemplary representatives of Queanbeyan West Public and got a real thrill out of seeing themselves on the news on Tuesday night.



Peer Support

During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game.

This week help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family and friends.

Fete

We had an amazing day on Friday at our Fete. Mrs Theresa Rivers and her band of fabulous volunteers, our fantastic staff and our super students ensured we all had a fantastic day. Mr Rivers and Mr Goebel cooked up a storm with Queanbeyan High Students on the BBQ. Mrs Wolf and Mrs Damcevski looked after us with cakes and coffee. Mrs Charlton coordinated our amazing Trash and Treasure collection; I think it may have been more treasure. Mrs Siciliano made sure we had lots of happy bubbles and looked after the

coordination of our pizza lunch. Mr Charlton blew up some very colourful balloons, making the atmosphere very happy. Mrs and Mr Sliwinski made sure all our students had their wristbands and looked after our floats. Our Queanbeyan High Students made sure all faces were painted and they manned the soccer and rugby goals, they also looked after our Jelly Bean competition. Mrs Woods had a great day popping balloons to see what exciting treat lay behind, it was just like having a box of chocolates, one never knew quite what they'd get. Mrs Catanzariti donated all the knitted articles and quilts for our Craft Stall. Thanks to the many unnamed parent helpers who assisted in many ways and to all those who generously donated goods and supported our school, especially by allowing their children to participate.

FETE Winners

Congratulations to: Sadya Tonelli who won the Brumbies Tickets in the Silent Auction, Sadya Tonelli (Brad) who won the Jelly Bean Guessing competition, Kai Blake who won the Scrabble game and to William Hopkins who won 1st prize in the Gourmet Raffle and Matthew Gore 2nd prize in the Gourmet Raffle.

Fete Day Fun

Faces of the Fete!

End of Semester 1 Reports

We are busily preparing our end of semester student reports. These reports are based on assessments that have been going on as part of student learning all year. These reports will be sent home on Wednesday 27 June.

Semester 1 reports are an indication of your child's achievements during the past 6 months. Our teachers have been assessing students according to the Board of Studies outcomes which generally allow 2 years for students to progress through each stage. Learning is continuous and children learn at different rates. We have included an explanation at the beginning of the report.

All children need encouragement and praise to be confident, happy learners. Some children try very hard and find learning difficult. They deserve your praise and encouragement. Some children find learning easy and often don't try as hard as they could. Your encouragement here is critical as well.

For those students who have no difficulty learning and put a lot of effort into their work, they need continued acknowledgement and praise to keep this level of enthusiasm and commitment. For those students whose effort is minimal, closer home/school partnerships are the key to improvement.

Parking

Please do not park in the staff car park, space is limited and the safety of children is compromised if they are being dropped off or picked up in the car park. Over the next few weeks the rangers will be monitoring parents picking up and dropping off students. Please be aware of the parking restrictions around the school and park or drop off in appropriate areas. A number of 'close calls' have been reported by parents, we would hate to see any child put in a dangerous situation on their way to or from school.

Kindergarten Enrolments – Enrol now for 2013

Don't miss your opportunity to enrol in our great school. Places are filling fast.

Queanbeyan West Public School prides itself in delivering quality programs to students in a warm, caring learning environment. Our teachers are professional, caring and committed to teaching students a broad and balanced curriculum across the key learning areas (KLAs). We pride ourselves on catering for the individual learning needs of all children.

If your child is turning 5 before 31 July 2013 they can enrol at Queanbeyan West Public School for 2013. Please collect an enrolment package from the office and return it as soon as possible. Proof of age, citizenship and immunisation will be required.

National Cyber Security Awareness Week

National Cyber Security Awareness Week runs from 12-15 June and aims to inform and empower everyone to stay safe online. The Federal Government's cyber safety website, www.staysmartonline.gov.au, provides tips and info on how not to fall victim to online crimes such as identity theft, fraud, phishing, scams and cons. There is also a section on smart socialising online as well as separate pages full of great advice for children and teens.

Also, check out School A to Z for plenty of technology info and the latest on cyber safety at: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety.

Health resources

Some great online resources to support your child with an existing or acute medical condition can be found at two Westmead Children's Hospital websites:

www.physicalasanything.com.au

and

<http://kidshealth.schn.health.nsw.gov.au>.

For information sheets and updates on common childhood illnesses and current public health warnings go to the NSW Department of Health website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/index.asp.

Remember; in a life threatening emergency *always* dial 000 for an ambulance.

SRC

Next week the SRC are having a fundraiser. On **Wednesday 13 June** students can wear a supporter's top of their favourite team. A gold coin donation will go towards supporting Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



Assembly Awards Term 2 Week 7 Host: KC Item: 2T



KB: Pavithra – improved concentration in all areas.

Ella – trying hard in all her work.

KC: Thomas – interesting news each week.

Chloe – working hard to have a go in all areas.

KF: Katelin – improvement in completing work.

Lucinda – working hard in maths.

KR: Emma-Lee – improvement in staying on task.

Isabella – for outstanding reading.

K/1M: Trinity – working really hard in maths groups.

Riley – fabulous improvement in her reading.

1C: Clayton – great independent thinking.

Hayley – improved improvement in her reading.

1/2K: Bodhi – excellent efforts in English activities.

Logan – excellent efforts in Maths activities.

2M: Lesley – always being focussed on the task at hand.

Isabel – thinking creatively when she writes.

2N: Allen – listening more attentively and being responsible when asked to do things.

Anna – showing more responsibility and staying focussed on her work.

2T: Hayden – for working hard at making good choices in and out of classroom.

Isaac – for making wonderful efforts in his homework.

2/3S: Mitchell – for improved classroom behaviour.

K/6H: Hayley – improved handwriting.



Trash and Treasure

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Trash and Treasure Stall. It is always a popular stall on Fete day and without these donations it would not be possible. A very special thank you to the volunteers who helped with the big job of setting up, selling and packing up. Your help is very much appreciated.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow evening (6th June) starting at 7pm in the Staff Room. (Entrance can be made via the front office). Our meetings are held in a friendly, informal atmosphere and usually run for about 60-90 minutes. All families within the school are welcome to attend. Please come along and take an active part in your child's school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6/06/12	Soccer Knock-Out competition
6/06/12	UNSW – Science Test
6/06/12	Life Ed
6/06/12	P&C Meeting
8/06/12	Sullivan Shield
11/06/12	Queen's Birthday holiday
18/06/12	UNSW Writing Test
19/06/12	UNSW Spelling Test
20/06/12	District Athletics Carnival
21/06/12	School Disco
29/06/12	Last day of school term

Rugby League News

A huge congratulations to the boys in Year 3 and Year 4 who played in the finals of the Mal Meninga Cup last Wednesday at Rugby League Park in Braddon! The boys won their first three games to qualify for the semi-final play off!

This was a huge effort and some fantastic skills were displayed by all the boys. It was great to see the team effort and encouragement!!

A huge thank you must go to Richard Rauter who coached and supported the boys!

As well a big thank you to the enthusiastic group of parents who were there to cheer their children on!

The boys in the team were;

Frank, Eligh, David, Elijah, Reilly, Dean, Brendan, Brad, Sam, Hayden and Jordan.

Sullivan Shield and Girls Aus-Tag

This Friday June 8 will be the first round of the Sullivan Shield boys Rugby League and the girls Aus-Tag competition. The games will be played at Kambah Playing

Fields and students will be transported to and from the venue by bus. All notes need to be in by Wednesday June 6!

Rugby League Co-ordinator
Carlyn Bladen

James Hird Cup

Yesterday I had the pleasure of taking 11 boys and girls in Grade 5 to compete in the James Hird Cup at Margaret Donoghue Sports Complex in Queanbeyan. The team won 3 out of their 4 matches including a hard fought win in their final against Jerrabomberra. They should be commended on their excellent sportsmanship and teamwork skills they demonstrated throughout their games. Thank you To Ms Wardlaw for the preliminary organisation, Pastor Matt Chivers and Jaclyn Wells for transporting students to and from the venue.

Peta Kenningham

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2012-13

Entertainment Books now available at the front office for \$55. Great savings to be made. If you have any questions, please contact Sadya TONELLI on 0447 037 854.

Library Helpers Needed

If you would like to assist with the covering of new library books next Monday please phone Trish on 6297 2020 to organise a time that suits you. Book covering will be in the library.

Family Photos may be viewed at the Front Office. \$8 each and all money goes to P&C fundraising.

Big Step Night

Tuesday 19 June - 7.30pm

At Karabar Pre School

A free starting school information session for parents

Topics covered:

- Is your child ready for school?
- What can you do to help your child at school?
- Letting Go!
- What do parents need to communicate to teachers?
- Social skills and social development.
- Routines for your child?

For further information please ring: 6297 1640

Life Education Van

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Life Education Van from 6 June 2012. I enclose \$8.50 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, the Life Ed Van visit is already covered.

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