



Welcome back to all students and a warm welcome to our new enrolments for our winter term. I hope the holidays have refreshed you. This term will be a very busy one with academic activities including our NAIDOC Week Assembly and Education Week celebrations, performances and excursions.

We welcome Mrs Janet Forester to our staff this term as one of our Learning and Support Teachers and also extend our congratulations to Mrs Gayle Doyle who will relieve as Assistant Principal.



CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR REMAINDER OF THIS WEEK.

Peer Support

In this week's final session of the Peer Support module Keeping Friends the children will be participating in a board game, reinforcing all of the concepts and skills that have been learned over the past 7 weeks. They will be reminded of the qualities of a good friend and the skills needed to maintain friendships and make new ones. Each Peer Support group will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.

NAIDOC Week Assembly

This Friday will see us host our NAIDOC Week Assembly, starting at 12:15 under the COLA, weather permitting. If the day is wet or cold, we'll squeeze into the Hall. Students and staff have been busy designing feet under the theme of 'bringing them home'.

Mr Adrian Brown will give the Welcome to Country and Kobi Russell (ex-student) and Duncan Smith will entertain us with performances. We are looking forward to an exciting day, and I extend an invitation to all parents to join in the celebrations with us.

Voluntary Contributions

Queanbeyan West Public School has a very modest fee structure: **\$40 for one child and \$60 for a family.** While we believe your children's education is worth far more, there is a lot we can do with such a small amount. If all families make their contributions we will have approximately **\$7000** to purchase quality resources for your children, in particular for literacy and numeracy. While these **fees are voluntary**, they

are a much-needed source of support for our school. The school also welcomes payments by installments as an option to distribute this cost over the school year. Your support is greatly appreciated by the students of our school.

Student Safety

The safety of all our students is of paramount concern. This week I've asked all classroom teachers to review student safety with their class – particularly safety in travel to and from school.

I am repeating this message – to ensure that all families take some time to discuss safe travel.

If your child travels to or from school without adult supervision, please take some time to talk to them about being safe. Some important reminders include:

- ✓Where possible, always walk with a friend or a group of friends.
- ✓Always go straight to school or home (Don't stop off to play at the park or go somewhere else).
- ✓**NEVER accept a lift from a stranger (Remember to reinforce – No – Go – Tell with your child. If someone approaches you and wants you to go with them - Say no, get yourself away from them and tell someone who can help).**
- ✓Obey the road rules. Always make sure you cross the road at the pedestrian crossing or lights.

Please make sure your child is familiar with their travel arrangements for each day of the week. If you don't feel confident they will remember – make sure the class teacher has a record of how your son / daughter get home and who they travel with.

Students should also be reminded that if they get picked up and their parent does not arrive, they are to either wait with the class teacher – or go straight to the office to wait. (We still have a few students who decide to walk themselves home – this can be very alarming for the parents and the staff, when the child appears to be "missing")!

Be fire safe this winter

Winter's chill has arrived and with it our scramble for heaters, electric blankets and open fires. Entertaining is now year round thanks to portable outdoor gas heaters. But with all these conveniences come fire dangers. Statistics reveal that almost half of all home fires are started in the kitchen and 43 per cent of all fire fatalities occur in winter. NSW Fire and Rescue

reminds us to do a fire safety audit of our homes this winter, check smoke detectors are working and ensure appliances such as clothes dryers and dishwashers are running efficiently and safely. For more household fact sheets and useful videos on how to protect your home and family from fire go to www.fire.nsw.gov.au/

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30/7/12 Education Week begins
31/7/12 Team Beat Performance
31/7/12 Kinder Excursion-Peter Rabbit
31/7/12 UNSW – English Test
1/8/12 P&C Meeting
2/8/12 Performing Arts Festival
3/8/12 Performing Arts Festival
7/8/12 Wakakirri Heats
9/8/12 DISCO
14/8/12 UNSW – Mathematics Test



ASG INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS

Support Our Inspirational Teachers

Our school has been invited to submit nominations for the **NEiTA**

2012 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards. This is an opportunity for our school to publicly recognise and encourage our great teachers, and give them a well-deserved pat on the back. Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory *NEiTA Certificate of Nomination* and become eligible for NEiTA State and National Awards. Nomination forms can be downloaded or completed online at: www.neita.com.au or requested from the NEiTA Secretariat by phoning free call 1800 624 487. Nominations can be made by individual parents/carers and grandparents, the P&C and community organisations. The closing date for nominations is **31 July 2012.**

Positive Behaviour for Success **Lucky Leaves**

WEEK 10 TERM 2

K-2: Mia KB, Amy K/1M, Jasmine 2M, Michael 2T.

3-6: Sanduni 4T, Mia 4T, Austin 4T, Sienna 5/6B

Teambeat Performance

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the **Teambeat performance on Tuesday 31 July 2012.** I enclose \$5.50 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, this performance is already covered.

“Salaka” Sharing the Spirit of Africa – Interactive Drumming. The show is highly interactive, a hands-on, culturally rich, informative, professional presentation by authentic visiting artists from Ghana, West Africa. Bringing literally hundreds of drums to the school so that every student will learn and play an African rhythm. Students will also experience African dancing and learn about African instruments and hear stories of African children growing up in the villages.

Name: _____

Class: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____



Queanbeyan Multicultural Playgroup

meets Fridays 12:00pm—2:00pm

during school terms

at Schools as Community Centres,

Isabella Street

(next to Queanbeyan Public School)

Please bring \$2 and a piece of fruit to share

Everyone is welcome!

Any queries please ring 6297 6110

This playgroup is a joint initiative with Queanbeyan Multilingual Centre and Schools as Community Centres



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