

NAIDOC ASSEMBLY



Wacky Hair Day – This Friday

We are now right into the performing arts rehearsals, both Wakakirri and the District Performing Arts Festival, with many of our students rehearsing for these events. Our District Performance is next week on Thursday and Friday, with the Wakakirri heats the following Tuesday. Mrs Doyle, Miss Thompson, staff and a committed band of parents are working hard to ensure our students are given every opportunity to shine.

To support the costs of both of these performances the Dance Team would like to hold a WACKY HAIR day this Friday. A gold coin donation will go towards transport and resources.

EDUCATION WEEK – Creating the Future - SAVE THE DATE - MONDAY 30 JULY

Next week is Education Week. We have many exciting events planned and you are welcome to attend as many as you are able to.

Specifically our Open Day, which is **Monday 30 July**, come and share lunch with your child at 11:30am and then go to class for our open session at 12:10pm. During this time you'll also be taken to the Hall to view the Science Fair, which is being presented by students from Queanbeyan High School.

On **Tuesday** we have the Team Beat performance and Kindergarten off to see live theatre – Peter Rabbit.

On **Wednesday** a free show – NED - This is a free exhibition of yo-yo expertise with a message. **NED stands for: Never Give Up – Encourage Others – Do Your Best. This is a great message for all of us and is presented in a fun way.** We are going to be selling yo-yo's for 3 days after the show. The order form is attached to this newsletter.

These yo-yos are for home use.

On **Thursday and Friday** our Performing Arts Troupe will participate in the District Performance to be held at The Canberra Theatre.

We Give a Gonski

Have you heard about the findings of the Gonski Review? Well, potentially it is very good news for our school and our students.

Headed by senior businessman David Gonski, the review was the most comprehensive national investigation of school funding in almost 40 years. It found not only was the current funding system broken but Australia is investing far too little in schools.

The lack of funding is having significant consequences for students with widening gaps between what students achieve in disadvantaged areas compared to those in wealthy areas.

Gonski said a major funding increase for public schools and (some private schools) is urgently required to ensure a high quality education for all.

That increase translates to an average of \$1,500 per student extra per year in public schools. If we were to receive that amount it would mean \$630 000 into our budget compared to \$21 000 currently.

For our school, additional money would be spent in the areas we know make a real difference for students such as smaller class sizes, more individual assistance for students with particular needs and additional staff.

The problem is that, despite the positive response from all education sectors to the report, there has been no commitment by either the Federal Government or the Opposition in Canberra to the new system or additional funding.

The Australian Education Union, which represents teachers and principals, is running a national campaign to get a commitment to the funding and new laws passed based on the Gonski recommendations before the end of 2012.

If you would like to see additional resources flowing to our school, you can register your support at the Australian Education Union's campaign website www.igiveagonski.com.au.

Congratulations Kiara

Kiara competed in NSW Country State Championships in Orange in July School Holidays

She placed 7th Freehand / 3rd Rope / 1st Ball and 2nd Overall in Level 1 Junior

She was part of the Junior Team which won GOLD for the Teams event.

Queanbeyan YMCA was also named 2012 Country Rhythmic Club (2nd Year in a row) and also achieved 2012 Overall Country Club of the Year

2012 Opportunity Class Placement Test

For those students who have applied for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2013, the OC Placement Test is scheduled to begin at 9:00 am on Wednesday 25 July at Karabar High School. Our best wishes to all students participating.

National Tree Day

Sunday 29 July 2012 is National Tree Day, Australia's biggest community tree-planting and nature care event. Join with thousands of others and plant a native tree to help improve the environment in which you live. To find out where your local tree-planting site is and for further information go to: <http://treeday.planetark.org/>

Healthy kid friendly recipes

The Healthy Kids website has a range of nutritious, tasty and easy to prepare recipes for young chefs. The

website is packed with information and resources and ideas on physical activity and healthy eating for children and young people.

Go

to:

<http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/recipes.aspx?category=kidfriendlyrecipes>

Have a great week

Vicki Muscat

Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 27/7/12 Wacky Hair Day**
- 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 NED Show**
- 1/8/12 P&C Meeting**
- 2/8/12 Performing Arts Festival**
- 3/8/12 Performing Arts Festival**
- 7/8/12 Wakakirri Heats**
- 14/8/12 UNSW – Mathematics Test**
- 23/8/12 DISCO**
- 27/8/12 K-2 visit to Queanbeyan Library**
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ASG INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS

Support Our Inspirational Teachers

Our school has been invited to submit nominations for the **NEITA 2012 ASG Inspirational Teaching 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**.

Helpers Needed for 2M

2M needs parent helpers for reading groups, Monday to Wednesday from 9.30am until 10.00am. If you are able to help by working with a small group, or by listening to children read, please contact Belinda Moss by leaving your details at the office or by sending a note in with your child.



brochures are going home today. Orders and payment need to be returned by next

Wednesday 1 August 2012.



Don't forget it's Wacky Hair Day this Friday – come and show off your amazing hair creations for a gold coin donation. Money raised will assist Wakakirri and the Beethoven production.

Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 2

KB: Simone – for doing wonderful book work.
Tyson – for excellent effort and participation.

KC: Latoya – great journal writing.
Ava – excellent home reading.

KF: Kiara – working well in Maths.
Jett – enthusiastic participation in language activities.

KR: Jordan – improved effort in staying on task.

Lucinda – improved effort in class activities.

K/1M: Anthea – for great effort in reading groups.

Mathew – for always being a great helper in the classroom.

1C: Reuban – welcome to our school and to 1C.
Dasun – always on task and always doing his best.

1/2K: Christina – outstanding classroom behaviour.

Bodhi – excellent efforts in reading tasks.

2M: Amelia – great efforts in PE.
Cameron Lee – thinking scientifically.

2N: La'tesha – big improvement in Journal writing.

Andrew – enthusiastic attitude to classroom activities.

2T: Hayden – for a wonderful start to Term 3.
Ella – for excellent effort in her work. Well done Ella.

2/3S: Ahanaf – positive attitude to work.



Kinder Enrolments for 2013



are now being taken.

Enrolment Application forms available from the front office or phone: 6297 2020

Family Photos

If you would like to view your family photo taken by the Portrait Gallery when student and class photos were taken in Term 1, please come to the front office and have a look. Cost of the photos - \$8. All money from photos goes directly to the school P&C as a school fundraiser. There are some lovely family shots!

Starting School Expo

Saturday 4th August 2012 from 11am-1pm
at the Queanbeyan Conference Centre
Crawford St (next to the library)

for children starting school in 2013 and their parents

Information Stalls, School/Preschool Displays, Children's Arts & Crafts,
Free Sausage Sizzle, Lucky Door Prizes, Jumping Castle,
Face Painting & Give Aways

Starting School Is Really Cool!

Further enquiries ph. Brooke 6297 2167



Reminder

Coles Vouchers and Woolworths sticker sheets are still being collected at school and can be placed in the boxes in the school foyer.



BEFORE SCHOOL READING

Before School Reading is running again this term.
Every Wednesday Morning 8:30am - 9:05am.
See you in the (warm and cosy) Learning Centre!
Mrs Bedin

LOST BUDGIE – An aqua blue and yellow male budgie was found in the front school grounds on Monday 23 July 2012. Please ring the school on 6297 2020.



The NED Show

NED Yo



Glow in the dark Yo. Great for beginners!

Boomerang



Excellent for all skill levels. Amazing auto-return feature!

Cosmic Spin 2



Ball bearing yo Spins up to 4x longer than normal yos for advanced tricks!

Accessories:

- . 10 Replacement Strings
- . Yo Yo Holster
- . How to Yo DVD (Learn 30 tricks from beginner to advanced)
- . Amazing Yo DVD (Spectacular tricks, very entertaining).

NED Show Merchandise Order Form

Name: _____

Class: _____

Fill out order form and enclose with payment in a clearly marked envelope and return to front office.

	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
NED Yo		x \$ 8.00	
Boomerang		x \$14.00	
Cosmic Spin 2		x \$19.00	
10 Strings		x \$ 4.00	
Yo-Yo Holster		x \$ 4.00	
How 2 Yo DVD		x \$ 4.00	
AmazingYo DVD		x \$4.00	

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

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.

Name: _____

Class: _____

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Name: _____

Class: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CIRCUS QUIRKUS

The Rotary Club of Canberra is hosting a “Circus Quirkus” festival at the Queanbeyan Conference Centre, 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan on **THURSDAY 26 JULY, 2012 at 6.00pm**.

Our school has 35 tickets available to students and their families who wish to attend. Students need to be accompanied by an adult, as teachers will not be attending. **Please note that one ticket is required for each person to enter the show.**

If you would like to take your family to this event, please complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible, as tickets will be issued on a first-in, first-served basis.

CIRCUS QUIRKUS

We require _____ tickets to attend the “Circus Quirkus” festival at Queanbeyan Conference Centre on Thursday 26 July 2012 at 6.00pm

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Contact Phone No: _____