



The Westerly

Queanbeyan West Public School

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



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Tomorrow, Wednesday 27 June 2012 our school will be affected by an Authorised Teachers Federation action.

The NSWTF has **"authorised members to stop work for 24 hours on Wednesday 27 June 2012** to attend stop work protest meetings across New South Wales, in the absence of the Government giving the guarantees contained in the "Putting Students First Charter".

On this day there will be no teachers for most of our students.

This term has been a busy term for us all and as this is the last newsletter for the term I would like to thank all you wonderful parents for the many ways you have become involved in the learning journey of your child.

There are many ways in which you have helped, from assistance with homework to helping in the canteen to driving to excursions to mention only a few. We really appreciate your effort. Our children continue to grow and learn in a safe, caring environment with terrific staff. Thank you also to our tireless teachers, office and grounds staff and aides who do such a great job every day of the term.

Staff Development Day

Monday 16 July is a **PUPIL FREE DAY**. The staff will be involved in professional learning opportunities throughout the day. Supervision is not available on this day, so please ensure that you have made alternate arrangements.

Students return to start Term 3 on Tuesday 17 July.

Reports

It is important to remember a few facts about our reporting system. If your child is working and achieving all that is expected of their grade level at this point in time they will receive a 'C' for sound achievement. This means they are 'ON TRACK' for their grade level and this is very pleasing. If your child has demonstrated a thorough knowledge and understanding and high level of competence they will achieve above a 'Sound' and if they are having difficulties with any aspect of their learning this will also be indicated with a level below 'Sound'. The teachers have

provided a lot of information about what your children can do at the level they are achieving.

A	Outstanding Achievement	The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations
B	Above Grade Level	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level competence in the process and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
C	At Grade Level	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
D	Basic Achievement	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
E	Limited Achievement	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

The other important aspect of the reports is the assessment of your child's application or effort they consistently apply to their learning. We place a great importance on this information and ask

that you consider this in conjunction with your child's academic achievement. For example, your child could receive a 'Basic' achievement with an 'Excellent' application which indicates your child is always striving to do their best and this is certainly something to be proud of. In the reverse you may have a child receiving a 'High' achievement and only a 'Satisfactory' application which could indicate that with more effort their results may further improve. These reports are an opportunity to understand how your child is progressing, celebrate their successes, and provide extra support if needed.

Outstanding	The student is applying a high level of effort.
High	The student keenly attempts all work.
Satisfactory	The student is applying an acceptable amount of effort.
Low	The level of effort is of concern

NAIDOC Week 1-8 July 2012

NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields.

The theme for National NAIDOC celebrations is – Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on.

Anne Martin and Benjamin Mitchell, NAIDOC Committee co-chairs, said this year's theme is about celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and acknowledging the key contributors to its long history.

NAIDOC Week, from 1-8 July, is an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to join together to recognise the valuable contribution Indigenous people make to Australia's national identity.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

It's the ideal time for all of us to think about how we can help work towards bridging the gap of disadvantage and marginalisation experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Queanbeyan West Public School will be participating in NAIDOC celebrations on Friday 20 July. We wish to extend an invitation to all members of the community to attend our NAIDOC assembly which commences at 10:00am.

www.naidoc.org.au

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/

School holidays sorted

The school holidays are fast approaching. For great activities to keep the kids gainfully occupied check out the informative Go Play website which is full of ideas for kids aged up to 18 years. You can search by age, activity, region, date, time and by government organisation. Go to: www.goplay.nsw.gov.au

Staff News

Ms Lowman will be relieving Principal at Captains Flat Public School during Term 3. Mrs Peta Kenningham will be teaching 4/5L and Mrs Gayle Doyle will be relieving Assistant Principal.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28/06/12 Reports to go home
28/06/12 Round 2 – Sullivan Shield
28/06/12 Stamp Out Bullying Performance
29/06/12 Last day of school term
17/07/12 Students return to school for Term 3



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS **2012-13**

Entertainment Books available for sale until end of this week at the front office - \$55. Great savings to be made. If you have any questions, please contact Sadya TONELLI on: 0447 037 854.



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

SCHOOL BANKING

A school banking officer is needed to help out with student banking. If you are able to assist, please ring the front office. **Also to eliminate any banking discrepancies' please ensure all deposit slips are fully completed with the money for banking matching the deposit slip.**



DONATIONS NEEDED

The office is in need of some small track pants for children who need to have a change of clothes. If you have any pants at home that your child has outgrown we would appreciate them for our emergency clothing pool.

Thanks!



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2012

ST GREGORY'S PARISH

Registration will take place between 16-26 July 2012. Registration forms can be downloaded from the parish website for completion. Payment can be made on-line via the online payment option. Alternatively, return of forms and payment can be made at the parish office.

S.T.A.M.P Out Bullying

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the STAMP Out Bullying performance on **Thursday 28 June 2012**. I enclose \$4.50 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.

Using comedy, magic and ventriloquism, S.T.A.M.P Out Bullying has the audience in fits of laughter and hanging on every word as the 5 important STAMP principles are illustrated.

Stay away – how to avoid bullies.

Tell someone – reporting a bully is not being a 'dobber'.

Always help – the power of peers

Make friends – including students who are easily left out.

Play nicely – making sure that you're not being the bully.

Name: _____

Class: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Youth Busking Competition

Saturday 30 June 12 – 3pm

Do you like to sing?

Like to show off that great guitar riff?


Play an instrument?

Come down to Crawford Street Queanbeyan on Saturday 30 June and enter the Youth Busking Competition as part of Council's new Lifestyle Precinct opening celebrations.

Great prizes but limited busking spots available between 12.15 and 2.15pm

For bookings call Tim on: 0412 463 388 or email:

tim.keeble@optusnetcom.au



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**.

LOST CLOTHING

There has also been an increase in the number of students looking for missing jackets etc. Please check the winter jacket that comes home with your child. They may have accidentally brought home a jacket with someone else's name on it. I'm sure the parents would greatly appreciate its return. Please also ensure that all clothing has your child's name clearly marked.



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Let's work
together to
ensure all
our
community
is safe



SIGNING IN PROCEDURES

Due to changes in Workers' Health Safety legislation the school is responsible for briefing all visitors, volunteers and contractors that come on site in relation to the schools WHS procedure.

As a result all visitors, including parents are required to:

- ✓ Enter the school by the front gate only.
- ✓ Make contact with office staff to let them know of your arrival and the purpose of your visit.
- ✓ Complete the sign in/sign out register.
- ✓ Read the schools Safety Briefing brochure.
- ✓ Wear a visitor's badge.
- ✓ Only visit the area you have indicated on the sign in form.
- ✓ Sign out and notify office staff of your departure.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

SIGNING STUDENT'S OUT:

- Advise office staff and complete form.
- Student will be contacted and meet you at the office.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON:

- Parents are to wait at assembly areas – **PRIMARY QUAD/INFANTS COLA, AND NOT GO TO CLASSROOMS.**

DROPPING OFF A STUDENT'S BELONGINGS/LUNCH:

- Office staff will ensure the items are given to the child.