



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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Education Week is a time to celebrate the quality teaching and learning occurring every day in our 2,200 public schools in NSW, and particularly Queanbeyan West. This is an exciting era for public education. We are at a crucial point in time to set up the best and brightest future for our students, and we owe them nothing less. Every decision we make as educators should always be in the best interests of our students.

In creating the future for our students we have an obligation to equip our students with the skills and knowledge they need as 21st century learners, which is why we now talk about the importance of the 4Cs, as well as the 3Rs - creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. We have a number of activities happening at the school this week which will provide diverse opportunities for students. Queanbeyan West Public School teachers, school administrative and support staff inspire our young people to discover a world where anything is possible. It is challenging and rewarding work and I know I speak for parents and communities when I acknowledge that professionalism, hard work and commitment to student learning.

I hope you enjoyed your visit with us yesterday and we look forward to the remaining exciting activities this week.

New funding model for NSW public schools

A new resourcing model for public schools in NSW will change the way funds are allocated and is a key element of the Local Schools, Local Decisions reform.

NSW Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli said the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) is about a more equitable allocation of resources.

"The RAM takes into account the fact that students and school communities are not all the same; they have different needs and will need different levels of support," Mr Piccoli said.

Under the new model, the proportion of the public school education budget that goes directly to schools will increase from 10 per cent to more than 70 per cent.

"Funding will ensure no principal need worry about the cost of a teacher, leaving principals to choose teachers based on teacher quality and skills required to best meet the needs of their students," he said.

Mr Piccoli said the RAM will also reduce red tape. "Instead of hundreds of small funding buckets to be managed and reported on, schools' resource allocation will be divided into two components," Mr Piccoli said.

"The first will see money quarantined for staffing purposes only. The remaining component will fund all other operational requirements of the school and any discretionary needs, which may include employing additional staff.

The Minister said the design of the resourcing model is entirely consistent with principles outlined in the Gonski report into school funding.

"The Gonski report recommended loadings for socio-economic status, Aboriginality, English language proficiency and students with disability, as well as loadings for school size and location, Mr Piccoli said.

"The RAM will provide a loading for each of these factors to ensure equity for our students."

Read more about the Resource Allocation Model <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/lsl/ram/index.php>

Asthma awareness

Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children.

The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma.

For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to <http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/>.

Cycling fun

Cycling is a fun and healthy activity for people of all ages.

The NSW Government has set up the Bicycle information for NSW website.

The site includes information of what to look for when choosing a bike, suggestions on great bicycle paths around NSW and safety tips. Go to: <http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/index.html>

Play at Powerhouse

The Powerhouse Museum's Play at Powerhouse website has a range of fun and interactive activities and games for primary school children. Activities range from how to make your own musical instrument to easy science experiments.

Kids can also choose to play a number of interactive games designed to develop fine motor skills and problem-solving.

Go to: <http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/>

Apricot macaroon slice

Ingredients

- 200g unsalted butter
- 160g caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 210g plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp coconut extract
- 300g desiccated coconut
- 2 x 410g tins apricot halves in juice, drained.

Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Combine half the butter and half the caster sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat on high speed for 3 minutes, until light and creamy.
3. Add one egg and beat smooth, then fold in 170g plain flour and ½ tsp baking powder.
4. Press into the base of a lined 27cm x 18cm slice pan and bake for 20 minutes, until golden and firm to touch. Set aside to cool.
5. Combine the remaining butter and caster sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat on high speed for 3 minutes, until light and creamy.
6. Add the remaining eggs and coconut extract, then beat smooth.
7. Fold in the desiccated coconut and remaining flour.
8. Arrange the apricot halves over the biscuit base, then crumble the coconut mixture on top in a loose fashion – do not press.
9. Bake for 25 minutes, until light golden.
10. Cool completely before slicing and serving.

Lockdown and Evacuation Drill

I would like to notify parents that I will be holding a Lockdown and Evacuation practice sometime during this week.

Leave

I will be taking some Long Service Leave commencing Monday 6 August until Friday 7 September 2012. In my absence Ms Carlyn Bladen will be relieving as Principal.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow evening (1st August) 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.

Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 3



KB: Mia – for always trying her best.
Muhammad – always being on task.

KC: Emily – always showing our school values.
Ethan – great enthusiasm for all activities at school.

KF: Baltazar – for always showing interest in everything that happens at school.
Makayda – for making big efforts in reading.

KR: Danielle – for great work in Maths. Well done!
Emma-Lee – for outstanding effort in Literacy.

K/1M: Sharang – writing an interesting and funny narrative.

Jemma – being a respectful group member.

1C: Mastura – excellent writing and careful work.

Edu – outstanding reading and spelling.

1/2K: Luke – terrific efforts in Reading Groups.
Jacob – excellent efforts in maths activities.

2M: Keegan – trying hard to complete all Maths work.

Kai – trying hard in Reading Groups.

2N: Letisha – being a responsible class member who completes all her work.

Ollie – always being on task and doing what is expected of him.

2T: Muhammad – wonderful efforts in spelling.

Emma – excellent improvement in spelling.

2/3S: Breeanna – trying hard in reading groups.

K/6H: Mary-Therese – excellent effort in number recognition and counting.

Blake – excellent effort in number recognition and counting.

K/6R: Christine – GREAT counting!

Ryan – GREAT talking and listening.

Aurylin – Fantastic effort in Mathematics.

Congratulations

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1/8/12	NED Show
1/8/12	P&C Meeting – 7pm in staff room.
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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Celebrating Education Week



Queanbeyan High share a science experiment

Positive Behaviour for Success **Lucky Leaves**

WEEK 2 TERM 3

K-2: Ella KB, Thomas KB, Spencer 1C, Tyler 1C.

3-6: Elijah 3W, Tiana 4/5L, Tim K/6R, Reeghan 5/6B.

Queanbeyan Basketball Ass.

Term 3 Social Basketball Games commences this week: Monday- High School, Thursday- Yr 5-6 & Friday -Kindy-Yr 2 & Yr 3-4 Grades. Game Draws are available from Basketball Stadium or on stadium doors or email contact's below for draw to be sent to you. All New Players Welcome

Tot-ball

Cost: \$3/child Ages: 4yrs & up Time: 4.30-5.15pm at: Basketball Stadium. Clinic is for first time players & also players wanting to improve their game skills. Involves-teaching them basic basketball skills of defence, dribbling, shooting & passing.

Further information contact Rosie at pete35@tpg.com.au

STARTING SCHOOL EXPO

Saturday 6th August 2011 from 11am - 1pm.
at the Queanbeyan Conference Centre, Crawford Street (next to the library)
for children starting school in 2012 and their families.

Information Stalls (inc. Questacon) with lots of Give Aways, School and Preschool staff on hand to discuss school readiness. Free activities - Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Bus Rides and Sausage Sizzle. Free Books for all children starting school next year. Lucky door prizes including -Tickets to the Wiggles concert, Family Passes to the Zoo and Vouchers for School Uniforms.

Come and meet special guests from the Brumbies.

Further enquiries phone Maureen Howe on 62972167

STARTING SCHOOL IS REALLY COOL



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: \$ _____

Book Club

orders due
tomorrow
Wednesday
1 August
2012, no late orders after
this date.

**Kinder Enrolments for 2013
are now being taken.**

**Enrolment Application forms available
at the front office or phone 6297 2020**

