



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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Bluearth

In 2013, with the support of Queanbeyan West Rotary we will implement the Bluearth program over a period of two years. The entire program costs \$20000. Queanbeyan West Rotary is supporting us by paying \$10000 and the school will pay \$5000, I've asked the P&C to support us with the other \$5000. The money pays for a Bluearth coach and supports the school with teacher professional learning.

KEY AREAS OF BLUEARTH STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The Bluearth program addresses the following critical areas of student development:

- Ability to concentrate and remain focussed on specific tasks
- Self confidence
- Cooperation
- Awareness of others
- A willingness to accept new challenges
- Improving behaviour/choices
- Desire to attend school on Bluearth days

THE BLUEARTH APPROACH AND PRINCIPLES

Specifically designed games, movements and postures that meet Physical Education (PE) curriculum requirements are used as the basis of the Bluearth program. Bluearth adheres to and promotes a number of principles that lead to achieving improved social, personal, physical and academic outcomes. These are:

- Inclusive, enjoyable and non threatening learning environment
- A presumption that each student has the ability to succeed
- Opportunities to allow exploration creativity and self assessment
- Assist teachers to maximise learning outcomes for all students through a program that will supplement and complement their professional skills.

The power of the Bluearth Approach is the transferring of key developmental learning from the Bluearth session into the classroom setting and from the Bluearth coach to the classroom teacher.

The P&C will discuss this further at September's meeting. The P&C, this year will also be presenting a medal to a student in each Stage who has represented the school with a community spirit, at our Presentation Day.

I'd be interested to hear from our parent community regarding the criteria, the traits that our students should be demonstrating on a day to day basis. Please drop me a note or perhaps come to next month's meeting. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7pm and we're usually finished by 8:30.

Our students were sensational at the Performing Arts Showcase last week and we all support their efforts tonight in the Wakakirri heats.



Our school was also showcased at the Starting School Expo last Saturday, with staff present to highlight the great programs we offer. Thank you to all staff who gave up their Saturday morning to promote our school to the wider community.

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/>

Online Safety Tips

Worried about your child's safety online? Here are some guidelines that can help:

- Put the computer in a central area of the home, not in a bedroom
- Be reasonable and try to set reasonable expectations
- Be open with your child and encourage them to come to you if they encounter a problem online - cultivate trust and communications because no rules, laws or filtering software can replace you as their first line of defence
- Talk with your child about how they use the Internet. Make sure they understand basic safety guidelines. These include protecting privacy (including passwords), never posting personal information, never meeting people they only know online and not posting inappropriate or potentially embarrassing photos
- Try to get your kids to share their blogs or online profiles with you, but be

aware that they can have multiple accounts on multiple services.

Thankyou

Last Friday Alex Spokes from the Commonwealth Bank at Queanbeyan presented the school with a new television. The Commonwealth Bank in its Centenary year are saying thank you for helping them grow and in doing so are giving back to the community.

Have a great week
Carlyn Bladen
Relieving Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7/8/12	Wakakirri Heats
14/8/12	UNSW – Mathematics Test
23/8/12	DISCO
27/8/12	K-2 visit to Queanbeyan Library
30/8/12	K-2 visit to Queanbeyan Library

Can You Assist?

We are looking for a senior community member (perhaps a grandparent or great grandparent) to come and visit Stage 1 to talk about their life in the past. We are looking for someone who might bring along a couple of interesting objects from the past and to share a few memories of what life was like when they were young.

If you can help, please leave a message for Mrs Moss at the office.

Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 4

KB: Amna – welcome to our school and KB.
Xavier – welcome to our school and KB.

KC: Isabella – impressive journal writing.
Benjamin – following instructions carefully.

KF: Charlotte – excellent home reading record.
Seth – beautiful, careful bookwork.

KR: Ashley Beaton – for improved contributions to class discussions.
Michael – for always trying his best!

K/1M: Mathew – for always trying his best.
Mya– for big improvement in reading.
1C: Georgia– working independently and accurately.
Ben – always working to his very best.

1/2K: Hayley – trying really hard in maths.
Treye – great work in character description lessons.

2M: Shaman – for making a very settled return to Queanbeyan West.
Mitchell – for trying hard to complete his work.

2N: Marcus – great journal writing.
Ella – showing a responsibility in all her aspects of school and great spelling.

2T: Michael– for wonderful effort in class.
Alana – for remembering her homework.

2/3S: Owen– for great listening and participation in lessons.

Great Effort! 

Positive Behaviour for Success **Lucky Leaves**

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K-2: Simone KB, Ben KC, Nathan 1C, Ben 1C.

3-6: Lacey 4T, Jake 4/5L, Jordan 4/5L, Charlie 5W.

Kinder Enrolments for 2013
are now being taken.

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



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

Teambeat Performance - Sharing the Spirit of Africa



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!

P&C News

Dear Family and Friends,

Our Chocolate and Plant fundraisers are well underway and nearing a close.

Thank you to the many families who have already returned their money. For those that have not - could you please complete your fundraising and return your money to the front office, by **Wednesday 15th August 2012.**

Thank you once again for your support.



FATHERS DAY STALL

Dear Friends & Families,

On **Wednesday 29th August 2012**, the P&C will be holding a Father's Day Stall in the Hall.

We have ordered heaps of stock and we are sure you will find something for the man of your house. Classes will be taken to the Hall throughout the day, and Parents/Carers are invited to drop by and have a look at our stock during the lunch time break. If you would like to help with the stall, please contact

teresaerivers@gmail.com



Kind regards,
Teresa Rivers
Fundraising Coordinator
QWPS P&C

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

Good Effort Afternoon Tea

Queanbeyan Junior Cricket Registration Days

23 August – 5.30pm – 8.30pm
at Riverside Plaza.

25 August – 9.00am – 12.00pm
at Riverside Plaza and Jerrabomberra.

For more information email:
juniors@queanbeyancricket.com

Weekend Playgroup for all the family

Saturday 25 August 2- 4pm

At: Schools as Community Centres, Queanbeyan
Public School, Isabella Street.

Cost: \$2 & a piece of fruit to share at snack time.

For more information call Brooke on:
6297 2167

For families & family members who don't normally come to weekday playgroup –

- . working parents
- . grandparents
- . aunties, uncles
- . any other family member who wants to come along to playgroup