



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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Issue 1—Term 3—Week 10

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It's great to be back from my travels. I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to Ms Carlyn Bladen and the executive team for their leadership and commitment to the school and community during my Long Service Leave.

The last week of Term 3 has begun. Students and staff return on Monday 8 October. Staff development days are at the end of Term 4. I wish all our families a safe a happy holiday.

NAPLAN RESULTS- SENT HOME TODAY

Today all students in Years 3 and 5 will bring home their NAPLAN test results. All the students sat these tests earlier in the year and they have been marked and the results have been prepared on a national level. The information we get from these results is vital. It informs us not only about the individual children but how the school is going with regard to other schools and students across NSW and Australia. We use this information, along with the Kindergarten Best Start data and school assessments to help us plan, train staff and support our students. If you have any questions regarding your child's results please talk to your child's teacher or me and we will be happy to talk you through the results.

CHOCOLATES

We are currently \$3000 in deficit regarding the chocolate and seed fundraiser from the P&C. This money needs to be returned immediately. If the school is required to make up the short fall, this money will come directly from the school budget. Every dollar of the budget is committed to curriculum and resources for students. I do not have an uncommitted \$3000.

P&C is made up of parents who commit hours of voluntary time to the school; their efforts are so very much appreciated. The coordinator of this event has spent untold hours of her personal time ensuring that the event was organised and delivered in a hugely professional manner. This situation with the chocolate drive is very disappointing and unacceptable. I implore those with outstanding money to return it to the school now. We will pursue all avenues available to recoup these funds.

We will follow up outstanding monies, with phone calls, in the first week of Term 4.

Rachel and Kade travel to Sunshine Bay Public School, at Bateman's Bay, to participate in the Regional Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. I would like to wish them both the very best of luck. I am very proud of them both.



STAFFING

Ms Hannah Lowman has been relieving Principal at Captain Flat Public School, during Term 3. Mrs Gayle Doyle has relieved her as Assistant Principal here. Ms Lowman returns in Term 4. Mrs Doyle has been an exceptional asset to the school and the executive team, and I would like to extend my appreciation to her for her leadership and outstanding organisational skills during this time. Mrs Peta Kenningham has capably taken 4/5L during Ms Lowman's time away. Mrs Kenningham will return to her role as Learning and Support Teacher in Term 4, 3 days a week. Mrs Kenningham has also been successful, through the Merit Selection Process and has been permanently appointed to Jerrabomberra Public School as a classroom teacher. Mrs Kenningham will take up her position at the start of 2013. Congratulations Peta.

Ms Cathryn Rodgers has been permanently appointed through the Merit Selection process to the staff at QWPS. I wish to congratulate Ms Rodgers on her appointment. Mrs Sarah Rudolph has been transferred into the vacant position left by Mrs Lori Muir on her retirement. Mrs Rudolph will take up her position at the start of 2013.

Mrs Abbey Bruce will take maternity leave in preparation for the birth of her child from Week 2 Term 4. Mr Brendon Wright will take charge of KB from that time. We wish Mrs Bruce every happiness, and thank her for her outstanding tuition of the students in KB.

School holiday activities

Looking for ways to get your kids off the computer these holidays? Happily, there's an app for that – and a website. Go Play has loads of holiday activities across NSW to get kids out and about.

Go to: www.goplay.nsw.gov.au

Tenant Participation Resource Service

Phone: 4256 4366, 1300 559 557, Email: donna@illawarraforum.org.au

We will be holding a 1 day mini conference for all Social Housing Tenants in the South East region. All Housing NSW, Argyle Housing and Aboriginal Housing Tenants are able to attend.

Where: RB Smith Community Centre,
262 Crawford St Queanbeyan

When: Wednesday 14th November.

Time: 9.00am for a 9.15 start until 2.30pm.

Morning tea and lunch will be included.

Participants will be able to talk about what is happening in their area as well as hear from a range of guest speakers. Come along and meet other tenants and find out how the Tenant Participation Resource Service (TPRS) may be able to help you as a social housing tenant.

Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. For more information, please contact Donna on: 1300 559 557 or email donna@illawarraforum.org.au

Please ensure you advise of any special dietary requirements.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



Positive Behaviour for Success **Lucky Leaves**

WEEK 9 TERM 3

K-2: Ethan KC, Clay KR, Jordan KR, Sadman 2M.

3-6: Alex 3W, Jess 4/5L, Chelsea 4/5L, Alexandra 4T.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19/9/12 Spelling Bee Regional Final
20/9/12 2nd Hand Uniform Stall from 9am
21/9/12 Last day of Term 3
8/10/12 Students return to school – Term 4

School Banking

The wrist watch banking reward is out of stock and no longer available – sorry for any inconvenience.

Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 10

Host: KB

KB: Madison – for her fantastic class participation.

Zara – for her consistent hard work.

KC: Tali – showing great kindness and respect.

Emily – showing great kindness and respect.

Mae – showing great kindness and respect.

KF: Eirini – settling back well into school routines.

Latisha – working hard in reading and maths.

KR: Ashley – for continuing to improve writing skills.

Jordan – for focusing on tasks.

Toby – for fantastic procedure writing.

Isabella – for outstanding spelling results.

K/1M: Leesha – for making a big effort to be safe and respectful.

Amy – for always being a respectful learner.

Awarded last week was: **Glen** – always trying his best.

Aki – excellent effort in talking and listening activities.

1C: To be advised.

1/2K: Cameron – excellent on-task behaviour.

Shania – improvements in spelling and writing.

2M: Shakeya – improved behaviour in class.

Isabel – showing interest in problem solving.

2N: Hayden – for improvement in journal writing and more consistency in maths.

Vishu – for trying hard with his writing.

2T: Liam – for improving his work ethic and being a great member of 2T.

Madison – for excellent effort in her art work! Well Done.

2/3S: Jed – for a fantastic Information Report.

Brilliant!

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has helped out in the canteen this term. Your help is invaluable and very much appreciated. Hope you have a good holiday break.

I should be able to supply most items of food this week; however milk **may not** be available Friday. If not I will do my best to substitute with another beverage that your child would like.

Di – Canteen Manager.

Gold Athletics Award

A huge congratulations to Michael for his Gold Athletics Award!

Mathletics News!

Last week was a record as 49 students were awarded a Mathletics certificate. Congratulations to all of these students and those that participated in the Australian Maths Challenge.

A special mention goes to class 5/6B who are leading the school with 84 certificates awarded this year! Well done 5/6B.

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Madison, Tyla, Brendon and Jack who competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival at the AIS on Monday 3 September. Jack finished 4th in 9 yrs 100m and Brendon finished 5th in 10 yrs 100m. Well done!

P&C News

At our meeting held on the 5th September, the P&C had the opportunity to hear from Mr Ross Dennis from the Bluearth Foundation.

The aim of the Bluearth Foundation is to re-engage Australians into being active. The main effort has been aimed at Primary School children – to teach them about healthy lifestyle habits. The program involves up skilling 4 to 5 teachers to become leaders and to establish a program that is suited to the school ie building on curriculum that is already being used at school. It includes such things as co-ordination & agility, games & challenges and movement. A volunteer training program is also available for parents who are interested in helping run the program.

The P&C has agreed to contribute to funding (along with the school and the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan) over a two year period beginning in 2013.

If you would like more information regarding this program, go to the Bluearth Foundation website www.bluearth.org

Congratulations

to KF, KB and KC who were selected from all the schools in the district for being the best behaved group of students who visited the city library for Book Week. Lynette from the library made a surprise visit to school and presented a book for their great effort.

Mae

was also

awarded a badge and book prize for showing good sportsmanship and respect (of her own initiative) towards others. Well done Mae!

Second Hand Uniform Stall

A second-hand uniform stall will be held this Thursday 20 September 2012 from 9.00am – 9.45am in the hall.

Assistance will also be required setting up and running the stall; if you are available to help out please contact Paula Adcock on 6230 3007

My Day At Queanbeyan High School

On Monday 17th September, Amber, Madi and I were all excited about going to Queanbeyan High for a “Technology Day” with Caleb, Luke, Seamus, Gabe, Niko, Natalia, Valeria and Chelsea.

We left for the short walk to Queanbeyan High at 9.00am, with Mrs Doyle. We arrived at Queanbeyan High School at approximately 9.15am. We were greeted by another Mrs Doyle and taken into a large computer room where we were introduced to Mr Dickson. Next we were shown to the Green Screen! Our task was to create, edit and produce a music DVD. The girls group all decided on a song. It took some time but we finally decided with “Who Let The Dogs Out?” by The Baha Men. Most of the people in the groups were wearing our green year six shirts, so we had to dress up so that we were visible against the Green Screen! We had a cat, two dogs and three people in our video, in which we all did an awesome dance! We got to do editing and pick crazy backgrounds. I picked a Star Ditch Background.

The boys picked a Dubstep remix type of song in which they did random dancing in crazy costuming! My favourite part was when we picked the costumes! We also learnt a bit about Agriculture as a treat at the end of the day.

I would like to mention and thank the Year 10 boys that helped out: Nathan, Ryan and Kyle.

Milly - Year 6

2012/13 ACT State League Team Trials

Roadrunners

Queanbeyan Basketball Centre

Monday 17 Sep	4:30-5:30	Under 16 Girls
Tuesday 18 Sep	4:30-5:30	Under 14 Girls
Tuesday 18 Sep	6:30-7:30	Under 19 Boys
Wednesday 19 Sep	5:00-6:00	Under 14's & 16's Boys
Thursday 20 Sep	5:00-6:00	Under 12 Boys and Girls
Friday 21 Sep	5:30-6:30	Under 10 Boys and Girls
Monday 24 Sep	6:00-7:00	Under 19 Girls

All players are required to attend

If you are unable to attend trials please notify Emma Anderson (emma_a12345@hotmail.com) prior to the date or you will not be considered for the team.

Holiday Bible Club

2 EXCITING EVENTS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Holiday Bible Club

26-28 September 2012 from 9.30am to 12 noon.

No cost – it's FREE!

Family Fun Day

29 September 2012 from 11am-2pm

Gold coin donation for sausages,

All other activities FREE!

Go to www.qbbc.org.au for more info or
phone: 6297 1422

Touch Footy Competition

Season: 2 October – 18 December 2012

Cost: \$35 first child in family, \$30 second child.

Day/Time: Tuesday 5.00-5.30pm.

Venue: All games played at David Madew Oval, Jerrabomberra.

Age: Years 3 & 4.

Registration forms and payment **by 27 September.**

If interested and for more information contact John or Lynda Lee on: 6297 5744 or 0412 622 177.

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