



# 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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As we near the end of another busy term we can celebrate some wonderful achievements at Queanbeyan West.

Our dance troupe will be performing in the Wakakirri Finals this Thursday night September 6 and we wish them the very best! I know the students along with the teachers have worked very hard to have them ready for Thursday night. Last Saturday we had two teams participate in the Tournament of the Minds at the Australian National University and they presented an excellent presentation in the Applied Technologies section. They then had to participate in the spontaneous problem solving section where they had to come up with a creative solution to a problem.

Also we have the Warrambui Excursion for the students in Year 4 this Friday September 7. They will travel out to Warrambui (near Murrumbateman) and participate in some fun activities.

The next week on September 12, 13 and 14 the students in Year 5 will be travelling to Mogo for their camp in the "Old Gold Mining Town."

On Tuesday next week the students from Year 1 and Year 2 will also visit "The Q" in Queanbeyan to watch the I Bunyip show.

September 14 will also be the Finals of the Sullivan Shield and our boys will be competing against Bungendore for the "Plate."

Next week on Tuesday September 11 we welcome Mrs Vicki Muscat back after her trip to the Northern Territory. We are looking forward to the many stories and photos Vicki will have to share with us.

### Homework help newsletter

You can now easily subscribe to updates from the award-winning website for parents, School A to Z. Each term you'll receive

newsletters with the latest information to help you manage your child's homework and study, health, development and technology use. Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/subscribe>

### Staying safe online

Cybersmart is an education program for parents and children of all ages. It features tips on mobile phone and online safety, resources to use with your child, and games and videos that support key cybersafety messages.

Go to: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

### Avoiding injuries from school bags and computers

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?

Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy>

### What to expect in high school

The transition from primary to high school often creates in kids a mix of anxiety and excitement. Two videos feature Year 7 students giving great tips about life in high school - making friends, trying out new things, and getting organised and planning assignments and study. Informative and fun

Go

to:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php>

### P&C Meeting

At the next P and C Meeting on September 5 Mr Ross Dennis from the Bluearth Foundation will be here to talk to the P and C about the Bluearth program. He will discuss how the program operates in the school and

the importance of the involvement of parents and the community to make the program a success. The meeting will commence at 7.00pm in the staffroom and all are invited to attend.

### Keeping the School Informed

If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for the absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- Send a note, fax or email to the school
- Telephone the school, or
- Visit the school.

Whenever possible, parents are encouraged to provide an explanation for absences before the absences occur.

The principal of the school has the right to question parents' requests for their child to be absent from school. They may also question an explanation given for a child's absence from school.

### Arrival at school

Arriving at school and class on time;

- Ensures that students don't miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when the students are most alert.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class and therefore,
- Reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence.

Have a great week  
Carlyn Bladen  
Relieving Principal



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5/9/12	P&C Meeting
6/9/12	Wakakirri Finals
7/9/12	Year 4 Warrambui Excursion
11/9/12	I Bunyip Performance at the Q
12/9/12	Mogo Excursion
14/9/12	Sullivan Shield finals
19/9/12	Spelling Bee Regional Final

## Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 8

Host: 1C

Item: K/1M

**KB: Tyson** – for his excellent work in our joint maths activities this week.

**Mia** – for her wonderful portrayal of emotion in her cubist artwork.

**KC: Jorja** – great work in reading groups.

**Mae** – always being respectful to teachers and class mates.

**KF: Mia** – excellent efforts in writing.

**Jaiden** – working hard on his neatness.

**KR: Danielle** – for beautiful handwriting and fantastic spelling results.

**Klayton** – for always keeping the classroom

**K/1M: Dustin** – for great effort in sharing activities this week.

**Jonathan** – for a big improvement in his reading.

**1C: Alysha** – outstanding listening and independent work.

**Peter** – working very well in class.

**1/2K: Luke** – excellent application to tasks.

**Shania** – excellent on task behaviour.

**2M: Jasmine** – for giving team games a go in P.E.

**Lesley** – for being a dedicated worker who is always on task.

**2N: Rohan** – for a great talk about his “Bag a Book”.

**Allen** – for a greater effort in his journal writing.

**2T: Madeleine** – improved efforts in spelling and for gaining more confidence in numeracy.

**Jordon** – excellent effort in “Bag a Book”.

**2/3S: Jed** – progress in spelling.

**K/6R: Ryan** – for a great effort in dancing.

**Aurylin** – for doing all her work in class and remembering to follow instructions the first time.

  
**Great Work**

## **Positive Behaviour for Success** **Lucky Leaves**

### **WEEK 7 TERM 3**

**K-2:** Kiara KF, Dasun 1C, Jasmine 2M, Madison 2T.

**3-6:** Aruna 2/3S, Frank 2/3S, Kobi 3W, David 4/5L.

## **Premiers Reading Challenge 2012**

**Congratulations** to the following children who individually completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2012:

**Jessica, Rachel, Alexandra, Brooke, Ella, Cassidy, Loren, Emily, Adrika, Will, Hayden, Emily, Blake, Kiara, Brodie.**

### **WAKAKIRRI COUNTDOWN**



It is with enormous excitement that our dancers will compete in the ACT Wakakirri finals on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Practices have finished. The dancers and backstage crew are primed and ready for yet another amazing performance of "Beethoven".

We wish them luck as they represent QWPS in our second Wakakirri final in three years.

If you haven't returned your child's costume to school by now it must be here by tomorrow. Thanks.



## **Tournament of Minds**

On Saturday 2 teams from Queanbeyan West competed in the Tournament of Minds (TOM) Challenge at the Australian National University. **Team 1** - Ella, Jack, Austin, Sienna, Huon, Oscar and Ross. **Team 2** - Aimee, India, Faith, Chelsea, Elissa and Alex.

Both teams presented excellent performances in response to their challenge. The performance was nerve wracking for some of the younger students as they had to act out their response in front of four judges! However the teams rose to the challenge and they are to be commended for their conduct on the day, their courage and their perseverance! Well Done!

**Oscar in a box!**

**Team 2 with props!**

**Team 1**

### **Join the Australian Maths Challenge!**

Calling all students! Today is the beginning of the Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge. The Challenge runs for two days - 4th & 5th of September. All students have access to the Challenge through Mathletics, with the opportunity to win prizes and have your name appear in the Challenge Hall of Fame! To participate;

1. Go to [australianmathschallenge.com](http://australianmathschallenge.com)
2. Click on the sign in button (top right hand corner)
3. Enter Mathletics user name and password
4. Students will enter their Mathletics Student Console. Click on Australian Maths Challenge button (top right of screen)
5. You will now be in the Challenge Student Console and can start participating.

Good Luck!!

## LOST CLOTHING

We currently have a mountain of lost property in the hallway outside the Learning Centre. If you are missing anything, please have a look.

There has also been an increase in the number of students looking for missing jumpers and jackets. **Please check the jumper and jacket that comes home with your child. They may have accidentally brought home an item of clothing with someone else's name on it.** Please also ensure that all clothing has your child's name clearly marked. Thanks for your assistance.



## Wanted

**2M is collecting cardboard tubes for crafting e.g. from paper towels, gladwrap, foil etc. Any donations can be dropped at the front office. Thanks**

## SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES

SaCC will have a child nurse at Playgroup this Wednesday 5th September who will discuss sleep and settle techniques for babies. Please come along if you would like to hear more or if you have any questions about sleep and settling for babies. SaCC is located in the grounds of Queanbeyan PS, Isabella Street. Contact Brooke for more information 6297 2167.

Dear Parents and Friends,

This Saturday the P&C will be running a cake stall and sausage sizzle at the school to coincide with the local council election, if you are able to help by donating some baked goods we would really appreciate it.

Donations can be dropped off to the Canteen on Friday afternoon, or directly to the Cake Stall on Saturday morning. If you are also able to spend an hour or 2 at the school on Saturday helping us to staff the cake stall we would really appreciate that also, just show up on the day and we will find something you can help us with.

Thanks again to all of our parents and friends that always help with our fundraising efforts, your support is really appreciated.  
Kind regards QWPS P&C



There will be an in2CRICKET (K to 2), T20 Blast and Junior Cricket (Yrs 3-6) Come and Try Registration Day at Manuka Oval on Saturday 22 September 2012 between 10am – 1pm. For further information please contact Matthew William on 0416 531 998 or [Matthew@cricketact.com](mailto:Matthew@cricketact.com)



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