



Teachers are currently working on students' Semester Two reports. This process is time consuming and completed with utmost professionalism and attention to detail. Reports will be issued to students during the second last week of the school year; 12 December. If your child will be leaving before this time please advise the office so that arrangements can be made.

### 2014 Student Leadership

Congratulations to all students who have nominated for 2014 leadership candidates. The field of candidates is very strong, which is a testimony to the high level of student engagement and citizenship.

We will conduct the speeches this week, with the girls at 2pm Thursday and the Boys at 2pm Friday.

Students Grade 2 – 5 will vote. But all students and parents are invited to hear our candidates speak.

### Kindergarten 2014 Orientation

Starting school can be stressful for children. The buildings are bigger, there are more children and they are the smallest in the playground. There are fewer adults and more rules which they don't know and for many the classroom will be more formal.

### Working with your school

It is important for parents and teachers to work together and communicate well. It can help if you:

1. let the teacher know if there is something happening at home that may be affecting your child
2. let them know about any health problems your child may have
3. read all the school notices and reply as soon as possible
4. get involved in school activities, e.g. listen to children's reading if you can.
5. Make an appointment to see the teacher if you are concerned about your child.

### Children do best at school when their parents and teachers work together to support them.

Thank you to all who helped with the orientation to school program held today. Your kind, generous spirit showcased our school very well. We continue our transition program this Thursday and next Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30pm – 3:00pm.

### Queanbeyan High School Orientation Excursion

Next Wednesday 4 December students attending Queanbeyan High School in 2014 will travel to the National Zoo and Aquarium for the day. The bus will pick students up from school from 9:45am. If your child is participating it is most important that they are at school at the start of the day so they don't miss this great opportunity.

### Walk 'n' Roll-a-thon

**12:30pm, Friday 6 December, Queanbeyan Park**

#### NO BICYCLES

**All students will need a helmet if they are using a scooter, roller skates, roller blades or a skateboard. Knee pads and elbow pads will also reduce any scrapes if there are falls and are highly recommended.**

**Students without a helmet will walk.**

**Every child needs a bottle of water.**

All students are to attend whether they've collected sponsors or not.

Students will travel to Queanbeyan Park at 12:15, by bus. Once at the park students will assemble with their class teacher in a designated area. On the siren all participants will begin to walk or roll. After each circuit the students will get a mark on their hand. Students continue this for 1 hour.

We require a parent to assist each class transport students' gear down to the park. If you are available on this day and can carry a class set of roller skates and scooters could you please contact your child's teacher?

### Presentation Day

Our Annual Presentation Day Ceremony will be held at the Bicentennial Hall on Tuesday 10

December. This ceremony will start at 12pm and should conclude by 2:00pm.

### **SRC Handball Competition**

The SRC will organise a handball competition during lunch time starting from Tuesday 10 December. We look forward to some exciting participation.

### **Carols will be held, Monday 16 December at 6pm.**

All parents and students are invited to this evening. Classes have been practicing their songs and Miss Thompson has organised a very special visit by a very 'Jolly Person.' Yes! Santa will be arriving. Even though this is a very busy time of the year for Santa, I have heard, via the 'Elf Phone', that he'll have a little something for all the children.

### **Mini Games Day– Year 6 Farewell Fund Raising**

This term, the students from Stage 3 are organising a Mini Games Day to be held on Tuesday 17 December in the school playground. This is a school event for students only and is part of a fund raising drive to raise money for a gift to the school from our current Year 6.

Activities have been planned to entertain and provide a fun filled session for all students. On the day of the fair activities will cost \$5.00; this includes all games, a sausage sizzle, drink and ice block.

Prizes may also feature in some activities. We anticipate a fun and successful mini games day and thank you for your support and donations.

### **Car Park**

Please be advised that the car park area is for staff only. Your assistance with observing this may help avoid a dangerous and potentially life threatening situation.

### **Code of Conduct**

School grounds should be places where students, staff, parents and visitors to the school should feel safe and happy. Ensuring that our school remains a pleasant and safe place for all is the responsibility of all who enter the school grounds. Parents and visitors to the school are expected to:

1. Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy
2. Keep clear of all buildings and entrances
3. Ensure their child/children are punctual to class
4. Make appointments in advance rather than expecting to obtain an interview immediately

5. Leave the grounds when requested
6. Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference
7. Make complaints about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures
8. Request permission to attend the school when they do not have a lawful excuse.
9. Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.
10. Never directly approach another person's child as the school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Discipline and Welfare policies.

This Code of Conduct is intended to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to behaviours that wound their feelings, arouse anger, resentment, disgust or outrage.

Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct will lead to the provisions of the Enclosed Lands Protection Act (1901) and its Amendments being followed when any of the following occur:

- Actual physical assaults or threatened physical assaults on students, staff, parents or community members at the school or during the course of school activities;
- Behaving in a manner in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors to the school that causes alarm or concern to the students, staff, parents or other visitors;
- Use of offensive language (i.e. swearing) in the presence of students;
- Persistent interruptions to the learning environment of the school such as entering classrooms without permission;
- Persistent entry to the school site without permission or legitimate reason.

### **Anaphylaxis**

We are asking parents and caregivers to be mindful of students with nut or other food allergies when giving Christmas goodies or gifts this year.

### **How common is peanut allergy?**

Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children and is on the increase. It occurs in about 1 in 50 children and 1 in 200 adults. Peanut is the most likely food to cause anaphylaxis and death. It has been estimated that there is one death for every 200 episodes of anaphylaxis.

### **How serious is peanut allergy?**

Children who are allergic to peanut and other nuts are at increased risk of anaphylaxis compared with those who are allergic to other foods such as egg and milk. One in 5 children with a food allergy will have a severe reaction requiring emergency medical attention and this is most often triggered by peanut.

### **How much peanut does it take to cause a reaction?**

It's been calculated that highly sensitised individuals can react to as little as 1/2000th of a single peanut. If there is ongoing exposure, even to small amounts, it can take less and less to cause a reaction as time goes by.

This is because repeated exposure boosts the immune response, and the IGE antibody levels rise.

### **What kind of exposure can lead to severe reactions?**

Although most life-threatening reactions are triggered by ingested foods, serious reactions can occur from skin contact, eye contact and inhalation of food particles. In young children, even though the initial contact might be on the hands or arms, the reaction can spread through scratching and rubbing of the face and eyes.

### **Wear a Moustache to School**



A fantastic day, last Friday, with so many staff and students getting into the spirit of "Movember". We raised \$300.00 for a very worthwhile cause.

### **Term 4 Good Effort Morning Tea**

### **Homework and study**

Have your say and tell us what you need to effectively help your child with homework and study. Complete the School A to Z survey:

<http://bit.ly/184BFR3>

### **School holiday camp competition**

School holiday camp is great. Free school holiday camp is even better! Enter the competition to win a Kids' Holiday Camp for your child and a friend. The prize is valid for summer and Easter holiday camps. Enter the competition:

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/>

### **Dinovember**

Cute alert! Look at the lengths these parents go to every November to convince their kids their plastic dinosaurs come to life at night and frolic through the house.

See the dinosaurs: <http://bit.ly/1e70E5b>

### **The world's oldest living creature**

Care to guess what is .... oops .... WAS ... the world's oldest living creature? Here's a quick fact to get you guessing first, then impress your kids.

Sciencefact: <http://www.news.com.au/technology/science/yearold-clam-ming-worlds-oldest-creature/story-fnjwktob-1226759556979V>

Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28/11/13	Kinder Orientation 9.30am – 12.30pm
3/12/13	Kinder Orientation 12.30pm – 3.00pm
4/12/13	Queanbeyan High Transition Day
5/12/13	Kinder Orientation 12.30pm – 3.00pm
6/12/13	Roll-a-Thon
10/12/13	School Presentation Day
11/12/13	Year 6 Farewell
16/12/13	Carols Evening
17/12/13	Year 6 Fundraiser – Games Day
18/12/13	Student's Last Day (Yr 6 Arch 3pm)

### **Second Hand Uniform Stall**

A second hand uniform stall will be held next week on Thursday 28 November from 8.45am to 9.30am. We would still greatly appreciate any summer uniform donations that are clean and in good condition. These can be left at the front office. Thanks

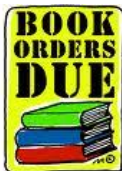
### **Junior and Senior Assemblies have finished for the year.**

### **Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves Week 7 Term 4**

**K-2:** Luke KC, Dylan KK, Nawal KM, Jacinta 1B, Insyira 1W, Spencer Basilio 1/2C.

**3-6:** Sarah 3H, Chloe 3T, Genom 4B, Lacey 4/5W, Braeden 5R, Michael K/6R

**Book Club orders due back by  
Friday 29 November. No late  
orders after this date.  
Thanks**



### **Women's Group Community Meeting**

Southern NSW Medicare Local & NSW Local District Hospital are collaborating to establish an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women's Group in Queanbeyan.

This program will provide information specific to Women's Health & Wellbeing, and will also provide a variety of health activities for Women and children of all ages.

**Please join us over morning tea to have your say in what healthy lifestyle changes you would like to see in your community.**

Date: **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

Time: **10:30am – 12:00pm**

Where: **Burrumbidgee Aboriginal Corporation**

RSVP: **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December for catering purposes**

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### **All Aboard the School Banking Bus of 2013!**



School Banking Term 4 competition ends on the 30 November so make sure you enter the competition by getting your 2 deposits in! Good Luck.