



It's lovely to be back after my little adventures. I would like to extend an enormous thank you to Ms Bladen who relieved me for the first few weeks of Term 4. I thank also the wonderful teaching and administrative staff for ensuring that our school ran smoothly. It is very reassuring to know that such capable people are able to ensure that the students learning outcomes continued to develop and grow.

Lockdown and Evacuation Drill

The drills, both evacuation and lockdown, are planned for this week and **will require all students and any parents/visitors to the school to participate** if onsite during this time. A "whole school lockdown" and 'evacuation' drill provides us with the opportunity to practice procedures that would be implemented if we had an emergency or a dangerous person or animal was on our school site. Thank you for your cooperation and remember; safety is everyone's responsibility.

Peer Support

In Peer Support this week, the students will be encouraged to attempt new and unfamiliar tasks by trying the best they can. The activity involves the Peer Support group being separated into 3 groups and rotating through 3 different tasks. The different tasks will help the students identify different strengths in each other and that everyone's different strengths can be used to solve a problem or complete a task.

Term dates

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2013 school year for students will be **Wednesday 18 December**.

School development days will be held on the last two days of Term 4, 2013 (Thursday 19 December and Friday 20 December). School development days at the start and end of semesters allow teachers to undergo further professional training.

30 Good Effort Cards Afternoon Tea

Included in this Westerly is a list of the students who have been invited to afternoon tea tomorrow. Congratulations to all students who have achieved their 30 Good Effort Cards. I look forward to our lovely afternoon tea tomorrow and invite parents to help us in our celebrations.

Positive Behaviours for Success

Part of being responsible and respectful is to take care of our school. We can do this by taking care of our gardens and remembering the plants are for looking at and not for walking on. We are respectful and responsible when we put our rubbish in the bin and take care of our belongings.

Online Selective HS Applications for 2015

Parents of students currently in Year 5 wishing to apply for selective high school placement for Year 7 in 2015 can visit; www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement and apply online. Applications close on 18 November. Paper applications will be available from our school front office and must be submitted to us by 18 November. Remember apply via paper or online, not both.

Milo Cricket Cup

Last Wednesday 42 students travelled to Wright Park in Queanbeyan to participate in the Milo Cricket Cup. Queanbeyan West sent 5 teams to compete in a friendly day of competition, which saw over 500 students from around the region come together in the spirit of the game. A beautiful day set the scene for many great games of cricket with all 5 teams having a great time. One 3/4 team had a particularly successful day with wins in all four games. Mr Hardy and Mrs Forster would like to thank the parents who gave their time to help with team organisation, and we would also like to thank the students who participated. At all times the students showed our school values of Safety, Respect and Responsibility helping make it such a fun and successful event.

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

Find out more:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Home safety

About 50 children fall out of windows or balconies in Australia each year. Spring is a good time to install a window lock to limit how far it opens.

It's this easy: <http://bit.ly/1dRpQw5>

Where's the octopus

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be>

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow evening (6th November) 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6/11/13	P&C Meeting
19/11/13	Kinder 2014 Parent Info Night-6.30pm
26/11/13	Kinder Orientation 9.30am – 12.30pm
28/11/13	Kinder Orientation 9.30am – 12.30pm
3/12/13	Kinder Orientation 12.30pm – 3.00pm
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

**TERM 4 2013 FINISHES WEDNESDAY 18
DECEMBER FOR ALL STUDENTS**

**TERM 1 2014 STARTS WEDNESDAY 29
JANUARY FOR YR 1 TO 6 STUDENTS**

School Hats

Our school has a policy of 'no hat – play in the shade'. Please encourage your child to wear their school hat. Hats may be purchased from the front office at a cost of \$7.00 - thank you.

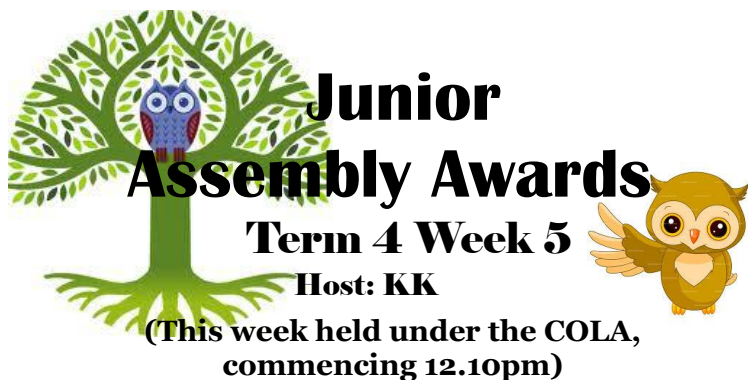


Our whole school rules are:

RESPECT - Be caring and polite

SAFETY - Be safe and learn

RESPONSIBILITY - Be accountable



Junior Assembly Awards

Term 4 Week 5

Host: KK
(This week held under the COLA, commencing 12.10pm)

KC: Samuel – staying on task.

Gabriel – working hard in the engine room.

KK: Amelia – excellent efforts in independent writing.

Leila – outstanding efforts in reading groups.

KM: Aadi – for showing interest in the work we do at school.

Coral-Lee – being a quiet worker who gets things done!

K/1N: Romany – great writing about Charlotte's Web.

Molly-Mae – great writing about Charlotte's Web.

1B: Xaiver – for a fabulous effort with his recount writing.

Tali – for always being switched on to learning.

1W: Insyirah – working well in mathematics.

Flynn – terrific journal writing.

1/2C: Mathew – outstanding independent worker.

Mia – excellence in mathematics and always being respectful.

2T: Amy – wonderful, excellent, brilliant effort in spelling and home cooking!

Dasun – for wonderful and interesting news with exciting item for his "Me Box".

Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves

Week 4 Term 4

K-2: Karley KC, Amber KK, Riley K/1N, William 1W, Lucinda 1/2C, Cameron 2T

3-6: Amaya 3B, Frank 4B, Jack 5R, Josif 5R, Angus K/6H, Ryan K/6R.

30 Good Effort Cards

Afternoon tea with
Mrs Muscat



Junior		Senior	
Joshua	KC	Michael	3B
Amber	KK	Charlotte	3B
Jorjah	K/1N	Hiruni	3B
Monique	K/1N	Cameron	3B
Isabella	1B	Dijana	3B
Jemma	1B	Christina	3B
Ellie	1W	Ethan	3T
Ella	1W	Amy	3T
Christina	1W	Taylor	3T
William	1W	Andrew	3T
Jordan	1W	Emma	3T
Seth	1W	Bradley	3T
Lucas	1/2C	Michael	3T
Ethan	1/2C	Temyka	3T
Emily	1/2C	Vishavjit	3T
Nathan	2T	Marcus	3T
Katelin	2T	Kiara	3T
Peter	2T	Kiara	3T
Alysha	2T	Jamaya	4B
Jiamei	2T	Renay	4B
		Austin	4/5W
		Maheen	4/5W
		Bailey	6D

Queanbeyan West Public School

Kindergarten 2014

Parent Information Night

Tuesday 19 November 2013 starting at
6.30pm in the School Library.



Any enquiries phone: 6297 2020

Te Uki OU
O
Te Kuki Airani

Cook Island Dancing

The sounds of the Pacific Islands

Classes are held at: Isabella School Hall

Queanbeyan

When: **Saturdays**

Time: **2.30pm**

You do not have to be of Cook Island descent.

Girls and Boys aged from 5 yrs to teenagers.

Girls learn how to hula and Boys learn how to chant.

If you have any enquiries please phone:

Bec 0411487214 or Rima 0434398704

Music Count Us In!



Kinder and Year 6 students singing at our Music Count Us In event held last Thursday. All students across the school joined in with many other schools across the country to sing this year's song, "Keep On".

Family Photos

The Portrait Gallery took a number of student family photos earlier in the year in Term 1. You may view these at the front office until the end of term. The photos are \$8 and all money collected goes directly into school funds.