



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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Classes

We have enrolments for 16 classes. I am anticipating there will still be a little movement of some students. As the numbers are fluid we will not move any children until we are 100 percent sure of unexpected leavers and new arrivals. Due to strict guidelines around class structure I am bound to follow these procedures and policies. I thank you for your support during these few days of transition.

Kindergarten

70 children enrolled in Kindergarten this year. It was great to see their eager anticipation mixed with a little apprehension and sorrow (especially from parents). They have settled into their classes very well and are coming to terms very quickly with the great change that has occurred in their daily lives. If you are planning to collect your Kindergarten child each afternoon, we have a 2:30pm 'Early Bird' pick up this week, while the high temperatures are with us. Sign out sheets are at the Kindergarten rooms for early pick ups.

Bluearth – Wear Something Blue, this Thursday

We celebrate the new Bluearth program about to start in our school, with a launch, this Thursday. This program aims at developing and improving physical activity in all students.

This program is a two year commitment between our school, Bluearth and the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan West.

Our launch will begin at 10am and we have invited; Mr Mark Unwin (P&C President), a representative of Rotary Queanbeyan West and Mr Shane Taylor (Youth Director).

We are encouraging our students to wear something blue on Thursday; parents are warmly invited to visit us during this time.

Sun Safe.

Baseball caps provide no protection for the side of faces and necks. Queanbeyan West Public School has a 'no hat, then play in the shade' rule all year round because it is not the temperature that is dangerous but the UV rating (which is a feature of the daily weather forecasts) and many schools are

now insisting on broad brimmed hats or legionnaires style. Caps offer no protection.

As indicated last week our uniform policy asks for students to wear a green broad brimmed or bucket style hat. Students with baseball caps will be directed to play in the shade.

Visitor's Passes

All visitors to the school must report to the School Office in the Administration Block to sign the Visitors' Book and receive a Visitors' Pass which must be visibly worn at all times while in the school grounds. Before you leave the school grounds please return your pass to the School Office and sign out.

Prohibited Employment Declaration form for working with children

Child protection legislation requires that all people working with children (including staff and volunteer parents working in classrooms and canteen) are to complete a *Prohibited Employment Declaration* each year and return it to the office before commencing work. The forms are available from the School office.

Special Request

From time to time issues between students cause concern for all of us. It is most important that the school is notified. Please note: **Under no circumstances are parents to approach students in the school in any way.** Teaching staff and executive staff must be engaged to deal with these issues. Thank you for your assistance in this most important matter.

Student Assistance

Families who are having difficulties paying for school activities are encouraged to seek support through our student assistance money. This money is available to ensure students are not disadvantaged by financial hardship, which can occur at any time. If you would like to discuss this please make an appointment to see me. All meetings are held in the strictest confidence.

School Banking

School Banking will commence next Wednesday 13 February. Bank books and money can be dropped at front office.

Garden Emus

Mrs Ethel Baxter has kindly donated two grass emus to the school. They are standing proudly in our Mural Garden. I thank Mrs Baxter for her generous donation.

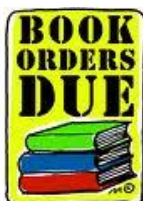


Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



Book Club

A parent helper is needed for Book Club – if you would like to help out please leave your name at the front office.



Book Club orders will be due back by Wednesday 13 February. No late orders after this date.

Thanks

Queanbeyan District Basketball Ass.



Payment & Registration Night/s –
Kindy-Yr 4 - Thursday 7th February 2013
Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium
Time: 5- 7.30pm

All New Players & Team Nominations Welcomed
Includes Skills Activities & Mini Basketball games from 5.30-7pm

Further information email Rosie at: pete35@tpg.com.au

Yr 5-6 & High School - Friday 8th Feb 2013

Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium **Time: 5-7pm**

Further information Email Carole at

cjduvall@hotmail.com

P&C Meeting

Welcome to all our new families to the school as well as our returning families.

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held **Wednesday 13th February 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. We look forward to seeing you.

BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM:

Held at Queanbeyan West Public School

Places available, book now for 2013!

Quality care currently available before/after school each day on site in school hall.

Healthy afternoon tea, homework club, arts/crafts program, outdoor sports, CCB available. Popular program!

Register now!! 0414607396 Email: schoolsout@netspeed.com.au

RECRUITING NOW

QUEANBEYAN UNITED hockey club inc.

Registration Days

Saturday 2nd Feb. – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Sunday 3rd Feb. – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

At Riverside Plaza, Queanbeyan

Or via our website: www.quhc.com.au

HookIn2Hockey Program

The program is designed for both girls and boys aged between 6 to 12 years (primary school) and 13 to 16 years (high school).

Every Saturday from 9th Feb. to 2nd Mar.

Between 3:00 pm to 5.30 pm

Steve Mauger Oval, Thornton Rd, Qbn

\$50.00 per participant includes a hockey stick, shin pads and a ball

For further information please visit our website

www.quhc.com.au or contact Tracey on 0419 428 013.

School Swimming Carnival 2013

Monday 11 February

Cost: \$6.00 for pool entry and bus.

Permission notes and money to class teachers please.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11/02/12 School Swimming Carnival

13/02/13 P&C Meeting – 7pm

12/02/13 2nd Hand School Uniform Stall

21/02/13 PSSA District Swimming Carnival

2nd Hand School Clothing Stall

Tuesday 12 February 2013

9.00am – 10am

2.00pm – 3.00pm

**To be held near the Junior playground area.
If you can help out or would like to donate any
outgrown items of school uniform please
phone Solita on: 0435 734 937**



You're invited to the Schools as Community Centres Open Day

A centre for families with children 0-8 years

Come to our Open Day! Meet our staff, parents, carers & children. There will be a **free BBQ** for families & organisations, face painting, arts & crafts, games & toys, mini kindy gym, outdoor activities, & a special craft activity with Duncan Smith. **Bring along your clients, so they can make our centre theirs, too.**

When: Tues 12th February

Time: 10am-12pm

**Where: SaCC, in the grounds of
Queanbeyan PS, Isabella St**

Contact: Brooke 6297 2167



Queanbeyan Schools as Community Centres National Apology Day Event & Open Day

12th Feb 2013

10am-12pm in the grounds of Queanbeyan Public School, Isabella Street

Join us as we create an artwork to promote healing
Reconciliation & belonging

More information phone Brooke 6297 2167



**Queanbeyan Whites Junior Rugby
Union Football Club
2013 Registration Days
www.whitesrugby.org.au**

Sunday 10th Feb 11am till 2pm
@ Brumbies H.Q. Griffith
Saturday 23rd Feb 10am till 2pm @ Campese
Oval - Yass Rd QBN
Saturday 2nd Mar 2pm till 5pm @ Campese
Oval - Yass Rd QBN

Registration Fees: \$90 one child
\$160 2 children
\$200 3 or more children

Training Begins 6th March 2013

Season Begins 4th May

For further information contact:

Registrar: Simon Booth 0438 612 808 or

Secretary: Ros Britten 0428 356 205

Queanbeyan Kangaroo Minor Rugby League

Two registration days will be held at the Queanbeyan Kangaroo Club as follows:

Sunday 10 February 2013 – 10.30am to 1.00pm and

Thursday 14 February 2013 – 6.30pm to 8.00pm

For further information please email:
roossecretary@hotmail.com

CINEMA FUNDRAISER NIGHT In celebration of International Rare Diseases Day

CLOUD ATLAS

starring Tom Hanks, Halle Berry and Hugh Grant

7pm, Thursday 28 February

LIMELIGHT CINEMA,

**HYPERDOME FOOD HALL, TUGGERANONG
MOVIE PREMIERE! DOOR PRIZES! GIVEAWAYS!**

\$20 per person

All proceeds to ISMRD, an internationally focused non-profit organisation whose mission is to advocate for families and patients affected by one of the nine Glycoprotein Storage Diseases. These diseases cause major disability, chronic illness and early death. They are ultra-rare, and there is no cure for them.

Queanbeyan boy Matthew Paisley-Dew was born with a Glycoprotein Storage Disease called Fucosidosis and died at the age of 10. His mother Carolyn has arranged this evening to help other families with a Glycoprotein Storage Disorder.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.
Please ring Carolyn on 6297 6682 or
email her at cdew1@dodo.com.au to
secure your seat**



International Society for Mannosidosis and Related Diseases

ENROL NOW FOR 2013
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Dance
academy**

**Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop
33 Lorn Road Queanbeyan**



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V I S I T I N G

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Let's work
together to
ensure all
our
community
is safe



SIGNING IN PROCEDURES

Due to changes in Workers' Health Safety legislation the school is responsible for briefing all visitors, volunteers and contractors that come on site in relation to the schools WHS procedure.

As a result all visitors, including parents are required to:

- ✓ Enter the school by the front gate only.
- ✓ Make contact with office staff to let them know of your arrival and the purpose of your visit.
- ✓ Complete the sign in/sign out register.
- ✓ Read the schools Safety Briefing brochure.
- ✓ Wear a visitor's badge.
- ✓ Only visit the area you have indicated on the sign in form.
- ✓ Sign out and notify office staff of your departure.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

SIGNING STUDENT'S OUT:

- Advise office staff and complete form.
- Student will be contacted and meet you at the office.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON:

- Parents are to wait at assembly areas – **PRIMARY QUAD/INFANTS COLA, AND NOT GO TO CLASSROOMS.**

DROPPING OFF A STUDENT'S BELONGINGS/LUNCH:

- Office staff will ensure the items are given to the child.