



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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Our 7 aside League Players

7 a side Legends of League 13th March 2013

Last Wednesday 24 students from Queanbeyan West Public School competed in the Legends of League competition at Kambah playing fields. The day was a huge success, a combined 3/4 team played 3 games winning their first game narrowly by 1 try to defeat Monash school, going down in their second game by 5 against a well drilled Holy Family team and ending the day with a convincing win over Wanniasa, with standout Kyaan amassing 5 individual tries.

The 5/6 had a fantastic day, winning all three of their games convincingly. The boys played McGregor School first and came out 6 tries to nil with 3 of the tries going to Jesse. The second game played was against Chapman school and the boys came out on top with a 5-2 score card. The boy's last game was a brilliant show of teamwork winning against St Anthony's School. Although the teamwork was fantastic credit must be given to Jack who was outstanding scoring 6 tries.

I would like to thank all of the students for their hard work and great show of school spirit on the

day, their exemplary behaviour and mateship shown on and off the field. Lastly I would like to thank all the parents and Pastor Matt Chivers for the transportation of students to and from the ground. The day would have been very hard to organise without the efforts put in by supportive parents of students. Also, a huge thank you and well done to Mr Hardy for his organisation and support of the teams.

We look forward to hearing if the teams have made it to the finals of the competition where I'm confident that a great result will ensue if given that opportunity.

Earn and Learn

Last year, the Queanbeyan West Public School community participated in the 'Woolworths Earn and Learn' program. Families could shop at Woolworths and collect stickers to bring in to school. The more stickers collected, the more points the school would earn. We would like to thank the school community on the huge effort with this program. We were able to unpack 21 boxes of Mathematics and Science supplies for class use in the coming year. Thank you for your wonderful support.



Easter Hat Parade
Don't forget to get those
Easter Hats and Posters
underway, as we
prepare for our Easter
Hat Parade. This
fantastic event will be
held at 10:00am on
Thursday 28 March

under the front COLA.

Picking Up After School.

A reminder to exercise caution at the end of the school day. Our roads are congested and we all need to be aware of our children. Do not park on the grass areas along Richard Avenue, do not stop at the crossing, open the door and expect your child to hop into the car. Do not park in the bus zone and wait for your child to exit the school. Please use the crossings. Sometimes leaving your pick up for 5 minutes can reduce the business as students complete their day.

The Council Rangers and Police do patrol the school perimeter, especially at that time of day.

School Counselling Service

The school counsellor's role is to work with students, families and carers to provide a counselling and support service to allow you to make an informed decision about your child's education. This also includes assessing student's learning and behaviour, assisting the school to identify and address disabilities that affects student's learning and working with other allied health professionals such as Paediatricians, Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, and Physiotherapists in order to help streamline your child's care and needs.

The school counselling service can assist with referrals to other agencies, advocacy to teachers and other professionals as well as providing case management for your child. The school counsellor can provide individual counselling, family therapy and support for parents.

Students may refer themselves to the school counsellor or may seek an interview at the suggestion of a teacher, parent/carer or a friend. A student's reasons for seeing a school counsellor may include worrying about school work/learning, conflict with friends, being in trouble at school or just feeling "down".

The service is available at Queanbeyan West Public School on Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am – 3:15pm. Other times are available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to contact the School Counsellor on 62972020 to make an appointment or to just have a chat.

Attendance

What parents should know about school attendance:

Regular daily attendance is essential for your child's learning. Not only is it a legal requirement between the age of 6 and 15 years, it also greatly impacts on your child's quality of learning and their ability to reach their learning potential.

Some questions to reflect upon:

Do I have to send my child to school?

YES - all children are required by law to attend school between the ages of 6 and 17 years. Some children begin school below the age of 6. That is fine, but once the child is enrolled, it is expected that he / she will attend every day the school is open unless they are sick or have an acceptable reason.

When does attendance become important?

From the first day of school. Much of the play that goes on at school teaches your child many skills. If the basic skills are missed in the early years of school they are not fully learnt later on. It has been shown poor attendance in primary school leads to worse attendance at high school.

Do I need to send my child every day?

YES - this includes sports carnivals and excursions.

When may my child stay away from school?

The Department of Education and Communities accepts very few reasons.

The most valid ones are:

1. illness/injury

2. Religious commitment

It is expected that dental and doctor appointments are made after school hours where possible.

Having a birthday is not an acceptable reason for having a day off.

Please remember: it is a departmental requirement for all parents to either notify the school verbally or in writing about the reasons for a student not attending school.

Have a great week

Vicki Muscat

Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22/03/13 Cricket Knockout
 28/03/13 Easter /Poster Hat Parade – 10am
 29/03/13 Easter Good Friday
 01/04/13 Easter Monday holiday
 05/04/13 Rugby Union Day
 11/04/13 Cross Country
 12/04/13 Last day of Term 1
 01/05/13 Students return to school
 01/05/13 Year 5/6 Camp begins

Positive Behaviour for Success **Lucky Leaves**

WEEK 7 TERM 1

K-2: Dylan K/1N, Jaiden 1B, Ellie 1W, Mia 1W, Emily 1/2C, Spencer 2T.

3-6: Temyka 3T, Braden 4L, Marcus 4/5W, Sophia 6D, Fadli 6S, Angus K/6H.

Junior Assembly Awards **Term 1 Week 8**

KC: Chloe – for working hard in all areas.

Nicholas – for completing his work efficiently.

KK: Annalise – excellent friend to others.

Blake – great work in maths.

KM: Mia – being a kind class member.

Sam – enthusiastic work on his sounds.

K/1N: Riley – putting his best effort into every task.

Isabella – fantastic achievements in spelling.

Riley – huge improvement on staying on task and trying with his work.

1B: Katelin – becoming more settled in her approach to learning.

Klayton – being a quiet and serious worker. Well done Klayton.

1W: Ella – excellent work in spelling.

Mia – excellent work in spelling.

1/2C: Manu – great spelling and improved handwriting.

Hayley – her very responsible approach to all aspects of school.

2T: Jose – always trying his best.

Mastura – being a quiet and considerate class member.

K/6H: Blake – excellent work habits.

Brodie – settling well into school.

Good Effort!

Hats

The school has a policy of 'no hat – play in the shade'.

Hats may be purchased from the front office at a cost of \$7.00.



UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS FOR 2013 (Years 2-6 only)



Entry forms and money need to be returned before 28 March if you wish to participate in the competitions.

AFL GALA DAY - YEARS 3 AND 4

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who participated in the AFL Gala Day. Their excellent team work and sportsmanship led to a highly successful day of winning all their games convincingly. Thank you for all the support from parents who helped out on the day.

Catherine Wardlaw
AFL co-ordinator.



Karabar High School:

*Invitation for Year 6 Students and Parents to
attend Year 7 2014*

Presentation and Tour of the School

Thursday 21 March 2013 - 6.00pm

At Karabar High School

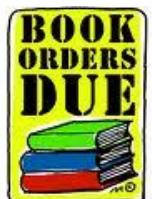
Year 7 2014 Expression of Interest Forms

Forms were handed out to Year 6 students asking parents to indicate the local high school to which they intend sending their child in 2014. The forms are to be returned as soon as possible to the school. Thank you for your assistance.

Junior Assembly

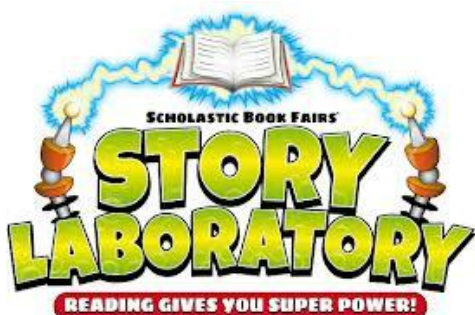
Junior Assemblies will be held on a Friday commencing at **12.15pm**. There will be an assembly this week and parents are invited to attend and sign in at the office on the way to the hall.

**Book Club orders due back
tomorrow 20 March. No late
orders after this date.
Thanks**



Our whole school rules are
RESPECT - Be caring and polite
SAFETY - Be safe and learn
RESPONSIBILITY - Be accountable

Going Green with Dr Deane



Scholastic Book Fair
Beginning Week 2 Term 2
Monday 6 May 2013.

Queanbeyan City Council

Queanbeyan Family Day Care currently has childcare vacancies. Family Day Care provides childcare in a safe and secure home environment with the attention of one consistent and trusted educator.

Family Day Care receives federal government funding, has recently been assessed against the National Quality Standards, provides flexible childcare hours and can offer the Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit to eligible families.

If you currently need childcare, Queanbeyan Family Day Care may be able to help you. For further information, please contact the Family Day Care Office on: 6285 6253 or info.fdc@gcc.nsw.gov.au

LIONS CLUB OF QUEANBEYAN **WALK FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER**

Funds raised by the Lions Club of Queanbeyan will support the Queanbeyan Hospital Maternity Ward in their effort to raise money to buy specialised equipment for the ward, for which no funding is currently available.

Queanbeyan Park – Sunday 7 April 2013
10.00am start.

Enquiries – phone Andrea Daniel on 6297 5620

Australia's First coloured **Commemorative Coin!** **Limited Edition**

For a \$10 donation the \$2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation. The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by the Australians in conflict. All funds raised go to support RSL programs.



Available from the RSL National Office at Level 3, 65 Constitution Av, Campbell ACT or phone the National Office on: 6248 7199. (a minimum postal charge of \$5 per coin).