

Farewell Ms Lowman

It is with sadness that I announce that Ms Lowman will be leaving Queanbeyan West Public School at the end of this Term. Ms Lowman has been appointed to Queanbeyan South through the merit selection process as Assistant Principal. This of course is wonderful news for Ms Lowman. Ms Lowman's enthusiasm, experience and dedication to the staff, students and community of Queanbeyan West Primary School will be sadly missed.

Ms Lowman has been a proud member of the staff at Queanbeyan West for over 10 years and she has provided wonderful curricular and extra-curricular programs for the students of our beautiful school. Ms Lowman demonstrates the essence of what Queanbeyan West Public School has always stood for, providing innovative programs, excellence in teaching and ensuring successes for each and every child.

Ms Lowman has worked co-operatively and purposefully with her colleagues over the years, as well as contributing wholeheartedly to whole school programs and activities. On behalf of the staff, the students and parents a big thank you to Ms Lowman for being such a valued member of the staff and of the community. We wish you all the very best as you begin the next stage of your teaching career.

Old Parliament House visit

Stage 3 visited Old Parliament House last week to learn about the development and practice of democracy in Australia. They explored the

results of past democratic decisions in an interactive exhibition and discovered parliamentary procedure through role play in the historic chambers.

Students experienced an overview of the development and practice of Australian democracy, past, present and future by:

- Encouraging students to think critically about the role of citizens and governments in a democracy
- Exploring the results of past democratic decisions in an interactive trail
- Discover parliamentary procedure in the chambers from where Government was carried out in Australia from 1927-1988.

Easter Hat Parade

This Thursday at 10am we will hold our Easter Hat/Poster Parade. I'm amazed every year at the creativity our families put into the Easter hats. Look forward to seeing you there.



School Development Days

School Development Days are used by schools to improve the skills of our teachers, school leaders and school administrative support staff. They can contribute to improved learning outcomes of students by:

- Providing targeted professional learning activities aligned to school improvement targets and the Department of Education and Communities priorities.
- Enabling whole school planning and enhancing teacher quality, school leadership and management practices.
- Implementing legislative and policy requirements.

At the beginning of next term there will be two consecutive school development days on the first two days of school on the 29th and 30th April.

The additional day is to support schools in the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum. Our school will be working with our local community of schools colleagues in preparing for the implementation of the new English and Mathematics syllabus. Our staff will also be organising/planning the next term's teaching and learning units with their stage teams.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28/03/13 Easter /Poster Hat Parade – 10am
29/03/13 Easter Good Friday
01/04/13 Easter Monday holiday
03/04/13 P&C Meeting – 7pm
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
10/05/13 Whole School Photo

Positive Behaviour for Success **Lucky Leaves**

WEEK 8 TERM 1

K-2: Chloe KC, Matilda KM, Nickayla KM, Kiara 1/2C, Hayley 1/2C, Jacob 1/2C.

3-6: Lesley 3B, Christina 3B, Ella 3H, Megui 4/5W, Bailey 6D.

Congratulations to Sam who has made the South Coast AFL Team. The Mighty Marlins will play on 28-30 May at Barooga in Victoria. Congratulation Sam and a huge well done.

Also congratulations to Rachel and Brad who have both made the State Swimming Squad also known as the Mighty Marlins. They will be swimming at Homebush Bay on 2 and 3 April. Well done to both of you.

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



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

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 3 April 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.

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.

The Queanbeyan Reading Tree

Come along on Thursday 28th March, 3:30pm at Queanbeyan Park...look for the colourful ribbons and come to listen to some children's stories. For more info contact Brooke 6297 2167.

QUEANBEYAN ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP

The Queanbeyan AECG is an Aboriginal community controlled, independent, not-for-profit advocacy group.

The AECG promotes respect, empowerment and self-determination by working with community and education services such as schools to achieving equity in education for our children.

The Queanbeyan Local Aboriginal Education Group regularly meets twice a term, usually holding meetings at a school or a community organisation. For us to be effective we need more parents to attend.

The 2013 committee consists of:

- President: Rosemaree Whitehead (Queanbeyan Public)



- Vice-President: Linda Anderson (Queanbeyan High)
- Secretary: Tamsin Porter
- Treasurer: Karen Soltan (Queanbeyan South)
- Regional Delegates: Aunty Louise Brown and Leanne Russell

Please come along. We need to hear more ideas and suggestions on how to assist our children to have success in their learning. We can always arrange for transport and there is always some afternoon tea.

Next meeting is 4:00pm, 28th March at Burrunju (216 Crawford St, Queanbeyan)

Queanbeyan AECG Dates for 2013

Wednesday 20 February	Thursday 28 th March	Wednesday 8 th May
Thursday 13 th June	Wednesday 24 th July	Thursday 22 nd August
Wednesday 18 th September	Thursday 23rd October (AGM)	Wednesday 27 th November

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



Queanbeyan Whites Junior **Rugby Union Football Club**

RUGBY PLAYERS WANTED

U9's – U10's – U12's

Wednesdays @ Campese Oval - Yass Rd QBN from
4.30 to 5.30pm

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

Training Begins 6th March 2013,
Season Begins 4th May

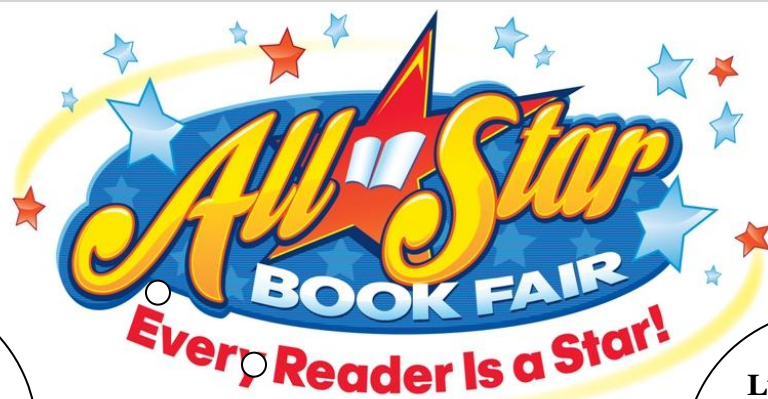
2013 Registration includes a set of Mighty Whites club shorts and socks.

All registered players will receive FREE entry to all Brumbies home games played at Canberra Stadium during the regular Super Rugby season.

For further information contact:

Registrar: Simon Booth on: 0438 612 808

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QWPS BOOK FAIR

TERM 2 Week 2

Monday 6 May - Friday 10 May, 2013

Family Event: Thursday 9 May, 2013

Time: 3.30pm – 6.30 pm

Venue: School Library