



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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As our banner statement says, Nothing but the Best. Our banner statement defines us, it sets us apart, it tells our community that quality teaching and learning is embedded into every single classroom, that our students are provided life shaping learning opportunities across many areas and that our students are provided with the skills, knowledge and tools to become successful, happy lifelong learners.

Teacher Professional Learning

Teacher professional learning, professional reading and dialogue are integral components in order to ensure that teachers in all schools continue to keep up to date with current trends, programs and philosophy and that our students continually receive the very best teaching and learning possible.

Queanbeyan West Public School is committed to ensuring that its teachers are involved in a process of continual learning and continually attending quality professional learning opportunities. Currently our teachers are in the process of doing just that. They are attending professional learning opportunities in Targeted Early Numeracy intervention (TEN), Best Start, Focus on Reading and Language, Learning and Literacy (L3), Implementing the new Curriculum, just to name a few. This requires the staff to be out of the school for a number of days during the year.

The knowledge, skills and pedagogy that they will then bring back to our school, their classrooms and for your children will be pivotal in ensuring that what happens in the classrooms is exemplary, up-to-date teaching.

Our school has a structured process in place for when teachers attend important learning opportunities.

Teaching and learning programs, literacy and numeracy lessons do at all times continue and are carried out by teachers covering classes.

Information on Scripture

Special Religious Education (SRE) is time allowed under the NSW Education Act of 1990, for volunteers to come to the school to teach about the Christian faith. SRE is better known as Scripture.

The Scripture teachers are volunteers, who are authorised by their own churches, to teach Scripture. Scripture can only be provided by the NSW Dept. of Education and Communities (DEC). The list of approved groups is updated regularly on the DEC website. All NSW Government schools are required to make time available for Special Religious Education, known in many schools as scripture.

In the Queanbeyan area, some twenty volunteers drawn mainly from Queanbeyan churches teach Scripture weekly in all Queanbeyan schools. Catholic scripture is taught by the Missionaries of Charity.

As children progress through their school years, material suitable to their age group is taught by Scripture volunteers. Curriculum approved by the Inter-church Commission on Religious Education in Schools (ICCOREIS) is used for teaching scripture.

The curriculum used in Queanbeyan schools, includes Godspace, developed by the Baptist Churches in NSW and Christian Education Publications Connect, published by the Anglican Church of Australia.

For more information on these curricula see:

www.Godspace.org.au

www.whysre.com.au/taught/cep_curriculum_overview

Material developed by the Catholic Church is used in the Catholic Scripture classes.

More information on Catholic Scripture can be found at:

http://www.cg.catholic.org.au/faith_education/default.cfm?loadref=437

Have you received the SHOOLKIDS Bonus?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 –*have you?*

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at the Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

News from SaCC

After School Gym is back in 2013, on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm in Queanbeyan PS grounds, for children in K-6. Please call Jenny 6251 1131 for more information.

Multicultural Playgroup is a small playgroup where everyone is welcome. Come along on Fridays from 9:30am-11:30am for craft, stories, singing and playing together. Cost is \$2 and a piece of fruit to share, more information please contact Brooke 6297 2167. A multilingual worker attends the sessions fortnightly.

Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Find out more:
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home>

Removing head lice and nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Find out more:
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

Absences

If your child is absent from school

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence within seven days.

It is a requirement of the Department that the school be notified regarding any absence.

Parents may write a note or phone the school to explain an absence.

If a student is arriving late they must go to the front office to sign in and pick up a late slip, before going to class.

When you pick your child up early you must go to the front office to sign them out before they are collected from the classroom.

Late arrivals and early departures should be kept to a minimum so that your child is able to access all learning activities.

Wishing **Rachel, Brad and Emily** the very best as they participate in the Regional PSSA Swimming at Dapto today and at the 2013 Speedo Sprint Final in Sydney this Saturday.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Queanbeyan West Public School P&C Association will be held on **Wednesday 6th March at 7 pm** in the school staff room.

At this meeting all Executive and Sub-Committee positions will be declared vacant and elections held. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Canteen Vice President, Canteen Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, Regional and Sub-Regional Delegate, Social Committee.

Please note that only current financial members of the P&C are entitled to vote.

The AGM will be followed by a General P&C meeting. All are welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6/03/13 P&C Annual General Meeting
12/03/13 School Photos
29/03/13 Easter Good Friday
01/04/13 Easter Monday holiday
05/04/13 School Cross Country

Positive Behaviour for Success **Lucky Leaves**

WEEK 5 TERM 1

K-2: Chloe KC, Syndii KC, Amber KK,
Ashlee KM, Tali 1B, Jaidyn 1B.

3-6: Angus 3H, Ronin 4L, Jack 6D, Fadli
6S, Oshan 6S, Hayley K/6H



Junior Assembly Awards Term 1 Week 6 Host - 1/2C

KC: Syndii – for being a great helper.
Samuel – for being a responsible learner.
KK: Darnell – terrific work in writing.
Dylan – excellent efforts in maths.
KM: Bobby – for trying hard to always follow instructions.
Matilda – for working hard to stay on task.
K/1N: Zara – always showing our school values.
Sienna – always completing tasks and being a fantastic listener.
1B: Jemma – always giving her best effort.
Tyler – asking questions and ‘having a go at’ all tasks.
1W: Latoya – working well in reading groups.
Biensy – working well in reading groups.
1/2C: Kiara – outstanding bookwork and listening.
Lucas – always safe, respectful and responsible.
2T: Jordon – for excellent work ethic in 2T.
Amy – for always doing quality work and for excellent handwriting.

Well Done!



SCHOOL PHOTOS


Tuesday 12 March 2013

**Students to please be in
FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.**

Please note that envelopes and money do need to be returned to school before photo day to ensure an organised flow of photographed classes, even though on the letter from the Portrait Gallery it says to bring envelopes on photo day.
Thanks

SICK BAY

Basic first aid services are provided to our students each day as needed. Parents, if your child has a pre-existing injury, please ensure that necessary strapping, dressings, creams and treatment are provided at home. As our resources are limited, students with more complex needs are referred on to parents. In an emergency an ambulance will be called. Please let the office know if there are any changes to address, phone numbers and emergency contact details. We hope we do not need to contact you, but if we do, it's important we have your correct information.



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.



Clean Up Australia Day

This Friday 8 March, is Clean Up Australia Day for our school and, as in past years, Queanbeyan West students are doing their bit for our school environment! Please send in a plastic shopping bag and disposable gloves on Friday for your child to collect rubbish. Children will be briefed about safety issues involved with the clean up. Thanks for your support

Kirsty Daisley



**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.

Easter Hat Parade

On the last Thursday of school this term we will be celebrating Easter with a Hat Parade for our students. All students are encouraged to participate and share in the fun. Parents and friends are invited to attend the parade. More information will be following soon.

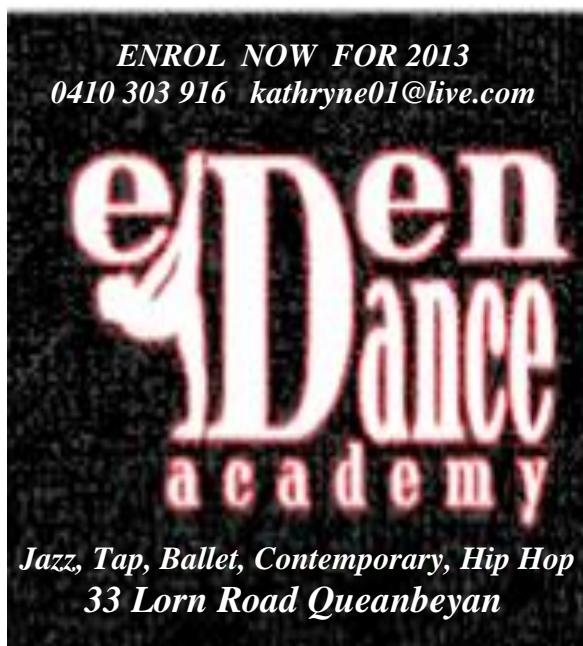


Queanbeyan Junior Guides

Queanbeyan Junior Guide units (girls aged 5-10), meet Monday 5.30-7pm or Wednesday 6-7.45pm; Queanbeyan Guides (girls aged 10-14), meet Tuesday 5-7pm.

All units meet at the Guide Hall, Baden Powell Place, off Erin Street.

For more information please phone Tamara Robinson on 6161 8639, or text 0416 154 525.



Deane's Buslines

According to the Government's request there was a "grace period" observed for the first 2 weeks of

February, where no child had to pay or display a bus pass in order to catch a NSW bus. Deane's further extended the courtesy for an extra two weeks.

Going forward, students will now be asked for a bus pass or a payment.

For students to travel Queanbeyan to Queanbeyan/Jerrabomberra and who don't have a bus pass the cost will be \$1.50 one way.

Library Days

Class Library Days:

Monday- 3H, 1B, 5R

Tuesday- 3B, 4/5W, 1/2C, 6D

Wednesday- 4L, 3T, KC, K/1N

Thursday- 1W, K/6R, KK, KM, 6S

Friday- K/6H, 2T

K-2 students should have their library bags when borrowing.

Library is open every second half of lunch.

Mr Chris Lumley
Teacher Librarian

Parent explanation for pupil's absence -

Pupil's name:

Class: _____

Date of absence:

Reason for absence:

Parent signature:

Date: _____