



# 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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The Department has experienced some technological issues this week with emails. If you have tried to send an email to the school email or myself this week, we have not received email and therefore have not been able to respond. For any urgent communication, please call the school.

With the end of another term and the end of the financial year fast approaching, we would just like to remind families that some still have **voluntary contributions** unpaid. The QWPS contributions are very reasonable in price and are an important part of our school budget. These fees go directly towards the cost of materials and resources used to enhance your child's learning experience. By paying these contributions you are supporting your child's learning and helping our school provide the best educational opportunities. The contributions are \$40.00 per child and \$60.00 per family.

All families who have paid on or before tomorrow **Wednesday 26 June**, go into a draw for a dining voucher at the Queanbeyan Leagues Club and a voucher for Ciao Café and Cakes.

\* Parents are reminded of the importance of having children at school by 8.45am each day. Every class from Kinder to Year 6 has important classroom organisation and routines which take place at the start of the day; with lessons starting as soon as possible after children enter the room. If a child is consistently late by as little as fifteen minutes, they are soon at a disadvantage.

\* Please do not allow children to bring expensive toys to school. Many toys at school can be lost or damaged. Losing an expensive toy can cause tears and great anguish for both the child (and the parent). We encourage the children to only bring toys valued at a few dollars to play with in the playground. Special toys can certainly be brought in for news but must stay in the classroom until the end of the day.

Good Effort Afternoon Tea with Mrs Muscat  
Well done to these students who have worked and played well and have earned 30 Good Effort Cards. Our Afternoon Tea will be Thursday.

**Congratulations Ellie, Baltazar, Thomas, Jaidyn, Emma, Temyka, Kiara , Andrew, Jack.**

**Day 1 of Term 3-** Monday 15 July 2013 is a pupil free day. Students return on Tuesday 16 July. On this day the teachers will be continuing their learning on the English Curriculum, Blueearth and the Student Welfare and Discipline Policy.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

This promotion has now finished but we have until the end of term to collate the last stickers that may be still at home. Please send these in as soon as possible. We look forward to your support so that we can obtain some more valuable resources for our school.

### Future success

If you had a choice of bestowing great intelligence or great persistence on your child at birth, which would you choose for your child? Your choice could make a profound difference on your child's success at school, their future levels of achievement and eventually their income as an adult. Find out more:

<http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/April-2013-%281%29/Intelligence-or-persistence--which-would-you-choos>

### Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. What to look for and how to help. Listen to brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chat with James O'Loughlin on helping kids beat the blues. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children>

### Monday-itis

Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Monday-itis. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

### Food allergies

Do you know a child with a serious food allergy? Read about how to recognise a reaction - to help keep the kids we love safe. Find out more: <http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au/awareness/>

### Student Emergency Contact Report

Your child would have taken home a blue Student Emergency Contact Detail Report. Please check all details and make changes if necessary. If no changes are required please write "no changes". All forms must be returned to school as soon as possible.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the following Top Athletics students at Queanbeyan West –

**EMMA 3T** who has mastered 82 activities.

**MICHAEL K/1N** who has mastered 60 activities.

**LUKE 2T** who has mastered 54 activities.

To master an activity, students must achieve a score equal to or greater than 85%.

I would like to make all families and staff aware that there has been a case of **chicken pox**. Whilst this is a common viral infection, it can cause serious complications for some members of our community. The following information is from the NSW Department of Health website.

☐ Pregnant women should avoid anyone with chickenpox or shingles and should see their doctor if they have been around someone with these illnesses.

☐ Children with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or who are receiving chemotherapy should avoid anyone with chickenpox or shingles as the infection can be especially severe.

Further information is available at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infection/chickenpox.html>

Please ensure you notify the school office, as well as your child's teacher, if your child has contracted chicken pox.

Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal



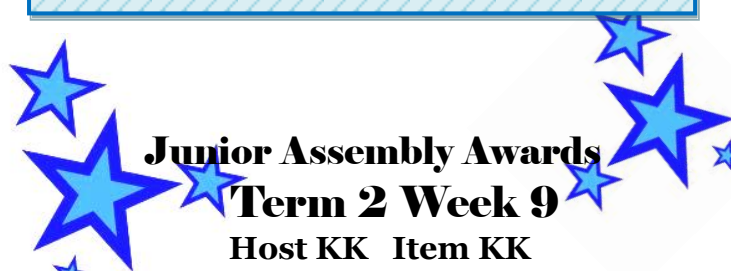
### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25/06/13 Reports go home  
28/06/13 Last day of Term 2  
16/07/13 Term 3 resumes for all students  
25/07/13 District Athletics Carnival

## Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves Week 8 Term 2

**K-2:** Joshua KC, Danny KC, Dekoda K/1N, Isabella 1B, Katelin 2T, Milly 2T.

**3-6:** Mollie 3H, Elijah 4/5W, Sanduni 4/5W, Fadli 6S, Courtney 6S, Michael K/6R.



### Junior Assembly Awards

**Term 2 Week 9**

**Host KK Item KK**

**KC: Max** – great reading in the engine room.  
**Syndii** – working hard in all areas.

**KK: Dylan** – great effort with sight word learning.

**Lily** – following instructions and being on task.

**KM: Nawal** – a fantastic increase in her writing vocabulary.

**Hiya** – a fantastic increase in her writing vocabulary.

**K/1N: Jackson** – trying hard with his work and trying to remember full stops.

**Beau** – fantastic reading.

**1B: Jemma** – outstanding effort and achievement in English.

**Matthew** – for always displaying courtesy and respect in the classroom.

**1W: Mya** – being a helpful class member.

**Makayda** – improved writing.

**1/2C: Tyson** – excellent work in all learning areas.

**Hayley** – trying her very best in class.

**2T: Ben** – for excellent improvement in reading.

**Katelin** – for being a responsible student in and out of the classroom.

**K/6H: Blake** – for working independently.

# GREAT WORK!



### Family Photos

Sibling photos may be viewed at the front office, so feel free to come in and take a look. The photos are \$8 and all money collected goes directly into school funds.

### LOST CLOTHING

There has been an increase in the number of students looking for missing jackets etc. Please check the winter jacket that comes home with your child. They may have accidentally brought home a jacket with someone else's name on it. Please also ensure that all clothing has your child's name clearly marked. As it is the end of term this week please take the opportunity to check Lost Property to reclaim any missing articles of clothing.

### Kinder Enrolments 2014



We are now accepting Kinder enrolments for 2014. Enrolment application forms are available and can be obtained from the school front office.

### Riverside Plaza

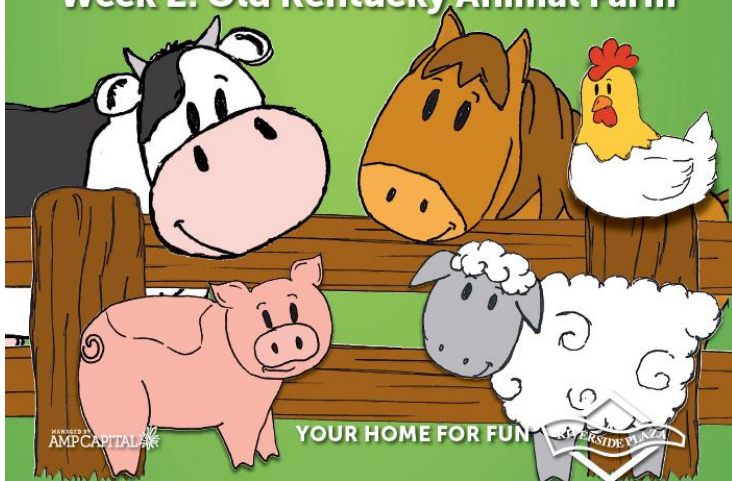
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or visit [riversideplaza.com.au](http://riversideplaza.com.au)



## FARMYARD FUN THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 1st - Friday 12th July  
11am-2pm\* (weekdays only)

Week 1: Farm Maze Activity Centre  
Week 2: Old Kentucky Animal Farm



The Queanbeyan Indoor Sports Centre will again be running School Holiday Soccer Clinics these school holidays due to popular demand. The clinics, aimed at primary school children will be run from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2013.

The now famous clinics are aimed at all children no matter what level they are at, with quality coaches ensuring all children will learn new skills and have a bundle of fun. The focus of the clinics will be to develop skills through participation.

The clinic starts at 9am and finish at 4:30pm each day in the safe and secure brand new Queanbeyan Indoor Sports Centre. All equipment, lunch, and a snack is included.

For more information or to make a booking contact the centre via phone on 6297 7435, or email [gisc@giscweb.com](mailto:gisc@giscweb.com). Booking are essential and spots are limited so make sure you get in early to guarantee a spot NOW!



Meeting @ 2pm, the first Sunday of every month  
SAAC building on Isabella St, Qbn  
(unless otherwise advised)

COST: \$5 to attend monthly meetups



Next Meet:  
7th July

If you love photography, come join the club!

PRACTICE, LEARN & GROW

You don't need a DSLR... any camera will do  
we can even help you get the most out of your iPhone!

For more information:

Contact Lib 0409 909 198 or Annette 0417 677 419

### Important Road Safety Message



Just a reminder that when students are crossing the road they need to wait for the teacher to cross them safely. It is important that students only cross at the designated school crossings.





**Brumbies Rugby** will be holding a series of School Holiday Junior clinics in Canberra from the 16th to 18th July. Participating players receive specialist coaching as well as a pack of Brumbies goodies including a rugby ball, cap, posters etc. All kids from U8's to U13's are welcome including children who currently don't participate in rugby, or in any sport. Registration forms are available at the school office.

## Schools as Community Centres

1. Do you want to find out more about **support for parents of young children in Queanbeyan**? Come along to our **parent education session** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10am, about **parenting support in Queanbeyan**. The session will be held at SaCC
2. An **Autism/Asperger's support group** for parents with children transitioning to school next year will meet Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 12-1pm at SaCC.

SaCC is in the grounds of Queanbeyan Public School, Isabella Street. For more information, call Brooke 6297 2167.



**14 & 15 August—  
dance students will  
be performing at the  
Llewellyn Hall in the  
Queanbeyan District  
Arts Festival.**

A reminder that students need to **bring in costumes this week**. A white button shirt or t-shirt and dark coloured pants (no bright colours). These need to be old and be able to be cut up and painted. Please label all clothing with your child's name and class and return to school with a coat hanger and a plastic bag for storage. Costumes will be painted and prepared during the holidays. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketek, phone: 132 849 and the performance is called "Good Times".

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

## 2013 Voluntary Contributions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cash/cheque/credit-debit card for School Voluntary Contribution.  
(Please make cheques payable to Queanbeyan West Public School)

### Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total amount)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_ Verification No: \_\_\_\_\_ (on back of card)

Card Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Alternatively, a credit card authorisation can be given by telephone to the Front Office on 6297 2020

## Aboriginal Culture Day Program

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Aboriginal Culture Day Program on **Thursday 18 or Friday 19 July 2013**. (First week back in Term 3) I enclose \$10.00 per child. Please return note and money ASAP. If you took the opportunity to pay for all the performances in one payment at the beginning of the year, the day is already covered.

The All Day Program is a great introduction to Indigenous Culture. Students rotate from one cultural experience to the next then come together in a wonderful celebration of music and dance or boomerang demonstrations. The presenters are passionate about sharing their culture and students will develop a new understanding of the rich ancient traditions of Australia's first people.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_