



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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Cultural Infusion Day

Last Thursday and Friday we welcomed Big Al, Pancake and Arwin to our school. They took us on a journey of Aboriginal cultural understanding, through story, art and dance.

We thank them for the experience.

Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school on 6297 2020

Head Lice – Wednesday night is, *Check Your Child's Hair Night*

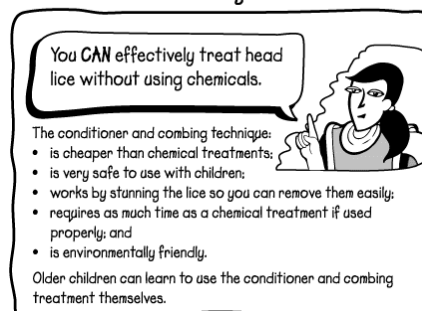
Thank you to the parent who has anonymously contacted us regarding concerns around head lice. To proactively deal with the issue, it helps us know what the concern is specifically related to, however, following are some general tips:

Head lice are only found on the human head. They are not found on any other part of the human body, although there are other types of lice that do infest other parts of the human body. Nor are they found on any other animal. Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment. Treating anything other than the human head does not eradicate head lice.

Before you choose a treatment for head lice, consider the following:

- **Make sure that the heads you treat actually do have head lice and do not treat unless they do!**
- Do not treat babies or a scalp that is irritated or inflamed.
- Do not let product into eyes.
- There is no preventative treatment available. While it is tempting to "do" the whole family, unless they actually have head lice you may be contributing to the problem of resistance.
- Any product applied to the head should be used with caution, particularly on young heads. **READ THE LABEL.**
- Some essential oils, including tea tree oil, can trigger a reaction in some people. Tea tree oil is a proven antiseptic; however, its efficacy as a head lice treatment has not been demonstrated.
- Many products have a very strong smell. A strong smelling substance left on the hair for any length of time may trigger a reaction.
- Certainly try a commercial head lice preparation, but read the label first and apply strictly as directed. Again, in desperation it can be tempting to change the doses in an effort to kill the lice. However, increasing the dosage does not enhance efficacy of treatment products.
- Apply product to every strand of hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb.
- If dead lice are found, the product has worked. But you must re-treat in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs.
- If you find live lice, the treatment probably hasn't worked. Either use another product with a different active ingredient (read the label) OR try the comb and conditioner method.

Conditioner and combing treatment



Head lice breathe through small openings along their abdomens called spiracles. By coating the hair and therefore the louse in something thick and slimy, these openings close over, shutting down the louse's breathing for about 20 minutes.

Head lice can move very fast across the scalp. Using a head lice comb on a dry scalp will often miss many lice as they are very clever at avoiding being caught. While unfortunately the louse doesn't die with this method, it does slow it down so that you can catch them.

Any thick and slimy substance applied to the hair will have the same effect. Some parents swear by mayonnaise or olive oil, though it does seem logical to use simple hair conditioner. It can be difficult to wash out oils easily and using mayonnaise does seem a waste! Nevertheless the principle is the same; the lice will be slowed down so that you can comb them out.

Other things you should know

Head lice often congregate on the crown of the head, so that it is not until you reach these last sections of hair that you find adult lice. However, heads that are severely infected will have adult lice everywhere.

A good head lice comb should also remove nymphs, the stage between egg and adult louse—teenagers really. These can be difficult to identify with the naked eye, but appear as small insects on the paper towel.

COOK ISLAND DANCING

The sounds of the Pacific Islands

Classes are held at: Isabella School Hall Queanbeyan

When: **Saturdays**

Time: **2.30pm**

We have a small group and are looking for more children who are willing to learn Pacific Island cultural dancing.

Girls and Boys aged from 5 yrs to teenagers.

Girls learn how to hula and Boys learn how to chant.

If you have any enquiries please call:

Ph: Rima 0434398704 or

Ph: Bec 0411487214

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25/07/13 District Athletics Carnival
26/07/13 Years 5&6 NAIDOC Assembly at QHS
29/07/13 Education Week begins
12/08/13 Book Fair (Week 5)
14/08/13 Performing Arts Festival
15/08/13 Performing Arts Festival



Term 3 Week 2

Host: 1/2C Item: 1/2C

KC: Luke – great writing in class.

Devina – beautiful classroom behaviour.

KK: Blake – excellent work in subtraction lessons.

Ella – terrific sharing and helping others.

KM: Bobby – sounding out words well when reading.

Sam – sounding out words well when reading.

K/1N: Molly-Mae – trying very hard with her reading.

Joseph – trying very hard with his reading.

1B: Tali – for being a responsible class member.

Fritz – for his great effort in literacy, especially with Ms Armistead.

1W: Seth – improvement in journal writing.

Insyirah – welcome to 1W.

1/2C: Manu – working hard in all areas.

Jasmine – working well in class and caring for others.

2T: Jasper – welcome to QWPS. Keep up the hard work and beautiful manners.

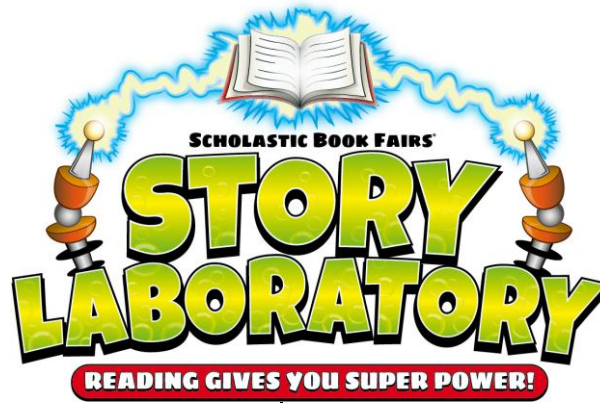
Emily – for excellent effort lines. Well done.

Fantastic Effort!



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

Tickets may be purchased through Ticketek, phone: 132 849 and the performance is called "Good Times".



Books make great presents and expand children's minds.

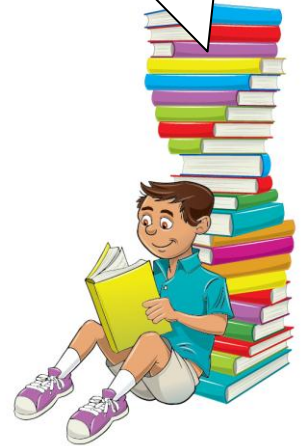


EFTPOS available

READING GIVES YOU SUPER POWER!



Lucky tickets – book vouchers to the value of \$60 to be won, also book marks and posters



QWPS BOOK FAIR

Monday 12 August - Friday 16 August, 2013

Family Night: Thursday 15 August, 2013

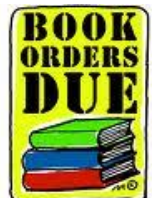
3.30pm – 6.30 pm

Venue: School Library

Schools as Community Centres

This week the Dads Interest Group has their second meeting, on Sunday 28th July. They will meet at Googong Dam to conduct a follow up fly casting session. Nathan Walker from Pratt's Tackle Box will join all those attending for some Basic Fly Casting Skills. The cost for this session will be \$10 and includes lunch and rods. Please contact Kim at: thepartshub@live.com.au as numbers are needed for lunch. All dads are welcome to attend and bring a mate however it is adults only- no kids (this is time for dads to meet, relax and socialise)...

Book Club orders due back by Wednesday 31 July. No late orders after this date. Thanks



An Expression of Interest form for School Swimming Scheme will be going home shortly.

Lessons to commence in October.