

Stage 3 Visit Antarctica!

This term Stage 3 students are exploring the unit 'Antarctica'. As part of this study a virtual excursion has been organised and Stage 3 visited Antarctica yesterday.

During the virtual excursion students were very privileged to interact with guest speakers who have spent time in the Antarctic. They saw some of their fantastic photos, footage, and memorabilia and heard about their experiences. They explored how the passing of time has brought changes to the environment, resources, technology, accommodation and food.

Jen McGhee has spent the past 5 summers and a FULL year at Antarctic Stations and remote camps. She has visited all Australian Antarctic stations also the US station at McMurdo and the NZ Scott Base. Jock McGhee has spent 2 years at the Wilkes and Mawson Stations.

Thank you Mrs Rudolph for organising Queanbeyan West Public School's first trip to Antarctica



Raffle Tickets – Father's Day

Last week raffle tickets were sent home. These are due back at school with money by Thursday 29 August. The draw will take place on Friday 30 August.

Performing Arts

Last Wednesday and Thursday evenings our dance troupe were outstanding as they told a story through Michael Jackson's music. We also had representatives in the District Dance Ensemble and Choir.

Well done to everyone.

Book Week 2013

The book week theme in 2013 is Read across the universe. The Short List and Notables are below:

Younger Readers Book of the Year 2013

NOTE: These books are intended for independent younger readers

	Author	Title	Publisher
WINNER	Hartnett, Sonya	The Children of the King	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
HONOUR	French, Jackie	Pennies for Hitler	Angus & Robertson Harper Collins Publishers
HONOUR	Millard, Glenda Ill. Stephen Michael King	The Tender Moments of Saffron Silk	ABC Books, HarperCollins

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Early Childhood Book of the Year 2013

NOTE: Intended for children in the pre-reading to early reading stages

	Author	Title	Publisher
WINNER	Allen, Emma Ill. Freya Blackwood	The Terrible Suitcase	Omnibus Books, Scholastic Press, Scholastic Australia
HONOUR	Cox, Tania Ill. Karen Blair	With Nan	Windy Hollow Books
HONOUR	Dubosarsky, Ursula Ill. Andrew Joyner	Too Many Elephants in This House	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)

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Picture Book of the Year 2013

NOTE: Intended for an audience ranging from birth to 18 years. Some books may be for mature readers

	Author	Title	Publisher
WINNER	Brooks, Ron Julie Hunt	The Coat	Allen & Unwin
HONOUR	Gordon, Gus	Herman and Rosie	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)
HONOUR	Lester, Alison	Sophie Scott Goes South	Viking Books, Penguin Group (Australia)

Premier's Spelling Bee

Queanbeyan West's finest spellers have gone through an entertaining, but gruelling elimination process to select our representatives for the Regional Final of the Premiers Spelling Bee.

The Stage 3 combatants were gradually whittled down to **Rachel Condat and Luke Douglass both from 5R**. In the Stage 2 event, **Chloe Carpenter 3T and Reuban Webbie 2T** triumphed after a tense battle. They will now travel away on the 18 September, to take on the region's finest. Good luck to all.



Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves Week 5 Term 3

K-2: Anna Armstrong KK, Jaidyn Waugh-Smith 1B, Thomas Sawtell 1W, Mathew Pito 1/2C, Aurylin Deviale K/6R, Christine Monro K/6R.

3-6: William Robinson 4L, Bree Williamson 4L, Alexandra Stewart 5R, Loren Reynolds 6S, Alex Smith-Kelly K/6H, Daniel Gaul K/6D.



Family Photos may be viewed at the Front Office. \$8 each and all money goes directly into school funds.

Junior Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 6

Host: 2T Item: 2T

KC: Dwaine Sutherland – sharing his culture and didgeridoo playing skills with kindergarten.
Syndii Ross – remembering to use finger spaces when writing.

KK: Wilsen Barwick – improvements in handwriting.

Natasha Sepetauc – improved on-task behaviour in class.

KM: Kye Bell – excellent knowledge of sight words.

Ashlee Barr – great on task behaviour in reading groups.

K/1N: Beau Mather – fantastic comprehension work.

Sienna Stefanou-Brown – fantastic comprehension work.

Riley Grimes – fantastic comprehension work.

1B: Xaiver Farmer – for his great effort in reading.

Madie Lloyd – for a great plant life cycle.

1W: Thomas Sawtell – working well in all areas.

Makayda O'Grady – terrific work in science.

1/2C: Lucinda Skupien – fantastic improvement in spelling and maths.

Emily Vosnakes – being a wonderful caring class member.

2T: Jade Burns – for excellent effort in cogs.

Ritik Sharma – excellent effort in maths.

K/6R: Anthony Larobina – a fabulous start to sight word recognition.

Christine Monro – great dancing at the Queanbeyan District Arts Festival.

Great Work!

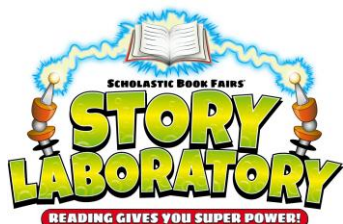
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22/08/13 K-2 visit Town Library for Book Week
04/09/13 P&C Meeting
18/09/13 Regional Spelling Bee
20/09/13 Last day of Term 3
07/10/13 Public Holiday
08/10/13 School resumes for students
08/10/13 School Swimming Scheme begins
11/10/13 At School Performance "What Style"



On Friday some of our students are competing at the Regional Athletics Carnival held at the Australian Institute of Sport. Good luck to: Jack Armstrong, Hayden Ingram, Kyaan Cooper,

Brad Rauter, Brendon Chaparadza, Amy Monck and Courtney Thomas.



Book Fair - Thank You

Thank you to all of our parents, students and teachers who supported the fair by buying books; to Mrs Whillock for her kind donation of books to the library and to 3H, Mrs Nolan, Mrs Holland, Mr Szczudlo, Ms Wardlaw, Mrs Turner, Mrs Blanchard, Mrs Ware, Mrs Bedin and Mrs Bladen who kindly gave of their time to help at the fair.

Students have selected over 30 books from the Book Fair for our library and the remaining money will go towards rebuilding our audio-visual collection eg-audio books and DVD's and to purchasing more popularly requested/borrowed books nominated by our students.

Congratulations to our \$10 book voucher winners: Lucinda Dunn (1B), Hector Stiles (3H), Luke Diggelmann (KC), Amber Virgo (KK) and to our poster winners: Aki Mrkonja (1/2C), Alex Goninan (4/5W), Baltazar Pius (1W), Emma Panozzo (3T) and Riley Dodge (2T).

Back orders for books have been placed and most students should receive their books later this week or early next week.

Chris Lumley
Teacher Librarian

2013 PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE (PRC) FINISHES NEXT WEEK



Students need to hand their completed sheets to Mr Lumley by next Tuesday, 27 August.

All students need to have their reading record verified by a parent/guardian signing their sheets or online printouts of the books that they have read.

A special reminder to students who have chosen to enter their records online; check to make sure that you have entered all the books you have read and that you have completed the challenge.

Congratulations to Fraser McClure (3T) for completing the 5/6 PRC and to Isabel Innes (3B) for completing the 3/4PRC.

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 5yrs 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



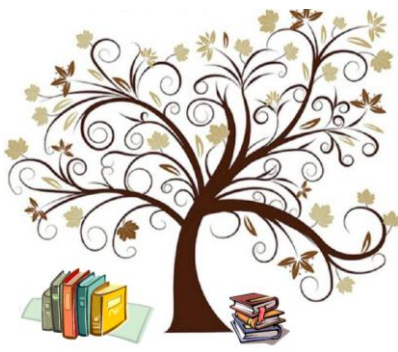
The Queanbeyan Indoor Sports Centre will again be running School Holiday Soccer Clinics these school holidays due to popular demand. The clinics, aimed at primary school children, will be run from the 23rd to 27th September 2013.

The now famous clinics are aimed at all children no matter what skill 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 qisc@qiscweb.com. Booking are essential and spots are limited so make sure you get in early to guarantee a spot NOW!

**AECG meeting at Bungendore
Public School
4pm this Thursday**



The
Queanbeyan
Reading Tree
will be at
Riverside Plaza
food court
Thursday 22nd

August from 12pm-1pm. Come along to hear stories for young children followed by a craft activity. Phone Brooke for more information 6297 2167.

Queanbeyan Multicultural Playgroup is on Fridays from 9:30-11:30am at the Queanbeyan Schools as Community Centres, in the grounds of Queanbeyan Public School, Isabella Street. Come along for playtime, craft, stories, songs and lots of fun. All are welcome. A multilingual worker is available throughout the term. For more information please contact Brooke 6297 2167.

2T are currently studying “Growing and Changing”. Students are excited seeing their Grassy Heads grow and change daily. They are also planting out an assortment of seedlings. Happy gardening!

