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Queanbeyan West Public School

P&C meets the first Wednesday of every Month at 7.00pm in the Staff Room



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Education Week – Monday 29 July – 2 August

Term 3 is always a busy term in schools. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with parents to provide the best possible learning opportunities to develop the capabilities of each of our students, to help them develop into confident, resilient, members of society. We endeavour to do this through innovative teaching, promoting creativity and encouraging students to achieve their personal best.

Education Week is celebrated each year by showcasing the wonderful programs and initiatives happening in schools across the state.

At Queanbeyan West this is not only embedded in our very culture, but is also demonstrated by our students, staff and parents on a daily basis. Queanbeyan West is a school built on a strong tradition of excellence and values. It provides innovative, exciting learning opportunities for all students in a caring learning environment where all students are respected.

Our school remains at the forefront of education ensuring that our teachers are up-to-date with current philosophies, methodologies and technologies through continual professional and personal learning.

Public Education in NSW ranks with the very best in the world, and you should be very proud of the fact that your children attend such an innovative educational system, and of course such a wonderful, learning environment as our school is.

Queanbeyan West Public School embraces the core values of– Respect, Responsibility, and Safety. Everything that happens in our wonderful school occurs with these values in mind.

This year the theme for Education Week is ‘Creating the Future.’

Our Open Day is Wednesday 31 July.

Parents and family members are welcome to attend from 12:30pm–2:00pm.

We will start our celebrations with an Assembly at 12:30; 2T, 3H and 5R will have some celebration of learning items to share with us.

Family members are then encouraged to join in some wonderful learning activities in the classrooms from 1:00pm – 1:40pm and then share Recess with your child.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2014

It is Term 3 already and before we know it, we will be planning for Kindergarten orientation. We are currently accepting applications for enrolment in Kindergarten 2014. If you have a child, who will be turning 5 before 30 July, 2014 and you are intending to enrol them for next year, please complete an application form and return it to the office.

Likewise, if you have a neighbour or friends with pre-school children who are intending to commence next year, please advise them that it is time to enrol. Those parents who do not live in the catchment area and wish to send their children to QWPS are also required to complete an out of area application form.

New medical forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records system to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for our families to do. The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

Schoolkids Bonus

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is being paid in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to \$205 for each primary student and up to \$410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a

primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven't already updated your child's education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time. The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment, check your eligibility by visiting www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

Congratulations to Huon

Last week Huon competed in the ACT/Southern NSW Interschool's Snowsports competition at Perisher. He competed in two events: Snowboard Giant Slalom and Boarder Cross. The Giant Slalom is a race that's all about speed and skill where competitors must wind through a series of flags as fast as possible. The Boarder Cross is a bit like a BMX track except on snow. Again, racers must go as fast as possible, and around flags, however the course has a series of large turns and rollers. Huon achieved 6th in the Snowboard GS and 3rd in the Boarder Cross and has qualified to compete in the NSW State Championships at the end of August. We are very proud of Huon and his achievements.

Perhaps there are others who may like to join Huon and form a Queanbeyan West team in 2014! Details of the event can be found on the [ACT Interschools website](#) and teams can be entered in term 2 each year.

District Athletics

The students had a terrific day.

Thank you Mrs Siciliano for the lovely photos.

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.

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 62972020

Parent Tips

What will my child learn this year? –

"What will my child learn this year?" seems like a simple enough question. After all, isn't there a big book of lessons somewhere that all teachers refer to? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/what-will-my-child-learn-this-year>

Talented kids - how hard should you push them? - Rachel Friend asks experts and parents of talented children how much of their success is due to natural ability and how hard we should push our kids to succeed.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/talented-kids-how-hard-to-push>

Budding filmmakers - Here's a project for the next school holidays: have your kids create an entry for the Trop Jr film festival. In the process they'll learn something about scripting, shooting, editing and copyright. Find out more: <http://tropfest.com/tropjr/>

Homemade muesli bars - Here's a recipe for muesli bars that will prove popular with children of all ages, yet it contains only half the sugar and fat of their shop-bought equivalents. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes/cakes-biscuits-and-treats/nutfree-muesli-bars>

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31/07/13 Open Day for Education Week
07/08/13 P&C Meeting – 7pm
12/08/13 Book Fair Begins (Week 5)
13/08/13 IMSW Maths Competition
14/08/13 Performing Arts Festival
15/08/13 Performing Arts Festival

Book Fair - Dance Performers and their Parents

Due to the number of students being involved in the performances at Llewellyn Hall on Wednesday & Thursday (14 & 15 August), the Book Fair will be open during the first half of lunch (11.15am-11.50am) on these days, **just for students performing and their parents.**

All other students still have the opportunity to look at and buy books at the BOOK FAIR each morning and during the second half of lunch time (11.50am- 12.10pm) in addition to the Family Night Thursday 15 August between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Premiers Reading Challenge – only 4 weeks to go

Completed sheets or print outs of books read (if done on online) need to be signed by a parent and given to Mr Lumley by **August 23** so he has time to verify and submit them. PRC web page: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Congratulations

to **Tom 1W, Jed 3H, Will 4B, Ella 6D, Loren 6S** who have completed the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Junior Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 3 Host: K/1N Item: K/1N

KC: Georgina – great work unscrambling the secret sentence.

Jake– helping others during arts and crafts.

KK: Amelia – excellent attention to detail when writing a sentence.

Nic – terrific work in subtraction activities.

KM: Coral-Lee – for settling in well at Queanbeyan West.

Matilda – for fantastic home reading.

K/1N: Joseph– for being very polite and showing respect.

Zara – for fantastic text writing.

1B: Eirini – excellent application to all writing tasks.

Isabella – consistently fabulous effort in journal writing.

1W: Latoya – terrific work in science.

Flynn – terrific work in science.

1/2C: To be advised.

2T: Samuel – for excellent effort in COGS.

Ben – for outstanding improvement in reading.

K/6R: Christine – hard work in ALL areas.



Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves Week 2 Term 2

K-2: Chloe KC, Bobby KM, Jorjah K/1N, Michael K/1N, Duhma 1W, Ethan 1/2C.

3-6: Christina 3B, Kiara 3T, Samantha 4L, Shandi- 6D, Mawii 6S, Jye K/6H

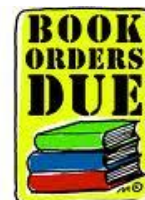


14 & 15 August– dance students will be performing at the Llewellyn Hall in the Queanbeyan District Arts Festival.

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

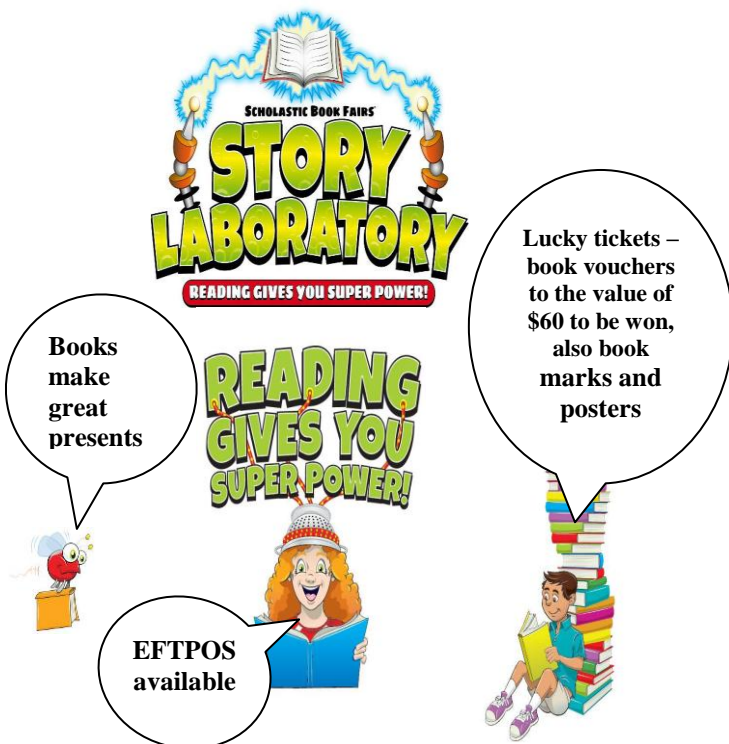
Book Club orders due back tomorrow Wednesday 31 July. No late orders after this date.

Thanks



MISSING/LOST

School Jacket size 6- full front zip, bottle green with QWPS logo. Name - Panozzo on tag. Please return to front office if you find it or if it has been worn home by mistake. Thank you.



QWPS BOOK FAIR

Monday 12 August - Friday 16 August, 2013

Family Night: Thursday 15 August, 2013

3.30pm – 6.30 pm

Venue: School Library