



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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21st Century Learning.

At Queanbeyan West Public School we strive to deliver 21st Century Learning.

In doing so we engage extensive use of technology to capitalise on our student's interests in, and ability to use, modern and different technologies, but we are mindful that we don't want to isolate the technologies to the point that computers do the thinking for our students. It is this notion that drives initiatives like our subscriptions to Reading Eggs, Mathletics, Study Ladder, Edmodo and of course our One to One Computer Program run by Mrs Rudolph and Miss Armistead.

We believe that our students will need to be fluent in technology, excellent at communication and be problem solvers if they are to be successful in the world of work they will enter - because that's the way the world is now!

So... What is 21st Century Learning?

Twenty-first-century learning embodies an approach to teaching that marries content to skill. Without skills, students are left to memorize facts, recall details for worksheets, and relegate their educational experience to a passive role of just consuming content. On the other hand however, without content, students may well engage in problem-solving or team-working experiences that are trivial, may well be relevant but have no rigor.

Instead, we believe that 21st-century learning offers an opportunity to merge content and skills – the best of both worlds if you like.

Students will certainly demonstrate the three Rs, but also the three Cs: creativity, communication, and collaboration. They will demonstrate digital literacy as well as civic responsibility.

Use of School Equipment before/after the bell

Parents are reminded that use of school play equipment/fixed equipment outside school hours, or when NO teacher is on playground duty is strictly forbidden due to legal requirements.

Parents who allow / encourage their child to play on school equipment before/after school are sending the wrong message to their child and could be subject to exclusion from the school grounds.

Positive Behaviours for Success – Focus this week is the Playground.

Our school embraces the PBS values of Responsibility, Respect and Safety.

The playground is a shared space and so we have some procedures that students follow to ensure our play is safe and that interactions are polite and courteous.

SAFETY:

Our lunch procedure is as follows:

Students eat lunch with their classroom teachers from 11:15am – 11:25am.

Our Recess procedure is as follows:

Students eat their Recess before they engage in play.

Buying from the Canteen:

Students buying from the Canteen during our breaks must consume the food in the following designated areas, before they play:

PRIMARY: must eat purchased food from the Canteen in the Primary Quad area.

INFANTS: must eat their food on the silver seats under the Kindergarten rooms; in the lining up area.

After the food is finished they can then go onto the play areas.

RESPONSIBILITY:

I have been concerned about the amount of rubbish in the play areas.

As you will read above no food should be consumed on our playgrounds.

This week to promote **Responsibility**, I will be hiding Lucky Leaves in the rubbish that can be found on our playground and from tomorrow; there will also be some Canteen Vouchers. Let's all work together to make our playground an area we're all happy and proud to be in.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow evening (August 7) starting at 7pm in the Staff Room. (Entrance can be made via the front office). Our meetings are held in a friendly, informal atmosphere and usually run for about 60-90 minutes. All families within the school are welcome to attend. Please come along and take an active part in your child's school.

*Our whole school rules
are:*

RESPECT - Be caring and polite
SAFETY - Be safe and learn
RESPONSIBILITY - Be accountable



Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
22/08/13 K-2 visit Town Library for Book Week

Library News

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>

Kinder – Year 2 Annual Visit to Town Library
for Book Week

“Read Across the Universe”
Thursday 22 August 2013
Notes going home today.



KC: Eleigha – settling well into KC.
Max – fantastic work in handwriting.

KK: Liam – fantastic subtractions.
Leila – outstanding behaviour in class.

KM: Amna – working so hard to write well.
Mia – making improvements in reading.

K/1N: Romany – trying hard with her reading.
Jorjah – trying hard with her reading.
Monique – trying hard with her reading.

1B: Jade – for presenting quality work at all times.
Jaidyn – for her serious application to all tasks.

1W: Baltazar – beautiful handwriting.
Ellie – terrific work in mathematics.

1/2C: Hayley – being a conscientious and reliable classroom helper.

Kirilee – always working hard and being a considerate class member.

2T: Katelin – for her excellent effort in her timeline.

Nathan – excellent effort in maths & TENS.

K/6H: Brodie – for being an enthusiastic worker.



Well Done!

Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves Week 3 Term 3

K-2: Marlie KC, Tali 1B, Eirini 1B, Mia 1/2C, Mathew 1/2C, Brodie K/6H.

3-6: Charlie 3B, Isaac 3H, Nandalie 3H, Megui 4/5W, Georgia 5R, Hayley 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”.

Sophie Gray, modelling our new girl’s winter uniform which may be purchased at Lowes Queanbeyan.

Kinder Enrolments for 2014

are now being taken.
Enrolment Application forms available
at the front office
or phone 6297 2020



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

AUSKICK

Come and try Aussie Rules football with Auskick!

When: 3.45 pm to 4.45 pm, from Thursday 8 August

Where: Steve Maugher Oval, Karabar

Cost: \$70 per child

Includes: Six weeks of training plus an AFL Auskick pack full of exciting Aussie Rules gear!

Phone 0423 074 609 or visit

<http://www.aflauskick.com.au> for more information.

Registrations for 2013-14 Cricket Season

Queanbeyan Districts Junior Cricket Club

Have-a-Go Cricket - In2 Cricket - Junior Cricket

Riverside Plaza Thurs 22 & 29 August

5:30pm-8:30pm and

Saturday 24 & 30 August

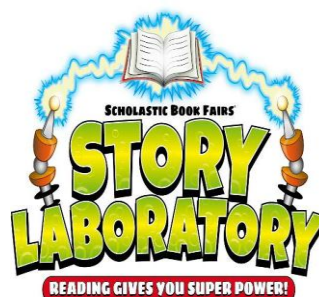
9:00am-12:00pm

Jerrabomberra Village Sat 24 & 30 August

9:00am -12:00pm

Contact: Paul Morshead 0415 374 603

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QWPS BOOK FAIR

Monday 12 August - Friday 16
August, 2013

Family Night: Thursday 15 August,
2013

3.30pm – 6.30 pm

Venue: School Library

Bag a Book for Book Week

2013



Book Week (19- 24) Aug 2013

All students will celebrate Book Week 2013 by participating in a whole school Talking and Listening activity.

Every student has been given a paper bag to take home. They need to place 5 carefully chosen items into it- items that represent something special related to their favourite story. Students can make some of their items too.

During Book Week 19-24 August, students will present a **short speech** about their book and the 5 items in their "Bag A Book" Bag.

The bags will need to be creatively decorated and this task is a home activity.

A note has been sent home with a marking rubric to enhance your understanding of this task, so that families and students can see how to produce an outstanding Book Week Bag by checking requirements and criteria on the Rubric.

All students have been shown examples of a Book Week Bag by Mr Lumley in Library Lessons last week.

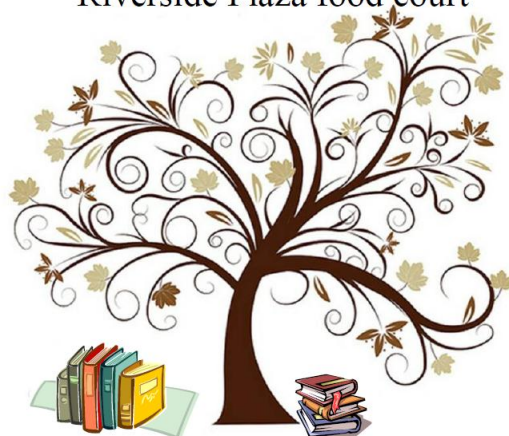
We hope that all families enjoy sharing this activity with their child.

Please contact your class teacher if you have any questions.

- Mr Lumley

The Queanbeyan Reading Tree

Every second Thursday during
Term 3 at
Riverside Plaza food court



Time: 12pm

25th July, 8th Aug, 22nd Aug,
5th Sept, 19th Sept

There will be stories for young children
and a craft activity.

For more information phone Brooke 6297 2167



Is your child starting school next year?

Transition to School Playgroup



Thursdays 9:30am-11:30am during school
term at the Schools as Community
Centres, in the grounds of Queanbeyan
Public School, Isabella Street



Cost: \$2, & please
bring a snack
for break time



A preschool teacher leads the children
through activities that develop their
"ready for school" skills

For more information contact
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