



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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Thank you to 1/2C, who last week helped keep our school beautiful by collecting some forgotten rubbish at the end of Recess. I hope you found some lucky leaves.

Ms Wardlaw has begun her Long Service Leave until the end of Term 3. Miss Rombouts will take 1W for the remainder of the term.

Disco

Tomorrow night the School Disco will take place. Kindergarten – Year 2 is 5:15 – 6:30 and Year 3 to Year 6 is 6:45 – 8:00. A canteen will be operating.

PBS Mascot Launch

At 2:10pm this Friday in the front playground a special assembly will be held to launch our new school mascot - the rainbow lorikeet. Currently students are working hard on devising creative names for our new mascot. As part of the special assembly we will announce the lorikeet's name and the student who chose it. 1W and 3H will also present items to showcase our new mascot and the school values of Safety, Respect and Responsibility. We hope all families can join us to celebrate this special event.



Kindergarten 2014

While the staff are busily working through our educational plans for this year we have begun to plan for next year and would like all families who have a child who will be starting with us in 2014 to ensure that we receive the completed enrolment forms by the beginning of Term 4.

Once your form is in, the office can include you in our invitation to the Orientation Days that we have planned for Tuesday 26 November and Tuesday 3 December or Thursday 28 November and Thursday 5 December next term. We are looking to have four kindergarten classes next year and have many wonderful programs.

Cricket

Our boy's cricket team travel to the South Coast tomorrow to take part in the Knockout Competition. I wish the team well.

A Reminder

If you come to the school, please remember to make contact with our office staff so that you can be signed in and out. It is vitally important that people do not enter the school and go directly to classrooms for any reason as this is part of our approach to ensure the safety of both our students and staff.

School Captain voting for 2014

This week I will be speaking to all of the Year 5 students about the procedures for the election of school captains and prefects for 2014. Below is an overview of the procedures for the election of school captains for Queanbeyan West Public School.

School Captains and Prefects voting procedure.

1. A list is made up of all Year 5 students who have not had major incidents in either the class or playground prior to the process beginning.
2. Those eligible students in Year 5 are gathered together and Mrs Muscat will explain the Duties and Responsibilities of a School Captain or House Captain and the election process. They are asked to go home and discuss it with their parents.
3. Students who wish to stand request a copy of the 'Duties and Responsibilities of a School Captain', and a copy of the 'Pledge of Office' which is signed by both student and parent and returned to Mrs Muscat.
4. Students standing for election will be acknowledged in the School Newsletter and the dates of the speeches will be announced in the Newsletter. These speeches will happen in Term 4.

In Term 4

5. Students will each prepare a very short speech and be given the opportunity to practice using the microphone.

6. Voting slips will be drawn up and will include a photograph of each candidate.
7. Students will present their speeches to all grades at an assembly.
8. Following the assembly students will return to their rooms and vote for their preferred boy and girl candidates.
9. All staff will be given voting slips and those who wish to will have the opportunity to cast their vote.

Fruit Break

Fruit Break is a set break during the school day when students can eat fruit (or salad vegetables) and drink water in the classroom.

Our break is in the morning and helps students to re-fuel and boost their physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Each day, students bring a piece of fruit (or salad vegetables) to school to eat in the classroom. In addition, each child may have a small, clear bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.

Through Fruit Break we are demonstrating our commitment to nutrition education in the classroom by making links with the curriculum and creating a supportive school environment.

Fruit Break has a positive impact on students by:

- Creating an enjoyable daily routine that increases fruit and vegetables intake
- Promoting a positive attitude towards fruit, vegetables and water.
- Incorporating nutrition education into key learning areas of the curriculum.

Peer Support

We have commenced Peer Support lessons today. The Whole School participates for 30 -40 minutes each Tuesday. Two Year 6 leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 students from Kindergarten to Year 5, who work together through a number of structured activities. It is crucial that all year 6 are present on these days. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classrooms. We are working on a module called Promoting Harmony helping us define individual and community values, build relationships and improve decision making skills. This module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about what is a value and something they value in themselves. We recommend you talk to your children about Peer

Support every week, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Spring Fitness

Be ready to inspire your whole family at the start of spring. Listen to Australia's popular personal trainer Michelle Bridges chat with James O'Loughlin about keeping your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family>

Preparing for Year 7

The transition from primary school to high school maths can be difficult for both you and your child. However, **by working in partnership with your child and using some careful forward planning, the transition can be smooth and successful.**

Find out more: <http://educationequals.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-learning-maths-in-high-school/>

Camp giveaway

As part of Sport and Recreation's outdoor education week you have the chance to win an adventure-packed family weekend away at a camp. Click on the link, watch the video and answer two easy questions to enter the competition. Good luck. Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/index.asp>

Getting ready for school camp

School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it's also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. Read these tips for school camp confidence.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/devlopment/getting-ready-for-camp>

Creative thinking

Eleven-year-olds of the world rejoice. It seems MINECRAFT has "the potential to teach kids creative thinking, geometry, and even a little geology". Read the review to help you make an informed choice.

Find out more: <http://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/minecraft>

Water safety tips

Beaches, lakes, rivers, creeks and pools are popular spots in summer for people young and old to cool off and have fun. Here are some easy steps you can take to make sure your child stays safe.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

Changes to Bus Services.

There will be changes to bus numbers coming to and from Queanbeyan West Public School from Monday September 16.

Below is the new numbers:

School	Pick up from	Current Number	New Number
Queanbeyan West	Queanbeyan Interchange to QWPS	3	16
Queanbeyan West	QWPS to Karabar	40	38
Queanbeyan West	QWPS to Letchworth	38	51

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves Week 8 Term 3

K-2: Marlie KC, Zach KK, Darnell KK, Coral-Lee KM, Jacinta 1B, Du Hma 1W.

3-6: Tameeka 3H, Keegan 3H, Ethan 3T, Isabel 4B, Michael 4/5W, John 6S.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11/09/13 Boys Cricket at Milton
11/09/13 School Disco
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"
25/10/13 Leisure Sports for Yr's 5 & 6 begins

Our whole school rules are

RESPECT - Be caring and polite

SAFETY - Be safe and learn

RESPONSIBILITY - Be accountable

School Hats

Our school has a policy of 'no hat – play in the shade'. Please encourage your child to wear their school hat. Hats may be purchased from the front office at a cost of \$7.00 - thank you.



SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

REMINDER

The payment of \$65.00 and permission note to participate in the school swimming scheme needs to be returned by this Friday 13 September.

Swimming lessons will commence first day back next term – Tuesday 8 October 2013



School Disco

Queanbeyan West Public School P&C Committee will be holding a School Disco tomorrow:

**Wednesday 11
September 2013**

in the School Hall.



This disco will have a \$3 Entry Fee to all Students that attend. (Payable at the door on the night)
The Canteen will be in operation selling drinks and nibbles to the children.

Please note this Disco is for Queanbeyan West Public School Students ONLY and you must attend your designated time slot.

Kindergarten, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Students – 5:15pm – 6:30pm
Year 3,4,5 & 6 Students - 6:45pm – 8:00pm



Early Learning Services
Committed to Child Care

Crest Road Early Learning Centre provides education and care for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years through a range of tailored long day care programs based on the Early Years Learning Framework Curriculum, including a range of educational programs, excursions and family activities designed to promote each child's cognitive and social development. For further information phone: 6284 2293

You're invited to

JOIN THE PARTY

175 years
Queanbeyan
A town born 1838 - A city lives 2013

SAT 28 SEP 2013

EVENTS OF THE DAY

- ▶ 175 Years of Transport Parade
- ▶ Static Display of Vehicles
- ▶ HMAS Harman Freedom of the City
- ▶ Traditional Children's Games and Activities
- ▶ Official Opening of the Sensory Gardens
- ▶ Best Dressed Shop Window Announced
- ▶ Concert Featuring Local Artists
- ▶ Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour
- ▶ Multicultural Entertainment
- ▶ Cake Cutting
- ▶ Bullock Team
- ▶ Kite Making
- ▶ Face Painting
- ▶ Food Stalls
- ▶ Fireworks
- ▶ 175th Anniversary Ball

Ray Morton Park Waniassa Park Queen Elizabeth Park

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Queanbeyan City Council Sustainable Events IN QUEANBEYAN

melbourne cup tour 2013 Emirates nab

The last **Queanbeyan Reading Tree** for Term 4 will be at Riverside Plaza food court, Thursday 19th Sept from 12pm-1pm. Come along to hear stories for young children followed by a craft activity. Phone Brooke for more information 6297 2167.

Stage 1 Visit the Queanbeyan Museum

We learnt how a kitchen operated in times gone by and saw what an old oven looked like!

Feeling "sick" in the old hospital!

The What Style! Show

I give permission for my child/ren to attend The What Style! Performance on **Thursday 24 October 2013**. I enclose \$5.00 per child. Please return note and money to classroom teacher. If you took the opportunity to pay for all the performances in one payment at the beginning of the year, this performance is already covered.

This is a musical performance that combines live music with Gillian Eastoe's vibrant personality. The show uses music, song, rhyme, props, costumes and involves full student participation.

Name: _____

Class: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge \$ _____ (total amount)

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Card Holder's Signature: _____

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