



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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Basketball Court – Upgrade

The Basketball Court is out of bounds this week. I wonder why? Well! Our new refurbishments are about to take place. This means by the start of next term we will have a fantastic playing surface, with a few extra surprises.

Thank you to the parents who manned the Election Day BBQ and also the canteen at the Disco last week. Without your help it wouldn't be possible.

Cricket Knock Out

Thank you to Mrs Turner, Mrs Wolf and Mr Frost who transported our boys to Milton last Wednesday. I have had fantastic reports about our boys and their great sportsmanship. We were beaten by Milton, but not once did our team become dispirited, they tried their hardest and worked as a team.

NAPLAN

Normally our NAPLAN results would have been distributed to parents this week. However, this year the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) have announced a delay. Their statement is below.

"On Thursday 5th September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in states and territories to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13th October. However, ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimize the delay."

As soon as our school receives the tests we will distribute them to parents.

QUEANBEYAN ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP

The Queanbeyan AECG is an Aboriginal community controlled, independent, not-for-profit advocacy group.

The AECG promotes respect, empowerment and self-determination by working with community and education services such as schools to achieving equity in education for our children.

The Queanbeyan Local Aboriginal Education Group regularly meets twice a term, usually holding meetings at a school or a community organisation. For us to be effective we need more parents to attend.

Next meeting is 4:00pm, 18 September at Burrunju, Crawford St, Queanbeyan (opposite old Sam's Warehouse)

Getting off the lounge

It's never been more important for children to get off the lounge and take a break in the great outdoors. You'll find the benefits aren't just health-related.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/why-your-child-may-learn-better>

Premier's Spelling Bee app

The app is free at Samsung Apps and features two categories for junior and senior primary school aged children, with a number of levels that increase in difficulty. Most adults would find the high levels in the senior category a challenge!

Find our more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/premier-s-spelling-bee>

Getting organised

Mid-way into the month, you may be in need of a planner; or if you're super-organised why not download October's?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Kids' holiday camps

Do your kids have technology overload? Challenging adventurous activities - like rock climbing, kayaking and archery - help children and teenagers develop independence, self-esteem and social skills. Watch the video for inspiration. Find out more:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=615882415134701>

Finally, this will be our last newsletter for the term and I would like to wish you all a happy and safe school holiday.

TERM 4 begins on TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER as Monday is the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves Week Term 3

K-2: Rayesha K/1N, Milly 2T, Sienna K/1N, Amy 2T, Harri KK, Jaidyn 1B.

3-6: Logan 3B, Lauren 4B, Victory 3B, Nicholas 6S, Georgia 3B, Kaylah 4/5W.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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"

FREE - COME & TRY REGO DAY

There will be a free Come & Try Registration Day for in2CRICKET, T20 Blast and Junior Cricket at Montgomery Oval (Opposite Manuka Oval Nets) on Saturday 21 September from 10-1pm. For more information please contact Matthew on 0416 531 998 or matthew.william@cricket.com.au.

Junior Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 10

Host: KC Item: KC

KC: Nicholas – Great reading in the engine room.

Luke – Always displaying our school values.

KK: Darnell – Excellent efforts in counting backwards.

Anna – Terrific independent writing.

KM: Mia – Using great expression when reading aloud.

Sam – Using great expression when reading aloud.

K/1N: Sophia – Great reading! Trying harder with her writing.

Jackson – Great attitude to writing and trying hard with his reading.

Lola – Great writing and working on independent reading activities.

1B: Benny – Fabulous effort with recount writing.

Thomas – For working really hard – great improvement with handwriting.

1W: Olivia – For her courage and commitment to Drama.

Insyira for her enthusiasm and positive learning attitude.

1/2C: Mathew – consistent effort in maths, spelling and homework.

Lucas – for displaying excellent manners and consistent effort in class.

2T: Peter – excellent effort in reading and returning his home reader.

Alysha – for wonderful reading in class and excellent talking and listening and Bag a Book.

K/6H: Blake – Improved reading.

Well done!

Fantastic Work!

**Celebrate Queanbeyan's 175th
Birthday at Riverside Plaza**

Come join the Birthday fun at Riverside Plaza

With Queanbeyan approaching its 175th Birthday, the team at Riverside Plaza are all set for lots of Birthday fun & you're invited to join the celebrations.

Birthday Giveaways - Monday September 9th til Tuesday 8th October.

Entries can be submitted in-centre or online at Riversideplaza.com.au

Free Face Painting & Balloon Sculpting - Every Saturday (until October 5th) 11am-2pm

Plaza Party - Thursday 26th September Free entertainment including a photo booth, dance performances, giveaways & lots more.

School Holidays - Monday 23rd September- Friday 4th October Weekdays 11am-2pm
'We Built this City' theme. Kids will be able to help us create a mural celebrating the icons & history of Queanbeyan.

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

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Sustainable Events IN QUEANBEYAN

Melbourne cup tour 2013

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QBN WEST CRICKET

The QBN West Cricket team travelled to Milton in the 3rd round of the NSW State Knockout last Wednesday. With 8 players playing their first match against a side that has not tasted defeat for 5 years in the South Coast it was a difficult task. The lads played very well, they represented the school with excellent sportsmanship and behaviour and whilst we went down, we went down fighting. QBN West made 7/43 from 25 overs with Milton passing us in the 13th over.

Michael Frost - Coach

Congratulations to the boys as they represented our school with great behaviour and never gave up during the game. Thank you to Michael Frost for coaching the team and providing transport and to Juanita Wolf for providing transport.

Team: Sam, Aden, Kade, Andrew, Ty, Jack, Jordan, Braeden, Brad, Elijah and Reilly.

Vicki Turner - Manager

Peer Support - Week 2

During Peer Support this week the children looked at the notion that what they choose to spend their time on often reflects the values they have. The activities also assisted them to identify ways they care for themselves and other, developing their understanding that you are caring when you notice the feelings and needs of yourself and others. During the week encourage your child to demonstrate they are caring by doing something helpful or displaying kindness around the home.

Canteen Volunteers

The canteen is in need of volunteers to help out in Term 4. As a volunteer you will assist the Canteen Manager in preparing, selling and serving food to our students. It's a great way to be involved in your child's school, meet other parents and the children love to see someone familiar behind the counter! You don't need to be tied down to regular shifts - once a week, once a month or once a year, your help would be appreciated for whatever time you can spare even if it is only for one or two hours. You can also help out before school by making toast. Please call in and speak to Di or phone the canteen on 6297 3770. Alternatively, you can send a note in with your child with your name, contact number and availability. Thank you.

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.

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