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Queanbeyan West Public School

P&C meets the first Wednesday of every Month at 6.30pm in the Staff Room

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Welcome back to all our students, staff and parents. A warm welcome also to our new enrolments. I hope your holiday was relaxing – an exciting term awaits.

School Development Days
The last two days of the year have been set aside for staff development activities. Staff at Queanbeyan West Public School will be spending the days reviewing the school's management plan and school organisation for 2015 and planning at grade level for 2015.

Please note that Term Four **finishes for students on Wednesday, 17 December.**

As we BEGIN Term 4 and warmer weather arrives we begin to have issues with uniform, especially jumpers and coats etc. Please make sure they are labelled as we seem to have mountains of jumpers in lost property and also please support us by not allowing your child to wear Hoodies etc. instead of their uniform jumper.

Those without a school hat should find it or purchase one as all students must wear the school hat to play in the sun. **Students not wearing a hat will be directed to play in the shade**. This is especially important as we reach the longer and sunnier days. Thank you for your help with uniform issues. Now is a good time to also check that children have the necessary equipment to participate in class activities. Pens, pencils, rulers and glue often disappear over the holidays so please check these items as well as ensuring your child has their school hat.

End of Year Reports
In line with Departmental guidelines the school is not permitted to give information about students to people who are not listed as parents or guardians on the student enrolment form. This affects the distribution of school reports. One report is given to each family, delivered through the child. In circumstances where the parents do not reside at the same address, a second report will only be photocopied and distributed to the second parent if the school has been notified of the living arrangements. The second report will be sent to the address listed for the second parent, not sent home through the child.
If your family circumstances have changed or if the address of the second parent has changed, please notify the front office, in writing, as soon as possible so our records can be updated.

2015 Planning
Our anticipated enrolment for next year needs to be confirmed. If your child is in a class, Kindergarten through to Year 5 and will be leaving QWPS at the end of the year, please contact the school with this important information by the end of Week 3.

Kindergarten Enrolments
We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten next year. If you have a child who will be starting at West next year could you please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form. Parents of 2015 kindergarten students, who live out of the Queanbeyan West enrolment zone, are entitled to submit an *out-of-zone* enrolment application and should contact the Principal for further details.
If you have a friend or neighbour, who does not receive this newsletter, could you please pass on the information that enrolments are now being taken and we would like to have our numbers finalised by the end of Week 4.

Absences
There are new procedures in place for students who are going to be away for more than 10 days. If this situation will affect your child (ren) please write to the school and we will send a copy of the "Application for Exemption from School". If the reason involves international travel, copies of travel documentation are now required by the Department. As school principal I am able to approve exemptions for up to 100 days and beyond that, the school education director has to approve exemptions.

Staying Safe Online
Chances are your child uses a computer, mobile phone and the Internet more regularly than you

do. Here are some tips to keep your child safe in an online world that you might not be part of.

1. **Keep computers out in the open!**

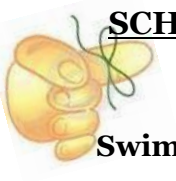
2. Your child might think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

3. **Keep personal information to themselves!**
   Remind your child to keep information such as their name, address, phone number, school and even your credit card number to themselves. When signing up to a chat room, they should use a screen name that is a nickname and not easy to work out. The same goes for choosing passwords - don't make them easy to figure out.

Value Pin Assembly - Last day of Term 3

	DIARY DATES
10/10/14	Cricket K/O - Merimbula
13/10/14	School Swimming scheme starts.
24/10/14	Leisure Sport commences
18/11/14	Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 6.30pm in Library
29/11/14	School Fete 10am – 2pm

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

REMINDER

Swimming lessons will commence – Monday 13 October 2014.

Queanbeyan West Public School Fete

SATURDAY 29 November 2014
10am - 2pm

The school fete is a wonderful way to celebrate, contribute and be involved in our school, but this day is only a reality with the support from our Queanbeyan West Public School community. The P&C would love you to be actively involved in this wonderful day and if you are able to help in any way (before, during or after the Fete), please ring the school (6297 2020) and leave your contact details or email Ms Donna Cameron, P&C and Canteen Treasurer, on dcameron1353@gmail.com Thank you to those people who have already offered to help, it is greatly appreciated. Don't forget – all funds raised are used to buy resources to benefit your children!
Plans are already under way to make this day a great success. Please see below as to what you can be doing now to help.

Plant Stall
Spring is here and it's time to put your (or someone else's) green thumb to work! Plants of all varieties would be appreciated to sell at our plant stall, so please start propagating or planting seeds now!

Trash and Treasure
One of our most popular stalls will be back again this year. We are asking families to look through their cupboards, wardrobes, garages, etc. for any pre-loved items in good, working condition that can be sold at the stall. Donations can include toys, games, jigsaws, sporting equipment, homewares, DVD's, CD's and bric-a-brac. No clothing or VHS tapes please.

Book Stall

We are also looking for donations of books in good condition to sell at our second-hand book stall.

Craft Stall

Are you crafty or have a relative or friend that is? We are looking for handmade items to sell at our craft stall. Examples could be knitted or crocheted items, stuffed toys, jewellery, cards, pottery, candles, soaps etc. the only criteria is that it is donated. Hint: Christmas themed items would be great…

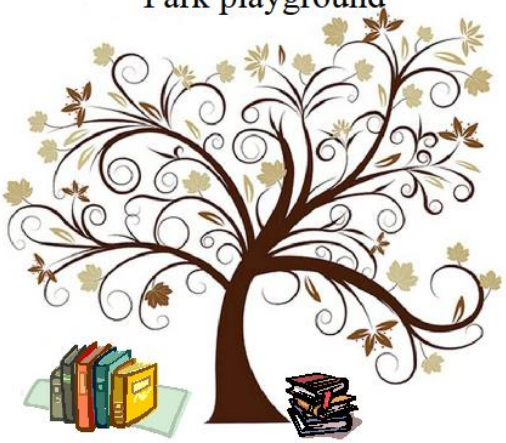
Thank you!

Enjoying "Pete the Sheep"!

Kindergarten went on an excursion to the Q Theatre to see Pete the Sheep in the last week of Term 3. An exciting outing for everyone, the show was enjoyed by all students and teachers. Kindergarten read Pete the Sheep by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley before their visit to see the performance. They enjoyed the crazy sheep hairstyles, the very funny actors and the musical numbers. The teachers were extremely impressed by the behaviour of all students.

Stories at the Reading Tree

Every second Thursday during Term 4 at Queanbeyan Town Park playground



10:30am-11am

16th Oct, 30th Oct, 13th Nov, 27th Nov, 11th Dec

There will be stories for young children on the coloured pillows under the tree

For more information phone Brooke 6297 2167

SCHOOL BANKING

A school banking officer is needed to help out with student banking. If you are able to assist, please ring the front office on 6297 2020 Thanks

Thursday 11 December 2014
Bicentennial Hall
6pm

QUEANBEYAN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

100 MORTON ST. QUEANBEYAN

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SATURDAY 29TH NOV

10AM-2PM

BBQ • CAKE STALL • TRASH & TREASURE
SECOND HAND BOOKS • CRAFT STALL • PLANT STALL
RIDES • DEVONSHIRE TEAS • FACE PAINTING
AND LOTS MORE...