



# 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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### School Planning

All public schools in NSW are currently in the process of engaging with a new model for the development of a 3 year plan. The new model has its roots in various published documents but most particularly in **the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians**.

The **Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians** articulates nationally consistent future directions and aspirations for Australian schooling agreed by all Australian Education Ministers.

The **Melbourne Declaration** has two overarching goals for schooling in Australia:

**Goal 1:** Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence

**Goal 2:** All young Australians become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

The new planning model requires us to identify 3 “big picture” goals to work towards over the medium to longer term. They should address the needs of students, staff and the community.

At Queanbeyan West Public School we are well on our way through this process and are looking to have a document finalised early in 2015. From initial surveys with students, parents and teachers we have come up with the following 3 goals:

**Strategic Direction 1:** Develop and deliver high quality teaching and learning programs, driven by assessment in line with the Australian Curriculum.

**Strategic Direction 2:** Lead and deliver whole school programs and practices which enable all students to be engaged, resilient, self-motivated, successful learners.

**Strategic Direction 3:** Enhancing community engagement and participation by strengthening community relations and strategic support.

### Kindergarten 2015 Orientation

We will host our parents information session this evening starting at 6:30pm, topics on the agenda are; Best Start information, getting ready for school and an introduction to our Kindergarten team for 2015.

This will be followed next week by our Kinder Start program on Tuesday 25 November and 2 December and Thursday 27 November and 4 December. We look forward to meeting our new Kindergarten students and welcome our families to the Queanbeyan West Public School community. It's not too late to enrol your child for Kindergarten 2015!

### Day for Daniel

On Friday 31 October we wore red to support the Day for Daniel Initiative. The SRC raised \$278.60 for the foundation. Well done Queanbeyan West.

### Fete 2014

Thank you to our school community for your kind donations of items for our fete. Only 11 more sleeps until the great day, we've got jumping castles, slides, side show alley, books, trash and treasure, an amazing craft stall, kid's craft, popcorn, fairy floss, pet rocks, tattoos, tombola, hairspray, face painting, Devonshire teas, a dunking booth, a yummy cake stall, (I think that will be my first port of call!) and a huge plant stall.

Coming home this week will be a fete voucher for you to purchase, with some savings if pre-ordered.

**We are after, specifically, a couple of shade structures to cover the BBQ area, if you're able to help us out please contact the front office and leave your details.**

We are looking forward to a sensational day.

We are running a number of stalls that require a few donations from our school community. These items include:

Small wrapped chocolates or lollies for Stick Lotto  
Coloured hair spray; our Queanbeyan High School students will hold a coloured hairspray stall.

Hair ties, marbles, matchbox cars, coloured pencils, small toys, or items for Tombola Jars.

**We need jars of various shapes and sizes too.**

We are asking if families could **donate a non-perishable item** to be included in the Christmas Hamper which is one of the prizes in our raffle.

Items can include things like biscuits (sweet or savoury), chocolates, apple or cranberry sauce, pretzels, shortbread, plum pudding, Bon Bon's etc. Any donations will need to be handed into the Office by **Tuesday 25th November**. Thank you for your support!

- Don't forget plants for our Plant Stall – these can be brought in the week leading up to the Fete. (Please label your plants for easy identification)
- **Raffle tickets** have gone home for our Raffle to be drawn on Fete Day. We are asking that all raffle tickets and money be returned to the school by **Tuesday 25th November**. Extra books of raffle tickets are available at the front office for those who would like more.
- For those of you who are interested in helping out on Fete day, could you please return the note to school with your preferred times or contact the school by Tuesday 25th November. Any amount of time you can contribute would be greatly appreciated.
- We also need clean plastic shopping bags

All donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off at school or given to your child's teacher.

At the end of the Westerly are two copies of our Fete Flyer, we are asking that you cut them out and pass on to family members and friends to invite them to come to our fete – the more the merrier!

### **Friday 28 November - Student Leadership Speeches**

Our speeches for 2015 leadership positions will take place at 2:00pm in our Hall on Friday 28 November. Parents are welcome to attend.

Following the speeches all students Grade 2 to Grade 6 and staff get the opportunity to vote for 4 boys and 4 girls who they feel can carry out the roles for 2015.

As with any democratic voting procedure there will always unfortunately be some who cannot gain the position.

As stated in our student leadership policy, students Grade 2 - 6 and teachers across our school have one vote only. No one vote is worth more than another, including teachers.

I then collate all these votes and the results are presented to a staff meeting before the students are given the results on Presentation Day.

Good luck and best wishes to all who have decided to take on this challenge.

### **End of Year Reports**

Our teachers are finalising the student's end of year reports. These will be sent home on Wednesday 10 December. Please take the time to read your child's report with them and congratulate them on their efforts and discuss any areas of improvement in a positive way.

### **Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea**

Our annual 'Thank You Afternoon Tea' for parent helpers and volunteers will be held on Wednesday 10 December starting at 1.20pm in the Hall. Our staff will join us at 1.40pm to 2.00pm. This is our opportunity to say thank you for all your support throughout the year.

I look forward to catching up with many of you for a cuppa and a chat.

### **P&C Meeting**

Our last P&C Meeting for the year will be held Wednesday December 3 at 7pm in the staffroom. Even if you have not been to a P&C meeting before this year we welcome you to come along for the evening. We usually try and finish the meeting by 8.30pm. Please think about coming along. We love to see new faces.

### **Library Stocktake**

All library books need to be returned by **Tuesday 9 December 2014** so that we can begin our annual stocktake. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

## **END OF YEAR CONCERT Thursday 11 December 2014**



**Tickets available for sale - at the front office - \$5.00 per ticket.**

### **School Banking**

Wednesday 3 December will be the last day for school banking for this year.

Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal



**Queanbeyan West Public School**  
**Kindergarten 2015**  
**Parent Information Night**  
**Tonight - Tuesday 18 November 2014**  
**starting at 6.30pm in the School Library.**



Any enquiries phone: 6297 2020

**Women's Wellness Walk** - Wed 19 Nov - Meet **10:30am** at **Axis Youth Centre** for an **11am start** (PND Walk through town). Meeting back at Axis **12pm** for **sausage sizzle**, **mums massages**, **baby market**, and **activities for the kids**. Information about Post Natal Depression will also be available. **If you would like a free market stall please contact Brooke 6297 2167.**

**Festival of Ability** - 6 Dec 4-8pm Queanbeyan Town Park. Lots of fun for the whole family, bring your picnic rug and water bottle. Free children's activities - roving clown, jumping castle, face painting, glitter tattoos, games, cricket, and more. BBQ and live stage performances.



**DIARY DATES**

<b>18/11/14</b>	Kindergarten Parent Information Night - 6.30pm in Library
<b>25/11/14</b>	Kinder Orientation 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>27/11/14</b>	Kinder Orientation 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>29/11/14</b>	School Fete 10am - 2pm
<b>02/12/14</b>	Kinder Orientation 12.30pm-3.00pm
<b>03/12/14</b>	Last Day of School Banking for year
<b>03/12/14</b>	P&C Meeting
<b>04/12/14</b>	Kinder Orientation 12.30pm-3.00pm
<b>09/12/14</b>	All library books need to be returned to the Library
<b>09/12/14</b>	Presentation Day
<b>10/12/14</b>	Parent Helper Afternoon Tea - 1.20pm
<b>10/12/14</b>	Reports go home
<b>11/12/14</b>	End of Year Concert

**November 2014 Book Fair- Thank You**



Many thanks to all the parents, students and teachers who supported the fair by buying books and helping at the fair.

We raised approximately \$600 and students have selected many books from the book fair; including Adventure Time, Peppa Pig and more Minecraft books. The remaining money will go towards buying new shelving and to purchasing more popularly requested/borrowed books nominated by our students.

Congratulations to our \$10 book voucher winners: Valentina (3/4S), Tia (KC), Scott (KC), Zara (3/4T), Tom (1N) and to our poster winners: Olivia (KM), Eirini (2B), Milly (3/4T), Jasmine (4B) and Hector (4W). All students have received their back ordered books.

Chris Lumley  
Teacher Librarian



## National Museum

On Wednesday Year 1 and 2 of Queanbeyan West went to Australia National Museum.

When we got off the bus we went to get introduced to some people to help us if we needed it. After that we got divided into groups of 20 with our own teacher and then we went places.

We went outside and went inside a tunnel shaped like an ear and heard real birds. When we got out of the tunnel we looked at the giant map.

Soon after that we went back inside and went to see Phar Lap's heart. It was a bit gross and sad.

After that we went to the movie centre to watch an animal show. We didn't get to see all of it though because a lady got up and we had to go. At least we weren't late for lunch.

After lunch we had people to teach us about Aboriginal people and what tools they used like, boomerangs, spears and ochre.

My favourite part was that we watched some TV about people in the olden days. Then we had to get back on the bus and go back to school.

Ellie 2B



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