



# 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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### Whole School Tea Party

February is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness month and we'd like to hold QWPS biggest ever Teal Tea Party.

**What We Do?** Each child brings a cup cake or a piece of slice for themselves. You're invited too, come along and join the party.

**What We Wear?** Teal (green) and White and a hat

**Where?** Artificial grass area

**When?** Tuesday 25 February

**How?** We'll support this worthwhile cause by asking for a gold coin donation.

### Whole School Disco - Friday 28 February

Footsteps Dance Company will be coming to school on February 28 and will host a "Welcome Back to School" Disco during the day.

The Disco will be organised into 4x40 minute sessions. The cost will be \$2.00. A note will come home this week.

### Twilight Fair and Movie Night 28 March

This year the P&C have asked to combine the Fete with a movie night to be held on Friday the 28 March. We are looking forward to the excitement of the afternoon. At this stage we're asking that you save the date. The event will most likely start at 4:00pm with the Movie starting at 8:00pm. More details will be coming home soon.

### Scripture Classes

All Scripture classes commence on Wednesday 5 March. Children have been placed in classes based on last year's class groups and information provided by parents. We are most grateful to the team of visiting clergy and teachers who do such a great job. They are valued members of our QWPS community.

### Play Equipment – Before School

Please note that children are not to play on the fixed equipment under the Infants Cola before or after school. During recess and lunch breaks the play equipment is closely supervised by the teacher rostered on this duty.

### Parking

Due to the number of staff and limited spaces, not to mention student safety, we ask that no parent parks in the staff car park. We also request that you do not drop off or collect your child via the staff car park. We thank you for your cooperation. In the interests of student safety and community courtesy, we ask that you exercise extreme caution on the road and park

appropriately. If you can do so, please walk your child to/from school. If you must drive, please allow 5 extra minutes to find a parking space.

Parking Rangers are vigilant and will 'book' parents who break the law.

### A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child but it is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the school. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide to the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

### Newsletters

Newsletters are sent out every Tuesday with the eldest child and are posted on our website [www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) by Wednesday morning. Please read these newsletters, as important information can be found there and they remain on the internet all year for your reference. A school calendar will also be available soon.

### School a to z

School A to Z has a wealth of practical resources for parents and carers on attending a NSW public school and we encourage our parent community to this information-rich site.

You will find:

- Important general [frequently asked questions](#) for parents including links to enrolment information, term dates, the right school age and answers to questions on composite class. It

also includes resources for parents whose children are starting Kindergarten or transitioning to Year 7.

- A terrific [back to school checklist](#) for parents to use in preparing for the new school year.

### Nut-free Zone

I would like to remind our school community that there are a number of students who are allergic to nut products and may suffer an anaphylactic reaction (can be life threatening) even with the smell of peanut products let alone eating them. As a school we take our duty of care seriously, and ask that **NO NUT PRODUCTS (e.g. peanuts, peanut butter and nutella)** be brought to school. We ask that students don't share their food because of the number of students with food allergies.

### Homework and study planning

Most children find planning easier to understand when they have a visual representation of their day or week in front of them. Help your child learn to manage their daily tasks and responsibilities with this weekly schedule template.

*Weekly schedule template:*

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

### Jargon busters

Wanting to start the school year with clarity and wondering about the meaning of some of the school terminology? Here's a list of common abbreviations or terms to make the world inside the school gates seem a little more familiar. *School jargon buster:*

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

### School's back

Life seems to go from zero to 100 during the first few weeks of school. These parents have pooled their years of experience to bring you some suggestions to make the rest of the year run more smoothly. Good luck!

*Back to school checklist:*

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planningfor-the-future/back-to-school-checklist>

### Road safety tips

Kids can be easily distracted on busy roads. Here are some tips to help you show your child how to make safety a priority when they're near traffic.

Go to: <http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/>

### Staying in touch with the school

As a parent it's much easier to have difficult conversations about your child's behaviour with the teacher if you've established a relationship with them at the start of the year. Read this article or watch the video to hear teachers talk about the importance of staying in touch with your child's school.

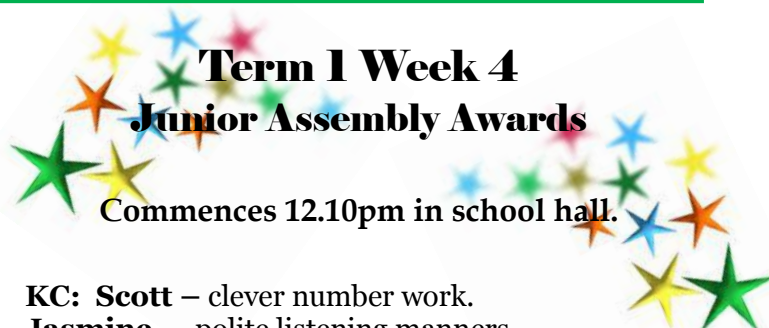
*Communicating with your school:*  
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>



Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21/02/14 District Swimming  
28/02/14 Clean Up Australia Day  
03/03/14 Enviro Matters Show (Free)  
04/03/14 School Photos  
05/03/14 Scripture starts  
05/03/14 P&C Annual General Meeting – 7pm  
10/03/14 Questacon Science Show (Free)



Commences 12.10pm in school hall.

**KC: Scott** – clever number work.

**Jasmine** – polite listening manners.

**KM: Alahana** – being a hard worker, who finishes every task.

**Jayden** – being a hard worker who finishes every task.

**K/1K: Drew** – fabulous listening and following instructions.

**Ethan** – trying hard at class tasks.

**1N: Thomas** – making a huge effort with all his work.

**Snezana** – trying hard with her writing.

**1T: Sienna** – excellent effort in spelling.

**Georgina** – for being a wonderful and co-operative student in 1T.

**1/2A: Bobby** – for always being an active listener.

**Latoya** – for fantastic application to all tasks.

**2B: Isabella** – being a caring and respectful class member with a fabulous attitude towards learning.

**Baltazar** – for using great thinking skills and having a fantastic attitude towards learning.

**2D: Tyler** – excellent effort with his work.

**Ella** – consistently following school values.

**K/6G: Blake** – for working hard in the mornings.

**Jasmine** – for working well in her reading group.

**K/6R: Jack** – for beautiful handwriting.

# Great Work!

## Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves Week 3 Term 1

**K-2:** Jason KM, Chloe 1N, Rayesha 1T,  
Blake 1/2A, Georgie 1/2A, Anthony  
K/6H

**3-6:** Sharon 3/4S, Jasper C 3/4T, Hector  
4W, Bradley 5S, Nerolea 5.6D, Anita 6R

### SCHOOL BANKING



This year we are all deep sea divers!!

Keep an eye out for the bright blue parent packs that will be coming home with your children, inside is a fantastic token tracking chart that your children can use to let them know when they have saved for a reward! Also a perforated rewards chart to let the children know what reward is available throughout the year.

School banking has been teaching children smart savings habits and life-long money skills for over 80 years by simply bringing their money in each week, as little as 5 cents!

As we are an underwater theme this year there are fantastic rewards which includes, penguin or shark plush toy key rings, whale pencil case, swimming bag, sea streamers to name a few.

Don't forget that your school earns commission thru the School Banking program with \$5.00 for every new child that joins through the school and 5% commission on all the children's deposits throughout the term.

Why not join in the fun at your school!!

School banking is done on a Wednesday and bank books with completed deposit slips and money are to be dropped in at the front office first thing in the morning as our banking volunteer starts early.  
Thanks

### **SICK BAY**

Basic first aid services are provided to our students each day as needed. Parents, if your child



has a pre-existing injury, please ensure that necessary strapping, dressings, creams and treatment are provided at home. As our resources are limited, students with more complex needs are referred on to parents. In an emergency an ambulance will be called.

Please let the office know if there are any changes to address, phone numbers and emergency contact details. We hope we do not need to contact you, but if we do, it's important we have your correct information.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**Tuesday 4 March 2013**

The Portrait Gallery will be taking our school photos this year. Information and envelopes were sent home today. If you did not receive one please contact the front office.

**Please note that envelopes and money do need to be returned to school before photo day to ensure an organised flow of photographed classes.**

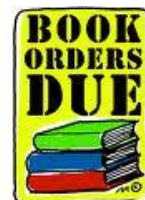
Thanks

### **Queanbeyan West PBS News**

At Queanbeyan West Public School, we are **safe, respectful and responsible learners!**

This week's focus area is: **RESPECT** your teachers, your school environment and your class mates.

## Book Club



**Book Club orders due back Thursday 20 February. No late orders after this date.**

Thanks

### **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.**







## 2014 Premier's Reading

We encourage all students to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The program fosters the enjoyment of reading and runs between the 1<sup>st</sup> of February and the 29 of August, 2014. Books read from September 1, 2013 count towards this year's challenge.

### Kindergarten to Year 2

Students will be doing the PRC with the help of their class teacher and Mr Lumley who will be reading books to them. We also encourage parents to get involved and help students to complete the Reading Challenge.

Students who are independent readers may wish to do the PRC by themselves or may read books from the 34PRC but they will need to talk to their class teacher or Mr Lumley.

### Students in Years 3- 6

All students can complete the PRC as there are books that cover a variety of reading levels and interests.

It is particularly important for students in Yr 3 not to miss this year as they will be eligible to earn a special PRC Reading medallion if they complete the PRC between Years 3- 9 inclusive.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have missed doing the PRC in one of these years won't be able to earn the PRC medallion but can still earn special certificates for completing the PRC each year. When they have completed the PRC for 4 years, they will receive a Gold Certificate and a Platinum Certificate for completing the PRC for 7 years.

All students completing the PRC will receive a certificate from the NSW Premier and their name will appear in the PRC Honour Roll. Students who are very good readers may choose to read books from the upper challenges, but they will need to speak to their class teacher or Mr Lumley, see chart below.

Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge, see table below:

Challenge	Number of books needed to complete the Challenge	Minimum number of PRC books for your Challenge	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklist selection
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

Students can record books read online after March 3, 2014  
<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html> by entering their school internet user name

and password. Paper forms are also available from Mr Lumley or can be printed from the PRC website. Students may choose to download the **PRC free application available for window 8 devices** with parental permission, from <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/more1.html>. The application is not yet available for apple devices such as iPads and iPhones.

For further information and book lists:

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html>

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

## Class Library Days

**Monday- 3/4T, 2B, K/1K, 5/6D, K/6R**

**Tuesday- 3/4S, 1T, 1N, KC, 2D**

**Wednesday- 4W, K/6G**

**Thursday- 5S, K.6H, 6R, 4B**

**Friday- 1/2A, KM**

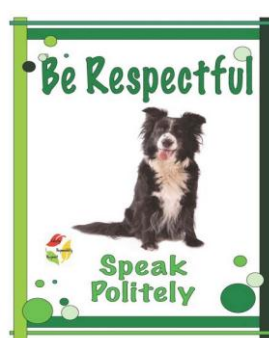
K-2 students should have their library bags when borrowing.

Library is open every second half of lunch.

Happy Reading

Mr Chris Lumley

Teacher Librarian



## Swimming Results 2014

### GIRLS

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Open 100m Freestyle	Kiara	Shania	Lacey	Ella
8 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Emily	Danielle	Jasmine	Ellie
9 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Ella	Anna	Emma	Mei
10 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Kiara	Georgia	Adrika	Charlotte
11 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Isabel	Bree	Jamaya	-
12 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Lacey	Kirsty	Georgia	Emma
Junior Breaststroke	Kiara	Georgia	Shania	Amy
11 Yrs Breaststroke	Jamaya	-	-	-
12/13 Yrs Breast	Lacey	Emma	Alexandra	-
Junior Backstroke	Kiara	Amy	Adrika	Shania
11 Yrs Backstroke	Isabel	Tiana	Bree	Molly
12/13 Yrs Back.	Kirsty	Georgia	Lacey	Emma
Junior Butterfly	Shania	Kiara	Georgia	Amy
11 Yrs Butterfly	-	-	-	-
12/13 Yrs Butterfly	Lacey	-	-	-
Junior Ind. Medley	Kiara	Adrika	Ella	Anna
Senior Ind Med	-	-	-	-
Junior Relay	Griffin	Hume	Throsby	Farrer
Senior Relay	Farrer	Hume	-	-

### BOYS

Open 100m Freestyle	Brad	Braeden	Cameron	Aiden
8 Yrs 50m Freestyle	-	-	-	-
9 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Michael	-	-	-
10 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Cameron	Isaac	Ryan	Ryan
11 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Brad	Jordan	Jack	Daniel
12 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Sam	Braeden	Huon	Aidan
13 Yrs 50m freestyle	Alex	-	-	-
Junior Breaststroke	Michael	Ryan	Ryan	Jack
11 Yrs Breaststroke	Brad	Jack	Luke	-
12/13 Yrs Breast	Braeden	Sam	Aidan	-
Junior Backstroke	Michael	Ryan	Jed	-
11 Yrs Backstroke	Brad	Jordan	Jack	Luke
12/13 Yrs Backstroke	Braeden	Sam	Aidan	Alex
Junior Butterfly	Ryan	-	-	-
11 Yrs Butterfly	Brad	Jack	Luke	-
12/13 Yrs Butterfly	Braeden	Sam	Aidan	Alex
Junior Ind. Medley	Michael	Ryan	-	-
Senior Ind. Med.	Brad	Braeden	Sam	Jack
Junior Relay	Farrer	Griffin/Throsby	Throsby/Hume	
Senior Relay	Farrer	Throsby	Griffin	Hume/Throsby/Farrer

**Junior Champion – Kiara and Michael**  
**11 Years Champion – Isabel and Brad**  
**12/13 Years Champion – Lacey and Braeden**

**Champion House - Farrer**



## SAFETY BOOKLET

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is committed to the Work Health & Safety of employees, students, contractors, volunteers and visitors.



For your safety and the safety of others, it is a condition of entry to this site that you take a few minutes to read this brochure.

## MANDATORY SITE REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ All visitors are required to report to the main office on arrival.
- ❖ Observe all parking and vehicular restrictions.
- ❖ Obey all safety signs and barricades.

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**VIOLENT, THREATENING OR OTHER UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR IS NOT TOLERATED ON NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES PREMISES.**

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- ❖ **SMOKING** is not permitted on DEC premises.
- ❖ **ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS** are not permitted on DEC premises.
- ❖ **WEAPONS**, including knives are not permitted on DEC premises.
- ❖ **Visitors, volunteers and Contractors** intending to bring **DANGEROUS GOODS AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES** on site must declare these at the main office prior to entering the site.
- ❖ **All HAZARDS AND INCIDENTS** must be reported to the main office.
- ❖ **INJURIES** will be recorded in the Register of Injuries.
- ❖ **FIRST AID** treatment is available on site.



## CONTRACTORS / VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

***Report to the Principal or  
Delegate to:***

- ❖ Indicate the location and duration of the job.
- ❖ Sign the School's Site Visit Log or Visitors Book and Induction Sheet.
- ❖ Advise the status of the job before leaving the site.
- ❖ Ensure no tools or hazardous materials are left behind in unsafe areas.

### ***All Contractors, Visitors & Volunteers must:***

- ❖ Produce a copy of their Safety Management Plan including use of personal protective equipment and controls for site specific hazards.
- ❖ Produce public liability insurance documentation before work is commenced.
- ❖ Complete a Prohibited Employment or Working With Children Declaration.

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In a life threatening emergency



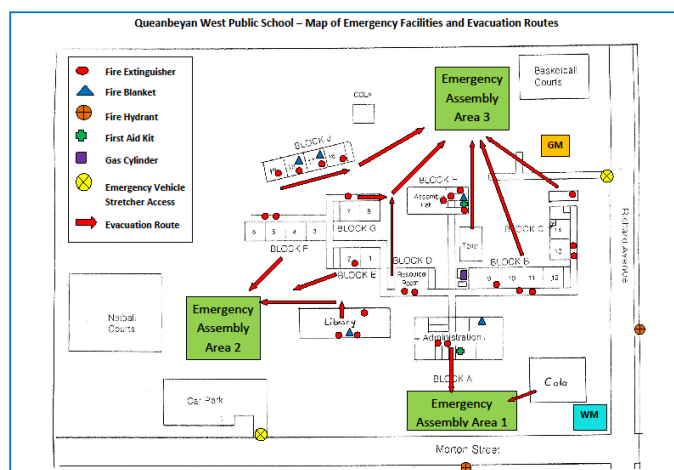
**In ALL cases, advise the Principal,  
Assistant Principals or School  
Administration Manager**



## EXITS

For your safety, make sure you know the location of your nearest exit and evacuation route.

## EVACUATION PROCEDURES MAP



## EVACUATION

- ❖ 5 bells
- ❖ Lock all doors and move to assembly point.
- ❖

## LOCKDOWN

- ❖ Continuous bell.
- ❖ Move to closest secure point (occupied classroom, office, hall, library).
- ❖ Ring office (6297 2020) to alert staff of your whereabouts.



We are very excited to announce that St Gregory's Queanbeyan youth leaders will be starting up a youth group named 'Impact'. The group will meet every Sunday at St Gregory's Hall. All children in

year 5 and 6 are very welcome to attend. It will have games, activities, talks, food, music, reflection and stacks of fun. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us:

Opening date: 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Time: 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Location: St Gregory's School hall, Molonglo Street Queanbeyan

Contact: Justin Uzabeaga/ Michelle Emmett

Phone: 0414 847 698

Email: stgyouthleaders@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ImpactT412>



**BUNGENDORE TIGERS  
JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB**  
**Monday, 24 February 2014 and**  
**Monday, 3, 10 & 17 March 2014**  
**Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore**  
**from 4.00-5.00pm**

*Tiny Tiggers introduces 4-6 year olds to the fun and skills of modified Rugby League and is run by a qualified Coach*

**FREE for all participants**

To register your Tigger's attendance, please contact the Club Registrar at [tigersregistrar@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tigersregistrar@optusnet.com.au)

We are a  goodSPORTS club



**Monaro Panthers Football Club** soccer registrations are now open ONLINE, closing date the 31 March 14. For more information on how to register

go to [www.monaropanthers.com.au](http://www.monaropanthers.com.au) under the registrations link.

### Schools as Community Centres News

**Basic English classes** are run at SaCC, in the grounds of Queanbeyan PS, on Fridays 9am-10am. Young children are welcome. Please ph. 6297 2167 for more information. The lessons are FREE.

**Queanbeyan Reading Tree** is on this Thursday 20 February, 1030am at Queanbeyan Town Park playground. Look for the colourful pillows. There will be stories for young children. For more information contact Brooke - 6297 2167

If you have never played cricket before or come from either an indigenous or multicultural background, you are invited to the Global Cricket Day on Sunday the 2nd of March 2014 from 10am at Boomanulla Oval, Narrabundah.



This is a FREE event where registered participants will receive a FREE cricket clinic, FREE cricket pack, FREE lunch and the chance to meet past and present cricket stars including Maximus Thunder! To register, 1) log onto [www.in2CRICKET.com.au](http://www.in2CRICKET.com.au) <<http://www.in2CRICKET.com.au>>, 2) enter the postcode 2604 and 3) select Global Cricket Challenge.

For more information, please contact Matthew on 0416 531 998 or [matthew.william@cricket.com.au](mailto:matthew.william@cricket.com.au)

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Macquoid Street  
Queanbeyan

**NEXT THURSDAY**  
**JUNIORS 6:15PM SENIORS 7:15PM**

For additional information call 0437 523 913  
or visit [www.nationalkarate.com.au](http://www.nationalkarate.com.au)

**Karabar Playgroup** is a playgroup for residents of Karabar and their children aged 0-5 yrs. Come along for stories, craft & playtime. The group runs on Fridays from 9.30 - 11.30am at 181 Cooma Road (Family Daycare playgroup room, near Karabar shops). For more information contact Brooke on 6297 2167