



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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On behalf of all the staff I would like to welcome you back to the new school year: a particular welcome to our new families who have joined us in 2014. I am looking forward to meeting with the school community over the coming weeks. I am very excited to be part of such a strong school community, as we work together to provide quality teaching and learning for our students

We look forward to another busy and productive year of successful endeavour and achievement as a school community of students, staff and parents.

I believe we have worked hard to ensure our students start the year in a settled and calm manner. Our structure will depend on how many new enrolments and how many unexpected leavers we have this year. I've enrolled 20 students from Tuesday to Friday last week. The first week back at school can be a very demanding time for parents, students and staff and from time to time students may be moved for educational reasons or a restructure. We will endeavour to keep disruptions to a minimum and get 2014 underway. We will commence the year with the classes below and there will be changes as numbers are finalised and class composition is reviewed. We will keep you informed!

Queanbeyan West PBS News

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

This week's focus area is the Assembly Lines & Gates

Our staff and class structure are listed below as of today's figures.

Mrs Vicki Muscat – Principal
Mrs Suzanne Baxter – Senior Administration Manager
Mrs Deidre Gisik – Administration Officer
Mrs Trish Clark – Administration Officer

Mr David Rowley – General Assistant 7 days a fortnight

Mr Christopher Lumley – Librarian and Information Technology

Mrs Beverly Henman – Learning and Support Teacher

Mrs Janet Forster – Learning and Support Teacher

Ms Catherine Wardlaw – Reading Recovery and Release from Face to Face

Ms Angela Ramage – English as a Second Language and Release from Face to Face

Mr Patrick Doswell – Information Technology

Pastor Mat Chivers – Chaplain

Mrs Karen Halloran - School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Therese Richards - School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Brony Gattringer - School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Sam Gisik - School Learning Support Officer

Mrs Tracey Mitchell – School Learning Support Officer

Support Classes

K/6 R – Mrs Sarah Rudolph - Assistant Principal;
Mrs Marie Rowley – School Learning Support Officer

K/6H – Mrs. Elizabeth Holland; Mrs Leanne Pollard - School Learning Support Officer

K/6G – Mrs Margareta Gibson; Mrs Charmaine Szeremet - School Learning Support Officer

Early Stage 1

K/1K – Mrs Kylie Kenyon – Assistant Principal

KC – Mrs Cheryl Dalgleish

KM – Mrs Belinda Moss

Stage 1

1T – Miss Katie Thompson

1N – Mrs Amanda Nolan

1/2A – Miss Susanne Armistead

2D – Mrs Kirsty Daisley - Assistant Principal

2B – Mrs Caroline Bedin

Stage 3

3/4T – Mrs Vicki Turner

3/4S – Mrs Helen Smith

4B – Ms Carlyn Bladen – Assistant Principal

4W – Miss Leanne Wade

5S – Mr Nathan Sedunary

5/6D – Mrs Gayle Doyle

6R – Ms Cathryn Rodgers

ANAPHYLAXIS (Nuts, Eggs, Dairy, Sesame)

Allergic reactions are becoming more prevalent and can be life threatening to some people. Some students are very allergic to peanuts and have additional allergies to egg and dairy products.

We have students and staff who have nut, egg, sesame and dairy allergies.

What does this mean for us? To minimise the risk of contact with these foods we ask for your cooperation by **NOT** sending your child to school with: peanut butter, nutella or other nut spreads. Also avoid muesli bars, cakes, biscuits and slices that contain nuts. Lastly, please avoid whole nuts or similar combinations with dried fruits as snack food for your child. Even if your child enjoys these foods for breakfast make sure he/she washes his/her hands before coming to school.

If your child has one of these products in their lunch box, parents will be contacted.

We understand these requests could cause some inconvenience, but also know that if your child was diagnosed with anaphylaxis you would very much appreciate our support.

Kindergarten 2014

The class of 2014 slipped into the school yesterday with barely a squeak. The children arrived, bright and shiny, ready to start their educational journey. The NSW Government's "Best Start" program will continue to take place this week. Mrs Kenyon, Mrs Moss and Mrs Dalgleish will work individually with each student to gather data and information on their level of learning and then design individual programs to address gaps and provide extension and growth learning activities.

Bell times this year

Morning Supervision 8.45am

Morning Session 9.15am – 11:15am

Break 1 (Lunch Eating) 11.15am - 11.25am

Break 2 (1st Play) 11.25am – 11:45am

Break 3 (2nd Play) 11.45am – 12:10pm

Middle Session 12:10pm – 1:40pm

Recess 1:40pm – 2:00pm

Last Session 2:00pm – 3:15pm

End Of school day 3.15pm

FRUIT BREAK

At 10:00am until 10:15am **ALL** students K-6 will all participate in **FRUIT BREAK**.

Students will get their fresh fruit, vegetables and water to crunch and sip while reading or working on normal classroom activities. Students without fresh snacks will just work through. Please remember when packing fresh fruit and vegetables

they need to be small and simple items to enable students to be able to keep working and learning through this time.

Some popular items already have been carrot and celery sticks, strawberries, cut up orange, watermelon pieces, apple pieces, grapes and mandarins.

Larger apples and oranges are difficult for the children to get through in this period of time.

SECURE INTERNET ACCESS AND EMAIL

Students are provided with an Internet and email account to enable learning opportunities in a protected and secure environment. Students must abide by the school's policy when using the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) Internet and email services.

Parents will need to inform the school in writing if they do not want their child to have access to the NSW DEC Internet and email facility.

PHOTOGRAPHS AT SCHOOL

Taking photographs of students can constitute a collection of their personal information. Occasionally photographs are taken of individual students and classes of students at school.

Parents will need to inform the school in writing if they do not wish their child to be photographed under any circumstances.

EMAILING THE NEWSLETTER

We are trying to create a paperless newsletter during 2014 at Queanbeyan West Public School by distributing the weekly newsletter via email.

In order to achieve this we must have our records up to date with your email address. If we do not have your email address, please send a request to **queanbeyaw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au**.

You will continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter during Term 1. Once this has been done the newsletter will be sent out electronically and is always available on the website.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Once again, it is coming close to the Annual Swimming Carnival. This year it will be held at Queanbeyan Pool on Monday 10 February.

Students from Years 3 to 6 will be attending. Permission notes have been given out with more details.

In addition, we will be taking any 8 year old participants from Year 2 who are in squad or are strong swimmers and can swim 50m unaided.

No photographs of students other than your own are to be taken.

All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL WEBPAGE

Don't forget the Queanbeyan West Public School Webpage has an up-to-date calendar providing you with essential dates for the remainder of this year. Make sure you have a look at: www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a school uniform, approved by our parent body, and it is expected that students will wear it every school day. Our uniform is Green or Grey shorts (boys summer) green skirt or skort (girls summer) Green or Grey pants (winter) and a Gold shirt, enclosed black shoes or sport sneakers. A green brimmed hat, **not baseball caps** – these provide **no cover** for ears, the side of the face and necks.

A "No hat, play in the shade" policy is in operation, and we recommend sunscreen be placed on students before coming to school. **Teachers do not apply sunscreen to students at school.**

Student Dates - School Terms 2014

Term One

Wednesday 29 January – Friday 11 April

Term Two

Tuesday 29 April – Friday 27 July

Term Three

Tuesday 15 July – Friday 19 September

Term Four

Tuesday 7 October – Wednesday 17 December

School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year.

APPROACHING YOUR SCHOOL

All parents and community members must enter the school through the front office.

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- ✓ Discuss the progress or welfare of own child;
- ✓ Express concern about actions of other students;
- ✓ Enquire about school policy or practice;
- ✓ Express concern about actions of staff.

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained.

The best results are usually achieved from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- ✓ Provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner;

- ✓ Ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld;
- ✓ Support sensitivity and confidentiality;
- ✓ Help reach an agreed solution.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

Note: No parent should directly approach another child.

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of own child	Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of own child	For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information. For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher, grade supervisor (Assistant Principal) or the Principal. To convey information about change of address, telephone numbers, emergency contact details, custody orders, health issues, please contact the office.
Actions of other students	Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. Contact the grade supervisor (Assistant Principal) for playground problems.
School policy or practice	Contact front office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to the Principal.
Actions of a staff member	Contact the front office and state concerns to Principal. Arrange to meet with the Principal and staff member concerned.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



P&C News

The first meeting of the Queanbeyan West Public School Parents and Citizen's Association for 2014 will held this **Wednesday (5th February)** in the Staff Room beginning at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.

The aim of the P&C is to contribute to the life of the school and the opportunities that are offered to students. It also provides parents with a forum to discuss the needs of the school community and an opportunity to make a difference in the learning outcomes for all children.

The P&C supports the Queanbeyan West Public School community through its involvement in a range of activities. These include representation at ceremonial or special occasions and events at the school, fundraising activities, organising Disco's, maintaining a clothing pool of second

hand uniforms which are available for sale throughout the year as well as running the canteen.

All members of the school community are welcome and encouraged to participate in the P&C meetings and activities. Being a member of the P&C doesn't mean that you are required to attend all meetings and events or raise funds for the school. Every single contribution of time or resources, no matter how big or small is valued and appreciated.

The P&C meets on the first Wednesday of the month (during school terms) at 7 pm in the Staff Room. Our second meeting for the year is also our AGM and will be held on 5th March. At this meeting all committee positions are elected and membership is renewed. This meeting is followed straight after by a general meeting. ***If you wish to be able to vote at the AGM, it is important that you attend the meeting in February so that you can become a member of the P&C (which is a subscription fee of \$1).***

Please come along and take an active part in your child's fantastic school. We look forward to meeting you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

05/02/14 P&C Meeting – 7pm
10/02/14 School Swimming Carnival
11/02/14 2nd hand School Uniform Stall
12/02/14 School Banking Begins
21/02/14 District Swimming
03/03/14 Enviro Matters Show (Free)
10/03/14 Questacon Science Show (Free)

Queanbeyan District Basketball Association

Payment, Team Nomination & Information Night
Thursday 6th February 2014

Time: 5-7pm

At: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium

New players welcomed

For more information email

Rosie Buchanec - Kindy-Yr2, Yr 3-4 and Yr 5-6 Social Competition

E:pete35@tpg.com.au<mailto:pete35@tpg.com.au>

Carole - High School and Men/Women's Social Competition E:cjduvall@hotmail.com

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.



2nd Hand School Uniform Stall

Tuesday 11 February 2014

8.45am – 9.15am

To be held near the Junior playground area.
If you can help out or would like to donate any outgrown items of school uniform please
phone Solita on: 0435 734 937



RECRUITING NOW

QUHC caters for the interests of women, men, girls and boys of all ages and abilities, from beginners to veterans, social to the elite.

Registration Days

Saturday 1st Feb. – 9.00 am to 4.00 pm

Sunday 2nd Feb. – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

At Riverside Plaza, Queanbeyan

Or via our website: www.quhc.com.au

HookIn2Hockey Program

The HookIn2Hockey program is an introduction to hockey that teaches basic hockey skills through a series of game-like activities that promote fun and participation.

The program is designed for both girls and boys aged between 6 to 12 years (primary school) and 13 to 16 years (high school).

Every Saturday from 8th Feb. to 1st Mar.

Between 9.30 am to 11.00 am

Steve Mauger Oval, Thornton Rd, Qbn

\$50.00 per participant includes a hockey stick, shin pads and a ball

Further Information

For further information about QUHC please visit our website www.quhc.com.au or contact Tracey on 0419 428 013.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation – Yr 3 Children

Parents are reminded to register their child for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation before 21 February 2014.

This can be done by logging on to the parish website at <http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sacred-room/sacraments/first-reconciliation/>. Payment can be made via the online payment option also at the website. Please call the parish office on 62994611 if you have any queries regarding the matter. Thank you.

School Banking

School Banking will commence next Wednesday 12 February. 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

School Swimming Carnival 2014

Monday 10 February

Cost: \$6.00 for pool entry and bus.

Permission notes and money to class teachers please.