



The Westerly

Queanbeyan West Public School



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

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Education Week

2014 marks the 60 Anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress.

The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: "Lighting the Way to a Better World", and is being used as the 2014 Education Week theme.

At Queanbeyan West Public School this is not only embedded in our very culture, but also demonstrated by our students, staff and parents on a daily basis. Queanbeyan West Public School is a school built on a strong tradition of excellence and values. We provide innovative and exciting learning opportunities for all students in a caring learning environment. Our school remains at the forefront of education ensuring that our teachers are up to date with current philosophies, methodologies and technologies through continual professional and personal learning.

We will be celebrating Education Week by opening our doors and welcoming in our community to show off our wonderful students and their achievements. Open Day will be on **Tuesday 29 July**. Parents are invited to visit classrooms from **12:45pm – 1:40pm**, followed by afternoon tea with your child, you are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and some nibbles.

School plan -2015 - 2017

As part of our 2015-2017 planning process we will be gaining information regarding the participation of family and community within our school. Your input into the planning process is important to us. Our school plan for 2012 - 2014 is continually being reviewed and I am pleased to say we have achieved the vast majority of intended outcomes for this period. There are some things that will carry over into the next three year planning phase. Priorities also need to be set for new initiatives we can address during the next three years.

As part of this process I am seeking your help. With the development of a new school plan we need to ensure all stakeholders in our school have some input into the selection of priorities. This would also include consultation with the wider community. To ensure this consultative approach takes place I would like to form a small but dedicated team to

analyse needs for our school and assist with planning strategies to address these needs. This team will not only be part of the planning process but part of the evaluation process as well. I have some ideas where I see a need for growth but next term all families will have the opportunity to make suggestions for our planning team to consider. If you would like to be part of this team please contact me via email or post, by the end of next week.

Being involved on this planning team will entail attendance at some daytime meetings and a commitment to be involved throughout the implementation of the plan would be highly desirable. Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.

2015 Kindergarten Enrolments.

Kindergarten students wanted for 2015 – No experience necessary!

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2015. Now is a great time to contact the school, drop into the office or give us a call on 6297 2020. To be eligible to enrol for Kindergarten next year, children must turn 5 by 31 July 2015. When enrolling your little boy or girl, our friendly office staff will also need to sight and copy proof of birth and immunisation details.



Staff



are on duty at 8:45am

Classes start at



9:15am

and finish at 3:15pm.



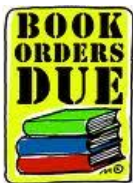
Advertising in the School's Newsletter

From time to time private and non-profit organisations ask us to put an advertisement into the Westerly. We will, at times publish this request, however it should be noted that we do not support or endorse these products, events or services.

Performing Arts Festival

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the District Performing Arts Festival being held at the Canberra Theatre on Thursday 31 July and Friday 1 August. Ring the Canberra Theatre on 6275 2700.

Book Club



Ashton Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to school by Thursday 31 July. No late orders accepted. Thank you



Queanbeyan Local AECG meeting

- ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND -

Membership \$2 per year

Wednesday 23rd July

Queanbeyan West Public School -

(Morton Street) - 4:00pm – 5:00pm.

Discussing issues: OCHRE policy, Working with

Children's Check in respect to schools, AECG

Youth, NAIDOC Awards night review

Enquiries: your local school Principal or

linda.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au (President)

gaye.furey2@det.nsw.edu.au (Secretary)

A huge, thank you, to community and parents for assisting us with our wood last Saturday. My appreciation also extends to Ms Stephanie Payne, Mr Doug Sawtell, Mrs Solita Brennan and Mrs Marcia Pius.

This wood will be used in a raffle during our Fete in November and will also be used in our garden. This wood is not for sale or available to the public. **Please assist me by notifying the school if you notice unauthorised personnel moving this wood.**

Peer Support

We are starting Peer Support this week. The whole school participates in this program for 30 minutes per week. Two Year 6 Peer Leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 students from Kindergarten through to Year 5, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher supervises up to 3 groups in a different classroom. The module "Being Positive" equips students with the ability to deal with difficult experiences. The module runs for 8 sessions.

Today's session was about getting to know everyone in the group, agreeing how to work together and interacting cooperatively with others. We recommend that you talk to your child about Peer Support every week, as it helps to reinforce the concepts introduced in each lesson.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



DIARY DATES

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| 23/07/14 | Disco |
| 24/07/14 | District Athletics |
| 25/07/14 | Junior (12.10pm)& Senior (2pm) Assemblies |
| 28/07/14 | Education Week begins |
| 29/07/14 | Open Day – 12.30pm |
| 29/07/14 | UNSW English Competition |
| 31/07/14 | Performing Arts Festival |
| 01/08/14 | Performing Arts Festival |
| 15/08/14 | Book Character Parade for Book Week |
| 18/08/14 | Book Fair Begins |
| 21/08/14 | K-2 Town Library visit |

SCHOOL DISCO!



tomorrow Wednesday 23 July

Theme: Pyjamas or Dress Ups

\$2 entry fee

K-2: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

3-6: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Canteen will be operating.



Junior Assembly Awards

Term 3 Week 2

Commences 12.10pm in the hall.

KC: Cody – a great start at QWPS.

Bryce – staying on task.

Hadia – trying hard in writing.

KM: Luay – terrific work in all areas.

Jayden – improvement in writing.

Alahana – good work in literacy.

K/1K: Ethan – staying on task and contributing to group tasks.

Max – displaying school values at all times.

Nawal – displaying sound recall of number facts to 20.

1N: Joshua – applying the school values to all his actions.

Anna – taking responsibility for her learning during groups.

Stephanie – taking responsibility for her learning during groups.

Luke – for taking responsibility for his learning during groups.

1T: Sienna – excellent work in the engine room.

Monique – wonderful effort in comprehension.

Beau – for consistent effort in the classroom.

1/2A: Du – for a sensible and hard working start to the new term.

Zoey – for great improvements and hard work in maths.

Matilda – excellent focus and reading in the engine room.

2B: Riley – for his excellent efforts in reading and spelling.

Muhammad – for excellent results in spelling and consistently demonstrating school values.

Ellie – for being a maths whizz and a spelling superstar.

2D: Molly – settling in well to her new school. Welcome to QWPS.

Flynn – showing increased independence in his learning.

Ashley – showing confidence in the classroom.

K/6H: Ryan – for being a friendly co-operative student.

Senior Assembly Awards

Commences 2.10pm in school hall

3/4S: Brayden – super effort and participation in vocabulary lesson.

Joshua – settling well in class.

Mazaya – welcome to QWPS.

3/4T: Brock - trying to improve in all areas.

Sadman – working well in spelling.

Nathan – conscientious effort.

4B: Rohan – making a great improvement.

Sarah – conscientious effort.

Andrew – enthusiastic attitude.

4W: Hector – for an excellent NAIDOC speech at our NAIDOC Week Assembly.

Chloe – for an excellent NAIDOC speech at our NAIDOC Week Assembly.

5S: Jessica – for a terrific start at a new school.

Rorie – excellent behaviour in the classroom.

Raj – awesome work with his PEG spelling.

5/6D: Jordan – for rising to responsibility.

Molly – applying herself to her work.

6R: Joshua – for always meeting challenges with determination.

Luke – working independently with great success.

Congratulations

Library News!

Book Week Celebrations

Book Character Parade

Friday 15 August

Book Week Theme: “Connect to Books”

All students may dress up as their favourite book character and make a sign (A4 size) showing the following details: Book title, Author, Illustrator (optional), Characters Name and two adjectives to describe their character.



Book Characters

Props such as swords that could possibly injure others should be left at home.

Students not wishing to dress up may draw/paint a poster-sized picture of their character and attach their sign to it. Mr Lumley will be discussing this with students during library lessons this week.

Book Fair

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Catch the reading bug!

Beginning Monday 18 August



Kindergarten to Year 2 Excursion to the Town Library
Thursday 21 August 2014. More details to follow.

Premier's Reading Challenge:

it's not too late to start....but time is running out. Students need to have their signed reading records completed by August 22 and handed to Mr Lumley.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2014-15

P&C are running a fundraiser with the sale of Entertainment Books. **The books are now available to purchase at the front office for \$60.** Great savings to be made.

Riverside Plaza wants you to help share the warmth this winter

Wanting some more space in the wardrobe? Got some extra clothes that you don't wear anymore? Now's the perfect time for a winter clean out as Riverside Plaza is once again hosting 'Share the Warmth' & we need your help!

We need you to help us collect warm winter clothing & blankets to give those in need some extra layers through the chillier months. Last year we collected more than 80 collection bags & this year we'd love to collect even more.

Riverside Plaza Centre Manager, Virginia Dobos is pleased to see Share the Warmth back for another year: 'We were overwhelmed with the level of support shown last year. Our customers are always quick to rally for a cause like this & we hope they'll help us share the warmth again this year.'

Until August 10th, we'll have donation sites set up in-centre.

Items can be donated at the following locations around Riverside Plaza:

- Opposite Sanity
- Millers
- Queanbeyan City Travel
- Linda's Alterations

We'll be working with the local charity branches of Anglicare, St Vincent de Paul & The Salvation Army to redistribute the items collected.

Plus the sharing doesn't stop there, for every item donated, complete an entry form to go in the draw to win one of ten \$50 gift cards.

For more information, check out our website www.riversideplaza.com.au or contact centre management on 6299 2466

Schools as Community Centres

Boxshotz Photo Day will be held Sat 9th Aug at the Queanbeyan Schools as Community Centres. All funds raised will go to SaCC. Book your photo session for \$20 which includes a 20x25cm print -

phone Kidzshotz 1300 162 856. More info kidzshotz.com



After School Auskick

The NAB Auskick program offers the chance to learn all the skills of AFL in a fun and safe environment!

| Centre | Queanbeyan |
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| Who | Boys and Girls aged 5-10 years |
| When | Thursdays, 31 July – 11 September |
| Where | Steve Mauger Oval, Thornton Road, QBN |
| Time | 3.45pm – 4.45pm |
| Cost | \$70 per child (includes Auskick Backpack) or \$30 per child (if already done an Auskick program in 2014) |
| Contact | Steve Camp – 0423 074 609 |
| | Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au Using 2620 postcode or registrations can be done at first 2 sessions |

REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be between 1 July – 28 July 2014. Paperwork can be downloaded from the parish website at:

<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sac-red-room/sacraments/confirmation/> and returned to the parish office or via email at - stg.sacramental@cg.catholic.org.au

Your child must have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist before they can be confirmed.

Payment can be made via the online payment option at the website. Please call the parish office if you have any questions regarding this Sacrament.