



# 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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We are only 2 weeks into a new term and we have certainly hit the ground running. Aside from the many day to day programs and events taking place at our school, staff began the process, yesterday, of looking at how we operate, what we do well and how we can improve what we do at our school. As Principal, I am passionate about finding the best programs and resources available to meet the needs of our students. The teachers are committed to providing a high quality education for each and every child that attends Queanbeyan West Public School.

One of the key tasks for the remainder of the year, as mentioned last week, will be to develop a new 3 year plan for our school. This is always an exciting time – a time that offers new opportunities and challenges. I am confident that, as a school, we are well equipped for the journey ahead. From the start of this week a random sample of parents will be phoned by our staff so that we can ask you 4 or 5 questions about our school. Please take a few minutes to talk to us, your opinions are important to us and will form part of our Strategic School Plan.

This term we will be providing a number of opportunities for parents to visit our school for important events like the Book Week Character Parade, Education Week celebrations and our Performing Arts Dance Groups performance at the Canberra Theatre. A great deal of effort has gone into ensuring these events are interesting and relevant for parents and that they feel welcome.

### Peer Support

We continue our Peer Support sessions this week with a new module *Being Positive* which focuses on optimism. The experiences presented in the module help young people develop skills to approach life optimistically and to develop resilience when faced with challenges. In this session each group will review their group agreements so they can keep working well together. Children will practise ways of communicating ideas effectively and discuss qualities found within a good friend. You might like to discuss with your child what they can do this week to practise being a good friend.

### Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

### Pavers

Queanbeyan West Public School is embarking on a paver fundraising project this term and invites you to participate in this event.

By purchasing a paver for as little as \$40.00 (single paver) \$70.00 (double paver), your name or message will be engraved into a paver and then laid as a lasting record in Queanbeyan West Public School's history. This area will become an enduring link between the past, present and future, including essential partnerships with the wider community which makes our great school what it is today.

A walkway is to be constructed from the bus gate up to the path leading to the front Office. This walkway will consist of pavers that have details of both past and present students, families and staff.

To be part of this walkway, a paver can be purchased for \$40.00 or \$70.00 a double. This includes a personalised engraved paver as well as supporting the construction of the walkway.

For every paver ordered an order form is required for each one to ensure all details are correct for the engraving. An order form will be coming home next week.

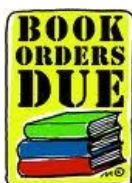
### Performing Arts Festival

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.

Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal



## Book Club



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

	DIARY DATES
28/07/14	Education Week begins
29/07/14	UNSW English Competition
31/07/14	Performing Arts Festival
01/08/14	Performing Arts Festival
08/08/14	Junior & Senior Assemblies
12/08/14	UNSW Maths Competition
15/08/14	Book Character Parade for Book Week
18/08/14	Book Fair Begins
21/08/14	K-2 Town Library visit

### Kinder Enrolments 2015

We are presently accepting Kinder enrolments for 2015. Enrolment application forms are available from the school front office.



# 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.

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.** Notes going home today.

## 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.

## Congratulations to:

**James Panozzo 1/2A, Ethan Starr 2B and Ritik Sharma 3/4S** who have completed their Premier's Reading Challenge 2014.

### 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.



**Sibling Family Photos may be viewed at the Front Office, \$8 each photo and all money goes directly into school funds.**



### 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.riversideplaza.com.au) or contact centre management on 6299 2466

### Schools as Community Centres

**Boxshotz Photo Day** will be held Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://kidzshotz.com)

A Toddler Emotional Wellbeing workshop will be held Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Aug from 10am-12pm at Barnardos. Places are limited – bookings essential. This is an information session for parents, carers & teachers about understanding & supporting toddlers to cope with big emotions. Contact Brook 6297 2167 to book your place.

### **EDUCATION WEEK – OPEN CLASSROOMS**