



# 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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Welcome to the 2015 school year! Welcome back to our many returning students and families, and a warm welcome to our new students and their families. Today, we will also welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families. We are excited and look forward to sharing this year with you all.

### Class and Staff Information

To accommodate ongoing growth in student enrolment numbers; **new class groupings for this year have not yet been finalised.** All students have moved to their 2015 classes, however your child may not remain in this class until: our enrolment numbers have stabilised, the exact number of classes our school is eligible to form has been determined and all staff have been confirmed to the school through the Department of Education and Communities mandatory staffing processes. **As we are required to maintain enrolments for five consecutive days, if a restructure is required this will happen by next Friday 6 February.** *Please note: the teacher, class and classroom your child is currently with may not be their 2015 teacher or class.*

**There will also be an opportunity on Wednesday 11 or Thursday 12 February (Week 3) or Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 February to meet with our teachers.** The details will be communicated next week for your information.

The Australian Curriculum, in the “Shape of the Australian Curriculum”, recognises that teachers and schools are best placed to make decision about how to organise learning. In many schools there are students at multiple year levels in one classroom and challenges may arise when teachers have to consider the year level structure of the Australian Curriculum when working with these classes. Whatever the arrangement used to group students, every classroom has a diverse range of students in terms of their prior knowledge, interests, abilities and aspirations. Teachers, therefore, need to design learning experiences based on the information in these guidelines to

provide opportunities that engage, challenge and support this diversity of students. This is the case whether the classroom consists of Kindergarten to Year 6 students; whether there are two consecutive year levels, such as Years 3/4 or 5/6; or whether the classroom is made up of students from the same year level.

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

Mrs Vicki Muscat – Principal  
Mrs Suzanne Baxter – Senior Administration Manager  
Mrs Deirdre 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  
Ms Cathryn Rodgers – Information Technology  
Pastor Mat Chivers – Chaplain  
Mrs Therese Richards - Learning and Support Officer  
Mrs Brony Gattringer - Learning and Support Officer  
Mrs Tracey Mitchell – Learning and Support Officer  
Mrs Sam Gisik - Learning and Support Officer  
Mr Scott Russell – Learning and Support Officer  
**Support Classes**  
K/6 R – Mrs Sarah Rudolph - Assistant Principal;  
Mrs Marie Rowley – Learning and Support Officer  
K/6H – Mrs Elizabeth Holland; Mrs Leanne Pollard - Learning and Support Officer  
K/6B – Mrs Callie Bolitho; Mrs Charmaine Szeremet - Learning and Support Officer  
**Early Stage 1**  
KC – Mrs Cheryl Dalglish  
K/1K – Mrs Kylie Kenyon – Assistant Principal

KM - Mrs Belinda Moss

### **Stage 1**

1N – Mrs Amanda Nolan

1T – Miss Katie Thompson

2B – Mrs Caroline Bedin

2D– Mrs Kirsty Daisley - Assistant Principal

2P – Mr Patrick Doswell

### **Stage 2 and 3**

3T – Mrs Vicki Turner

3U – Mr Darran Upton

3/4B – Ms Carlyn Bladen – Assistant Principal

4/5W – Miss Leanne Wade

5B – Mr Matthew Bryce

5/6S – Mr Nathan Sedunary

5/ 6R – Mr Shawn Rudolph

### **An Allergy Aware School**

#### **Queanbeyan West Public School is an “Allergy Aware” school.**

Some students and staff are highly allergic to nuts and nut products. If they come into contact with these foods they will have an anaphylactic reaction, which can be life threatening. We have students and staff who have been medically diagnosed with anaphylaxis. The school has a number of strategies to help provide a safe and supportive environment for our students at risk of an anaphylactic reaction, including seeking community support. We request parents do not send peanut butter, Nutella and similar spreads, or whole nuts to school. We provide support to all students and staff to be aware of a nut allergy, and their contribution to providing a safe environment *including not sharing or touching others’ food. At lunch and recess time, all students will clean their hands with hand wash. If your child brings nut products to school you will be contacted. We appreciate your support and know that you too care that our school is a safe environment for all children and staff.*

### **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.

This year, under the Curriculum and Activities Tab, you’ll find the notes sent home with your child.

Make sure you have a look at:

[www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### **Kindergarten 2015**

The class of 2015 slipped into the school today 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

10:00am – Fruit Break

Break 1 (Lunch Eating) 11.15am - 11.25am Break 2

(1<sup>st</sup> Play) 11.25am – 11:45am Break 3 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Swimming Carnival – Monday 9 February**

Once again, it is coming close to the Annual Swimming Carnival. This year it will be held at Queanbeyan Pool on Monday 9 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.

### **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.

### **Parents and Citizens**

The first meeting of the Queanbeyan West Public School Parents and Citizen's Association for 2015 will be held this **Wednesday 4 February**, in the Staff Room beginning at 7pm. 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 at times 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 7pm in the Staff Room. Our second meeting for the year is also our AGM and will be held on Wednesday 4 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.

Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal



### **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand School Uniform Stall**

**Wednesday 4 February 2015**

**8.45am – 9.15am**

**To be held near the Junior playground  
area.**

Kindergarten students enjoying their first day!

**School Banking** will commence next Wednesday 11 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

### **Class Library Days**

**Monday- 4/5W, 5/6S, 1T**

**Tuesday- 2B, 3U, KC, 3T**

**Wednesday- K/6B, K/6R, K/1K, 2D**

**Thursday- 5/6R, 2P, 1N, 3/4B**

**Friday- K/6H, KM, 5B**

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

Library is open every second half of lunch, except Monday and every morning except Thursday.

The Library needs some books covered; it would be great if you are able to help. Please phone Trish at school on: 6297 2020

Mr Chris Lumley  
Teacher Librarian

### **BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM for QBN West Primary.**

**Situated in school hall.** Bookings being taken for 2015. Limited spaces, book now, excellent program, new kindies welcome!

Healthy afternoon tea, homework club, arts/crafts program, outdoor sports, active sports program, games/toys, Childcare Benefit and Rebate available. Before school care includes breakfast. 7-9am 3.15-6pm daily each term.

Register now!! 0414607396

Email: [schoolsout@netspeed.com.au](mailto:schoolsout@netspeed.com.au)

[www.schoolsoutcare.com.au](http://www.schoolsoutcare.com.au)

Thankyou - Neil woods 0414607396

### **Queanbeyan Royals Netball Club**

Royal Netball Club is looking for players of all ages, juniors and seniors to join our club. Competition starts 21 March. For Registration details and more information please contact Christine or Melissa Hill on: 6297 8509

### **Queanbeyan District Basketball**

Enrolment/Payment Night

Term 1 Social Basketball

Day/Date: Wednesday 4th February 2015

Time: 5-7pm

Venue: Basketball Stadium-Cnr Southbar & Cooma St

For further information:

[www.foxsportspulse.com](http://www.foxsportspulse.com) <<http://www.foxsportspulse.com>>

or

Contact Rosie E: [pete35@tpg.com.au](mailto:pete35@tpg.com.au)

Grades- Kindergarten to Year 6

Contact Carole E: [cjduvall@hotmail.com](mailto:cjduvall@hotmail.com)

High School and Senior Men & Women

### **SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2015**

URGENT REMINDER Dear Parents/carers

If you have a child in year 3 (or above) who has been baptised, and you wish for them to receive the sacrament of first reconciliation, please register them before the 13 February 2015. Paperwork can be downloaded from the parish website at:

<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sacred-room/sacraments/first-reconciliation/>

For more information and payment details please call the parish office on 62994611. Thank you .

	DIARY DATES
04/02/15	8.45 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Stall
04/02/15	P&C Meeting – 7pm
09/02/15	School Swimming Carnival
11/02/15	School Banking Starts
20/02/15	District Swimming Carnival



## Registrations now open for 2015

**New players**  
All ages  
Welcome

- Visit our website for online registration  
<http://sunrise.nsw.netball.com.au>
- Like our Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/SunriseNetball](http://www.facebook.com/SunriseNetball)
- Contact our committee  
Email: [sunriseseecretary@outlook.com](mailto:sunriseseecretary@outlook.com)  
Kelly Lolesio (President) 0428004202  
Tracie Brady (Registrar) 0423432952
- Meet our coaches and players and register at Riverside Plaza From 9.30 am on 31 January and 14 February

Come and be part of a great team in 2015  
 Netball season starts 21 March  
 See you on the courts!

