



### Roll-a-thon

Students should now be collecting their sponsorship money and returning it to school, in preparation for our Roll-a-thon this Friday. All students attend this event.

A reminder, those children using any wheeled mode of transport (remember no bikes) will need a helmet or they will be required to walk. Knee pads and elbow pads are highly recommended. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to assist transport equipment.

### Payment Online is Coming!

**Did you know that you will soon be able to make payments to your child's school online?**

We are about to launch a new online payment portal linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

### What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

### When?

This payment method will go live on 23 March 2015. There will be further details in the future Westerlys.

### Road Safety

I have a concern about the safety and wellbeing of our students and parents when students are arriving and departing from school. The school has crossings at the front of the school on Morton Street and one on Richard Avenue. However we have parents leading/sending children across the road in the front of the school, often between cars and buses. This is dangerous and sets a poor example and is illegal, so please use our crossings.

It would take one minute to walk from a gate to either crossing.

This combined with cars doing 'u' turns, double parking and not adhering to speed limits (40kph) in school times, is a recipe for disaster. The Ranger and Police will be patrolling regularly and the fines for not following the correct road use are significant. For the safety of our students and school community please be vigilant and careful on the road, especially in the vicinity of our school.

Also any child who rides a bike or scooter to school must wear a helmet.

### School Counselling Service

The school counsellor's role is to work with students, families and carers to provide a counselling and support service to allow you to make an informed decision about your child's education. This also includes assessing student's learning and behaviour, assisting the school to identify and address disabilities that affects student's learning and working with other allied health professionals such as Paediatricians, Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, and Physiotherapists in order to help streamline your child's care and needs.

The school counselling service can assist with referrals to other agencies, advocacy to teachers and other professionals as well as providing case management for your child. The school counsellor can provide individual counselling, family therapy and support for parents.

Students may refer themselves to the school counsellor or may seek an interview at the suggestion of a teacher, parent or a friend. A student's reasons for seeing a school counsellor may include worrying about school work/learning, conflict with friends, being in trouble at school or just feeling "down".

The service is available at Queanbeyan West Public School on Monday and Tuesday; 8:30am – 3:15pm. Other times are available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to contact the School Counsellor on 62972020 to make an appointment

or to just have a chat. Our counsellor is Mrs Michelle Waters.

### 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 (summer) Summer Dress, green skirt, Green or Grey pants and Green Tunic (winter) green or grey stockings and a Gold shirt, enclosed black shoes or sport sneakers.

A reminder, that student's shoes should comply with the uniform code. Flats, ballet flats and sneakers with roller skates on the bottom should also not be worn, these pose a work place health and safety risk.

Black school shoes are preferred and sport shoes should be worn on your child's sport day.



### Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser [www.bit.ly/1hytn2E](http://www.bit.ly/1hytn2E)

### Barbara Petchenik Children's Map Competition 2015

Competition's theme is "My place in today's world". Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is **Thursday, 2 April 2015**. For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website <http://mappingsciences.org.au>.

### All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more:

[http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english\\_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership)

### When older kids struggle with reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

### Multiplication times tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>

### Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their "dodgy website" antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>

### SRC News

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group of Years 2-6 students nominated by their peers to be the representative and voice for their class. Students on the SRC are involved in organising fundraisers, discos and other school events. Nominations and elections were recently conducted and the SRC representatives to hold office for Semester 1 were presented with their badges at the Primary Assembly held yesterday.

### Elected SRC are:

**2B:** Nickayla, Sienna

**2D:** Molly-Mae, Zac

**2P:** Max, Amber

**3T:** James, Jake

**3U:** Cody, Ella

**3/4B:** Jemma, Mathew

**4/5W:** Maddison, Korby

**5B:** Syed, Ella

**5/6R:** Amy, Bailee

**5/6S:** Bree, Braden

K/6B: Jasmine  
K/6H: Aurylin  
K/6R: Blake



	DIARY DATES
26.02.15	Clean Up Schools Day
27.02.15	Roll-a-thon
02.03.15	G'Day Asia Performance
04.03.15	Scripture commences
04.03.15	P&C AGM meeting-7pm
06.03.15	Regional Swimming
09.03.15	Cooba Camp for Stage 3 begins
17.03.15	School Photos

### P&C

The P&C 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. Please come along and take an active part in your child's fantastic school. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Clean Up Schools Day

Clean Up Australia is recognised as a world leading environmental community event. Schools Clean Up Day allows our school to demonstrate care for our local environment and by running an activity in the school it allows students to participate in this community activity and contribute to a better Australian environment. Queanbeyan West Public School is participating in Clean Up Schools Day this **Thursday afternoon 26 February 2015**. Children will be asked to help pick up rubbish inside our school grounds to show their pride in our environment. Please allow your child to join in and remind him/her to help keep our environment clean at all times.

**It is important for your child to bring a hat and gloves and a bucket (if possible) – all marked with your surname**

If you do not wish your child to participate in the Clean Up Day please notify the class teacher before the day

Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal



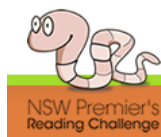
### SCHOOL PHOTOS

**Tuesday 17 March 2015**

**Envelopes will be going home shortly.**

**Students to please be in  
FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.**

## 2015 Premier's Reading



It is important we encourage our children to read a variety of texts. **We encourage all parents to help and**

**encourage students to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC).**

The program fosters the enjoyment of reading and runs between 3 March and 22 August, 2015 (last day for students to enter information online). Books read from September 1, 2014 count towards this year's challenge.

### Kindergarten to Year 2

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

Independent readers may wish to do the PRC by themselves or may read books from the 3/4PRC list but they will need to talk to their class teacher and Mr Lumley first.

### Students in Years 3- 6

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

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.

Students can record books read online after March 3, 2015 <https://online.det.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 web site. The update of the **PRC free application is available for Windows 8.1 devices but student will need to enter books they have read on the PRC website directly until late June, 2015. The new release in late June will enable students to search for booklist and new books and update records through the PRC application.** It is available with parental permission, from <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/more1.html>.

The application is not yet available for apple devices such as iPads and iPhones.

For further information on rules and book lists:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html>

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

Happy Reading  
Mr Chris Lumley  
Teacher Librarian

## Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves - Week 5 Term 1

**K-2:** Tanesha KM, Ryan 1N, Jason 1N, Luay 1T, Alex K/6H, Jordan K/6R.

**3-6:** Levi 3U, Ella 3U, Ryan 4/5W, Temyka 4/5W, Shakeya 5B, Tiarna 5/6S.

### District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, 21 of our students represented the school at the District Swimming Carnival. All students represented the school with great sportsmanship and pride. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who not only transported students to and from the venue, but also assisted with timekeeping. We would not be able to run these carnivals without this amazing support from parents. Finally, I would like to congratulate **Michael** on making it through to the Regional Swimming Carnival to be held in Dapto. Good luck Michael!!

### District Basketball Trials

On Thursday Michael Armstrong, Bailee Gilbert, Ryan Bradley and Amy Frost attended the District Basketball trials. They represented the school with not only great skills and knowledge, but with outstanding sportsmanship. I would like to congratulate **Michael** who is off to the Regional Basketball Trails, to be held in Wollongong on Friday. Good luck Michael!!

## Netball come and try day



**Where:** QNA netball courts,

17 Thornton Rd Queanbeyan

**When:** Thursday 5 March

**Time:** 5.00pm-6.00pm

**Who:** Everyone is welcome!

**Cost:** There is no Cost

### Further Information

To register online click [here](https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?type=1&entityid=43467&fl=1&id=15889) go to:  
<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?type=1&entityid=43467&fl=1&id=15889>

- Contact our committee at [waratahnetballclub@outlook.com.au](mailto:waratahnetballclub@outlook.com.au) or our president Rena Spears on 0421018799

- Like our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WARATAHNETBALL](http://www.facebook.com/WARATAHNETBALL)

### Price

- Net-Set-Go (players turning 5-10 in 2015)
  - Net 5-7 (skills) \$100
  - Set 8-10 (modified game) \$100
- Junior (players turning 11 or 12 in 2015) \$130
- Cadet (players turning 13 – 17 in 2015) \$130
- Senior (players 13 and older in 2015) \$160

## G'DAY ASIA

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the **G'Day Asia performance show on Monday 2 March 2015**. In this engaging introduction to Asia, students are encouraged to get up and participate in both traditional cultural ceremonies and colourful contemporary celebrations. Puppets and masks as well as special clothes, and flags, all contribute to the positive experiences of Asian cultures, customs and traditions. If you took the opportunity to pay for all the performances in one payment at the beginning of the year (\$47.40), this performance visit is already covered. Please return note and money by Friday 27 February.

I enclose \$5.00 per child. You may also pay by credit card if more convenient.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total amount)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_ / \_\_

Verification No: \_\_\_\_\_ (on back of card)

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Alternatively, a credit card authorisation can be given by telephone to the Front Office on: 6297 2020





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### **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.



## **BUNGENDORE TIGERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB** **Tiny Tigers Program**

**Monday 2, 9, 16 & 23 March 2015**

Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore  
from 4.00-5.00pm

**\$20**

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

We are a goodSPORTS club

To Register your Tigger's attendance please contact the Club Registrar at [tigersregistrar@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tigersregistrar@optusnet.com.au)  
For further information, please visit our Club website:  
[www.bungendoretigersjunior.sportingpulse.net](http://www.bungendoretigersjunior.sportingpulse.net)



## **BUNGENDORE TIGERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB** **Join us in 2015**

**REGISTRATION  
DAYS**

**Saturday, 28 February 2015  
& Saturday, 14 March 2015**

Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore  
from 10.00am-2.00pm

*We are looking for interested boys and girls aged from 5 to 16 years who would like to play Rugby League*

*We are also looking for Coaches, Managers, First Aid Officers and LeagueSafe officials*

We are a goodSPORTS club

For further information, please visit our Club website:  
[www.bungendoretigersjunior.sportingpulse.net](http://www.bungendoretigersjunior.sportingpulse.net) or  
Contact the Club Registrar at [tigersregistrar@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tigersregistrar@optusnet.com.au)

### **Up To Date Contact Details**

If you have changed your contact details please let the office know so we can update our records. It is important that we are able to contact you regarding your child. 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.



## School Swimming Results 2015

### Girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Open 100m Freestyle	Kiara	Isabel	Ella
8yrs 50m Freestyle	Amber		
9yrs 50m Freestyle	Emily	Isabella	Danielle
10yrs 50m Freestyle	Isabel	Ella	Emily
11yrs 50m Freestyle	Kiara	Georgia	Amy
12yrs 50m Freestyle	Veronica	Bree	Isabel
Junior Breaststroke	Emily	Isabel	Ella
11yrs Breaststroke	Kiara	Georgia	Amy
Senior Breaststroke			
Junior Backstroke	Isabella	Emily	Isabel
11yrs Backstroke	Kiara	Amy	Georgia
Senior Backstroke	Veronica	Isabel	
Junior Butterfly	Isabella	Isabel	Ella
11yrs Butterfly	Kiara	Georgia	Charlie
Senior Butterfly			
Junior Ind Medley	Isabella	Isabel	Ella
Senior Ind Medley	Kiara	Zara	

### Boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Open 100m Freestyle	Michael	Ryan	
8yrs 50m Freestyle	Taz		
9yrs 50m Freestyle	Levi-Brock	Joshua	
10yrs 50m Freestyle	Michael		
11yrs 50m Freestyle	Ryan	Isaac	Elijah
12yrs 50m Freestyle	Frank	Luke	Conner
Junior Breaststroke	Michael		
11yrs Breaststroke	Ryan	Ryan	Elijah
Senior Breaststroke	Frank		
Junior Backstroke	Michael	Taz	Levi-
11yrs Backstroke	Isaac	Ryan	Elijah
Senior Backstroke			
Junior Butterfly	Michael		
11yrs Butterfly	Ryan		
Senior Butterfly			
Junior Ind Medley	Michael		
Senior Ind Medley	Ryan		

**Junior Girls Champion - Isabel**  
**Junior Boys Champion – Michael**  
**11yrs Girls Champion – Kiara**  
**11yrs Boys Champion – Ryan**

**Senior Girls Champion – Veronica**  
**Senior Boys Champion – Frank**

**Champion House - Hume**