

Harmony Day – Wear Orange this Friday 20 March to help celebrate Harmony Day



The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

Harmony Day is an Australian Government programme and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Since 1999 Harmony Day has been widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.

There are some fascinating stats about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters. Did you know...

- Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas.
- People from over 200 countries make up the Australian community.
- More than 300 languages are spoken in Australian homes.
- Apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi.
- More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

These facts are taken from ABS 2011 Census Data. Check out the [Australian Bureau of Statistics website](http://www.abs.gov.au) for more interesting facts and figures.

Easter Hat Parade

Don't forget to get those Easter Hats and Posters underway, as we prepare for our Easter Hat Parade. This fantastic event will be held at 10:00am on Thursday 2 April under the front COLA.



Picking Up After School

A reminder, to exercise caution, at the end of the school day. Our roads are congested and we all need to be aware of our children. Do not park on the grass areas along Richard Avenue, do not stop at the crossing, open the door and expect your child to hop into the car. Do not park in the bus zone and wait for your child to exit the school. Please use the crossings. Sometimes leaving your pick up for 5 minutes can reduce the business as students complete their day.

The Council Rangers and Police do patrol the school perimeter, especially at that time of day.

School Counselling Service

"The school counselling service in school will support you, your friends and the community. To help you manage things that are happening in your life & develop skills & confidence to be independent for the future"

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/carer 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 sad.

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.

Attendance – Every Minute Counts

When your child misses just...	That equals.....?	Which is.....?	And therefore from Kindy to Year 12
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	1 ½ weeks per year	½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour 40 minutes of learning each week	2 ½ weeks per year	1 year of school
½ hour a day	½ day of learning each week	4 weeks per year	1 ½ years of school
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year	2 ½ years of school



Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day.....School starts at 9:15am

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

Sushi train

Brown rice sushi rolls are a nutritious change to

pack for school lunches. Unlike white rice sushi, they can be made the night before, and the filling can be adapted to suit your child's preferences. Pack in a chiller bag with an icepack and include some little soy sauce fish. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/food/recipes/meat-and-fish-dishes/brown-rice-sushi-rolls>

School A to Z app

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z>

Wild Australia app

Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos' amazing animals and interesting keepers. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia>

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



18.03.15	Book Club Orders due
20.03.15	Wear Orange for Harmony Day
25.03.15	AFL Gala Day -Years 3 & 4
25.03.15	School Disco
26.03.15	UNI of NSW Competition due
27.03.15	School Cross Country
31.03.15	Rainbow Crazy Hair Mufti Day
02.04.15	Easter Hat Parade -10am
02.04.15	Last day of school for Term 1
21.04.15	Students start back for Term 2



Friday 27 March 2015

The Senior Cross Country will be starting at approximately 9.30am at Freebody Oval. All Primary students and those Year 2 students, that turn 8 this year, will participate.

Remember to bring any medication if needed, especially asthma medication, a water bottle and a rug/tarp to sit on is an option as the ground may be damp.

The Junior Cross Country will be starting at 12.30pm in the middle playground. Parents are invited to attend and assist as Course Marshalls if they are able to. It is essential that all students wear suitable footwear and their sun safe hats.

School Disco

Wednesday 25th March

K-2 children from 5pm-6pm

3-6 children from 6.15pm-7.15pm

For the price of \$5 you can pre purchase your tickets, which includes entry, a glow stick, some sweet treats, chips and a drink.

GREAT VALUE!

Entry tickets will also be available for \$2 on the night. Water and cordial will be available, but the canteen **WILL NOT** be operating at the disco. Pre-paid tickets need to be ordered and paid for by Friday 20 March. Please fill in the slip below and return with the money to classroom teacher.

Volunteers are needed on the night between 5 & 7 pm, if you are able to help out please leave your details at the front office.



School Disco – Wednesday 25 March
\$5.00 tickets.

I would like to pre order ☐ ticket(s)
for my child/(ren) to attend the school
disco. I enclose \$_____.

Student's Name: _____

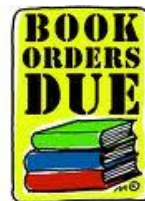
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Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

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Book Club



Scholastic book club orders and payment are **due tomorrow Wednesday 18 March.**

Did you know you can now order online using LOOP? (LOOP = Linked Online Ordering and Payment) Follow the LOOP instructions in the book club catalogue.

If you prefer, standard cash, cheque and credit card payments can still be made through the school.

No late orders accepted. Thank you!

Congratulations

Temyka who has finished her Premiers Reading Challenge. Well Done!



*Easter Hat
Parade
Thursday 2
April 2015
10am*



UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS FOR 2015 (Years 2-6 only)

**Entry forms and money
need to be returned
before 26 March if you
wish to participate in
the competitions.**



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.



Value Pins will be awarded to the following students who have exhibited the school values in all school settings and with all school teachers.

ES1 – KC: - Eliza, Eva

KM: - Asha

K/1K: - Annabel

S1 – K/1K: - Olivia

1N: Thomas , Jasmine .

1T: Brydie , Kaleigh, Scott , Billy .

2B: - Sienna , Rayesha , Jake Hately, Stephanie .

2D:- Zach, Anna, Chloe, Chellsea , Snezana .

2P: Joshua , Leila , Amber .

S2 – 3T:

3U: Lucas , Kiara

3T: Matthew

3/4B: Thomas , Mathew .

S3 – 4/5W: Madison , Christina .

5B: Breanna , Syed

5/6R: Bailee t, Eli , Renay

5/6S: Braden , Isabel , Tiarna .

Junior Assembly Awards

**Friday 20 March –
commences 12.10pm in the Hall.
1N Hosting**

KC: Samantha – a great news item about her pets.

Tyler – a great news item about his pet.

Harry – a great news item about his pet.

KM: Samia – fantastic reading in the engine room.

Zaak – marvellous sight work knowledge.

Kaylan – for counting on when making equal groups. Fabulous work!

K/1K: Ash – excellent efforts when reading in the engine room.

Sophie – excellent efforts in writing.

Danny – great news presentation.

1N: Sierra – trying hard with fast maths.

Osa – being a focussed worker with all activities.

Ashley – great work in the engine room.

Ryan – great work in the engine room.

2B: Georgina – great effort with writing.

Connor – improved effort in completing classwork.

Subhan – for completing work carefully and to a high standard.

2D: Chloe – always trying hard with her work.

Zachary – enthusiastic participation in all activities.

Will – contributing interesting comments during class discussions.

2P: Marlie – great improvement in handwriting.

Leila – constantly doing her best work.

K/6H: Anthony – great news.

Aleks – settling well into kindergarten.

Senior Assembly Awards

Friday 20 March - 2.10pm in Hall

3T: Molly – her “Is” poem on seasons.

Clayton - his “Is” poem on colours.

Emily – her “Is” poem on seasons and colours.

3U: Xavier – effort in his writing tasks.

Kiara – the high effort shown in all areas of her school work.

3/4B: Isabella – excellent presentation of all class activities.

Mathew – excellent results in spelling.

4/5W: Cameron – for excellent effort in maths.

Emily – for excellent effort in maths.

5B: Liam – great work in all of his studies.

Sophie-Lee – being a responsible and respectful student .

5/6R: Veronica – a consistent effort in all of her studies.

Owen – displaying the school values at Cooba.

5/6S: Hector – excellent work and behaviour during reading groups.

Ega – always displaying our school values.

K/6B: Christine – always trying her best and for achieving a wonderful spelling test result.

Congratulations

Positive Behaviour for Success

Lucky Leaves - Week 8 Term 1

K-2: Mylee KC, Isabella KM, Ashton
K/1K, Bryce 1N, Luca 1N, Parker 1T.

3-6: Dominic 3T, Jasper 3/4B, Leesha-
May 4/5W, Breanna 5B, Connor 5/6R,
Aurylin K/6H.

Cool Cooba Camp!



QUEANBEYAN WHITES JUNIOR RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

Want To Play Rugby Like the Brumbies

**Come down on Wednesday @ 4.30pm to
Campese Oval, Yass Rd QBN**

2015 Registration Fees: \$130

2015 Registration includes a set of Mighty Whites club
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Voluntary Contributions 2015

At the Annual General P&C meeting held in March
it was decided that the school Voluntary
Contributions would remain the same. The
contributions are \$40 per child or \$60 per family.
Payments can be made at the front office or via
credit card if more convenient.

Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge \$ _____ (total amount)

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Verification No: _____ (on back of card)

Card Holder's Name:

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