

Official Facebook Page

Queanbeyan West Public School is pleased to announce its official Facebook page. The page can be found at www.facebook.com/qwestps. The latest posts from our Facebook page will also be accessible through the schools website www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ in the Social Media Profile section located at the bottom of the page.

The page has been created as a place to share some of the wonderful things happening in our school. We encourage all members of our school community to share and like our page.

Leadership

On Friday we inducted our newest School Prefect, Samuel. Sam will be a great addition to our strong student team. Sam's brother Ben proudly presented Sam with his badge. Congratulations Sam!

We also proudly presented Value Pins to Braden, Eli Brennan and Bailee. These boys were at representative sport during our last Value Pins Assembly. Well done boys!

Footsteps

This week the Footsteps Dance Program commenced and will run every Monday until the end of Term. Thank you to those of you who have already returned the \$14.70 fee, which is part of our performances package. This program is a component of our PE/Health/PD program, and as such, all students are expected to participate. Please return the payment slip from this week's Westerly if you haven't paid yet.

If there is some worry about paying the cost, please contact me for a confidential meeting.

Mother's Day Raffle

Our Mother's Day Raffle will be **drawn this Friday afternoon**.

There are prizes consisting of gift baskets and dinner vouchers. It's not too late to get a few more tickets, but we need them all returned by Thursday at the very latest.



Starting School Expo

On Saturday we spent a lovely morning at the Starting School Expo. Thank you to Mrs Kenyon, Mrs Dagleish, Mrs Moss and Ms Bladen for your efforts setting up our display and manning the Queanbeyan West Rotary BBQ.

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 Wednesday 8:30am –

3:15pm. Other times are available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to contact the School Counsellor on 6297 2020 to make an appointment or to just have a chat. Our counsellor is Mrs Fiona Lane.

Food Allergy Week 13-18 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more: <http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au>

Preparing for NAPLAN

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9 at school, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this week. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic. Here's an explanation of what it's all about:

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

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child's weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word. Here's some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

At last week's Junior Assembly Ethan received an award but it wasn't listed in the Westerly so congratulations to:

Etha 2B – for completing his shoelace challenge in three days.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held at 6.30 pm tomorrow evening, Wednesday 6 May, in the Staff Room. (Entrance can be made via the front office.) Our meetings are held in a friendly, informal atmosphere and usually run for about 60-90 minutes. All families within the school are welcome to attend.

Please come along and take an active part in your child's school.

A **big thank** you to all the parents who helped when one of our guests attending Junior Assembly had a fall just outside the school. The willingness of those who assisted her was very much appreciated.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal



Stewart House Donation Drive 2015

Envelopes have been sent home requesting a donation of \$2.00 to support Stewart House.

Every donation has the chance to win a \$4,000 family holiday to a destination of your choice.

The sealed envelopes need to be returned to school by this coming Friday 8 May 2015.

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.



Congratulations **Tameeka** 5/6R who has finished her

Premiers Reading Challenge. Well Done!

Positive Behaviour for Success Lucky Leaves - Week 2 Term 2

K-2: Samantha KC, Finn KM, Dominic KM, Tahlia 1T, Darnell 2B, Charlie 2P

3-6: Mia 3/4B, Mathew 3/4B, Mia 3T, Sharon 4/5W, Bella B 5B, Georgia 5B.

	DIARY DATES
06.05.15	P&C Meeting – 6.30pm
08.05.15	Mother's Day Raffle drawn
08.05.15	Return of Stewart House Envelopes
11.05.15	Footsteps Dance Program
12.05.15	NAPLAN begins
13.05.15	NAPLAN
14.05.15	NAPLAN
19.05.15	UNSW Digital Technologies Comp.
19.05.15	Soup Day
22.05.15	Value Pin Assemblies
28.05.15	Athletics Carnival

Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting **\$ Make a payment**. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other - this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the **\$ Make a payment** you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

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 online via the school's website.

☐

I have made an online payment. My receipt number is: _____



Entertainment Books have arrived!

For only \$60, Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more! A sample book is available to look through at the front office.

Payments can be made online at: www.entbook.com.au/2404x3 or purchased at the front office. For every book or digital membership purchased a percentage comes back to the school.

District Cross Country

The district cross country was held in Gundaroo on Wednesday 29th April. It was an absolutely glorious day to be outside and watching our wonderful students participate in what was a brilliantly ran carnival.

Each and every one of our students who attended the carnival needs to be congratulated on not only their participation, but on their beautiful manners, exemplary sportsmanship and wonderful comradery.

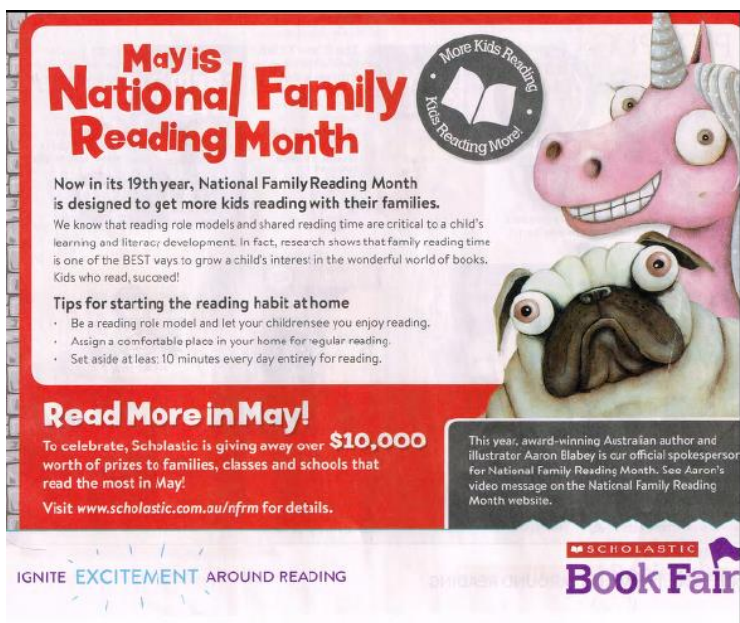
Massive congratulations to **Michael and Daniel** for brilliant races and progressing to the next level. We wish you the best of luck!!

I would also like to thank all the parents and grandparents there on the day supporting our students. It really was a great day had by all.

Ms Cathryn Rodgers

May is National Family Reading Month!

A reading log sheet was sent home last week to every student so they can record their reading minutes every day in May.



May is National Family Reading Month

Now in its 19th year, National Family Reading Month is designed to get more kids reading with their families. We know that reading role models and shared reading time are critical to a child's learning and literacy development. In fact, research shows that family reading time is one of the BEST ways to grow a child's interest in the wonderful world of books. Kids who read, succeed!

Tips for starting the reading habit at home

- Be a reading role model and let your children see you enjoy reading.
- Assign a comfortable place in your home for regular reading.
- Set aside at least 10 minutes every day entirely for reading.

Read More in May!

To celebrate, Scholastic is giving away over **\$10,000** worth of prizes to families, classes and schools that read the most in May! Visit www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm for details.

This year, award-winning Australian author and illustrator Aaron Blabey is our official spokesperson for National Family Reading Month. See Aaron's video message on the National Family Reading Month website.

IGNITE EXCITEMENT AROUND READING

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

Footsteps Dance Company

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the **Footsteps 7 week Program that started on Monday 4 May 2015.** If you took the opportunity to pay for all the performances in one payment at the beginning of the year, this performance visit is already covered. Please return note and money to classroom teacher.

☐ I enclose \$14.70 per child.

OR

☐ I have made an online payment. My receipt number is: _____

Name: _____

Class: _____

Name: _____

Class: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Queanbeyan West Public School

Soup Day!



- ✚ Lunch time, Tuesday 19 May
- ✚ \$5 per cup of soup with bread roll
- ✚ PUMPKIN SOUP
- ✚ VEGETABLE BEEF
- ✚ CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Please return your completed order form and money by Friday 15 May



Community Forum & Bring your Bills Day

Queanbeyan

Come along to this free information forum and Bring your Bills day. Community workers and social housing tenants can learn about energy and water issues, rebates, scams, marketing, energy saving tips, fire safety and other issues facing consumers.

FORUM

- 9.00am - Registration
- 9.15am - Introduction and welcome (Illawarra Forum and Argyle Housing)
- 9.30am - Energy issues, rebates, scams, marketing & case studies (EWON)
- 10.15am - Energy saving tips (ActewAGL)
- 11.00am - Morning Tea
- 11.15am - Fire safety in the home (NSW Fire & Rescue)

BRING YOUR BILLS

Throughout the day we will be running free one on one Bring your Bills sessions with staff from the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW, who can help you understand your bills and assist with billing issues. Bookings are essential.



Where

RB Smith Community Centre
Harry Hesse Room
262 Crawford Street
Queanbeyan

When

Thursday 11 June 2015
9.00am - 12.00pm

How to register

FORUM:

Book online: ewon.com.au
phone: 8218 5269
email: news@ewon.com.au

BRING YOUR BILLS:

Call Donna on 1300 559 557
Please bring along your current and previous bills, letters from energy companies, Centrelink Health Care or Concession cards, solar contracts etc.

For enquiries call 8218 5241 or email narelle@ewon.com.au

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