

NAPLAN

This week students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This test assesses the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. A report on your child's progress is returned later in the year. The assessment dates this week are:

Tuesday, 12 May – Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing

Wednesday, 13 May – Reading

Thursday, 14 May – Numeracy

It's important that the children are at school by 9.15am on each of the testing days so that they can be settled for each assessment and hear the instructions given by their teacher. Please note that this is **one test on one day**, your child will be more comprehensively assessed outside of these tests, and these tests do not look at creativity, social cohesion or physical ability. They are a nationally driven program that does not give a complete overview of your child's progress at school. Our school reports will be sent home at the end of this term.

Arguing the Point

Many parents would say their child can be very good at arguing the point at times! This week our debating team took part in a debating workshop where they developed their skills of constructing a case line, developing a statement of position and using examples to support their case. Queanbeyan West Public School has two teams, comprising of Years 5 and 6 children who will participate in the Premier's Debating Challenge. The teams have been working closely with Mrs Forster to develop the specific skills required in preparing and presenting a debate.

Good luck to both teams for the upcoming debates!

School Plan

Schools across NSW have now commenced the new three year planning cycle. The Queanbeyan West Public School Plan for the period 2015 – 2017

is on our website. All school plans cover three strategic directions which will be linked for measurement purposes to the Schools Excellence Framework. With this in mind, our three strategic directions were developed to support our school vision statement as created jointly between parents and staff throughout the course of term 4 last year and term 1 this year. The Queanbeyan West Public School Strategic directions are linked to students, parents and teachers. The School plan provides direction for student learning, school resourcing and programming and teacher learning. It provides us with improvement targets and measures and will be reportable through the annual school reporting document.

Athletic Carnival

The running component of the Athletic Carnival will be held on Thursday May 28 2015 at Freebody Oval. There were notes in your child's bag yesterday; this also included the P&C's meal deal. The field events will be held at school at a later date.

Traffic Concerns

At the beginning of our school day and at the end children exit the school with one thing in mind, and that is to get into school or get home. They are not often aware of the roads and the rules that govern us as adults.

Many parents have contacted me with concerns for the safety of our children and the random acts of adults, driving vehicles that put our students at great risk. These have included illegal u-turns on Richard Avenue, not crossing at the pedestrian crossings, illegal parking on Morton Street and Richard Avenue, cars pulling up on the crossing to call children into the car and someone running into the back of another parent's car and then leaving the scene.

These actions will see a child injured or worse. Please, as adults we are in charge of a vehicle and we need to be setting a good example for our children.

The rangers and police will patrol both the boundaries of the school. Please be aware and keep our children safe.

Canteen

The school canteen is run by the school P&C. The canteen is staffed by voluntary parent helpers and therefore requires the active assistance of many parents and helpers to keep it operational. Parents are most welcome to assist in the canteen. Over the next three weeks the canteen will be selling the remainder of held stock, in preparation for the new menu on June 1. If you order something that is out of stock Di will replace it with another option.

Sausage rolls and large pies are sold out as of today. Hot Dogs, Pizzas and Dinosaurs will be unavailable at the end of this week. We do have lots of pasta meals and rice now at \$3.50 each. We also have a lot of stock of hamburgers \$4.00, chicken burgers \$3.50 and cheese burgers \$3.50.

Salad sandwiches, wraps and rolls always available.

Prices in the canteen have not increased over the last four years however the need to increase prices by 20 to 50 cents per item has been inevitable and effective immediately. Please check with Di in the canteen before ordering and continue to support Di and the canteen while they are going through this much needed change. Canteen phone number is: 6297 3770

Mother's Day Raffle

I hope all the mums had a lovely day on Sunday and congratulations to everyone who won a fantastic prize from the P&C raffle that was drawn on Friday. Below are the winners:

Lyndell French, Amella, W Walker, L&N Neuyen, J Apostoloska, Mrs Daisley, J Millar, V Lynch, A Gibson, K Simpson, L Korres, L French, M Smoothy, M Williams, A Bus, E Busic, M Williams, L Moa, R Gawthorne, L Hall, J Burns.

OC Class 2016 applications

Details for parents of Year 4 students who wish to apply for OC class placement in 2016 are available at the front office. All applications must be made online at the following website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement and applications need to be lodged no later than COB on 15 May 2015. Applications after this date will not be accepted.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 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>

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/devlopment/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

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.



Have a great week

Vicki Muscat

Principal



	DIARY DATES
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
26.05.15	Reconciliation Walk
27.05.15	James Hird Cup Yrs 5 & 6
28.05.15	Athletics Carnival
03.06.15	P&C Meeting
03.06.15	UNSW Science Comp

Junior Assembly Awards

**Friday 15 May –
commences 12.10pm in the Hall.**

KC: Eva – learning all of the kindergarten sight words.

Ethan – always trying hard.

Ryan – being a great helper in the classroom.

KM: Maja – enthusiastic dancing in Footsteps class.

Samia – writing a great sentence all by herself.

Bianka – enthusiasm for staying on task during literacy tasks.

K/1K: Jayden – excellent progress in reading.

Marcus – terrific ‘on-task’ behaviour.

Annabel – always displaying our school values.

1N: Imtiyaz – great spelling results.

Luca – always completing set tasks.

Charlotte – greater concentration on all activities.

Bryce – great preparation for class talks.

1T: Esther – excellent, outstanding, wonderful reading.

Afiifah – for excellent improvement in reading and spelling.

Estelle – for a very interesting and exciting new presentation on her favourite food.

2B: Jake – improved results in reading groups.

Joel – trying hard in writing tasks.

Addison – being a kind and caring friend.

2D: Molly-Mae – great improvement in reading.

Lily – great story writing during free writing activities.

Colin – trying hard in reading and writing.

2P: Amelia – for demonstrating all school values.

Beau – for fantastic answers in maths.

Max – for fast completion of his spelling words.

K/6R: Mark – for fantastic independent work in reading and comprehension.

Jack – for great work in reading and comprehension.

Senior Assembly Awards

Friday 15 May - 2.10pm in Hall

3T: Mia – producing neat handwriting.

Jade – consistent application to work.

3U: Jaiden – for his effort in writing and spelling.

Sophia – for her effort and contribution in science.

3/4B: Valentina – outstanding work in writing.

Nathan – excellent effort in homework and spelling.

Baltazar – excellent work in science.

4/5W: Madison – for an excellent start and having great enthusiasm in her persuasive writing task.

Peter – for an excellent start to his persuasive writing task.

5B: Amaya – beautiful work in all her subjects.

Cameron – consistent effort in all of his work.

5/6R: Jessica – great work in literacy.

Jack – his positive contributions to class discussions.

5/6S: Chloe – for her terrific work during imaginative writing.

Samuel – for his excellent work during mathematics this term.

K/6B: Ryan – for displaying great sportsmanship both in the playground and during class sport.

Jasmine – for always being a wonderful roll model both in the classroom and on the playground.

Well Done!



School Athletics Carnival for all students –

Thursday 28 May 2015 at Neil Bulger Oval (Freebody Oval).

Students to please wear house colours! Pre-paid lunch orders available this year.

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.

Schools as Community Centres

Queanbeyan Young Parent's Group invites all parents under 25 years in Queanbeyan to our Term 2 excursion to Lollipops Playland, Majura Park on Wednesday 13th May 11am-12:30pm. Entry is free for Queanbeyan parents and carers under 25 years and their children, and lunch will be provided. For more info please contact Brooke 6297 2167.

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

✚ PUMPKIN SOUP

✚ VEGETABLE BEEF

✚ CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP



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

