Events Coming Up – Education Week – 31 July – 4 August

Education Week is a celebration of public education and will be celebrated at Queanbeyan West Public School throughout the week. The theme for this year is 'I Learn, We Learn', celebrating personalised student learning as the foundation of public education in NSW. You are invited to celebrate learning with us during the following activities.

We have some Educational Performances in the school this week; El Kid; a musical opera. These are part of our Educational Performance Package that you paid for at the start of the year. If you’re paying for each performance separately there is a reminder in this Westerly.

Life Education will also be in the school.

Our P&C Meeting is Wednesday evening, starting at 6:30pm in the Library.

Education Week Open Day will be held Friday 4 August. Our Open Classrooms will operate from 12:45pm – 1:30pm. We invite our parents to this whole school event. The Open Classrooms will be followed by recess at 1:30pm. You are most welcome to bring a snack for your child and participate in a shared break. Normal routine resumes at 2:00pm.

Life Education Van

Life Education supports our school by teaching children what they need to know to make smart choices and develop healthy habits that will last a lifetime. We are fortunate to have the Life Education Van visit us over the next two weeks. Each class will visit Healthy Harold. It’s not too late to send in your child’s performance money.

Performing Arts Festival

Don’t forget to buy your tickets for the Queanbeyan District Performing Arts Festival being held at the Canberra Theatre on Tuesday 15 August and Wednesday 16 August 2017. Ring the Canberra Theatre on 6275 2700.

Thank you to our school community who have been selling our raffle tickets. Our major fundraiser, the Fijian holiday raffle is going well. Please return sold books and money to school. If you do not want the book of tickets, please return them to school too. Each book is numbered and tracked so it’s hugely important to have them all returned.

At only $2.00 per ticket, everyone will want to purchase tickets to win this exciting prize for two (2) adults and two (2) children (0-12 years):

The major draw prize is for five (5) nights’ accommodation at the five star Sheraton Fiji Resort for two (2) adults and two (2) children (0-12 years) in an Ocean Breeze Room including a $1,500 Virgin Australia voucher. Also included is breakfast daily for two (2) adults at the Feast Restaurant. The winner will also enjoy full access to the facilities of all three adjacent Sheraton and Westin Resorts.

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Scholastic book club orders and payment are due by Wednesday 2 August 2017.

Remember, you can now order online using LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment). Just 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!
NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Last Thursday we held our NAIDOC Week Celebration. Mrs Louise Brown and Mr Adrian Baxter opened the morning with a Smoking Ceremony, this was a very powerful event; preparing us for our day of learning. Mr Waine Donovan gave a speech about his heritage and the importance of Aboriginal languages. The students participated in organised activities, over two days, in their Peer Support Groups. The week ended with a closing ceremony on Friday afternoon. It was indeed a fantastic week.

A huge thank you to all staff for their participation in the day their organisation and support of the activities and with our visitors, all together it ensured a successful couple of days. Thank you to Miss Leanne Wade and her Team for their organisation and demonstrated commitment to Aboriginal Education. Thank you to Mrs Caroline Bedin and Mrs Felicity Ainsworth and Mrs Mel Troth for their hospitality and organisation of morning tea.

Kinder Enrolments 2018

It is Term 3 already and before we know it we will be planning Kindergarten Orientation. If you have a child who will be turning 5 years before 30 July 2018 and you are intending to enrol them for next year, please complete an application form and return it to the front office.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal

Olivia Martin 5/6R will be representing the school in Long Jump at the Regional Athletics Carnival. Congratulations Olivia.
From the armchair traveller - J.S.
Set in the Victorian goldfields, *Gold Dust* is about trying to strike it rich! Trouble is everywhere. A guy is captured for mining without a licence ... what happens to him? This chapter book from the new Sparklers series was a bit of a challenge, but it was nice that it had real events in the story mixed with fictional characters. I give it 4.5/5 stars.
The CBCA Children's *Book Week*, themed ‘Escape to Everywhere’ is fast approaching (19 – 26 Aug). How many ways can you escape when you’re reading – into your imagination, to another country or into a fantasy land? How else? Although a difficult task, with so many great books out there, here’s my top 5 ‘Escape to Everywhere’ books:

- Somewhere else by Gus Gordon (SF / PRC 21138)
- Boomerang and bat by Terry Denton & Mark Greenwood (NON / PRC 24511)
  - Where the wild things are by Maurine Sendak (PIC / PRC 12030)
  - James and the giant peach by Roald Dahl (F / PRC 2374)
  - A most magical girl by Karen Foxlee (CBCA shortlist 2017)

Do you have a top 5 ‘Escape to Everywhere’ suggestion? I would love to hear from you...
Happy Reading! ~ Mrs Stevens 😊

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017**
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school.

From Wednesday 26 July to Tuesday 19 September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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Friday 28 July 2017
Commences 12.10pm in the Hall.

KK: Emiri Lynch – being actively involved in all her learning experiences.
Dominic Downey – for his creative use of writing.
William White – for trying his best in all tasks and taking great care in the presentation of his work.

KM: Sofija Popov – excellent expression when reading.
Cody Size – good explanations of problem solving in maths.
Zoe Smith – good effort in home reading.

KN: Yusuf Ash Shiddiq – great work in literacy groups and showing school values.
Angus Goodchild – great work in literacy groups and showing the school values.
Tarje Giblett – great effort at writing.

KR: Lilly Gowen – for always being on task and having beautiful manners.
Valentino Gabellone – for being a hardworking and conscientious student.

1B: Andrew Williams – impressive improvement in handwriting.
Dalena Wilson – for being an outstanding role model of School Values.
Cyrus Stoff – working hard in class and applying himself to his learning.

1D: Kurt Oliver – for consistent effort across all learning areas.
Laycie Coogan – for her enthusiasm in all NAIDOC week activities.
Thor Wilcockson – for fantastic effort in handwriting.

1L: Jess Brooke – working hard during literacy groups.
Addison Malcolm – working hard in mathematics.
Jak Bollard – for his insightful contributions during mathematics.

2K: Michael Wheelan-Mooney – for great citizenship in the classroom and the playground.
Eliza Slavin – for her creative complex clauses and noun groups in grammar.

2W: Reem Galy – for settling in well to her new class.
Harry McElwee – for using descriptive adjectives in his writing.

2/3D: Ashton Daly – excellent effort in all classwork.

K/6R: Annabell Noveski – for outstanding improvement in reading and writing.

K/6W: Tyler Townsend – for great participation during NAIDOC week.
Bailey Solman – for great participation during NAIDOC week.

Friday 28 July 2017
Commences 9.30am in the Hall.

2/3D: Patrick Bielecki – always giving his best in all tasks.
Daniel Neimanis – always giving his best in all tasks.

3P: Joshua Svager – for his enthusiastic involvement in NAIDOC celebrations.
Blake Thompson – for improved effort in completing his work.
Roman Cyples – for improved effort in all class tasks.

3/4L: Snezana Macic – great contributions to class discussions.
Thomas Murray – consistent effort in all areas.
Chloe Anderson – hard work in maths this term.

4B: Beau Mather – excellence in literacy and numeracy.
Kayla Van Beers - excellence in reading.
Joshua Kaidaloff – great work in history.
Harri Browne – great work in mathematics.

4/5F: Johntai Simpson – fantastic involvement in NAIDOC day activities.
Blake Laws - fantastic involvement in NAIDOC day activities.
Danielle Williams – demonstrating excellent leadership skills during peer support.
Anna Armstrong – participating enthusiastically during NAIDOC activities.
5P: Olivia Philp – for excellent leadership in Indigenous games.
Jordan Smith - for excellent leadership in Indigenous games.

5/6R: Jighe Elliott-Piltz – for excellent leadership skills throughout NAIDOC celebrations.
Brydie Williams - for excellent leadership skills throughout NAIDOC celebrations.
Anthony Quinnell – for participating enthusiastically in NAIDOC celebrations.

5/6S: Peter Pito – continuously offering his spare time to help others.
Patrick Kelly – always concentrating on completing set tasks.

K/6B: Brodie Ahearn – for her mature attitude towards all classroom tasks. Well done Brodie!
K/6C: Nagara Welch – fantastic independent effort in NAIDOC activities.
Xander Deen – great performance at the NAIDOC Assembly.
K/6R: Daniel Davis – excellent participation in NAIDOC activities.
K/6W: Cooper Philp – for great participation during NAIDOC week.

If you took the opportunity to pay for all the performances in one payment at the beginning of the year, these 2 performance visits are already covered. Please return notes and money as soon as possible. You may also pay by credit card if more convenient or make a direct online payment via the school’s website.

**El Kid Opera**

This 50 minute opera explores the courage you find when you believe in yourself. Using the popular tunes of Bizet’s Carmen to introduce the drama of opera to primary school aged students. Professional singers perform the catchy tunes with colourful costumes and an enchanting set.

I give permission for my child/ren to attend El Kid Opera on **Tuesday 1 August 2017**. I enclose **$7.00** per child.

Name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________
Name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________
Signature: _________________________
Date: ______________

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

**Life Education**

Life Education assists students to acquire age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices, develop and practice skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions and recognise the values and attitudes that may influence lifestyle choices and behaviours.

I give permission for my child/ren to attend Life Education beginning on **Friday 28 July to Friday 4 August 2017**. I enclose **$10.00** per child.

Name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________
Name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________
Signature: _________________________
Date: ______________

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

Queanbeyan Junior Social Basketball
Term 3 Social Basketball
Register now
Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium
Competition commence from 24th July 2017
Contact Rosie E: rosieball1@tpg.com.au
Kindergarten to Year 6 Competition
Contact Carole E: cjduvall@hotmail.com
High School and Senior Men & Women Competition

Register now at www.aussiehoops.com.au
Commencing Friday 28th July 2017
Fridays 4.30-5.30pm
Ages: 4-12yrs
Cost: $90 includes basketball, backpack & singlet +8 weeks clinic
Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball

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