



The Westerly

School Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

18/12/19	Year 6 Activity Day
19/12/19	Last Day for Students
29/01/20	Students Return to School
04/02/20	School Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents and Carers

Can you believe we are in the final days of the 2019 school year!! As I stated (twice) on Presentation Day, thank you for making me feel so welcome in my short time here at West. Thank you for all the cards, gifts and kind words you have shared with not only myself but also with this amazing team. We are truly appreciative of the time taken out of your day to make us feel special. On behalf of the staff I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday over this Christmas and New Year break.

Farewell Year 6

Farewell class of 2019! The time has come to say goodbye and good luck as you have reached the end of your primary school years and the end of your time here at Queanbeyan West. Over the past seven years your teachers have watched you grow, learn and achieve many things. We are all proud of your achievements and proud that you are able to express yourselves in such individual ways. We see the value and potential in each and every one of you. Whether it be your academic success, sporting endeavours, artistic expression or your community mindfulness, always remember that you offer so much to the world. On behalf of the staff, I wish you all the very best for this next chapter of your life as you head off to high school in January. High school, as with anything, can be difficult at times but if you ensure that your years ahead continue to be characterised by empathy, compassion and a willingness to take

risks; if you ensure that you always lead by example and put in the hard work then your successes will be many and the years that lie ahead will be as phenomenal as your graduating year at Queanbeyan West Public School.

Staff Farewell

Sadly we have some staff that will be leaving us this year. Thank you to Mrs Fitt, Mrs Long, Ms Sayers, Mrs Borbilas and Ms Edwards our fabulous teaching staff. Also thank you to Ms Gattringer, Mr Moorby, Mrs McPherson who support our students in their role as SLSO. We also farewell Mrs Reeks and Mrs Llewellyn our two school counsellors. These wonderful teachers and support staff have contributed to Queanbeyan West over the years and we wish them well in their next adventures.

Colour Run

Thank you to the Year 6 students and Stage Three teachers for organising and hosting our very first 'Colour Run'. An amazing day was had by all. The fundraising efforts for the run totalled approximately \$11,000 including the sausage sizzle. This money is going to be used for new Stage Three furniture to assist in creating a 'future-focused learning' space.

Building Works

Over the holidays our building works shall continue with the replacement of our roofing, upgrades in the Kindergarten toilet, new carpet and painting in some rooms. The Front Playground will also get new asphalt.

Looking For Trades

If there are any Queanbeyan West family members that run a local business in the trade industry I would love to hear from you via my email Belinda.jamieson6@det.nsw.edu.au I am looking for the following businesses:

Landscape gardeners
Painters
Builders
Concreters

P&C Scooter

Congratulations to Dennis F from K/1K for winning the amazing scooter prize. This prize was kindly donated by the Holden family and Andy from Straight Line Ski and Scuba Fyshwick.

Reports

Reports have gone home. If you have not received your child's report, please ask them or contact the office tomorrow.

Presentation Day

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Presentation Day last week, especially if you came to both! It is lovely to celebrate our students' achievements and the children love seeing family members and friends in the audience. Congratulations once again to all of our award winners.

End of Year Fun Day

Yesterday students had a wonderfully 'wet' afternoon followed by some Christmas 'downtime' in order to celebrate their year of learning with their peers and teachers. Thank you to the Stage Three team for organising this event. Thank you also to the staff who made it possible to go ahead despite the sudden changes made, due to the need to reduce our time outside because of the heat and air quality yesterday.

Mrs Belinda Jamieson
Principal



Dennis F receives his new scooter



Parts of our school are getting new roofing.



Cheque presented to Mel who organises and runs Play n Stay playgroup



Good Effort Afternoon tea with Mrs Jamieson



Presentation Day 2019











Lids For Kids Collection



Congratulations Queanbeyan West on a top effort!!!!

All plastic bottle lids will be broken down and turned into prosthetic limbs for kids in need.

GARDEN OF OZ

This year in the garden has been very busy.

Students this year have learnt how to compost food scraps and turn it into nutrient rich soil for our future fruit and vegetables to grow. They have then used this compost to enrich the 24 gardens beds that they have been getting ready for our future crops.

Students have also continued to expand our recycling and garbage program. They have learnt how to complete a garbage audit for our school and have been dedicated in reducing our overall school waste. At the start of the year we collected over 6 garbage bags worth of garbage and this term it has been reduced down to 2 garbage bags.

Students have been working hard to reduce the amount of landfill that goes into our red skip bin by composting food, collecting lids for kids to turn into prosthetic limbs, and our return and earn 10c bottle and can collection which has also funded out recyclable cups for our canteen.

The students of Queanbeyan West should be very proud of their achievements and I cannot wait to work with them on the next phase of the garden which is setting up the watering system and planting lots of plants.

Thank you to all the parents who have donated plants, resources and their time to help in the garden. If you would like to help in the future please send a note in to the office along with your best contact details.

UNSW Competition Award Winners



Christmas Tree Decorating Competition



The Christmas Tree Decorating Competition is back for 2019!

Queanbeyan West Christmas Tree:

Vote for our school here

<https://www.riversideplaza.com.au/vote/>

Water Play for Students



Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year!