



The Westerly

Queanbeyan West Public School



P&C meets the second Tuesday of every Month at 6.30pm in the Staffroom

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! We trust you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break as we have heard many wonderful holiday stories today.

As a staff we are very excited about this upcoming term. There are many opportunities your child will be engaged in from their conceptual unit on 'Social Justice'. Kindergarten will be looking at 'Fairness and Friendship', Stage 1 will explore 'Celebrating Differences', Stage 2 classes will look at 'Being in Someone Else's Shoes' as they explore the issues experienced by people with disabilities and Stage 3 will look at the biggest problems facing children around the world in 'Care for the Kids'. Throughout the term please ask your child to discuss what they have been learning.

We also have our Peer Support Unit coming up where students will continue to work on the ongoing theme of 'Resilience' and don't forget our DAF performance coming up in Week 3 as part of our Education Week celebrations.

School Attendance

Too Sick for School? Winter has well and truly arrived! While we have experienced a mixture of relatively mild and some chilly weather conditions of late, changes in weather are often unpredictable. With the cold weather comes the cold and flu season. If our students who are suffering from cold or flu-like symptoms come to school when they are unwell they will:

- not learn effectively,
- not have a chance of recovering quickly, and
- will be spreading their germs amongst their classmates.

While we always encourage regular attendance, we also ask you, as parents and carers, to be mindful of your child's health, and make a considered decision about whether your child is well enough to attend school. If your child is sick for more than two days, it is required that you seek medical attention, and

we ask that you please contact the school to explain their absence.

If you have concerns regarding school events please feel free to contact me.



Mrs Belinda Jamieson
Principal



**SCHOOL BANKING TO
COMMENCE NEXT WEEK
WEDNESDAY 31 July
2019.**

DATE	DIARY ACTIVITIES
24/07/19	Knock Out Basketball
26/07/19	National Tree Day
29/07/19	DAF Dress Rehearsal all day
30/07/19	Debating
30/07/19	Life Education Program commences
06/08/19	District Arts Festival
07/08/19	District Arts Festival
15/08/19	NAIDOC Assembly
19/08/19	Book Week Commences

Kinder Enrolments 2020

We are now accepting Kinder enrolments for 2020. Enrolment application forms are available and can be obtained from the school front office.





Good Effort Afternoon tea held 3/7/19



Life Education

Notes have gone home today regarding our Healthy Harold Life Education Program which will be visiting our school between Tuesday 30 July and Friday 9 August. Cost to participate is \$10 per child.

Merchandise will also be available to buy and an order form was sent home with the note. Please **DO NOT** make online payments to school. The correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class will be passed on to the educator. Thanks for your assistance.



Debating

On Monday the 1st July the QWPS Bunyips went to Wee Jasper Public School for debating. The Wee Jasper school only had 3 students enrolled so it was tiny! The topic was that 'Only the smartest girl and boy students should be school captains'. The Bunyips were the negative team disagreeing with the topic. The debate was won by the QWPS Bunyips. It was lots of fun debating in Wee Jasper, and after the debate we enjoyed a lovely lunch with the other students.

By Jasmine

Term 3/2019 Social Basketball Enrolments

Play Basketball in a Team...

Thursday 25th July 2019

Time: 5-7.30pm

Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium

Competitions: Kindy-Y2,Y3-4 Y5-6 & High School

-More Information @ *Queanbeyan Basketball Website*



Term 3/2019 Aussie Hoops Queanbeyan

Learn to play Basketball...

Commences: 2 August 2019

Days: Fridays

Times: 4.30-5.30pm

Ages: 4-12yrs

@ Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium

Register's Open @ **aussiehoops.com.au**



Value Pin
Assembly
5/7/19





School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

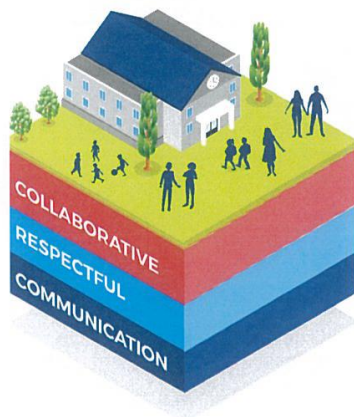
The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
a part

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Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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Monday	Bogong Boori's Aboriginal Playgroup 10.00am-12noon. at Family Day Care building, 181 Cooma Rd. (entrance via carpark of Margaret Donoghue Oval off Queenbar Road). Morning Tea provided. Transport can be provided, bookings must be made 4 days prior. Queries, contact Kellie ph. 0427415917
Tuesday	Supported Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am. <u>Register by calling 62972167 or email paola.mendez@det.nsw.edu.au</u> Please bring \$2 & a piece of fruit each session to share for the morning tea. At playgroup we have craft, stories, music, fruit snack time & free play. *Starting on Tuesday, 30th of July. Stay and Play 9.15am – 10.15am, Queanbeyan West Public School, Morton St, Queanbeyan. Meeting Mel at playground outside Kindy rooms. Starting on Tuesday, 23rd of July. Tiny Tots Playgroup – 1:00- 2.30pm. Come and enjoy some Baby /toddler songs and rhymes and free play. *Starting on Tuesday, 30th of July.
Wednesday	Kindy Gym —a fun, 45min gymnastics circuit for children 3yrs+, run by a qualified Gymnastics Australia coach. Kindy Gym has a wait list. To express your interest please contact the SaCC Facilitator at 62972167. *Starting on Wednesday, 31st of July. Queanbeyan East Transition Playgroup 10.00am-11.30am FREE for 3-5 years (younger siblings welcome). Playgroup focuses on 'school readiness' skills. Bring your snack for recess time. Held at Queanbeyan East Public School, Yass Rd. *Starting on Wed, 24th of July. Young Parent's Group 12.00pm –1.30pm at SaCC. Lunch provided. Come and join us for fun activities for you and your babies and children to enjoy. *Starting on Wednesday, 31st of July.
Thursday	Transition to School Playgroup 9.30am-11.30am. For children 3-5 yrs starting school next year are welcome, run by a qualified teacher. Session is \$2, please bring your snack for recess time. We focus on the skills children need to get ready for 'big school'. <u>Register for Term 3 by calling 62972167 or email to paola.mendez@det.nsw.edu.au</u> *Starting Thurs, 1st of August
Friday	Karabar Playgroup 9:30am-11:30am at 181 Cooma Rd. All welcome! Please bring \$2 & a piece of fruit each session to share for the morning tea. *Starting on Fri, 2nd of August. Multicultural Playgroup 9:30am-11:30am at SaCC. A group to welcome those families with children who are new to Australia. Session is \$2 & a piece of fruit. We focus on language skills & play. During the morning, includes Brain Gym 11am-11:15am at Multicultural Playgroup. For ALL ages—learn the benefits of educational kinesiology with Wendy from Queanbeyan Public School. *Starting on Fri, 2nd of August. Infant Massage (Program of 4 Sessions) 12.30pm - 1.30pm at SaCC. Session is \$2. For parents with a baby under 8 months. A lovely way to connect and bond with your baby. Contact Alison or Paola at 62972167 to be placed in a group. *Starting on Fri, 9th of August.
Sunday	Photography Club 1st Sunday of every month, at 3.00pm at front of SaCC gate, Isabella Street. For more information join the Facebook page Queanbeyan Photography Club

*All groups are held at SaCC, in the grounds of Queanbeyan PS, Isabella Street unless otherwise stated

Also this term:

Triple P Parenting Program,
Mon, 12.30-2.30 for 4 weeks, commencing 12th August.
Register by calling SaCC, ph. 62972167

Googong Pram Walk'n Talk,
meets Thursdays 9:30am, Beltana Park

Jerra Pram Walk'n Talk, meets Tuesdays 9:30am,
at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre

Circle of Security - P course is coming Term 4.
Register by calling Kellie, ph. 0427415917

For more information contact
Alison or Paola 6297 2167

**The activities in the SaCC building will
start from Week 2 this term
29th of August**

**Last Day of SaCC activities Term 3
Friday 27th of September 2019**

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Queanbeyan SaCC

