



The Westerly

School Newsletter

Queanbeyan West Public School



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UPCOMING EVENTS

10/9/19	Kinder 2020 Parent Information Evening
10/9/19	UNSW Writing Comp
11/9/18	Book Club Orders due
12/9/19	UNSW Spelling Comp
13/9/19	Regional Athletics
13/9/19	Regional Debating Final at Bungendore
17/9/19	UNSW English Comp
17/9/19	NAIDOC Public Speaking Comp
19/9/19	UNSW Maths Comp
24/9/19	Hot Dog Day – P&C Fundraiser
21/10/19	Learn to Swim Program begins – until 01/11/19
12/11/19	Kinder Orientation
14/11/19	Kinder Orientation
19/11/19	Kinder Orientation
21/11/19	Kinder Orientation

(Bold = recently added)

Second Hand Uniforms

Thank you to our three volunteers who have come forward to manage the Second Hand Uniform Shop in lieu of Mrs Sol Brennan who is handing over the baton after many dedicated years of service. Thank you Mrs Brennan for all of your hard work over the years, it is greatly appreciated. Mrs Brennan will work with the team over the coming months to get everyone organised and ensure that this valuable community service continues. Thank you to Mrs Sara McIntyre, Ms Hayley Coogan and Mrs Noa Le Roux who will be on this new team.

School Planning

Thank you once again to everyone who participated in our parent and carer forums at the end of last term. Over the past few weeks, staff have been working hard to collate all our feedback to assist us in providing targeted, strategic directions and plans. Yesterday afternoon we used an interrelationships digraph to study the cause and effect relationship between identified factors which will be used to prioritize areas and ensure we focus our effort to areas which will lead to greatest benefit. Tomorrow night the executive team are meeting with Mr Tony Fahey, who will guide us through aligning this feedback with the 2018-2020 school plan and assist us with the new annual school reporting tool which will be out later this year. If you would like a copy of the feedback received please contact the school, alternatively this will be tabled at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 15 October.

Congratulations to our Father's

Day Raffle Winners:

1st Prize – Neal Size

2nd Prize – Brad Coloe

3rd Prize – Scott Core

4th Prize – Fay Pritzler





Police Liaison Visit

Last Friday Senior Constable Sherwood, our youth liaison officer, visited Stage 2 and 3. Senior Constable Sherwood spoke about our school values of being safe, respectful and responsible in class and on the playground and students were given the opportunity to ask questions about personal safety. The students were reminded about 'no, go, tell' and the correct way to solve problems. Senior Constable Sherwood's talk followed on from Alan Tongue's ASPIRE program at the beginning of the year where students were given the practical tools to tackle adversity, take ownership of their actions, set goals and achieve their dreams. Senior Constable Sherwood will hopefully be back before the end of the year where she will talk about cyber safety and keeping ourselves safe online. Thanks Senior Constable Sherwood!



Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. Our school and the Department of Education work in partnership with parents and carers to encourage and support regular attendance of children. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- . being sick, or having an infectious disease.
- . having an unavoidable medical appointment
- . being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- . exceptional or urgent family circumstances (e.g. Attending a funeral)

Days per fortnight	Days per week	Attendance%	Days per year	Weeks per year	Time missed K-12 13 years
1	0.5	90%	20	4	Approx 1.5 years
2	1.0	80%	40	8	Approx 2.5 years
3	1.5	70%	60	12	Approx 4 years
4	2.0	60%	80	16	Approx 5 years
5	2.5	50%	100	20	Approx 6.5 years
6	3.0	40%	120	24	Approx 8 years
7	3.5	30%	140	28	Approx 9 years
8	4.0	20%	160	32	Approx 10 years

Mrs Belinda Jamieson
Principal



2nd Hand School Uniform Day
Tuesday 12 November 2019
Thursday 14 November 2019

8.45am – 9.15am

(for Kinder Orientation mornings)

To be held near the Junior playground area.

Donations greatly appreciated.

Please leave at the front office.

Thank you





30/8/19 Value Pin Assembly

Congratulations to Zayne M 1W who received his Value Pin at the 30.8.19 assembly but whose name was accidentally omitted last issue.



Canteen Volunteers Needed on Wednesday's but especially on **FRIDAY'S**. If you could spare two and a half hours it would be very appreciated.

Changes to Canteen Menu

Calippo's and Vanilla Cups will not be available from Term 4.

Items available from the frozen line include:

Juicy Tubes 60c

Frozen Juice Cup \$1.00

Streets Paddle Pops \$1.70

Slushy \$2.00

An amended menu will be uploaded onto the Queanbeyan West website.



The Library Corner

Term 3 in our library has been a wonderful time for sharing and celebrating literature, and discovering the joy and benefits of reading, listening, viewing and creating. So far, we have enjoyed Book talks in a box; the 'Reading is my Secret Power' Book Week parade and learning events and activities related to the Children's Book Council of Australia's short-listed books - including an incursion for Kindergarten from the Queanbeyan-Palerang Library. Last week Queanbeyan West PS opened their hearts to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) 'Great Book Swap'. The ILF vision is simple 'Equity of opportunity' and is achieved through donations towards their three core programs: Book supply, Book buzz and Community literacy projects. The ILF aims to reduce the disadvantage experienced by children in remote Indigenous communities across Australia, by lifting literacy levels and instilling a lifelong love of reading. If you still wish to make a donation, please follow [the link](#) [below] to our ILF donation page – it's not too late to make a difference.

Link to ILF QWPS donation page - <https://go.greatbookswap.org.au/EventDetail/7011J000001RuN2/Queanbeyan-West-Public-School-Great-Book-Swap>

Before the term is over, we have one last event to celebrate our love of reading – the Australian Reading Hour, held on **Thursday 19 September 2019**. At Queanbeyan West we're encouraging our school community to pick up a book and read for one hour on your own or with the children in your life. For this occasion, I wish to share my favourite quote:

"Books are sometimes windows, offering views of worlds that may be real or imagined, familiar or

strange. These windows are also sliding glass doors, and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created or recreated by the author. When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a mirror. Literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection, we can see our own lives and experiences as part of a larger human experience. Reading, then, becomes a means of self-affirmation, and readers often seek their mirrors in books.” – Rudine Sims Bishop (1990, p. ix)

Did you know - reading has been shown to reduce stress by 68% - better than going for a walk, listening to music or having a cup of tea.

Happy Reading ~ Mrs. Stevens 😊

ATHLETIC RIBBONS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLIES

Junior Assembly Awards

Friday 13 September 2019
Commences 12.15pm in the Hall.

KM: Jacob D - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Grace E – showing enthusiasm and skill in dancing.

Ava N – continuing to be a quiet, independent worker who stays on task.

Emilia R – wonderfully expressive reading.

KN: Joshua T – great learning with Mrs Pollard.

Shryaan G – trying hard with all his learning.

Samata P – speaking more confidently.

KR: Jayden C – for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

Ollie G - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

Jayden C – improved effort in staying on task.

Carly A – sharing great ideas in class discussions.

Serene H – great improvement in writing.

K/1K: Buddy O – determination to improve in Reading and Writing.

Isla M – independently writing four related sentences.

Zac K – determination to succeed and do his very best every day.

1B: Jack G - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Hasnain R – great attitude to learning new things.

Jobe E – improved effort in spelling.

Blaze D – good progress with numbers.

1C: Paridhi V – for her incredible resilience and sportsmanship.

Cooper M – for his fantastic use of adjectives in his writing.

JingLin S – for trying her best in writing.

1W: Matilda L – for critical thinking skills.

Emma O – for critical thinking skills.

Tytan B – for excellent work in maths.

Emma O – for completing a reading wheel.

Matilda L – for completing a reading wheel.

2H: Brodie R - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Elena Y – seeking and applying feedback to improve her writing.

Max W – excellent effort in maths activities.

Satejas K – consistently demonstrating school values.

2T: Jessica C - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Liam H – for his positive contributions to all Mappen lessons.

Angus E – for his increased focus in all subject areas.

Valentino G – for his consistent application in all learning areas.

2W: Tyler A – for incredible creative writing.

James G – for seeking help and persevering in mathematic tasks.

Delilah M – for her commitment and enthusiasm to learning.

Cooper B - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Logan A - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Senior Assembly Awards

Friday 13 September 2019
Commences 9.30am in the Hall

3/4D: Stefan S – writing a fabulous cinquain poem demonstrating his learning in “Someone Else’s Shoes”.

Bradley T – writing a fabulous cinquain poem demonstrating his learning in “Someone Else’s Shoes”.

Joshua H – demonstrating persistence in his learning leading to improvement.

3/4F: Krystian G – being an excellent role model for his peers.

Mariella V – trying hard to complete her learning tasks.

Jasper E – improved participation in all learning tasks.

3/4P: Ryan V - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Bryce W – his improved focus and effort in learning tasks, keep it up!

Rydah L – his knowledgeable contributions to class discussion on a range of topics.

Tanesha E – displaying a positive approach to all areas of school.

3/4T: Henry M - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Faith C - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Henry M – demonstrating a growth mindset during class sport.

Taylia L – working hard to present beautiful book work.

Jeremy K – demonstrating enthusiasm towards all lessons.

5/6E: Samuel B – for outstanding creativity in poetry.

Ella L – for incredible persistence in mathematics.

Karley F – for outstanding persistence and resilience in mathematics.

5/6R: Tristan C - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Brydie D – for being an engaged and enthusiastic learner during maths.

Adam H – for being an enthusiastic and motivated learner during mathematics.

Assma R – for displaying wonderful collaborative learning skills during mathematics.

5/6S: Mia S - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Dekoda C - for great community contribution in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

Ashton H – for his great work during our writing tasks.

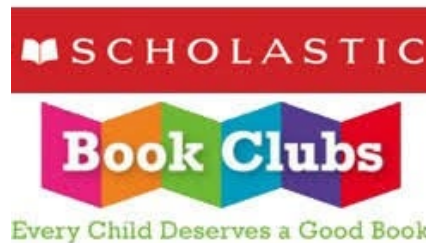
Sierra J – for her positive attitude towards her peers.

Sophie K – for always respecting the opinions of others.

5/6W: Zion V – great reading during literacy groups.

Maxwell A – great sentence structure in writing.

Thomas S – always making 5/6W a happy and safe classroom.



Book Club News

Scholastic book club orders and payment are due by Wednesday 11 September 2019.

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 and orders dropped into school. No late orders accepted. Thank you!

Did you know that rewards are given to the school from your purchases? These rewards are used to buy resources for the school.

Queanbeyan West Public School P&C Association

Hot Dog Day

Tuesday 24 September 2019

Hotdog and Drink Combo - \$5.00



Notes sent home today.

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.





Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
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*Many Commonwealth payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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Email Addresses needed

Please contact the school if you have not given us your email address or if we need to update your email. We now use email to communicate with you regarding student absences.

Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to build a healthy lunch box.

A healthy lunch box contains something from each of the 5 food groups plus water.

Our chicken and veg fried rice recipe ticks off 3 of the 5 food groups. Pack it with yoghurt, some fruit and a bottle of water for a complete lunch.

For more examples and to build your own visit healthylunchbox.com.au

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to use spring vegetables.

Fruit and vegetables are tastiest and cheapest when they are in season.

During Spring, mandarins, pineapples, berries, asparagus, cucumber, green beans, zucchini, mushrooms and peas are all in season.

Here are some fruit and veg filled, spring ideas:

- [Green frittata](#)
- [Fattoush salad](#)
- [Moroccan lentil salad](#)
- [Tofu Korma](#)
- [Zucchini and turmeric salmon patties](#)
- [Healthy banana split pots](#)
- [Yoghurt rice pudding](#)
- [Frozen fruit puree](#)

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1 School stream

Instructions for installing & deleting the School Stream App

From your mobile device go to the **App Store** search for **School Stream**

1. Tap the **FREE** button to the right of the School Stream listing
2. Tap the **INSTALL** button
3. Enter your Apple ID and password & tap **OK**
4. Wait for the install icon to change to **OPEN**
5. Tap the **OPEN** button
6. You will be prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select **OK**
7. Start typing your **school name** into the search then SELECT Queanbeyan West Public School.