



The Westerly

School Newsletter

Queanbeyan West Public School



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UPCOMING EVENTS

10 – 21 Feb	New roof installed for Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
21 Feb	District Swimming Carnival
24 - 26 Feb	Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews
26 Feb	Scripture begins
27 Feb	AFL Gala Day
28 Feb	Clean Up Australia Day
9 Mar	Staff Development Day – no students to be at school
10 Mar	P&C AGM, 7pm, Library
20 Mar	Questacon visits QWPS Yrs 3-6 (free event)
07 April	School Photos
08 April	School Cross Country
9 April	Students last day
10 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday

ADDITIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Monday 9 March (Canberra Day) all staff will be involved in a Queanbeyan Network professional learning day on Maths. Teachers will be working with other schools from across the network and the University of Canberra to partake in a continuing research project on mathematical reasoning and spatial awareness. This means that the school will be non-operational on this day and alternative care arrangements will be needed. In order to ensure students have the 'correct' number of learning days, there will be no staff development day on Monday 20 July (Term 3).

DEBATING

This year we will be continuing on with our Debating Program. Two teams, the 'Queanbeyan West Possums' and the 'Queanbeyan West Lorikeets', from Years 5 and 6 have been entered into the Illawarra South East Debating Competitions.

Any students who wish to be part of the Debating Program please see Ms Bladen by next Monday February 24 to notify her of your intention to participate in the program. Students will then need to complete an Expression of Interest Form and depending upon interest we will follow with 'tryouts' so that we can then progress to form our two teams.

2020 SCHOOL LEADERS



Captains: Ruby H, Thomas S

Vice Captains: Bineth G, Brydie D

Prefects: Anthony D, James R, Javeria M, Johann P, Kaleigh D, Olivia C.

Today Mrs Jamieson met with our 2020 leadership team to discuss their role, find out how they were feeling and discuss their ideas to lead our student body. It was an interesting chat as the leaders recognised that just because they are wearing a badge and now hold a title it does not instantly grant them respect, but it is about their actions, how they speak to others and the relationships they form. Great work team!

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your phone numbers, address or emergency contact details please ensure that you inform the office so that we can adjust our records.

PARKING

A number of people have been booked because of illegal parking on Richard Avenue. Please ensure you obey all signs to keep our children safe, and avoid the hefty fines along with the loss of demerit points.

P&C AGM AND GENERAL MEETING

The P&C are always looking for new members. If you would like to be part of our P&C please come and join our meetings held in the school library at 7pm. There is a \$1.00 joining fee and this can be paid through the school office or at any of the meetings.

Please note that the \$1.00 joining fee has to be paid prior to any voting rights being given. As per the last newsletter, in order to vote for our new executive committee at the next AGM people needed to have paid their \$1.00 joining fee at the 11 February meeting and attend the 10 March AGM.

Upcoming meetings

10 March 7pm AGM

* I apologise that there was a mismatch of dates in the last newsletter and can confirm that the AGM is on Tuesday 10 March.

RAIDERS VISIT

On Monday Queanbeyan West students in Years 3 to 6 had the opportunity to participate in the 'Inspire and Respect Program' delivered by the Canberra Raiders. Throughout this program students learnt strategies around respecting themselves, by looking after their bodies and eating healthy foods, being aware of their personal feelings and emotions and developing confidence within themselves.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next week we are hosting our parent/ teacher interviews. Your child should attend this meeting as we work together to create academic, social and emotional and personal learning goals. We are hoping to have 100% attendance at these meetings so please book online at <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> using the code 3zegj for mainstream classes and sdrd8 for our four supported learning classes.

Please remember that additional staff members, such as someone from our Aboriginal Education team are also available to attend your meeting, if you choose to have them present.

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING

This year teachers have agreed to take on a slightly new approach in relation to their teaching and learning programs. This week our grade teams are working together to collaboratively plan. During this time teachers will be co-developing assessment tasks, analysing student work samples, co-creating teaching and learning programs and setting up review processes. Teachers are undertaking this process to learn from each other, reflect and refine practice and build on each other's strengths. We have a wealth of knowledge and a wide skill set amongst the staff here at QWPS so this type of planning will ensure we are responding, as a grade and class group, to student learning needs by developing quality programs. As we know two heads are better than one so imagine what we can do with a whole team!

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Ms Janet Forster who was successful in gaining the Assistant Principal Learning Support role for the Queanbeyan network of schools. We warmly welcome Mr Scott Mercer to QWPS who will take up Ms Forster's Learning and Support Teacher role, as well as taking on a Wellbeing Teacher role whilst we wait for our newly appointed counsellor to arrive in Term 2. Congratulations also to Mrs Belinda Moss who was appointed as acting Assistant Principal - Kindergarten for 2020. Congratulations all!

ASSEMBLIES

Our assemblies are held fortnightly in the hall starting this Friday 21 February. Due to our growing numbers we will once again have to be split into Infants (Yrs K-2) and Primary (Yrs 3-6) for 2020. The K-2 assembly starts at 12.10pm and the Yr 3-6 starts at 9.30am. We welcome all parents, carers and family members.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Are you available to volunteer your time at school? Di would love some assistance in the canteen again this year if you have any free time. If you are available please fill out the form below and send in to the office.

Name:

Phone:

Day	Tick times you are available to help
Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Every Day 9am – 2.30pm <input type="checkbox"/> Every Morning – 9am-12.00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Every Afternoon – 1.30pm- 2.30pm
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> Every Day 9am – 2.30pm <input type="checkbox"/> Every Morning – 9am-12.00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Every Afternoon – 1.30pm- 2.30pm
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Every Day 9am – 2.30pm <input type="checkbox"/> Every Morning – 9am-12.00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Every Afternoon – 1.30pm- 2.30pm
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Every Day 9am – 2.30pm <input type="checkbox"/> Every Morning – 9am-12.00pm <input type="checkbox"/> Every Afternoon – 1.30pm- 2.30pm

Comments:

SCHOOL UNIFORM



All students must wear school uniform each day. Boys wear a gold polo shirt and the green shorts or grey shorts. The girls wear a gold polo shirt and green shorts or skirt. The girls are also able to wear the school uniform dress. No jewellery except stud earrings please. A school sun safe hat must be worn, no baseball caps as these do not provide enough protection.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Be Safe

Keep your hands, feet, objects and nasty words to yourself.

Over the next two weeks students will be explicitly taught how to be safe by keeping their hands, feet, objects and nasty words to themselves. Students will look at strategies including the 'Anger Rules' to manage frustration and anger during Lucky's Learning Circle lessons.

The Anger Rules

It's OKAY to feel angry BUT

- 🔥 Don't hurt others
- 🔥 Don't hurt yourself
- 🔥 Don't hurt property

Do talk about it!

Remember it's ok to be mad

But it's not okay to be mean!



The Polo Sport Shirt is available for purchase at school front office. The cost is \$26.00.
The **school hat** is also available for \$7.00



Junior Assembly Awards

Friday 21 February 2020
Commences 12.10pm in the Hall.

KH: Patrick S – consistent enthusiasm towards learning.
Tanya H – being a fabulous listener in class.
Jordan C – displaying enthusiasm towards all aspects of kindergarten.
KM: Laila R – fabulous listening.
Sarrinah N – being a responsible class member.
Jacob M – settling in well to Kindergarten.
KN & KR: Callie C – being a kind and helpful friend.
Jordan C – working hard and always having a go.
Laurie K – staying focussed during maths groups.
Charlie C – consistently showing the 5L's of listening.
1K: Eric L – persistence and creative thinking.
Ellie M – great thinking and application in maths groups.
Paul D – welcome to Queanbeyan West PS.
1C: Iris D – settling in beautifully to her new school.
Luisahopehala L – being a kind and respectful student.
Dennis F – his fantastic start to Year 1.
1W: Melanie K – for being a positive, helpful class member.
Declan S – for being a positive, helpful class member.
Maddison W – for showing persistence in writing.
2F: Emma O – making excellent progress in maths.
Lachlan F – his consistent application in all less
Madison H – for being a positive class member of 2F.
2M: Alicia W – being a helpful classmate.
Cooper M – excellent work in all academic areas.
Levi N – fantastic contribution to class discussions.
2S: Eleanor L – thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
Ciaran D – fantastic effort with place value.
Elsie C – being a great helper.

SLA: Antony E – for settling in well at Queanbeyan West.

Senior Assembly Awards

Friday 21 February 2020
Commences 9.30am in the Hall

3/4P: Moli P – her positive attitude to learning tasks.
Jasper E – willingly sharing his knowledge and ideas with the class.
Abdullah B – setting a good example for others.
3/4R: Lara F – for being kind and helpful to all her peers.
Angus E – for engaging in all learning tasks.
Chris R – for sharing his mathematical understanding with the class.
3/4T: Avigayil G – giving all tasks her best effort.
Gabriel V – always willing to help his peers in the classroom.
Leanne B – develop a growth mindset towards challenging tasks.
3/4W: Emily M – for being a helpful and kind class member.
Jamie E – for settling well into his new school.
Emmanuel W – for settling well into his new school.
4/5S: Madison M – for being a kind and friendly member of 4/5S.
Bianka A – for always applying herself to her work.
Aleks S – for a great start in 4/5S.
5/6C: Rydah L – for showing great persistence and attitude in Visual Arts.
Ahmed B – always respectful and an enthusiastic class member.
Samuel B – for being a positive role model and respectful class member.
5/6R: Vince O – being a kind and considerate class member.
Sophie S – her positive contributions to class discussions.
5/6W: Olivia C – for being a positive role model in 5/6W.
Eva S – for always applying herself in all areas of learning.
Johann P – for great reading during reading activities.
SLR: Jack M – for showing beautiful manners, kindness and respect towards his classmates.
Aleksander S – for always being a caring and considerate class member.
SLS: Aaron M – enthusiastic participation during the swimming carnival.

Fantastic!



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SHOW Camp


(Sports, Health, Opportunities & Wellbeing)

Bonny Hills
31st March - 1st April 2020

Head to the NSW AECG Inc. website link below to find out more information and to download a registration form. Alternatively you can contact the NSW AECG Secretariat on 9550 5666 and info@aecg.nsw.edu.au
<https://aecgservices.com.au/programs/show-camp/>

*For Aboriginal student s from Years
5 to 11 (inclusive)*






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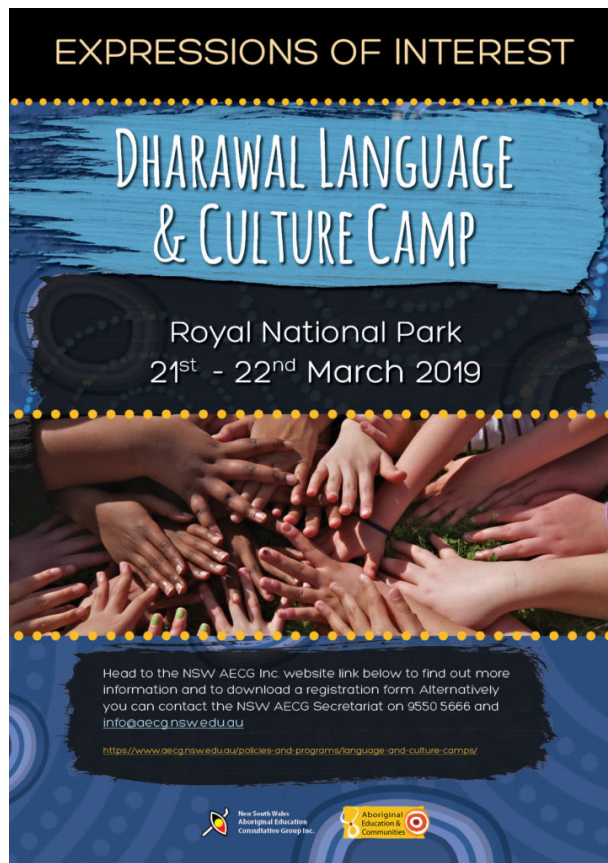
SHOW Camp

(Sports, Health, Opportunities & Wellbeing)

Albury
5th - 6th May 2020

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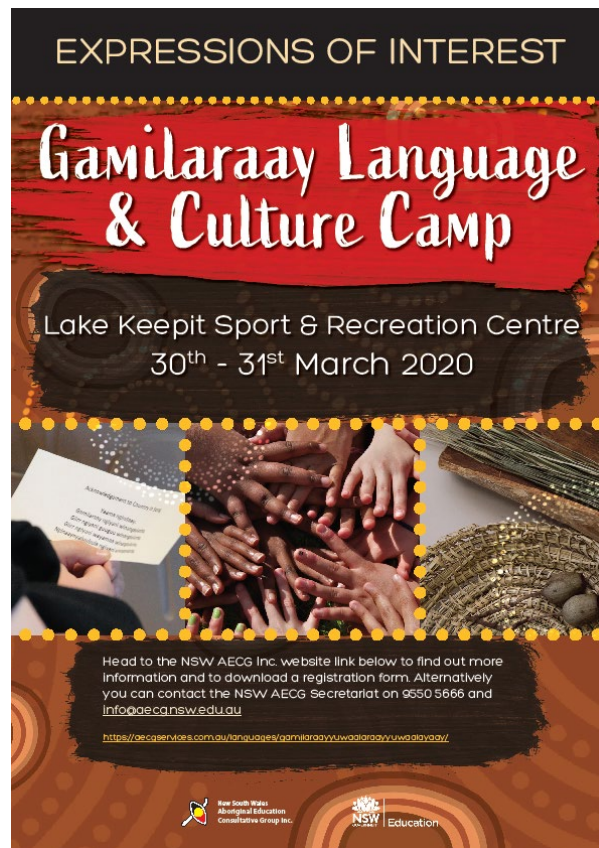
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DHARAWAL LANGUAGE & CULTURE CAMP

Royal National Park
21st - 22nd March 2019

Head to the NSW AECG Inc. website link below to find out more information and to download a registration form. Alternatively you can contact the NSW AECG Secretariat on 9550 5666 and info@aecg.nsw.edu.au
<https://www.aecg.nsw.edu.au/policies-and-programs/language-and-culture-camp/>





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Gamilaraay Language & Culture Camp

Lake Keepit Sport & Recreation Centre
30th - 31st March 2020

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<https://aecgservices.com.au/language/gamilaraay-yuwalaraay-yuwalaray/>

Girl Guides - Fun, Friends and Adventure

Girl Guides meet in Queanbeyan and run groups for ages 5 to 17, and a peer group for young women aged to 30. Leadership opportunities also exist for women aged from 18.

Guides of all ages are encouraged and shown how to advocate for things they believe in, and are taught valuable leadership, teamwork and life skills. They are empowered to grow into confident, self-respecting and responsible community members. Guides learn by doing, and having plenty of fun along the way! You can check us out on Facebook @queanbeyangirlguides or the web at Girl Guides NSW & ACT.

Get in touch to find out more, and have a FREE three week trial.

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Girl Guides is a registered provider for the NSW Government's Active Kids Voucher rebate.



2020 JUNIOR HOCKEY COME & TRY DAY

Come along and experience an Olympic sport in your own backyard.

When: Sunday 23/3/20. 9:00am to 12:00pm

Where: Tuggeranong Hockey Park. Soward Way, Greenway, ACT.

Cost: Free. Sausage Sizzle supplied.

What to Bring: Smiles. QUHC will supply all sticks, balls etc.

Contact: Shayne Monahan. shayne@quhc.com.au 0417799574

QUHC are affiliated with Hockey ACT and Hockey Australia.

Hockey is a fast paced, fun game for the whole family.

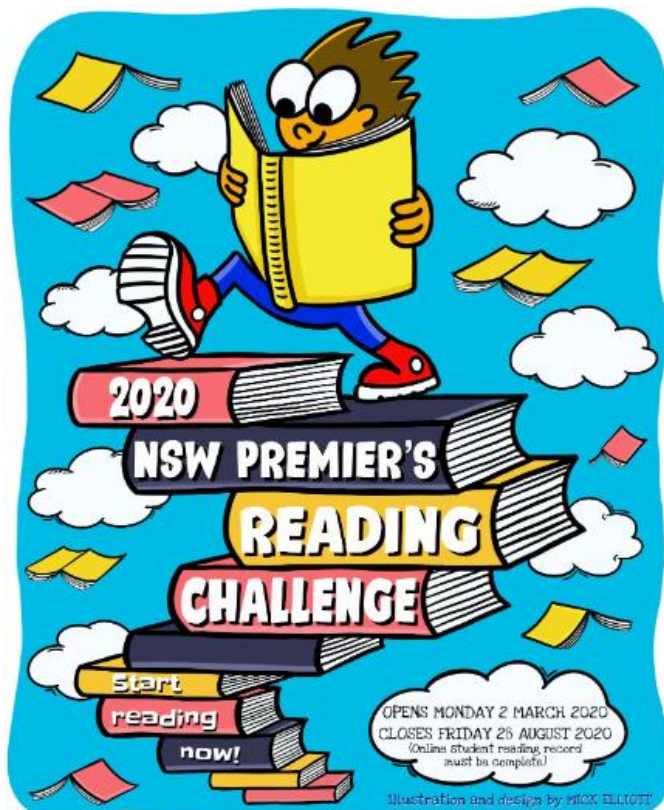
QUHC run programmes for Boys, Girls, Mums & Dads.

QUHC supply training by qualified coaches with years of experience.

Pathways exist in QUHC & Hockey ACT for Boys & Girls to play for hits & giggles or to reach their full potential & participate in National Championships.

The choice is entirely yours. Experience it. Love it.

LIBRARY NEWS



www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking newsletter. Term 1 update.

CommBank Bushfire Support

In light of the recent devastating bushfires, we want to share how we can help. Applications are now open for Bushfire Recovery Grants to help rebuild community facilities, schools, fire brigades and replace lost or damaged equipment. Please encourage your local community groups to apply by 31 March 2020, for grants of up to \$50,000. If you're a CommBank customer and you've been affected, we can also give you a hand with your finances. commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery

2020 Treetop Savers Adventure.

This year, the Dollarmites (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are ready to take children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings. Here they'll discover lots of fun financial activities and rewards for saving.

Many surveyed parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. And this year, we're changing our School Banking rewards for the better. We're introducing new eco-friendly and reusable rewards, alongside other rewards that encourage creativity, as well as indoor and outdoor play.

Activity 1: Add up Addy's pocket money

Addy gets \$2 pocket money every time she does a job in the Treehouse of Savings. If she does 9 jobs, how much will she have earned?

A: \$ _____

Activity 2: Find and count how many frogs and butterflies you can see

A: _____ Frogs and _____ Butterflies.



Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.



Terry Denton's Activity Book



Mini Soccer Ball

Any questions about the School Banking program? Ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a parent's pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Parents of Australian primary school children, School Banking Research, conducted by FiftyFive, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124

