Coming Up This Week
Wednesday - Stage 1 Excursion – National Museum – 10:00am – 2:00pm
Thursday - Whole School Photo – 9:30am – Primary Quad
Thursday - Book Fair Night – 3:30pm – 6:00pm
In School Performance – From Half Way Around the World – 12:30pm and 2:00pm

World Teacher’s Day
Last Friday was World Teacher’s Day. I was a teenager when I chose teaching as my career of choice. I had many wonderful role models and teachers were held in high esteem by my family and community for their knowledge and skills.
I am very proud to be a member of the teaching fraternity, described so perfectly by the OECD as ‘the knowing and caring profession’. Every day teachers make a difference as they inspire and engage young people to learn and succeed. Often it is years later that a teacher realises the impact that she or he had on a student, or an entire class.
World Teachers’ Day is an important day internationally to acknowledge the skills and efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society.
This year is the 20th anniversary of World Teachers’ Day, inaugurated on 5 October, 1994, by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the adoption of the UNESCO and International Labour Organisation recommendation concerning the status of teachers.
Most countries celebrate World Teachers’ Day on 5 October but, since that date falls in the Australian school holiday period, we mark the day on the last Friday in October. This year’s celebration was last Friday 31 October.
There are many challenges and rewards in engaging and supporting students, and teachers today require a combination of valued skills, including quality teaching, management, collaboration, insight, creativity and understanding.
I want to thank and pay tribute to our amazing teachers in our public education system – and the staff supporting them in their work.

Uniform
Thank you parents for getting your children to school each and every day dressed in our lovely school uniform. School uniform promotes respect (one of our school values) in the students and encourages a team spirit. The school looks wonderful with everyone in the uniform – well done! Can I remind you that jewellery should not be worn (studs or sleepers are ok) and that make up is inappropriate for school. Most students are remembering to bring their school hat each day – please keep this up.

P&C Meeting – Wednesday 5 November 2014
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday the 5 November starting at 7:00pm in the Staff Room (entrance can be made via the front office). Our meetings are held in a friendly, informal atmosphere and usually run for about 60-90 minutes. All families within the school are welcome to attend.
Please come along and take an active part in your child’s school.

Extended Opportunity
Queanbeyan West Public School
Paver Fundraiser
Due to ongoing orders there is still time for anyone interested to participate in this unique opportunity to have your name or message engraved into a paver which will then be laid in a walkway as a permanent part of our school.
Order forms available at the front office
Phone: 6297 2020

Single Paver - $40.00
Double Paver - $70.00
Paver with hand drawn image - $45.00
An opportunity for you, your child, family, business or organisation to become a permanent part of our school’s history.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal
Queanbeyan West Public School Fete
SATURDAY 29th November 2014
10am – 2pm

This week we are asking if families could **donate a non-perishable festive item** to be included in the Christmas Hamper which is one of the prizes in our raffle. Items can include things like biscuits (sweet or savoury), chocolates, apple or cranberry sauce, pretzels, shortbread, plum pudding, Bon Bons etc. Any donations will need to be handed into the Office by Tuesday 25th November. Thank you for your support!

- We are also looking for donations of handmade items to sell at the Craft Stall.
  - If you are not crafty but would like to contribute, we are also asking for donations of Christmas fabric, felt and buttons.
- Don’t forget plants for our Plant Stall – these can be brought in the week leading up to the Fete. (Please label your plants for easy identification)
- Raffle tickets have gone home for our Raffle to be drawn on Fete Day. We are asking that all raffle tickets and money be returned to the school by Tuesday 25th November. Extra books of raffle tickets are available at the front office for those who would like more.

- For those of you who are interested in helping out on Fete day, could you please return the note to school with your preferred times or contact the school by Tuesday 25th November. Any amount of time you can contribute would be greatly appreciated.

**Family Photos**
The Portrait Gallery took a number of student family photos earlier in the year in Term 1. You may view these at the front office until the end of term. The photos are $8 and all money collected goes directly into school funds.

Queanbeyan West Public School Kindergarten 2015 Parent Information Night
Tuesday 18 November 2014 starting at 6.30pm in the School Library.

Any enquiries phone: 6297 2020

**UP TO DATE CONTACT INFORMATION**
If you have changed your contact details, either address or phone numbers please let the office know so we can update our records. It is important that we are able to contact you regarding your child especially when your child is in sick bay. Thanks

DIARY DATES

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The Westerly- School Web Site: www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Count Us In

Last Thursday we participated in the Music Count Us In program. This program sees all schools from around Australia learn the same song (titled Different People) and sing it at the same time. Thank you to Mrs Moss who ensured that the technology was working.

Grandparents Day

Also last Thursday we opened our school for our Grandparents and Parents. It was lovely to see everyone here enjoying their children participating in singing, games and learning.
From Half Way Around the World

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the From Half Way Around the World performance show on Thursday 6 November 2014.
If you took the opportunity to pay for all the performances in one payment at the beginning of the year, this performance visit is already covered. Please return note and money by tomorrow Wednesday 5 November. I enclose $4.00 per child. You may also pay by credit card if more convenient.

Name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________
Name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________
Signature: _________________________
Date: ______/____/____

Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge $ _____________ (total amount)
Card Number: ____________________________
Expiry Date: ___ / ___
Verification No: _________ (on back of card)
Card Holder's Name:

Alternatively, a credit card authorisation can be given by telephone to the Front Office on 6297 2020

With an array of colourful characters, costumes and an ever changing pace this show has a lot to offer. It looks at the vast differences in the day to day life of children around the world.