Value Pin Assembly
Our Values Pin’s Assembly will take place this Friday in the Hall at 10:00am. Children will be awarded pins because they exhibit the school values in all school settings and with all school teachers. The Values Pin is a gum tree to represent the growth and development of our students and their lifelong learning. Each year level will be represented by a different colour pin.

ANZAC Day March
Queanbeyan ANZAC DAY 2014 - The Queanbeyan ANZAC Day march on the 25 April will be held during the holidays and all Queanbeyan West Public School students are invited to attend and all school leaders are expected to participate. Students should be in full school uniform. I will meet all who can join us at 9:45am outside the Queanbeyan Library.

Easter Hat Parade
The Easter Hat Parade will follow the Values Pin Assembly; we estimate the Parade will start at 10:30am. If it’s wet weather we invite parents and families to their child’s classroom where each child will model their hat.

Once again Queanbeyan West Public School’s SRC are hosting an Easter Egg Raffle, with prizes to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

Any Easter egg donations would be gratefully received – the more eggs, the more prizes!

Students who bring an egg donation automatically get a free raffle ticket in the draw.

Tickets will be on sale before school and at lunchtime during the last week of school. The tickets will be 50 cents per ticket or 3 for $1.00.

Easter Break
As the Easter long weekend approaches, families are set to hit the roads for holiday trips. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over the long weekend. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death.

Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians. Here are some useful road safety tips you can take in to make sure your journey is a safe one:

- Don’t set off on a long trip at the end of a day’s work. Sleep well before travelling. Don’t drive at times you would normally be asleep.
- Take a 15 min break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Do not use your mobile while driving.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car (portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones).

Please remember that children are inexperienced road users and it’s important they are supervised in the traffic environment.

Please remember to:
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your children exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.
- Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on a footpath and when crossing the road.

Have a safe and happy Easter holiday
Term 1 ends on Friday 11 April 2014, students return for Term 2 Tuesday 29 April 2014.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held, Wednesday 7 May 2014 starting at 7pm 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.

**School holiday kids and family camps**

It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: [http://bit.ly/1hWxTra](http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)

**Managing screen-time**

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common Sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screentime limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: [http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk](http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk)

**Books to boost brains**

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a day can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: [http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0](http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0)

**Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?**

It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: [http://bit.ly/188OerY](http://bit.ly/188OerY)

**Helping Kids Learn How to Make Friends**

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning)

**Voluntary Contributions**

At the Annual General P&C meeting held in March it was decided that the school Voluntary Contributions would remain the same. The contributions are $40 per child or $60 per family. Payments can be made at the front office or via credit card if more convenient.

**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 …………………………………………………………………………………

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

11/04/14  Value Pin Assembly & Easter Hat Parade
11/04/14  Last day of Term 1
29/04/14  School resumes for students.

**Positive Behaviour for Success**

**Lucky Leaves - Week 10 Term 1**

K-2: Brydie K/1K, Charlotte K/1K, Lily 1N, Thomas 2D, Mark K/6R, James K/6R

3-6: Michael 4W, Treye 4W, Ross 5S, Lauren 5S, Huon 5/6D, Christine K/6H

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**Congratulations**

Ella 3/4S, Isabel 4B, Yasmeen 4B, Cameron 4B and Eli 5S who have now completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014.

Happy Reading- take up the challenge!
Mr Lumley
STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER
Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and $50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.
The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. There are 4 marquees to be won in the ACT Region. Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in Term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two $50 credits to their School Banking account. Competition opens 28/01/2014 and closes 11/04/2014. For full terms and conditions please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Banking day at Queanbeyan West is every Wednesday.

AFL NSW/ACT – Holiday Camp
Come along and get active these holidays by joining in for a day full of AFL! There will be a range of activities on the day and all activities will be conducted by AFL Development Staff.
Where: Montgomery Oval (Manuka Circle, Manuka) This is the oval opposite the front gate of Manuka Oval.
When: Thursday 17 April 2014
Time: 9am to 4pm
Cost: $50 (includes recess and lunch) Please ensure children bring a drink bottle. Payment can be made in cash or in cheque on the day.
To register or if you require any further details please contact Jessica on 6228 0381 or email: development.efc@aflnswact.com.au

Riverside Plaza Holiday Activities
Kids Craft Station: We will be hosting a Kids Craft Station on weekdays during school holidays. Each day will have themed projects to get creative with.
Entry is a gold coin donation & all money raised will be going to support the Queanbeyan Hospital.

Week 1: Monday 14–Thursday 17 April, 11am–2pm
Week 2: Monday 21–Thursday 24 April 11am–2pm, ANZAC Day Friday 25 1–4pm

Easter Bunny visits:
The Easter bunny will be hopping in for visits on:
Thursday 17 April 4–7pm
Saturday 19 April 11am–2pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS
WHEN: 14TH TO 17TH APRIL 2014 9AM TO 4:30PM
QUALITY SOCCER PROGRAM
$60 PER DAY OR $200 FOR WEEK
LUNCH PROVIDED
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!!
PH: (02) 6297 7435
Email: qisc@qiscweb.com
Website: www.qiscweb.com
Lucky Door Prizes to be won - Book Vouchers to the value of $60 book marks & posters.

Books make great presents and expand children’s minds.

EFTPOS available

**QWPS BOOK FAIR**

Monday 5 May - Friday 9 May, 2014

**Family Night:** Thursday 8 May, 2014
3.30 pm – 6.30 pm

**Venue:** School Library