School Uniform
We have a school uniform, approved by our parent body, and it is expected that students will wear it every school day. Our uniform is Green or Grey shorts (summer) Summer Dress, green skirt, Green or Grey pants and Green Tunic (winter) green or grey stockings and a Gold shirt, enclosed black shoes or sport sneakers.
A reminder, that student’s shoes should comply with the uniform code. Flats, ballet flats and multicoloured shoes should not be worn at school. Sneakers with roller skates on the bottom should also not be worn, these pose a work place health and safety risk.
Black school shoes are preferred and sport shoes should be worn on your child’s sport day.

Smoking
Parents are reminded that smoking is not permitted in school grounds or within 50 metres of a school. Please do not smoke near school gates or crossings while dropping off or collecting students after school.

Road Safety
I have a concern about the safety and wellbeing of our students and parents when students are arriving and departing from school. The school has crossings at the front of the school on Morton Street and one on Richard Avenue. However we have parents leading/sending children across the road in the front of the school, often between cars and buses. This is dangerous and sets a poor example and is illegal, so please use our crossings. It would take one minute to walk from a gate to either crossing.
This combined with cars doing ‘u’ turns, double parking and not adhering to speed limits (40kph) in school times, is a recipe for disaster. The Ranger and Police will be patrolling regularly and the fines for not following the correct road use are significant. For the safety of our students and school community please be vigilant and careful on the road, especially in the vicinity of our school.
Also any child who rides a bike or scooter to school must wear a helmet.

School Counselling Service
The school counsellor’s role is to work with students, families and carers to provide a counselling and support service to allow you to make an informed decision about your child’s education. This also includes assessing student’s learning and behaviour, assisting the school to identify and address disabilities that affects student’s learning and working with other allied health professionals such as Paediatricians, Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, and Physiotherapists in order to help streamline your child’s care and needs.
The school counselling service can assist with referrals to other agencies, advocacy to teachers and other professionals as well as providing case management for your child. The school counsellor
can provide individual counselling, family therapy and support for parents. Students may refer themselves to the school counsellor or may seek an interview at the suggestion of a teacher, parent or a friend. A student's reasons for seeing a school counsellor may include worrying about school work/learning, conflict with friends, being in trouble at school or just feeling “down”. The service is available at Queanbeyan West Public School on Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am – 3:15pm. Other times are available by appointment. Please don’t hesitate to contact the School Counsellor on 62972020 to make an appointment or to just have a chat. Our counsellor is Mr Bob Cotterill.

NCCD
Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)
For 2014, participation in the NCCD will be on an opt-out basis. That is, parents will need to indicate if they do not want their child to be counted. A form for this purpose will be coming home this week. Parents will be provided with sufficient information in order for them to decide if they want their child included in the NCCD. As part of this process, parents should be reassured that the data collected will be protected by state and federal privacy laws.

NRMA Road Safety and Science Day – 22 May
On 22 May, our school will be hosting the NRMA Road Safety and Science Day. The day will include Science activities and Road Safety lessons. One school was chosen from each area, so we are indeed very fortunate. This is a free program. There will be parent sessions held on the day.

Parent Workshop
Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe on the roads and so parents are invited to attend a Parent Workshop on Thursday 22 May 2014, at 2:30pm in 6R. The workshop will be delivered by a science professional who will explain what parents can do to help their children stay safe on their bikes and in cars.

I __________ will be attending the parent workshop on Road Safety, presented by a science professional, on Thursday 22 May 2014 at 2:30pm in 6R.

Signed: ___________________________
Date: __________________________

Communities@work
Queanbeyan West Public School is committed to making a difference in our community. To honour this commitment, we are participating in the Tuggeranong Hyperdome’s ‘Connect & Care’ promotion.
This year, Connect & Care is aimed at promoting and supporting Communities@work, a local charity and support group who assists in changing the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged families in the Canberra area. Families of Queanbeyan West Public School are invited to assist us by donating healthy food (sorry, not fresh) and other essential goods that Communities@work needs in our school’s drop box in Centre Court at the Hyperdome.

Second Hand Uniform Stall
Uniform stall will be held next Tuesday 20th May 8:45am – 9:15am. Donations may be left at the front office.

Well it is that time of the year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- walking with them the whole way to school
- if they catch the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- if you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Remember, active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014.

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal

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The Westerly- School Web Site:  www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
PSSA Netball
Miss Armistead and the Year 4-6 girls will be participating in the PSSA Netball on Friday 16 May. The girls will play against Jerrabomberra Public School at 10am on our newly refurbished netball court. Spectators are more than welcome to come and show their support. Good luck!

Tjupurru-Reconciliation Week
I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Tjupurru performance show – Reconciliation Week on Monday 26 May 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 Thursday 22 May. I enclose $4.00 per child. You may also pay by credit card if more convenient.

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

Family Photos
The Portrait Gallery took a number of student family group photos when the school portraits were taken in Term 1. There are some fabulous photos and these are now available at the front office, so feel free to come in and take a look. The photos are 88 and all money collected goes directly into school funds.
Thank you to the many parents, students and teachers who supported the fair by buying books and helping at the fair. In particular, to Mrs Nolan, Mrs Holland, Mrs Harris, Mrs Turner, Mrs Moss, Mrs Henman, Ms Smith, Ms Lumley, Mrs Bedin, Ms Armistead and Ms Bladen who kindly gave of their time to help at the fair.

We raised approximately $700 and students have selected many books from the book fair for our library and the remaining money will go towards paying for the new book carrousel and to purchasing more popularly requested/borrowed books nominated by our students.

Congratulations to our $10 book voucher winners: Lola (2D), Sam (1T), Olivia (KM), Matilda (1/2A), Isaac (4B) and to our poster winners: Kiara (4W), Natasha 1/2A, Korby (4B), Levi-Brock (2D), Anthony (2B), Amber (1/2A), Brodie (5S), Dekoda (1T), Megui 5S, James (1/2A), Seth 1/2A and Devina (1T).

Back orders for books were placed last Friday and most students should receive their books later this week or early next week.

Chris Lumley
Teacher Librarian

Does Your Child Play Softball?
If so, we are looking for talented students- both boys and girls. District trials for the Queanbeyan District softball teams will be held at Madew Oval in Jerrabomberra on Wednesday 21 May from 2-4pm. Students, especially those in Years 5 & 6, with some knowledge of the game and a good level of fielding and batting skills are encouraged to attend (Cricketers with good skills also welcome!)

Bring your glove if you have one or it can be provided. Ask Mrs Turner for a permission note and return it by Friday 16 May. We hope to see some eager players for the trials!