What’s On This Week?
This week we have a few activities which involve various children from across the school.
Today we participated in the Sullivan Shield and our students K-2 joined in the AFL clinic’s coordinated by Ms Wardlaw.
On Friday Miss Armistead, Mrs Nolan and Miss Thompson travel to Yass for their continued professional Learning with our L3 reading program.
Next Monday we will participate in the UNSW Writing Competition and our next school performance; Great Galaxies takes place.

National Data Collection – School Students with a Disability
This year all NSW DEC schools will take part in the collection of data for students with a disability.
The definition of a student with a disability is a very wide one and isn’t just for those students who receive special funding support, are in a support class or who have a medical diagnosis.

We are collecting data already available in the school about the support being provided to students with a disability as well as students who receive adjustments to their learning.

There are a variety of adjustments that teachers make to assist our students. This can include support from the Learning Support Teachers and Learning Support Officers and students who receive additional assistance for core curriculum adjustments. Also included in this data collection are those students with medical conditions for example anaphylaxis, diabetes and asthma.

More accurate data will help the government plan for students with a disability and or learning needs.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process. The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student or school will be identified. This ensures the privacy and confidentiality for all students.

Last week parents of students who receive an adjustment to their learning did receive a letter. Parents only need to fill out the form and return it to school if they don’t wish their child to be included in the data collection.

Mid-Year Reports
Teachers are in the process of completing mid-year reports. All students will receive their reports on Tuesday 24 June.
The front covers of the report explain the levels of assessment. Please note that if your child is working at the expected level for their grade, then they are working at a SOUND level.

Your child has been assessed against a range of indicators on which the Stage has been working this semester. The end of year report is reported against another set of indicators and your child’s progress through that range of indicators.

P&C
Ayrton Senna’s quote – “I have no idols. I admire work, dedication and competence.” would definitely apply to the team of hardworking, dedicated people in our P&C who aim to raise much needed funds for the benefit of all children K-6.
They have goals for this year; they are to support the schools purchase of Primary Play equipment this year and Infants equipment next year, the purchase of readers to support literacy programs in the school. To move the Infants sandpit, retile that area and place sails over the sandpit.
They would like to develop vegetable gardens near the Richard Avenue play area, after the trees are pruned. Our P&C will coordinate a Working Bee early in Term 3 to prepare gardens, move sandpits and resurface the area where the sand pit moves from. Keep your eyes open for that date.
Fundraising events like, Mother’s Day Placemats, Soup Day, Father’s Day fund raiser and the Fete to be held on Saturday 22 November are crucial to raising funds to support the school in our endeavours and plans.
I receive a budget. This budget is dependent on the size of the school and the number of students.
Included in the budget is an allocation of $50.00 per student, earmarked for classroom resources. With this amount I totally resource each class with everyday items as well as resources to support the six key learning areas as well as keep up with technology.

As you can see it is a vital relationship between the school and the P&C, who act on the parent body’s behalf, so that together we raise additional funds to support many areas within the school.

Your voluntary contributions also go towards our school being well resourced. Your voluntary contribution allowed me to purchase to date, 21 iPads.

Our voluntary contributions are $40.00 per child and $60.00 per family. Each and every child benefits from your generous support.

2014 Voluntary Contributions

Name: ____________________________

Class: ______________

I enclose $_____________ cash/cheque/credit-debit card for School Voluntary Contribution.

(Please make cheques payable to Queanbeyan West Public School)

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

After School Collection

Some students have been waiting at various points around the school for parents to collect them. We have told all students that if the person picking them up has not arrived approximately 10-15 minutes after they have been dismissed they are to come to the office and we will contact parents. It is not appropriate for children to be waiting unsupervised for pick-ups around the school. On some occasions the child was meant to catch the bus and they could be waiting indefinitely. If for some reason you know you are going to be delayed in the afternoon please contact the office before 2.30pm and we will make sure the child is notified and they will wait in the foyer. We have had some recent incidents where children have been waiting up to 30 minutes or longer after the bell and parents cannot be contacted. This causes problems when the office closes at 3.30pm.

Reminders:

Keeping warm—all students should be wearing warmer clothing to school now that winter is here. Please ensure that your child wears a warm school jacket / jumper in the morning and that their name and current class is clearly labelled. At times a child may pick up someone else’s jacket or jumper; if the clothing does not belong to your child please return it to school.

Colds and Flu—if your child is unwell please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Recently we have had to contact parents about sick children who have been too ill to attend school.

Pets and Dogs—NO animals are permitted on school grounds even if they are on a leash or caged. Some of our students have fur and other allergies and some become quite anxious when animals approach them.

Book Club

Book Club orders due back this Friday 13 June. No late orders after this date.

Thanks

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal

Positive Behaviour for Success

Lucky Leaves - Week 6 Term 2

K-2: Ashton KM, Sunny K/1K, Sam 1T, Bobby 1/2A, Ellie 2B, Rachel 2D.

3-6: Liam 3/4S, Nathan 3/4T, Isabel 4B, Michael 4W, Shania 4W, Jamaya 5S.

Good Effort Afternoon Tea

Congratulations to Thomas 2D and Letisha 4W who received 30 Good Effort Cards and attended afternoon tea with Mrs Muscat last Wednesday.
Term 2 Week 7
Commences 12.10pm in the hall.

KC: Daniel – for excellent effort in the engine room.
Tahlia – great listening skills.

KM: Olivia – using expression in her reading.
Rebecca – exceptional effort in reading and using expression.

K/1K: Hiya – excellent improvements in editing.
Sam – terrific sentence writing.

1N: Joel – for great ideas in class discussions and always being polite.
Annalise – for being a helpful class member.
Danny – great work in maths.
Liam – for responsible leadership for news.

1T: Colin – for working hard in writing.
Molly-Mae – for making good choices in the classroom.

1/2A: Biensy – working hard to complete class tasks.
Jacinta – making positive choices in the classroom.

2B: Danielle – for consistent demonstration of school values and bringing her sunny nature and happy smile every day to brighten our class.
Joeliegha – settling in well and working hard in reading groups.

2D: Dominic – for brilliant effort at AFL.
Lola – for consistent effort at class work.

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Congratulations

Thomas 2D, Amaya and Tameeka 3/4S who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge 2014.

Happy Reading- take up the challenge!
Mr Lumley

Great Galaxies

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Great Galaxies performance show on Monday 16 June 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 Friday 13 June. 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)
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How does Education Reconnect Work?
Intensive weekends at ACU Campus, at the Schools or fully online
One or Two Excursions to ACU Canberra Campus – initially for an Academic Skills Weekend
Provided with the ACU Study Guide
Online study support from our Academic Skills Advisor
Student Mentors
Resources – All textbooks are provided free
HECS free
Units are all FIRST Year University units and you can get Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) at other universities.
You can apply for Direct Entry to ACU on completion of these units.

Information Night –
Tuesday 17th June
Queanbeyan High Library
@ 7pm
Come and hear about the program

Administration Fee: $200 – to be refunded on completion of unit otherwise non-refundable.
Contact:
Frances Moore
Equity Pathways Officer
Canberra Campus
E: Frances.Moore@acu.edu.au
M: 0410 540 608
P: 02 6209 1137

Queanbeyan West Public School
Soup Day!

- Lunch time, Tuesday 17th June.
- $2.00 per cup of soup with bread roll
- PUMPKIN SOUP
- MINESTRONE SOUP
- CHICKEN & NOODLE SOUP

Please return your completed order form and money by Friday 13th June.