This is the last newsletter for Term 2. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Coming up this week are some very exciting activities for students. Yesterday one of our performances occurred ‘Let’s Chat Habitat’—it was very exciting. Today due to extreme weather conditions the Sullivan Shield and AFL Clinics were postponed.

On Wednesday our Aboriginal students join QHS students for our NAIDOC Week performance at the Bicentennial Hall, starting at 6:00pm. I thank Miss Thompson for taking on this role at very short notice.

Performing Arts Festival
Queanbeyan and District Performing Arts Festival
31 July and 1 August 2014 at the Canberra Theatre
Tickets are on sale now and are selling fast.
Tickets can be purchased from the Canberra Theatre on 6275 2700 or from their website at canberratheatrecentre.com.au

Achievement | This achievement means
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Outstanding | The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
Above Grade Level | The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
At Grade Level | The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
Basic | The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
Limited | The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Reports
Reports are nearing finalisation. I know staff have been working very hard on producing reports in the last few weeks. Students K-6 will receive half yearly reports. These reports include the new English and Mathematic curriculum. Students will be given a grade for their achievement and for their effort in class work, this is because it is very important to acknowledge the amount of work each child puts into his or her work.

Teachers examine a large range of material in order to assess each child. As set out by the Department of Education and Communities grades of Outstanding, Above Grade Level, At Grade Level, Basic and Limited are given for each key learning area. These describe how each child is performing against expected outcomes for midyear.

A grade of “At Grade Level” means the student is on track in that particular KLA for this time of the year. A grade of “Limited” means there is some work required to bring the student up to year expectations. That is another reason that it is important to know what level of effort is put into work. If a child is doing their best it is important to acknowledge this and give positive feedback for his or her effort.

Worker Health and Safety
The Worker Health and Safety Act was passed in 2012 and replaced the Occupational Health and Safety Act. This meant changes to the way that parents, community members, volunteers and contractors enter onto school grounds.
Please be aware that we continue to actively promote our partnership with parents and value their involvement in our classrooms. We fulfill the requirements of the Worker Health and Safety Act, and all volunteer helpers, community members and contractors to sign in and out of the school site.

If classroom helpers, volunteers, community members and contractors come into the school you will need to:

- Complete a prohibited person’s declaration. These will be available from the front office.
- Sign in and out of the school site. There is one signing area; the office is to be used by volunteers working in classrooms, community members and contractors. This includes our volunteers in the Canteen
- Collect and wear a visitors tag. These will be available on sign in.
- Read the Safety Briefing Brochure, be aware of and follow all instructions in case of accident, evacuation or lockdown.

Parents collecting children through the day will need to come to the front office to sign them out, a message will be sent for the child to come to the front office.

We also must comply with the area of the legislation that determines where parents wait to pick students up. There are two designated areas they are; under the Infants COLA and the Primary Quad. The reason for this is if there is an evacuation people are easily located and can be directed to safe areas. Please do not wait outside the demountables at the back of the school. There is also only one entry and exit point to the school, this will be via the front gate on Morton Street, and all other gates will be locked between 9:30am and 3:00pm

**Flu season is here!**

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**SICK BAY**

Basic first aid services are provided to our students each day as needed. As our resources are limited, students with more complex needs are referred on to parents. In an emergency an ambulance will be called.

Parents, if your child has a pre-existing injury, please ensure that necessary strapping, dressings, creams and treatment are provided at home.

If your child needs medication or cream administered during the day, a medical form needs to be completed at the front office.

Please let the office know if there are any changes to address, phone numbers and emergency contact details. We hope we do not need to contact you, but if we do, it’s important we have your correct information.

**Banish the “I’m bored” complaints these holidays**

It’s harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you’re staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

- **Destination NSW** (http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI)
- **Winter school holidays in Sydney** (http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)
- **School holidays in Newcastle** (http://bit.ly/1nljlpg)
- **Winter school holidays Central Coast** (http://bit.ly/1ingSwX)
- **Attractions for kids in regional NSW** (http://bit.ly/1lE8vMw)
- **Australian Museum** (http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD)
- **Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation** (http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)
**Keep brains ticking over these holidays!**
If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don't forget [www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au](http://www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au) has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here's where you'll find the free app to download: [http://bit.ly/QоеzoG](http://bit.ly/QоеzoG)

**Be fire safe this winter**
Winter's chill has arrived and with it our scramble for heaters, electric blankets and open fires. Entertaining is now year round thanks to portable outdoor gas heaters. But with all these conveniences come fire dangers. Statistics reveal that almost half of all home fires are started in the kitchen and 43 per cent of all fire fatalities occur in winter. NSW Fire and Rescue reminds us to do a fire safety audit of our homes this winter, check smoke detectors are working and ensure appliances such as clothes dryers and dishwashers are running efficiently and safely. For more household fact sheets and useful videos on how to protect your home and family from fire go to [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/)

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge:**
**Congratulations to:**
Fariyah Khan 5/6D, Olivia Martin 2B, Isabella Hannaford 2B who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014.

The Challenge ends on 22 August – it’s not too late to start the challenge! Books may be borrowed from the school library or town library to read over the holidays. See Mr Lumley.

Happy Reading- take up the challenge!
Mr Lumley

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2014-15**

P&C are running a fundraiser with the sale of Entertainment Books. The books are now available to purchase at the front office for $60. Great savings to be made.

**Thanks** to all the parents below and helpers who made the recent Soup Day such a great success.

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**DIARY DATES**

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**Sibling Family Photos**
may be viewed at the Front Office, $8 each photo and all money goes directly into school funds.
Life Education
Life Education assists students to acquire age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices, develop and practice skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions and recognise the values and attitudes that may influence lifestyle choices and behaviours.

I give permission for my child/ren to attend Life Education beginning on Tuesday 15 July 2014 (first week back next term). 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 this Friday 27 June. I enclose $9.00 per child. You may also pay by credit card if more convenient.

Name: ______________________________________
Class: ___________________

Name: ______________________________________
Class: ___________________

Signature:_____________________ Date:__________
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Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge $ _____________ (total amount)

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Expiry Date: _ _ / _ _

Verification No: _________(on back of card)

Card Holder's Name:
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Alternatively, a credit card authorisation can be given by telephone to the Front Office on 6297 2020
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HEALTHY HAROLD MERCHANDISE

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community. The sale of Harold merchandise to the children supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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NB Harold Products are subject to availability

Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

□ I would like to donate __________ to Life Education NSW.

Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: ___________________ Phone (optional): ____________

Address: ___________________ Postcode: ____________

Suburb: ___________________ Child's Class: ____________

Email (optional): ____________

Visit Life Education at www.lifeeducation.org.au or www.healthyharold.org.au

REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be between 1 July – 28 July 2014. Paperwork can be downloaded from the parish website at: http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sacred-room/sacraments/confirmation/ and returned to the parish office or via email at stg.sacramental@cg.catholic.org.au

Your child must have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist before they can be confirmed.

Payment can be made via the online payment option at the website. Please call the parish office if you have any questions regarding this Sacrament.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFT MORNING

Come along to a FREE craft morning

At: The SACC centre, located at the Queanbeyan Public School
On: Wednesday 2nd July 10.30am-12.30pm
Bring: Morning tea

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT Kellie on 0427 415 917 OR Brooke on 6297 2167

Aimed at children aged 0-5 (older siblings are more than welcome)