Leave
I will be taking LSL from Monday 18 August until Friday 19 September. Ms Carlyn Bladen will relieve for me during this period of time.

School Fete
Our School Fete will be held on Saturday 29 November. We would like to start our preparations now.
If you are interested in being part of the organising committee, please either ring the school and leave your contact details or email Ms Donna Cameron; P&C and Canteen Treasurer, on:
dcameron1353@gmail.com
I certainly appreciate all the support for this major fundraising event.

Peer Support
This week in Peer Support the children have learnt about positive self-talk. It is important that what we say and think to ourselves is optimistic so that we are able to deal with situations that may be challenging. The children have practised speaking positively to themselves when good things happen as well as when situations are not going well. Encourage your child to practise this at home so they are more likely to develop an optimistic attitude and approach to life.

Book Week 2014 - Connect to Reading

To all school families and friends
You are invited to join our Book Week Celebrations.

When: Friday 15 August
Time: 9:30am – 10:30am
Where: Synthetic Grass

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME DRESSED AS THEIR FAVOURITE CHARACTER or ANY CONNECT TO READING theme and make a sign (A4 size) showing the following details: Book title, Author, Illustrator (optional), Characters Name and two adjectives to describe their character.
Props such as swords that could possibly injure others should be left at home.
Students not wishing to dress up may draw/paint a poster-sized picture of their character and attach their sign to it.

Stranger Danger
Our student’s safety is of utmost importance here at Queanbeyan West Public School. We are constantly discussing with all our students ways to keep safe in and around the school. Stranger Danger is one of those topics we visit regularly. It requires vigilance and must always be something we are prepared for. Please take the time to discuss this issue with your children to make sure they are aware how important it is for them to stay safe.

It is important that we remind students constantly of the importance of not speaking to strangers. They need to be continually reminded about not speaking to someone who stops in a car to talk to them. Children’s safety first!

Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of two have a digital presence (it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram
- a quarter of Australian children aged between eight and 12 use Facebook, despite the minimum age for a user being 13
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on the photo-sharing website Instagram
- Young people between the ages of 14 and 19 have an average of 453
• fans, friends or followers on social media.

Even if you don't know a lot about social media yourself, you can help your child stay safe online simply by asking them about the social media accounts they are using, and regularly reminding them the importance of keeping their personal information private.

The Information and Privacy Commission NSW has created a lot of practical information for parents and children, to support 2014 Privacy Awareness Week. It includes:

• security tips for parents and teens
• resources to help prevent identity theft
• information on cyberbullying
• guides to protecting your digital reputation
• Information about mobile apps and the data they may collect.

You can also find a parent's guide to social media in the School A to Z technology glossary.

Student leadership
Students don't have to be school captains or house captains to be considered leaders. We encourage our students to be leaders in the classroom and playground, through their support for other students, or their involvement in academic, sporting, cultural or community events and projects.

The Student Representative Council
Our Student Representative Council for Semester 2 has been chosen and the students received their badges last Friday. Students at Queanbeyan West are seen as active citizens of the school community and have their ideas and opinions sought and respected. The SRC will continue to be led by our current school captains; Emma and Jack and Mrs Muscat. We meet each Monday at 11:15am

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal

Kinder Enrolments 2015
We are presently accepting Kinder enrolments for 2015. Enrolment application forms are available from the school front office.

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Kindergarten to Year 2 Excursion to the Town Library
Thursday 21 August 2014. Notes and $2 need to be returned to class teacher.

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.

Softball Registration
At this stage we believe the 2014/15 Season will commence Saturday, 18 October 2013 to 13 December 2014 (tbc) at the Mawson Playing Fields, Jerra Club Registration Days will be held on:

Saturday, 16 August 2014 Jerra Tavern 10:00am to 1:00pm
Saturday, 30 August 2014 Riverside Plaza 10:00am to 1:00pm
Saturday, 6 September 2014 tba 10:00am to 1:00pm
Saturday, 13 September 2014 Jerra Tavern 10:00am to 1:00pm

Fees - Due to a major increase in insurance/ground hire fees etc. the committee has had to adjust our fees accordingly (we have kept it to the bare minimum) and they are:

The Westerly School Web Site: www.queanbeyaw-schools.nsw.edu.au
1st Child $120:00 (including family fundraising levy - which is used to for the end of season celebrations and purchasing new equipment/uniforms)
2nd Child $100:00
3rd Child $95
4th Child Free

If you require any additional information or want to discuss your child etc. please contact Greg on 0409 130 555 or Cindy on 0407 977 520.

Queanbeyan & Districts Junior Cricket Club
Registration days for this 2014/15 season.
Dates & venue is as follows;
Riverside Plaza
Thursday 21, August from 5pm – 8:30pm
Saturday 23 & 30 of August from 9am – 12pm.
Committee members,
Mick & Lynda Hunter
Mick- 0405 080 623
Lynda- 0424 710 514

Queanbeyan District Basketball Association
Mixed Social Competition
Kindy-Yr 2 * Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6
Players Wanted
Further information Contact Rosie Buchaniec
Junior Basketball Coordinator
Email: pete35@tpg.com.au

Queanbeyan West Public School Paver Fundraiser
Last week a flyer was sent home regarding the Paver Fundraiser, inviting all to participate in this unique opportunity.
Offer closes Thursday 18 September. Extra order forms available at the front office.

Sibling Family Photos may be viewed at the Front Office, $8 each photo and all money goes directly into school funds.

This is an opportunity for you, your child, your family, business or organisation to become a permanent part of our school’s history.
Have your name or message engraved into a paver which will be laid in a school walkway.

School Hats
Our school has a policy of ‘no hat – play in the shade’. Please encourage your child to wear their school hat. Hats may be purchased from the front office at a cost of $7.00

Education Reconnect is going ahead
Save thousands of dollars by study via Education Reconnect, be given all the resources necessary (there is a payment of $200 that will be returned once the unit is completed). Education Reconnect is for past students, mums, dads, relatives and friends and it can start them off in a career in Business, Education (Early Childhood or Primary), or Nursing /Paramedicine.
The units to be studied this semester are:
Business: OHSE201 Principles of Occupational Health and Safety
Education: EDFZ 133 Understanding Learning
Nursing/Paramedicine: HLSZ120 Society, Culture & Health.
The dates for study are: 30th - 31st August, 27th - 28th September, 18th – 19th October. To register go to http://www.acu.edu.au/614614.
Enquires to Frances Moore Ph: 6209 1137

The Westerly- School Web Site: www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Books make great presents and expand children’s minds.

Lucky Door Prizes: Book Vouchers to the value of $60 to be won, book marks & posters.

EFTPOS available

QWPS BOOK FAIR

Monday 18 Aug - Friday 22 Aug, 2014

Family Night: Thursday 21 Aug, 2014
3.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Venue: School Library