Last week was an incredible celebration of Public Education. Our Open Day was most successful, with activities ranging from art and writing, to planting seeds to Science experiments. Our dance performance at the Canberra theatre was sensational; the students seemed to be having fun. Thank you to Miss Wade and Miss Rodgers for all their hard work; I was very proud of them.

Last week was also SAS Recognition week. SAS stands for School Administration Staff and I would like to thank all the wonderful people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our school great.

MEET OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Front Office:
Mrs Suzanne Baxter School Administration Manager
Mrs Deirdre Gisik School Administration Officer
Mrs Trish Clark School Administration Officer
Mrs Therese Richards School Administration Officer

Classrooms:
Mrs Marie Rowley School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Charmaine Szeremet School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Leanne Pollard School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Bronie Gattringer School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Tracey Mitchell School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Samantha Gisik School Learning Support Officer
Ms Esme Livermore School Learning Support Officer

Grounds:
Mr David Rowley General Assistant

These wonderful people work to support staff, students and parents as well as maintain our beautiful grounds and buildings. They are dedicated and hard working and are available to assist in so many ways. Our school could not function as well as it does without their efforts and on behalf of the staff, students and community I would like to publicly thank them.

Keep brains ticking over
If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment don’t forget 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/Q9ez0G
Peer Support
This week in Peer Support the children learnt about the different qualities they have. The activities help them be more positive in choosing to behave well. The children also explored the concept of empathy - which is seeing things from someone else's point of view. During the week encourage your child to be aware of the thoughts and ideas of others and to practice being kind and thoughtful.

Performing Arts Festival
We are very proud of all our students who performed admirably at the Festival and entertained all with varied routines.

ThinkUKnow - Privacy Management Tips.
The key to effective privacy management is to start as soon as children begin to use technology. For younger children, monitoring their online activities is important, but only in conjunction with guiding them on what information shouldn’t be shared online and how to manage their privacy. As children grow older, monitoring becomes more and more difficult and the education they receive becomes even more crucial.

Our top tips for privacy management include:
- Recognise that nothing online is 100% private
- Only use secure sites (identified by ‘https’ in the URL and a padlock or other security icon) to share personal information
- Once something goes online, it stays online – think before you post
- Search for yourself online – see how much information is out there about you!
- Use the most comprehensive privacy settings on social networking sites – your true friends will know how to find you
- Never give away your exact location

Fun science experiments
With National Science Week starting on August 13, why not spark your child’s interest in the natural world with some simple and fun science experiments at home? You can find plenty of ideas online. For example, Kidspot (http://www.kidspot.com.au/schoolzone/Science-experiments-Science-experiments-for-kids+4372+314+article.htm) has a great range of science experiments made from common household items including a mini volcano, a wave in a bottle, magic ink and even fake snot. Who could resist?

Have a great week
Vicki Muscat
Principal
The Westerly School Web Site: www.queanbeyaw-schools.nsw.edu.au

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

Junior Assembly Awards
Term 3 Week 4
Commemes 12.10pm in the hall.

KC: Cody – working really hard in independent writing.
Esther – trying hard to have a go.
Parker – writing an interesting message about his weekend.

KM: Ashton – great reading in the engine room.
Ruby – exceptional effort in writing and editing.
Osa – trying very hard to improve her writing.

K/1K: Culeigh – excellent efforts in Maths.
Sierra – trying extra hard in reading.
Charlotte – beautiful listening and staying on task.

1N: Snezana – excellent sight work recognition.
Ella – big improvement in “having a go” with her writing.

1T: Darnell – for excellent work in the engine room.
Romany – for outstanding improvement in reading.
Riley – for excellent effort in his writing.

1/2A: Blake – for sharing interesting facts on world geography.
Nicholas – for great behaviour in the classroom.
Georgie – awesome improvements in reading.

2B: Taz – great results in PEG spelling and excellent effort in writing.
Emily – for her kind and caring nature and being helpful in the classroom.
Ethan – for having a positive attitude to learning and being a kind friend.

2D: Mikalah – excellent news presentation.
Mya – fabulous writing in reading recovery.
Tyler – showing independence in class.

Senior Assembly Awards
Commences 2.10pm in school hall

3/4S: Vishu – fantastic manners.
Amy – consistent effort and application to all tasks.
Alysha – improvement in PEG spelling results.

3/4T: Jade – working well in spelling and reading.
Lesley – enthusiastic approach to learning about Commonwealth Games.
Mathew – research on Samoa.

4B: Sophie-Lee – trying her best.
Bailee – excellent in all subjects.
Kyaan – trying hard to be an enthusiastic, cooperative learner.

4W: Koby – beautiful manners.
Kiara – being a helpful student.

5S: Jack – for consistent effort with his school work.
Lauren – for always being on task.
Caitlyn – for always having a great attitude towards school.

5/6D: Tiarna – showing respect and responsibility.
Bradyn – consistent good work.

6R: Tyson – for a wonderful performance at the dance festival.
Brendon – for applying himself in maths.

SRC Students
Congratulations to the students who have been elected onto the SRC. The Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group of Years 3-6 students nominated by their peers to be the representative and voice for their class for the semester. Students on the SRC are involved in organising fundraisers, discos and other school events. These students will hold office for Semester 2. Badges will be presented during assemblies this week.

3/4S – Valentina, Liam.
3/4T – Jade, Tayla.
4B – Emma, Bailee.
4W – Georgia, Logan.
5S – Jessica, Ross.
5/6D – Riley, Molly.
6R – Brooke, Johnathan.
K/6H – Aurylin.
K/6R – to be advised.

Congratulations
**Library News!**

**Book Week Celebrations**

**Book Character Parade**

Friday 15 August

Book Week Theme: “Connect to Books”

All students may dress up as their favourite book character 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. Mr Lumley will be discussing this with students during library lessons this week.

**Book Fair**

Beginning Monday 18 August

**Book Fair Garden**

Catch the reading bug!

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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.

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

Shaun practices the didgeridoo in readiness for the Performing Arts Festival.