The Way We Were

Queanbeyan Public School was approved as a non-vested national school on 28 October 1864 and by the end of that year the enrolment had increased to 16 boys and 28 girls.

The Queanbeyan Age of 27 June 1868 reported on the inspection of the school carried out by Mr McIntyre for nearly the whole day on 25 June. Sixty of the seventy enrolled pupils were in attendance and the members of the Local Board were present. The result was 'highly successful'.

Welcome back for Term 4. We have 11 weeks ahead of us working together to achieve great learning outcomes before students finish the term on Wednesday 17 December. Staff will have two professional learning days at the end of Term 4 on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December. In the holidays just finished, school carpets were cleaned and the foundations built for a new demountable classroom on Playground 2.

QPS Walk and Roll-a-thon

Our annual Roll-a-thon will be held on Wednesday 15 Oct from 11:45am – 12:45pm at the Qbn Town Park. Students may walk, roller skate, roller blade or ride their scooter/skateboard around the velodrome. More information with attached sponsor sheets have been sent home with your child. Students may be sponsored for either the number of laps they complete within the hour, or a flat amount. Please encourage and supervise your child in his/her efforts to gain sponsorship. Come along and join in on the day.

School Term 4: 7 October – 19 December

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P&C Parent Gathering (a new concept)

Feedback and ideas session
When - Wednesday 15 October, 2:30-3:30pm
Where - Staffroom
Why - This is your opportunity to tell us your ideas on where to concentrate our efforts and spend the money raised at the school’s Birthday Fete. Tea and coffee will be available. If you can’t make it on the day – no problem – drop us a line anytime at qbnps@pandcaffiliate.org.au and tell us your thoughts.

Get ready to catch the reading bug at the Scholastic Book Fair Garden!

Explore the coolest array of new books that are just waiting for you to dig into. New titles and continuing series are popping up all over the place!
We’ll be launching this cheerful reading celebration in the Library in Week 3. There will also be a guessing competition -Guess how many Book Worms in the jar. Free entry with every book purchased.

QUEANBEYAN RIVER FESTIVAL
SAT 11 OCT 2014, 12 – 7PM
A great community event held on the banks of the Queanbeyan River – Trinculo Place.
More info – Emma Hawke 6285 6551, or email emma.hawke@qcc.nsw.gov.au
Queanbeyan Baby/Kids Expo and Markets
at Queanbeyan Public School

10am – 2pm Saturday 1 Nov 2014

Last year saw over 700 adults and children enter our school gates to participate in activities, demonstrations, interact with stall-holders and enjoy the free entertainment.

We would like to offer organisations and service providers the opportunity to hold a free stall on the day to promote their service programs, groups or activities. We will be focusing on promoting services and healthy activities for families to engage in along with preloved baby and children’s clothing and crafts.

We are encouraging stall holders to have a child friendly activity set up at their stall.

All community stalls will be provided with a table, chairs, shelter and bottled water free of charge.

We anticipate that the expo will generate a lot of interest with families as we will be providing a range of engaging family fun activities including:

- Face painting
- Baby yoga
- Karate and sports activities
- RFS and fire truck display
- Jumping castle

We will also have healthy eating tips, kid’s entertainment, food stalls and much more.

There will also be local show bags upon arrival for families, with good quality baby samples, local information and promotional goods.

(We are asking for donations and promotional material to fill these bags.)

If you are interested in promoting your business, organisation, or community group during this event please contact:

Claire Steel 0424 689 441, or email the school queanbeyan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

OR

Kellie Strawbridge from Campbell Page 0427 415 917, or email kellie.strawbridge@campbellpage.org.au to secure your table.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Back to School Safety Tips

Children are one of our most vulnerable road users so it's important that when in School Zones we follow the direction of parking signs and speed limits.

Parking restrictions apply in school zones to help keep our children safe. They protect sight distances, provide safe pick up and drop off opportunities and minimize confusion where children are crossing roads.

Council Rangers and local Police patrol school zones to enforce parking restrictions and illegal road user behaviour.

Take note of the parking zones around your local school as fines and loss of demerit points apply when offences are committed in an operating school zone.

To learn more about safety around schools you can visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on 13 22 13.

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Look out for buses pulling out – watch for wig-wag lights.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Calling out to them from across the road can be dangerous because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Your child’s safety depends on you.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.
Salaka – African Drumming Incursion

On Tuesday 16 September, students from K-6 participated in an interactive drumming incursion with the group, Salaka Drumming, who filled the school with their joyful music.

Students watched, listened, sang, danced, clapped rhythms and learned about the different types of percussion instruments and how they were played. Teachers also took part in the activities and were persuaded to play various drums to illustrate the ‘beat, rhythm and flavour’ of the music.

Salaka brought over a hundred djembes with them to the school, so every child who attended the incursion had the chance to play one, which was definitely a highlight of the day! They even taught the students some African tricks using some of the instruments, which they equated to playing different levels of games on a playstation.

Overall, it was a very engaging, informative and entertaining experience!
PRIMARY PROMS CHORAL CONCERT

In the last week of Term 3, thirty Intermediate Choir students and ten Senior Choir students (Intermediate Ensemble – 2013) travelled to Sydney to sing in the Primary Proms concert series at the Sydney Town Hall.

Students in the Intermediate Choir sang eleven songs on the evening as part of a massed choir of 450 students across NSW. Senior Choir students, along with two Intermediate Choir students were selected to perform an individual item in the concert. They sang and danced a medley of *Singing In The Rain* and *Good Mornin'* from the musical, *Singing In The Rain*.

The concert was very successful, concluding with a standing ovation from the audience, which is always exciting! Attending parents were thrilled with the performances and enjoyed the concert immensely.

The next day, students attended either the Sydney Aquarium or the Sydney Wildlife Zoo. Both excursions proved to be a fun way for students to 'let their hair down' after working hard for many months to prepare for the concert.

Special thanks go to Mr Cox and our parent helpers, Lisa and Emma, who, despite a lack of sleep, helped to keep our students safe and to create a very happy atmosphere.