The Way We Were

This photo, from 1929, shows Mrs Stella Tate (standing at the back) and her Year 1 students. The pictures on the wall depicted the story of Peter Pan and Wendy. They were the only decoration in the classroom.

In March of 1929, the Minister for Education, Mr D H Drummond visited Queanbeyan Public School. He spoke to students, assembled in the playground, about being of service to their community and their country. Later, the minister met with representatives of the P&C who presented him with their concerns about over-crowding in the classrooms.

School Term 4: 7 October – 19 December

Dates for your Diary

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|            | 5/6B, 5/6H, 5/6J visit Parliament House        |

P&C DISCO

When: Friday 31 October
Where: School Hall
Time: Kindy & Yr1 5:30 – 6:15pm
      Yrs 2, 3, 4 6:30 – 7:15pm
      Yrs 5, 6 7:30 – 8:15pm
Cost: $2

A sausage sizzle and coffee van will be available in Playground 1. Glow bracelets and glow rings will be for sale inside the disco.

You can pick from the three themes, chosen by the SRC: Dress to Impress, Halloween and Tie-dyed.

Please bring your own water bottle. The Canteen will also sell bottled water and snacks. Parents please remember the P&C Discos are meant to be social events for the children and only QPS students (and some teachers and P&C volunteers) will be in the Hall.

Adults are welcome to enjoy a sausage sandwich outside and/or use the Staffroom to have a cup of tea or coffee while the children dance under supervision. All children must be escorted to and from the Hall by an adult. If you have time to help out on the night please call Dagmar 0400 514 573.

150™ YEAR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
1864 – 2014
14 & 15 November, 2014

Join us for exhibitions, history walks, sign the guest book, BBQ, student performances, Devonshire tea, and a Saturday evening social event. See flyer inside.

To prepare for this event we are collecting any memorabilia from family members who previously attended QPS. We would like any photographs, school uniform, school books, etc on short-term loan to the school. Items may be brought to the Front Office.

John Cope, our resident historian, will be on site on the following Tuesdays – 28/10, 4/11, 11/11 to talk with you.
Diwali
Getting to know our school community

Diwali marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year. It is celebrated on the 15th day of Kartika (October/November) in the Hindu calendar. Diwali celebrations can last for about five days. The festival symbolises the victory of righteousness and the lifting of spiritual darkness. During Diwali the goddess Lakshmi, who symbolises wealth, happiness and prosperity, is also worshipped.

Millions of Hindus around the world celebrate Diwali with gift exchanges, fireworks and festive meals.

The celebration in India takes place when the monsoon season ends and the weather is mild and pleasant. People try to pay off their old debts, make or buy new clothes and thoroughly clean their houses as part of the New Year preparations. Buildings are traditionally illuminated with oil-burning bowls called dipa lights, or more recently, with strings of artificial lights. People spend time with their friends and family.

On the first day of the festival people pray, eat a special breakfast, and the Hindu goddess Lakshmi’s statue is carried throughout the streets in procession.

In southern India children wear flower wreaths on their heads, or anklets of bells. After dark there are fireworks and people who live near rivers float lighted lamps on tiny rafts.

To add to the festival, melas (fairs) are held throughout towns and villages in India. Many people wear their finest clothes. Women wear jewellery and silk outfits and some have mehendi, which is a temporary henna decoration, on their palms.

In Australia, cities such as Melbourne and Sydney organise firework displays, food stalls, dancing and musical performances.

Canberra City Gymnastics Club
Come along on Wednesday nights for some fun right here in our school.

Canberra City Gymnastics Club hold a gymnastics program for children aged 5 years and over in our very own school Hall. It’s a great opportunity to become healthier, meet new people and try something new. There are fun activities, games, rewards, stickers and some really cool coaches. There’s also the chance to participate in some friendly competitions which are awesome.

No experience is required, so give it a go! Wednesday nights 6 – 7:30pm. Contact the club office 6251 1131 for further details.

Caitlyn Maniti, 4B

Date Change -
QPS Baby and Kids Expo
Postponed to Term 1 next year.
Please join us at the Expo - Saturday 21 February 2015.

For further information please contact: Claire Steel 0424 689 441, or email the school queanbeyan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Family Fun Day
Free Family Fun at Queanbeyan Park
Sunday 23 November from 10am
Air Brush Tattoos Noah’s Ark Petting Zoo
Zone 3 Lazer Games Kulturebreak
National Equestrian Centre Qbn City Council
and
Crawford St Street Party Sat 22 Oct 6-11pm

TOM
The Tournament of Minds Territory final was held at the ANU on the first Sunday of the holidays. Our Social Science team of seven students and their parents were very excited and committed on the day. The team produced an excellent dramatic performance that demonstrated great team planning and practice with props, costumes and accents but on the day were pipped by the Canberra Grammar team. There was a sense of disappointment as the students knew they had done a good job in the group thinking process.

SaCC - Fun in the Park
NSW Children’s Week Celebrations
Thurs 23 October 10am – 12pm at Letchworth Community Centre. More information contact: Brooke - 6297 2167 or Kellie - 0427 415 917

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Building a positive school community

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JOIN US FOR OUR

150th Year

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Birthday Celebration

Queanbeyan Public School

NOVEMBER 14TH - 15TH

* EXHIBITIONS - PHOTOGRAPHIC, MEMORABILIA, AUDIO VISUAL EVENTS
* HISTORY WALKS
* SIGN THE GUEST BOOK
* BBQ
* STUDENT PERFORMANCES - CHOIR, PLAYS, MUSICAL ITEMS
* DEVONSHIRE TEA
* SATURDAY EVENING SOCIAL EVENT

We look forward to seeing you there!

Watch the website for more details - www.queanbeyan-pschools.nsw.edu.au
Intention to Apply: Year 7 Entry to Selective High Schools in 2016
Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Offers for placement are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.
Apply online. You will need an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.
Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 14 October 2014 in a printed application information booklet available at the Front Office, and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
The application website opens 14 October 2014 and closes 17 November 2014. No late applications will be accepted. There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance.

Gifted & Talented School Holiday Program run by Regional Campuses and Student Diversity at University of Wollongong
Targeting high achieving students Yrs1-6 in 2014
Workshops are both rigorous and challenging. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to socialise with like-minded peers within a university setting. Teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education will facilitate workshops.
Students may receive a letter of invitation to take home, or, if you would like your child to attend this program letters are available from the Front Office. For more information on how to apply please visit www.uow.edu.au/in2uni/learninglabs Parents fill in the online application form, supplying their ‘teacher nomination letter’ as their form of supporting documentation.
Little Learning Labs – Yrs 1 & 2: 12-13 January 2015, $110 at UOW Main Campus
Early Learning Labs – Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6: 15-16 January 2015, $135 at UOW Main Campus

School Yearbook – Memories of 2014
Our school yearbook is an excellent record of the many individual, team and class achievements that we have had this year. It is a valuable memento for all students and particularly for the graduating Year 6 students. Every student is included.
To order your copy of this book, please complete the form below and return it to the Front Office. The payment of $15.00 can be made at the time of ordering or when the book is available later this term.

Yearbook 2014
I would like to purchase a copy of the 2014 Yearbook.
Name: ___________________________ Class: ______________
I enclose $_________ cash/cheque/credit-debit card for _________
Yearbook/s (at $15.00 per copy).

(Please make cheques payable to Queanbeyan Public School)

I wish to pay by Cash □ Cheque □ Credit Card □

Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge $ ……………….(total amount)
Card Number: ____________________________ (Complete all 16 digits)
Expiry Date: _ _ / _ _
Card Holder’s Name: ………………………………………

Card Holder’s Signature………………………………………

Alternatively, a Credit card authorisation can be given by telephone to the Front Office on 6297 2144