The Way We Were

The 1980’s were very interesting years. The school year changed from three terms to four terms. Teachers went on strike seeking lower class sizes and time for lesson preparation. Junk food was banned from school canteens.

Three teachers from this time, Mrs Jennaway, Mrs Imrie and Mrs Hadobas, recalled some of their experiences:

Mrs Hadobas remembers that the old stone building was a movie theatre for the junior school students. Movies would have to be ordered from Sydney six months in advance. Each Thursday someone would drive to the Queanbeyan railway station to collect that week’s movie ready to be played on Friday. If the movie was a bit short, it would be played forwards and backwards!

Mrs Imrie remembers printing student worksheets on the gestetner, because photocopiers had not yet been introduced into schools. The smell of the methylated spirits would be very strong and often linger in classrooms for most of the morning.

Mrs Jennaway remembers the strict routines of the daily assemblies for students in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6. The Assistant Principal, Mr Richard Carruthers, would stand out the front and instruct the students to ‘stand at ease’, then ‘stand to attention’. Everyone would recite the school pledge: ‘I honour my god, I serve my sovereign, I am loyal to my school, I salute the flag.’

This is a pic of Harvey McAlister, dressed as Mr Hayter, a teacher from the 1930s
**Schools Enviro Expo 2014**

**Sustainable River Creative Writing Competition**

Congratulations
Benjamin Tomsu 4K
2nd Place

**Splash the Platypus**

Hello my name is Splash and I am a platypus who lives in the Queanbeyan River. I would like to tell you about how my river has been going. Over the past two years, I have noticed my river becoming more polluted, filling up with gross rubbish. Most of the rubbish comes from humans being careless, as they just throw the rubbish on the ground. When it rains, it gets washed down the drain and into my river. This makes my river very dirty which makes me sad, so sad that I have wanted to move to another river, which is really difficult for two reasons. One is that I am a platypus who is unable to travel too far away from the river, and, two is that I love my home and I don’t want to leave it.

I have to be so careful to watch what I eat as I will get sick if I eat rubbish. My usual diet of worms and larvae are also getting harder to find because they also don’t like to live in the dirty river.

Lately I have noticed that some humans have been doing work in and around the river. They have been walking along the sides on the banks and picking up rubbish and also going along in a boat scooping up rubbish. I have also noticed that they have put more rubbish bins at the park and put up signs explaining how important it is to keep the environment clean. They have also installed these special things that go over the drain pipes and put these floating tubes on top of the water to catch all the rubbish before it gets in my river.

With all the rubbish being removed, my river is starting to look a lot cleaner which makes me happy. I hope that all the humans who live near the river will try hard to keep it clean so I can stay here forever.

**QPS Leavers**

If your child (K-Yr5) is not returning to QPS in 2015, please contact the school as a matter of urgency to enable forward planning next year.

**Walk and Roll-a-thon**

Our updated amount collected so far is $11,180.70!

As we would like to finalise this week, please continue to work hard to collect your sponsorship money and return it to school as soon as possible. There are class and individual prizes to be awarded. Thank you to parents and family members for your support.

**Ethics Classes at School**

Ethics classes started at the beginning of Term 3 this year. It was offered as an alternative to non-scripture students in Years 1 and 2.

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues; asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances.

In class, students learn to think about ethical matters together and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows students to properly consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements.

There are 78 topics in the Kindergarten-Year 6 curriculum and comprise a wide range of age-appropriate issues that primary-aged children find interesting.

So far this year, we have explored "Empathy", "Being similar and being different", "When is it fair?" and we are currently talking about "Good reasons". The students have been having a lot of fun exploring topics together and thinking about their reasons.

Would you like to be a volunteer Ethics Teacher?

Teaching ethics this year has been a lot of fun and a very rewarding experience. In order to offer ethics to more non-scripture students next year, we will need more teachers. This involves attending a 2 day training session and some online reading. If you or someone you know would like to know more, please contact Jessica Sutherland: jsutherland@emailme.net.au or Peter Robinson: paerobinson@live.com.au

Or have a look at the Primary Ethics website: www.primaryethics.com.au

We look forward to hearing from some enthusiastic parents and carers who are able to commit to teaching one class per week next year!
Remembrance Day

The 11 November is Remembrance Day. At 11.00am everyone observed one minute's silence in memory of those who had died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

The captains and prefects represented the school at the Queanbeyan City Commemorative Ceremony. Alexandra and Jomel laid a wreath on behalf of all the students and staff. A bugler played The Last Post and Reveille. After the ceremony the Deputy Mayor spoke to the students about the significance of the day and thanked them for attending the service.

Students at school participated in a ceremony led by Ally, Flynn and Liam. They read from the poem, For the Fallen. Then they began the ringing of the bells for peace which was continued in every classroom. The poem, ringing the bells and class discussions were designed to help students understand the experiences of service people and their families in wartime.

For the Fallen

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget.
Memorabilia Scrapbook

Thank you to all of you who have contributed information, time, photographs, stories and memorabilia to what has been the celebration of a wonderful and memorable birthday – 150 years!
The school continues to gather items in an endeavour to establish the best possible collection of items in this our sesquicentennial year.
This is a reminder that you, family and friends are invited to complete a scrapbook page which, when complete, will be the finished album of 150 scrapbooked pages.
Anyone who is interested in preparing a page is welcome to contact the school to collect a scrapbooking page kit. Alternatively, a kit can be posted to you.

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Office hours: 8:25 – 3:25pm
Kind regards
Janet Barling
School Administration Officer

School Uniform

The NSW Department of Education and Communities endorses the wearing of school uniform. The Core Rules state students are expected to ‘maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform policy’.

Students must wear uniform to school each day and to participate in visits and excursions out of the school. Uniform may be purchased from the Uniform Shop, operated by parents and family volunteers and open each Friday from 9.00am. A second hand uniform section is available. Order forms are available on the school website or at the Administration Office. Students may wear items with or without the school logo. However, other designs, images or logos should not be displayed on any items worn to school. The school provides assistance to families to help with students wearing correct uniform. Parents requiring assistance with providing uniforms are asked to contact the Principal. Parents are reminded to clearly write their children’s names on all articles of uniform.

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.

I would like to purchase a copy of the 2014 Yearbook.

Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________

I enclose $________ cash/cheque/credit-debit card for __________copy/s

(Please make cheques payable to Queanbeyan Public School)

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

Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge $ ………………..(total amount)

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