Parents, it is important to establish daily routines to ensure each student is safe. Before school the playgrounds are supervised from 8:25am. If you need help before this, before school care is available from 7am on our school grounds. Please ensure students know their plan for the day, including after school arrangements. This would avoid the many reminder phone calls to school through the day.

P&C News
On Monday 3 March 2014, the P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. At this meeting all P&C positions will become vacant and will then be filled by nomination, and, where necessary, by ballot of members.

Come along to the AGM to meet other parents and to discuss school matters. It was great to see so many parents and staff attending the last meeting.

Be Cybersmart!
To continue our conversation about keeping your child safe online:

Safety
1. Consider blocking sites using the ‘restriction’ settings or firewalls available on computers. Software such as antivirus programs can be used to set internet restrictions. Another option is to have your child log in through the Department Student Portal when they are at home. This has the same security as your child has in school. To access this, go to the Queanbeyan Public School website (place it in favourites). Select ‘Login’ in the top right corner and then ‘Student Portal’. The student will be asked to add their user name and password. These are the same as they use at school.
2. Keep devices in common family areas so the screen can be seen by other family members.
3. At night, leave all family portable devices in the kitchen (phones, tablets, ipods), so no late night gaming or chatting can happen.
4. Youtube is considered a social media website…it is an invaluable resource when used appropriately, but there are many inappropriate Youtube clips available.

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QPS Birthday Fete - 150 Years!
Lolly Stall
Mrs Ryan, Mrs Loch and Miss CK will be holding a Lolly Stall at the upcoming fete to celebrate Queanbeyan Public School’s 150th Birthday. We would love donations of:
- packaged boiled lollies
- any kind of packaged lollies
- small clean, plain jars with lids
- packaged jelly beans
- coloured fabric ribbon

All lollies donated must not contain nuts due to our nut free policy. Donations may be given to the Front Office or Miss CK.

Thank you for your support.
We are excited to see you at the fete, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Loch and Miss CK.
This Friday is ‘Clean Up Australia’ day. Queanbeyan Public School will be joining in to ‘Keep Australia Beautiful’ with a clean up on site. Each class has adopted an area of the school to clean up. Students will be outside for about ½ hour during the day. It would help if children could bring clean-up equipment please – gardening gloves and/or tongs. If you have some time on Friday to volunteer, it would be much appreciated.

A few years ago we adopted ‘Splash’ the platypus as our school mascot. The Queanbeyan River is a sanctuary for the platypus. As caretakers of this land, students are encouraged to be responsible for their own waste and rubbish (packaging) that comes to school. Any rubbish that is left on the playground can be washed or blown down into the river.

To keep the Queanbeyan River clean – so Splash can continue living close by – students need to be responsible and put their rubbish into bins.

Even better, with your help – pack lunch boxes the Splash friendly way.

School Crossings and 40k zones

The school has 3 crossings for entering and exiting the school. One on Isabella Street at the front of the school, one on Hirst Ave at the back of the school, and one on Thorpe Ave at the side of the school.

The one on Isabella Street is raised, encouraging traffic to slow down. The one on Hirst Ave has flags that are the responsibility of the school to manage. The one on Thorpe Ave has flags that are the responsibility of a crossing supervisor employed by the Road Traffic Authority.

To ensure the safety of students when crossing the roads around the school, please keep to the 40k zone when driving.
ETHICS CLASSES AT QUEANBEYAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture.

The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes. Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions. For more information about Ethics classes and Primary Ethics, you can visit their website:  www.primaryethics.com.au

Curriculum is now available for students in Years 1 to 6. Curriculum for Kindergarten will be available mid 2014.

We are currently assessing demand for ethics classes. Please let me know if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child by returning the slip below by Friday 28 February 2014.

Kym Hawes
Principal

Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2014.

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: ____________________________

Signed: ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Primary Ethics will only contact you about Primary Ethics. Your details will not be given to any other party. Privacy policy: www.primaryethics.com.au
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO START ETHICS CLASSES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Philosophical ethics classes are now available in NSW public schools as an option for students who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture.

Primary Ethics is the organisation authorised by the NSW state government to create curriculum and deliver ethics classes.

To get classes started at Queanbeyan Public School we will need volunteers to train as Ethics Teachers. Teachers are given full training and ongoing support. Teaching would require approximately 2 hours per week.

Applications to volunteer are welcome from members of the school and wider community. More information about these roles is available at www.primaryethics.com.au or you can contact Primary Ethics’ Volunteering Program Manager, Tinny Hon on 9278 1601 or by email tinny@primaryethics.com.au.

To help Primary Ethics plan for classes at Queanbeyan Primary School, please return the slip below by Friday 28 February 2014.

Kym Hawes
Principal

Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2014.

Yes, please register my interest with Primary Ethics:

My name: ___________________________________________ In 2014, my child is in year_________

My email address: ________________________________________________________________

Your details will not be shared with any other parties and will be used only to contact you about ethics classes at your school.

School administration, please return this portion to Primary Ethics GPO Box 4351, Sydney NSW 2001. Thank you!