Congratulations to Kym Bush, P&C President, for her organisation of a very successful Happy Birthday Fete. Congratulations to staff and parents for working together to create such a positive memorable event. The warm, dry, magical weather helped everyone to really enjoy the day!

The Fete Raffle winners may pick up their prizes:
1st - Painting  
   Ted Roberts
2nd - Bike  
   Keasha Lyons
3rd - Gym membership  
   Jordanna Mitchell

Kindergarten Guessing Competition winners:
Teachers’ Baby Photo - Abigail Barrett 4B
Number of Lollies - Kiahna Czoban 4K
Number of Easter Eggs - Jayden Cousins 4K

The class that returned the most raffle books – KA
Prize – Fairy Floss and Lucky Dips.
In second place – KJ
Prize – Fairy Floss

Congratulations to all our winners! More Fete news next week...

School Term 1  29 Jan – 11 April
Dates for your Diary

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The school rules are the core rules of NSW Department of Education and Communities.

All students are expected to –

- Attend school every day that the school is open, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Wear the school uniform including the school hat.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school, and others.

The playground rules are for all playgrounds.

All students are expected to –

- Follow teacher instructions
- Be safe and play in sight of the teacher
- Be calm and make good choices
- Speak and act respectfully towards others
- Keep hands and feet to self

Gold Awards are presented to students at the end of every term to congratulate and thank them for doing their best each day in following the school rules, including the playground rules. Students continue to grow socially and emotionally as they acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to:

- develop caring and concern for others
- make responsible decisions
- establish positive relationships, and
- handle challenging situations capably
The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a group of science graduates, studying for a Master of Science Communication, who travel all over Australia bringing lively, interactive presentations of science to schools.

The performances at Queanbeyan Public School inspired and engaged students and staff with the wonders of science, maths, engineering and technology.
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted from 13-15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organize for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:
• they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
• they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustment exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/carer consent form.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at: [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).

Yours Sincerely,

Kym Hawes
Principal
School and Family Photographs
Thursday 3 April

All students are reminded to wear full school uniform as shown below. Please do not wear maroon sports shorts.

Promoting School Fete
Students in 'The Fallen Angels' and selected recorder students performed at the Riverside Plaza on Thursday 27 March to promote our school fete.

SaCC
Music and Movement class for 0-5 year olds at 2pm on Wednesday afternoons. Just $2, come and spend 45mins singing, dancing and learning to appreciate music with your child.
Basic English classes are held on Fridays 9:30 - 10:30am. Young children are welcome. The lessons are free.
Reading Tree will be at 10:30am Thursday 3 April. Come along for stories for young children under the trees at Queanbeyan Town Park. Look for the colourful pillows!
Please phone Brooke 6297 2167 for more information on the above.

Library
As at the end of March we have 19 students already finished the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done! We also have hundreds of other students who are working hard to complete the Challenge. I am sure we will easily beat the 2013 record of 450 students.
This week marks the end of borrowing for Term 1. All books should be returned by the end of this week please. I will send out letters requesting payment for books not returned.
Wishing you all a Happy Easter and a safe holiday.

Fran Handley

Tour of Queanbeyan High School
Following a number of requests, Queanbeyan High will conduct a tour of the school on Friday 4 April at 5:30pm.
Please contact the school on 6297 2088 to secure a place on the tour, and an opportunity to ask questions. Individual tours may also be booked through the same number.

COMMUNITY MOSAIC PROJECT
Queanbeyan City Council would like to invite Queanbeyan residents to get creative and hands-on by making a series of mosaic artworks to be installed in the new Federation Garden at Waniassa Park.
Project artist Freya Jobbins will conduct a weekend community workshop in May to make eight mosaic panels depicting the floral emblems of each state and territory. The panels will be installed in the pavement in the star shaped Federation Garden.
COME AND JOIN IN!
All materials and tools provided, you do not need any mosaic experience. You must be at least 12 years old to participate, and must register for the workshop. You will need to commit at least 3 hours workshop time.

WORKSHOP DATES
Saturday 3 May 10am – 3 pm
Sunday 4 May 10am – 3 pm

WORKSHOP VENUE
Karabar Community Centre
-refreshments provided
COST - FREE

Registrations close 17 April 2014

Registration forms at the Qbn City Library, The Q, and Qbn City Council, Crawford St, Qbn
Further information Ph 6285 6170, or culturalservice@qcc.nsw.gov.au

Stay Cool at School
Win a CommBank Marquee for school and $50 for a student just by depositing to your account in Term 1.
The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. There are 4 marquees to be won in the ACT region. Go to commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.
Bankbooks should be handed in each Wednesday.