Welcome to the new term that started for staff with a Staff Development Day. The day focused on teaching thinking through Philosophy for Children to achieve creative, critical and collaborative inquiry. Two experts, Kate and Paula, visited the school and demonstrated tools for thinking and how to structure the curriculum around thinking.

Term 2 is nine weeks, so a lot to be achieved together in a short time. If you haven’t met with your child’s teacher yet then seize the day and make a time to meet together. Partnerships are built on one conversation to establish trust, understanding and ways of communicating with each other. If you need to ask questions about student progress, matters of concern, school uniform, homework or planned class activities then your first point of contact is the class teacher. Information can be exchanged and understandings developed very easily.

Application for Yr 5 Opportunity Class in 2015

Parents seeking Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015, are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s), should apply for Opportunity Class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Online applications opened on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Packages are now available. Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the Principal, should be received by Friday 16 May 2014.

School Term 2 Dates for your Diary

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School Photographs

2014 school and family photographs were taken in the second last week of Term 1. It was a very full day just fitting in the whole school with about 30mins to spare at the end of the day. The students’ school uniform was consistent and of a high standard. Thank you to parents. School uniform is a critical aspect of student engagement and welfare. Black shoes for all students is a school priority, so let’s work together on this important matter.

Starting School Expo

Saturday 24 May 10am to 12pm
Qbn Bicentennial Hall
Crawford St

For families with children starting school in 2015
Information Stalls, School/Preschool displays, Children’s Arts & Crafts, Sausage Sizzle, Lucky Door Prizes, Jumping Castle, Face Painting and Give Aways.
For more information contact Brooke 6297 2167

Starting School is Really Cool!
Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

A Photographic Exhibition telling the history of Queanbeyan Public School.

Opening Event Friday 21 March >> in the School Hall
Curated by Mrs Annette Davies

The exhibition was opened by Mr Tim Overall, Mayor of Queanbeyan. Mr John Cope, author of the school history book, ‘If Only These Stones Could Talk’, addressed the audience, which included Mr Matthew Brown, Queanbeyan Education Director, Mr Peter Hendy, Member of Parliament and other former students and staff. Mr Cope brought the photos to life with his detailed descriptions and stories and reminded many of past adventures in the school playground.