Happy Mother’s Day to all the mums, aunties and grandmothers in our school community. Yesterday was a special day for everyone to think about the significant people in our lives.

The P&C held a successful Mother’s Day stall on Friday morning. Students purchased something for their mum as well as buying a ticket in a raffle. There were 4 prizes drawn at the Stage 3 assembly.

Mayson 4B, Alicia 1M, Claudia 5/6J, and Cody 2R were the lucky students.

Opportunity Class
Week 1 Isa News contained information on a district Opportunity Class that is at QPS. The application process for Yr4 students is available online and must be submitted by this Friday 16 May, 2014.

Enrichment Class at QPS
Our school has had a Year 5/6 Enrichment Class, similar to a selective OC class, as part of Stage 3, for more than 15 years. This class, taught by Mrs Anke Jennaway, provides students with above average academic ability the opportunity to access a broader and deeper differentiated curriculum to meet their specific learning needs, and allows like-minded students to work together at a faster pace.

Selection of students for this Enrichment Class is made on the basis of several assessments, including standardised testing at the end of Term 3 each year.

If you would like further information please contact Anke Jennaway at QPS on 6297 2144.

Crossing Safety
Please be aware of the dangers on and around the pedestrian crossing on Isabella Street.

For the safety of all school children, please do not stop or park your vehicle on or near any pedestrian crossing.

It has come to our attention that while reversing a car close to the crossing, it can be quite difficult to see someone walking across the crossing.

The minimum penalty of a $344 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points applies if you stop or park a vehicle on or near a pedestrian crossing.

The minimum penalty for failing to give way to a pedestrian is a $344 fine and the loss of 4 demerit points.

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 Giveaways.

For more information contact Brooke 6297 2167

Starting School is Really Cool!
QPS Band
The school band is run by Musicorp, an external tuition company which aims to help children to learn music in fun and exciting ways. The band consists of about 16 students, 3 parent/teacher helpers and 1 conductor. Last term we spent some time learning and developing our skills together on a number of great pieces of music. This term we are looking to learn ‘The Eye of the Tiger’, ‘Another One Bites the Dust’, and some other favourites.

YOU CAN HELP US!

We are looking to increase our number, and to be an important part of the school community. If your child is interested in learning an instrument or would like to use their existing skills in a band setting, please get in contact with us!

Parents and teachers - we want your help too! If you play an instrument or know how to read music, feel free to come along and join us as we learn and grow together.

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Queanbeyan Public School would like to thank the following businesses that supported the 150th Birthday Fete

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- Toy World, Fyshwick

Saver Plus
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs? Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- School uniforms and text books
- Computers, laptops and tablets
- Excursions and camps
- Sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- Music tuition and instrument hire

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Brent Beyer, your local Saver Plus Worker: (02) 6283 7606 or 0448 730 305, or email brent.beyer@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across the Canberra and Queanbeyan region by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

SaCC
Young Parent’s Playgroup will have a ‘Picnic in the Playground’ at Queanbeyan Town Park on Wednesday 14 May, from 11am-12:30pm, weather permitting. All local parents 25yrs and under and their children may join us.
School Fete

The 150th Birthday Fete was held on Saturday 29 March. This very successful and enjoyable day, was the result of the valuable work done by many parents, teachers and students. The fete coordinator, Kym Bush, reported that the profits reached about $19,000. Congratulations everyone!
Anzac Day

ANZAC Day – 25 April – is one of Australia’s most important national occasions. It is a day of reflection, remembrance and respect. The school service, held on Tuesday 29 April, commenced with Jacqui Diamond giving the Welcome to Country. Jomel Jackson-Pomere and Alex Whitby, school captains, wrote and delivered the commemorative address.

Jomel: Anzac stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corp. When I think about what Anzac Day means, I think of three things – courage, sacrifice and mateship. A great example of courage, sacrifice and mateship was demonstrated by the Anzacs at Gallipoli. Anzac Day is when we stop and reflect on why we live in this great country, and why we continue to have this freedom. Courage, sacrifice and mateship have been shown by Australian soldiers since Gallipoli and World War 1, in World War 2, on the Kokoda track campaign, and through the Korea and Vietnam conflicts. Let us also think about those who are still on active service today. These men and women are choosing to serve others, to put their own lives at risk, for the people of the future.

Alex: Honouring, remembering, thanking, renewing. These four words are being used this year to symbolize ANZAC Day. We honour and respect the service of Australians who have fought for our country. We promise to keep the ANZAC spirit alive so generations to come will commemorate this day.

We remember the loss many families have had to bear, the fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters that have not returned home. We thank those who sacrificed their lives to ensure the future of our country. We thank them for their bravery, their efforts and their mateship. Today, our commemoration confirms our commitment to keep alive and also pass on the history and the traditions of the 25th of April. ANZAC Day is now part of our country’s identity and all Australians have a responsibility to honour, remember, thank and renew.

The Intermediate Choir, conducted by Mrs Sawyer and accompanied by Mrs Hamnet, performed the song ‘From Today’. This song is about a soldier returning home from the war and his hopes for the future.

The guest speaker, Mr John Cope told the story of the eight former students of Queanbeyan Public School who served our country at the Gallipoli Campaign. He described their courage and perseverance and, with the help of eight current students who stepped into the role of these eight young men, brought meaning to the stories for everyone. The boys were: Liam Warner – Harry Bale; Dustin Griffiths – Leonard Brownsmit; Matthew Oliver-Rutter – Charles Lee; Luke Hush- Henry McInnes; Flynn Barnett - Thomas Maxwell; Jasper Haskins – Alfred Meech; Riley Thompson - Herbert Robertson; Harvey McAllister - Selwyn White.

Rory Gibbs, school prefect, read ‘The Ode’. Everyone listened to ‘The Last Post’, a bugle call played during commemorative ceremonies to serve as a tribute to the dead. This was followed by one minute of silence, a sign of respect and time for individual reflection. Finally, ‘The Rouse’ was played to signify waking up to a new day.

Thirty-two students and Mr Cox, had represented the school at the Queanbeyan City March on Anzac Day. Other students marched with various community groups or showed their respect by observing the March.