In 2012 the school commenced a KidsMatter journey in school improvement. Just as school communities are continually reinventing and renewing themselves as new staff, students and families move through; KidsMatter is also a cyclical process of improvement and renewal. It will take between 18 months and 3 years to complete the first cycle.

Seven principles underpin the KidsMatter Primary framework. They are:

1. The best interests of children are paramount
2. Respectful relationships are foundational
3. Diversity is respected and valued
4. Parents are recognised as the most important people in children’s lives
5. Parents and teachers support children best by working together
6. Students need to be active participants
7. Schools, health and community agencies work together with families.

Positive school community is the first KidsMatter Primary component area for learning, planning and action. In a positive school community, every face has a place, every voice is valued and everyone has something to contribute.

All children need to feel that school is a safe place where: people care about them; their needs for support, respect and friendship are met; and they are able to get help to work out problems.

**Reconciliation Week**

Reconciliation Week will commence tomorrow with a Walk over Queen's Bridge, at 10:30am. You are welcome to join us on the walk. Staff and students will leave school at 10:15am. Note the change of times.

Students should be dressed in formal school uniform to represent the school on the 2014 walk to Reconciliation Place.

Parents of Aboriginal students may want their children to participate in the other activities available at the Town Park. If this is the case then those parents may collect their children from Mrs Hawes and stay with them at the park. This would be marked in attendance as school business, not an absence.

**Playground 1 Re-development**

The school has applied for 3 grants to bring additional money to the school for this project. By the end of June we will know if we have been successful. Step 1 is to remove the asphalt. If you know of any families who could collect and use the recycled material let the school know so an arrangement can be made. This will be cost saving as the asphalt contains oil and needs to be disposed of responsibly. Step 2 is to put ideas forward. If you have expertise in this area, then contact the school or members of the P&C to begin the design process.
District Cross Country Carnival

On Wednesday 7 May, 45 students, Mr Cox and Mrs Bryant (team manager) attended the Queanbeyan District Cross Country Carnival. Gundaroo delivered perfect weather and the event organisers a well-structured day for the carnival. All competitors tried their hardest and their behaviour was, as usual, exemplary. Our overall results were by far the best that QPS has achieved over the past few years. Students who finished as one of the top 5 runners in their race will now compete at a regional level in Nowra on the May 30. We wish Jack O’Loughlan, Lachlan Baldan, Brydie Williams, Daniel Baldan, Laura Warner and Trent Lennon all the best. Two students, Clayton Anderson and Jasmyn Boutzos, are reserves for their age group.

The competitors from QPS in the top fifteen included:
8/9 Years Boys: Jack O’Loughlan 1st, Lachlan Baldan 5th, Luca Cervo 15th
8/9 Years Girls: Brydie Williams 2nd, Charli McAuliffe 11th, Emilia Hendry 12th, Joanna Cruikshank 13th, Molly McMinn 15th
10 Years Boys: Clayton Anderson 6th
10 Years Girls: Bella Gray 9th
11 Years Boys: Daniel Baldan 4th, Caleb Blewitt 13th
11 Years Girls: Laura Warner 4th, Jasmyn Boutzos 6th
12/13 Years Girls: Isobel Davy 11th, Sofia Furlanetto 13th
12/13 Years Boys: Trent Lennon 1st, Connor Lennon 13th