The Goulburn Eisteddfod

On Thursday 12 June, approximately one hundred and seventy-five students (one quarter of the school!) competed against students from other schools (some as far from us as the Southern Highlands) at the Goulburn Eisteddfod.

Our first competitors were students in Mrs Sawyer’s Junior Choir, who sang Tears From Clouds and a medley of Good Morning Starshine and Let The Sunshine In in the Infants’ School Choir section. The Juniors gained second place with a score of 82 - a great result!

The next section was the Primary School Choir section (12 years and under). Both our Senior and Intermediate Choirs entered this section, competing against each other and 4 other schools.

The Intermediate Choir sang Somewhere over The Rainbow and Swim Little Fishy. The adjudicator, Graham Sattler, commented on the beautiful individual voices (Kaitlin Barraclough, Hayley Coad, Kaleb Maxwell, Abigail Barrett, Charlotte Einhaus-Brown, Harvey McAlister and Olivia Whitby who sang in small groups for parts of one song). The Senior Choir sang Let Go the Long White Sails and Corner of The Sky. The Intermediate Choir came second in the section, with a score of 81 and the Senior Choir received first place, with a fantastic score of 87.5!

After that, the Senior Choir competed in the Primary School Sacred Singing section, singing Non Nobis Domine and Down by the Riverside. Mr Sattler stated that our soloist (Emily Hazilias, who will perform the solo at the Opera House in August) was very effective. The Senior Choir gained first place in this section as well, with a score of 84. Receiving the highest score of all the choirs in both of these sections meant that our Senior Choir received the additional award of Champion Primary Choir! The cheers from QPS were exhilarating, when this award was announced.

To finish off the day, our Senior, Intermediate and Girls Vocal Ensembles competed against each other and one other group, in the Junior Vocal Ensemble section. The Intermediate Ensemble sang Wild Mountain Thyme and Dance Boatmen Dance and received a score of 82 (Highly Commended). The Senior Ensemble sang Oye La Musica and Rachel Kelly’s arrangement of Botany Bay, scoring 86 (third place by 0.25 points). Finally the Girls Ensemble (a combined group of Senior and Intermediate girls), sang Here Comes the Sun and House at Pooh Corner, achieving a score of 87.5 and first place. The students who sang in the

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Girls Ensemble on the day were Alana Barraclough, Abigail Barrett, Ally Ciechan, Hayley Coad, Joanna Cruikshank, Charlotte Einhaus-Brown, Melody Lin, Caitlyn Maniti, Jessica McPherson, Tamia Newton, Nabila Tursun and Alex Whitby. With a number of students unable to attend due to sickness etc, this victory should be seen as a QPS team effort. Students from other ensembles filled in for absent students, but all students (those who performed, as well as those who prepared for the event), should be congratulated for their success.

Mr Sattler had wonderful things to say about all of our choirs and ensembles. He mentioned the choirs’: good, contrasting and developmentally appropriate song choices, good work with watching their conductor, lovely vocal tone, beautiful open vowel sounds, clear, unified diction and cut-offs, confident part-singing, dramatic word painting and dynamic contrasts, secure rhythms and legato phrasing. The Senior Choir also received feedback about their very accomplished, strong, spirited singing, which produced a detailed and evocative performance. Mr Sattler added that this group is ‘a great vehicle for well-produced young voices’.

Congratulations to Mrs Sawyer, all of her choir students, Rachel Kelly (who accompanied our students at the eisteddfod) and Mrs Hamnett (who helped to prepare our students for the competition). They have worked very hard over the past few months and older students have attended many extra rehearsals after school. Thank you to the staff who supervised students on the day and everyone in the school who helped to prepare our students for the day (a group far too large to mention individually). Thank you also to the parents, who supported students throughout the rehearsal process, dressed them for the performance, and attended the eisteddfod to encourage them on the day.

We share our successes with all of you!

Kindergarten Concert and Teddy Bears’ Picnic
Kindergarten, parents and family are invited to a fun morning of singing, followed by a Teddy Bears’ Picnic in the playground.

10:15am Friday, 27 June 2014
Queanbeyan Public School Hall
Please bring your teddy bear and a small packaged treat for morning tea.
We look forward to seeing you there!
The Kindergarten Team

Be a buddy on
‘Thrash the Trash Thursday’
Pack a Splash Friendly Lunch.
Last Friday, SRC students hosted a whole-school handball tournament to help raise money for new basketball hoops and provide a day of fun for students in the school.

Students and staff across the school dressed up in the colours of the 32 World-Cup competing nations and paid a gold coin to participate in the tournament. SRC students organised the event and refereed over eighty rounds of handball throughout the day.

Buddy classes joined, with older students teaching their younger buddies how to play. This promoted a caring atmosphere throughout the day, putting smiles on many student faces.

In each round, students competed against other students in their classes. After every round, students who finished in the ace position were declared the winners of their round. Winners will compete against other finalists from their class, and then against other students in their grade and stage.

Finalists will compete during break times throughout this week until a champion is determined for every stage. Handball champions will receive novelty trophies and the three runners-up in each stage will receive novelty medals.

Congratulations to SRC members for organising such an enjoyable event, to the teachers for helping the process run smoothly on the day, and to the students who participated, contributing towards buying new basketball hoops.

We raised $630 during this event.

Queanbeyan and District Dance Festival
Tickets for the Queanbeyan District Arts Festival may now be purchased.

Date: Thursday 31 July & Friday 1 August
Venue: Canberra Theatre Centre
Tickets are available:
- Over the counter at the Box Office, Canberra Theatre Centre foyer, Civic Square, London Circuit, or
- By phone: 6275 2700

Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to see your child perform.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is 1 July – 28 July 2014. Paperwork may be downloaded from the Parish website at: http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com/sacred-room/sacraments/confirmation/

Return papers to the Parish office, or via email at stg.sacramental@cg.catholic.org.au

Your child must have received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist before they can be confirmed.

Payment can be made via the online payment option at the website. Please call the Parish office if you have any questions regarding this Sacrament.

Languages 4 Kids @ Queanbeyan
School Holiday Program – Andiamo a Italia! “Let’s go to Italy” Italian Immersion Program
Be a master chef for Italian cuisine!
Immerse in Italian art, music and fashion!

Date: Thursday, 3 July 2014
Location: Karabar Community Centre
Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Fee: $38 per child
Please bring morning tea and a drink to the class.

We are also starting our Italian for Kids Primary (5-12 years) program in Term 3.

For more information, you may go to our LCF website: www.lcfclubs.com.au, or contact Sarah Mak @0431252768 or sarah.mak@lcfclubs.com.au
2014 James Hird Cup

It was an enthusiastic and keen Queanbeyan outfit which took to Deakin Oval on Wednesday 11 June. On a cool and grey morning, with little hope of the sun breaking through the clouds, the boys quickly got boot to leather as they contested every ball with the zest and zeal of seasoned veterans. Riley Thompson controlled the ball from the centre bounce where the mosquito fleet of Jay Madden, Nicholas Hansen, Jack Reed and Trent Lennon furiously attacked the Sherrin and delivered it to the forwards. Rory Gibbs, Connor Lennon, Emerson Jolliffe and Matthew Oliver-Rutter constantly pressured the goal mouth to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Harley Flannigan and Luke Worthy demonstrated effective skills whether in defence or attack, while the fearless Jesse Tutalo put his body on the line at each and every play. Lachlan Silsby and Joel Ogden were rock solid all day and kept bombing the ball out of the backline at every opportunity. At the sound of the final siren QPS had been victorious in four out of five games and left the oval with the sound of success firmly ringing in their ears. Well done boys.

Thank-you to Mrs Jolliffe for her time and effort in coaching.