The last week of Term 2 is upon us. Thank you for the contributions you have made to your child’s learning and to the school community. Semester One reports and portfolios will be distributed this Thursday. There should be no surprises, but if you would like to discuss your child’s achievements with the class teacher then organise a meeting for early Term 3. It may be that the class teacher would like to arrange a follow up meeting early in Term 3 to establish new learning goals.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data 2014
National, state and territory governments have agreed to work together to implement an annual nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability.

The data collection will provide an annual national snapshot of all students with disability across all schools in Australia and the adjustments that they are receiving, consistent with obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA) and Disability Standards for Education 2005.

The data will help education authorities and schools to better target programs and resourcing decisions.

Please find attached note with a form to be returned early in Term 3.

Ramadam
Ramadam is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is a time of self-examination and increased religious devotion. Muslims take part in the month long dawn-to-sunset fast. Eating and drinking (including water) is prohibited during daylight hours, and the day’s abstinence is offset by a nightly meal known as iftar.

At the end of the 30 day fast is Eid al-Fitr - Festival of Breaking the Fast - when there is much feasting and celebration.

Postponed - School Athletics Carnival
The School Athletics Carnival has been postponed due to the closing of Wright Park oval. The St1 Athletics Carnival at school has also been postponed.

We advise the new date for the carnivals is Term 3, Wednesday 16 July

School Swimming Carnival Champions 2014
Senior Girl    Rachel Condat
Senior Boy    Rory Gibbs
11yr Girl      Tiahna Banic
11yr Boy       Daniel Baldan
Junior Girl   Alexandra Ciechan
Junior Boy    Koby Gibbs

Unfortunately, last Monday items were taken from a St2 classroom. The electrical equipment stolen belongs to a teacher at school, and includes a HP Laptop and 3 iPads – 2 white with rainbow covers, and 1 black with an ice-cream cover. These items were all inside a black and white floral laptop bag with a red interior. The police are investigating this matter, so any information that could solve this theft would be much appreciated.

A substantial reward has been offered.
Be a Buddy on ‘Thrash the Trash Thursday’

Pack a Splash Friendly Lunch!

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.

School Holiday Craft Morning
Come along to a FREE craft morning at SACC on Wednesday 2 July, 10:30am -12:30pm.
Bring your morning tea.
For more information please contact:
Kellie – 0427 415 917 or Brooke - 6297 2167
Craft morning is aimed for children aged 0-5yrs - older siblings are more than welcome.

Isa Newsletter Items
Items for Isa News are to be submitted no later than 1:00pm the Friday preceding publication.

Leave articles at the Office or email: queanbeyan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Piano Tuition
From next term we are able to offer more positions for students of QPS to learn piano during school hours.
Please phone Mrs Christine Gascoyne - 0410 436 323, as soon as possible to secure a place for your child.
Girls Wow ’Em in the 2014 James Hird Cup

Under the watchful eyes of GWS players Nick Haynes and Kristian Jaksch the Queanbeyan Public girls AFL team took to Reid Oval on Wednesday 18 June to contest the ACT James Hird Cup. Whilst the thick fog and two degree temperature would be enough to keep most indoors by the heater, the girls were not to be deterred from the challenge that lay ahead. With Zali Andrews at the centre bounce, the fierce and determined midfield of Sofia Furlanetto, Amenda Tomanovska, Kallie Gumm and Elise Davis quickly pounced to secure possession. Moving into attack, the key forwards of Josephine Ray, Holly Whitehead and Maddison Gibbons delivered the ball to goal magnet Isobel Davy, who by the end of the day had a goal tally most full forwards would be envious of. Claire Robinson showed grit and determination, while Erin Murphy’s safe hands, together with Calister Lucier and Claudia Andrews control under pressure, ensured that any points scored against QPS were hard fought. Running between defence and attack, Staci Grame and Abbey Britton provided fresh legs and executed every play with deadly precision.

Ending the morning session on top of their pool the QPS girls went into the first final against the much fancied Radford outfit as underdogs. Not to be overawed by the occasion they quickly got the ball away and peppered the goals to leave the ground victorious and move into the Grand Final against Garran Primary School. With passion and focus they continued on their winning way as the girls from Garran made us work hard for every possession. At half time the scores were even, but with the scent of victory in the air, and one or two chewed fingernails to boot, the QPS juggernaut continued on its way to secure the win.

With a new piece of silverware to add to the cupboard back at school, the girls left the oval as ACT James Hird Cup Champions.

Congratulations girls!

Thanks to Mrs Jolliffe for her efforts in supporting the team and continuing to foster AFL at QPS.
CHILDREN’S MARTIAL ARTS

Action Tae Kwon-Do has children only classes so that your children are taught relevant skills in a safe environment. These children’s classes are for children aged 5 -12 years of age. After progressing through our children’s program the child will have the required skills to join our teenager program.

Classes are held in our school Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 – 8pm.

The Master Instructor of Action Tae Kwon-Do has an unshakeable belief in the incredible potential that lies within each of us, and the capability of this leading martial arts school to unleash this potential. If you choose to let your children train with Canberra’s leading martial arts school, some of the many benefits your child will receive include:

- The ability to concentrate longer
- Discipline
- Improved listening skills
- Better coordination
- Increased strength
- Greater stamina
- Shaped physique
- Positive outlook on life

The Instructors and myself are looking forward to seeing you.

Mr Paul Welch
Master Instructor of Action Tae Kwon-Do
0414 898 888

Organising a Drop-off and Pick-up Initiative

Council would like to investigate installing a drop-off and pick-up initiative on Hirst Avenue, and would like to invite your comments and thoughts.

- This strategy facilitates the efficient use of the ‘drop-off and pick-up’ area during very busy times at the beginning and end of the school day.
- The driver pulls to the kerb and remains in control of the vehicle while an identified supervising adult from the school community assists the school student/s to exit or enter the vehicle.
- This area, always on the school side of the road, is designated by ‘NO PARKING’ signs.
- It provides an appropriate environment for parents and carers when dropping off and collecting their children from school by car.
- Drivers may drop-off and pick-up passengers legally within a two minute timeframe.

Please find a link to RMS’s Drop-off and Pick-up initiative.

Any correspondence should be forwarded to:
Mark Cutting
Road Safety Officer
10 Ellerton Drive
Queanbeyan 2620

Tel: 6285 6984
25 June 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014**

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.


If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kind regards

Kym Hawes
Principal

If you **do not** want your child to be counted in the data collection, please complete the form below and return it to the school before the end of Term 3, 2014.

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Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014

I/we _________________ **do not** wish my/our child _________________ to be counted for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: ____________________________ date: __________