The Festival of Choral Music
After many months of hard work, thirty-six Senior Choir students travelled to Sydney to perform in the Festival of Choral Music at the Sydney Opera House last Thursday. A highlight of the trip was hearing the gasps from students, some of whom had never seen in person, let alone performed, at the Opera House.

Our students performed eleven songs with approximately 700 other students across NSW as a part of the combined public schools’ choir. Year 5 QPS student, Emily Hazilias, started the entire concert when she sang the solo in the song, Non Nobis Domine, from Henry the Fifth.

The concert concluded with streamers and confetti – a fine end to such an exciting event! Mrs Hawes and many parents attended the event. All reported how wonderful it was for our students to be involved. Performing in the Opera House with such a large number of voices created a stunning atmosphere, one which our students are sure to remember for many years to come.

The following day, Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Peisley and students travelled to the Sydney Aquarium where they enjoyed learning about the various types of creatures that live in Australian waters. Students were fascinated by the giant stingrays, the various types of fish and sharks the wide array of coral. Each student received a photo from the aquarium to commemorate the event.

Many thanks go to Mrs Sawyer for organising the excursion and teaching our students the repertoire. Thanks also to Mrs Peisley and our parent helpers, Mr and Mrs Hazilias, for helping to supervise the students. All agreed that our students behaved as beautifully as they performed.
Library News

CONNECT TO READING
is the 2014 Book Week theme.

We will celebrate this important event a week later this year in Week 7
Monday 25 – Friday 29 August.

The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) holds this celebration every year and libraries across Australia embrace it, as an opportunity to promote reading and books to children. QPS will have lots of fun right through the week. On Monday, a very special character will be seen everywhere, you might even think you are seeing double…or triple.

This year we are inviting students to dress up on Friday 29 August as their favourite book character. We ask that the character come from a book and not a movie. Of course, if the character is in both, that is okay. We don’t want students (or their parents) spending a lot of money or feeling pressured to buy or create a masterpiece costume! Have fun with the making of the costume with your child and remember there are many characters that don’t need much creation at all (try googling book week costumes).

The day is about celebrating books and reading and sharing with their peers. We would love to see the book that your child’s character comes from, so whenever possible, send the book to school with your child. Older students might even read some of their book to their buddies, as classes will meet up with their buddy class to share in the fun on the day. Thank you, in advance, for your support. Events like this cannot be enjoyed fully, without the support of parents and carers, and families.

The school Library will be decorated in the theme and there will be lots of students’ work on display, so feel free to come and visit us. At lunch time library monitors will host special activities to help celebrate Book Week too.

A fun competition is on offer for all students Yrs2-6. Students may illustrate their connection to a favourite book. They can draw, paint, create a collage, use technology (cameras, computers etc.), or even create a diorama of the scene from a book. The extra fun is that they then add themselves into the scene. On the back, write the title and author of the book the scene comes from, as well as your own name and class. Book prizes are on offer!

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Yet again QPS has been invited to visit the Queanbeyan Library to experience Book Week. Students K-2 will participate in this adventure.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Book Week also marks the end of the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014. Please ask your children how they are going and support them to complete it. We have set the goal in the Library for every student in the school to complete the Challenge.

The official end date is the 22 August and no entries will be taken after this date. It is essential that all 20 books are entered online.

Having any problems? Come and see Mrs Handley in the mornings before school or Library monitors at lunch time, before Friday 29 August.
Belonging - Being - Becoming

School Uniform is an important aspect of school life. If we think about the framework of Belonging - Being - Becoming as a pathway for students to build self awareness, self management and social responsibility, then school uniform is a helpful starting point.

Boys’ Winter Uniform
The winter uniform for boys is: grey long pants, grey shorts (for boys who don’t feel the cold) or maroon tracksuit pants; white polo shirt with long or short sleeves; a maroon vest, jumper or jacket; grey (preferred) or white socks; and black shoes with black laces (no colours).

Girls’ Winter Uniform
The girls have a greater choice for winter uniform. They may wear: a pinafore, skirt or trousers in the checked fabric; maroon tracksuit pants; white polo shirt with long or short sleeves; a maroon vest, jumper or jacket; white socks or grey stockings (not leggings); and black shoes with black laces (no colours).

On those very cold days, both boys and girls may wear a maroon scarf and gloves. All students need to wear a maroon school hat or a maroon beanie or maroon/grey beanie.
Laura Jean Fundraising P&C

QPS is holding a Family Portrait Fundraiser on Saturday 23 August.

You will receive a giant 10"x13" framed portrait for your $20 donation - a great family gift idea. Your donation (plus bonuses after 25 families are photographed) shall go towards our fundraising efforts and if you choose, you will have the chance to purchase additional portraits at exceptionally good prices.

Laura Jean’s portraiture is of excellent standard and you can view their work at:
www.laurajean.com.au
www.facebook.com/laurajeanfundraising

- Fliers have been sent home with your child, and are also available from the Front Office
- Print and fill in the voucher, then return it to the Front Office with your payment
- Limited to one voucher per family
- An appointment time will be allocated.

I can be contacted via email or phone if you have any questions -
Cathy Duke
P&C Fundraising Coordinator
Phone: 0406 331 346
Email: cathyduke@grapevine.com.au

Kindergarten 2015 - Enrolling Now

If you are planning to enrol your child for Kindergarten next year and have not yet done so, pick up an enrolment form at the Front Office.

Please ensure you have completed and submitted enrolment forms to secure your child’s place in the ‘Stepping Stones’ Orientation Program held early in Term 4.

Contact the Front Office for more information.

SaCC

A Toddler Emotional Wellbeing workshop will be held Wed 27 Aug from 10am-12pm at Barnardos. Bookings are essential.

This is an information session for parents, carers and teachers about understanding and supporting toddlers to cope with big emotions. Contact Brook 6297 2167 to book your place.

ISA NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Items for Monday's 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

Education Reconnect is going ahead

Save thousands of dollars by studying via Education Reconnect. You will be given all the resources necessary (there is a payment of $200 that will be returned once the unit is completed). Education Reconnect is for past students, mums, dads, relatives and friends and it can start you off in a career in Business, Education (Early Childhood or Primary), or Nursing / Paramedicine.

The units to be studied this semester are:
Business: OHSE201 Principles of Occupational Health and Safety
Education: EDFZ 133 Understanding Learning
Nursing/Paramedicine: HLSZ120 Society, Culture & Health

The dates for study are:
30 - 31 August
27 - 28 September
18 – 19 October
To register go to:
Enquires to Frances Moore Ph: 6209 1137