Library News

**CONNECT TO READING**

is the 2014 Book Week theme

*We will celebrate this important event next week Monday 25 – Friday 29 August.*

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.

**You are invited to Grandparents’ Story Time**

On Friday 29 August 10-11:30 am

We invite Grandparents to join us during this time in their grandchild’s classroom to read a story, tell a story (possibly about when they were at school), have a story read to them or just join in the activities.

Also at 11:00am, you are invited to join us for morning tea in the Hall.

**RSVP:** to your child’s/grandchild’s teacher by Thursday 28 August.
Our Diggers

Mr John Cope, author and friend to our school, has written a new book. John researched the students who attended Queanbeyan Public School and who went on to serve in the First World War. His book, *Our Diggers*, honours these men by presenting their war service and giving a little of their personal background. It has also been written to help our current students understand more about this war, which carried such a heavy toll on our nation. It is an appropriate time to launch this book as Queanbeyan Public School marks its sesquicentenary and Australia marks the centenary of the beginning of the First World War.

You may purchase a copy of this book by coming into the Front Office or by completing the form below and return it to the Front Office with the payment of $15.00.

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Our Diggers

I would like to purchase a copy of the book *Our Diggers*.

Name: ___________________________   Class: __________

I enclose $_________ cash/cheque/credit-debit card for ________ copy/s (at $15.00 per copy).

(Please make cheques payable to Queanbeyan Public School)

I wish to pay by [ ] Cash [ ] Cheque [ ] Credit Card

Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge $ ……………….(total amount)

Card Number: _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ _______ (Complete all 16 digits)

Expiry Date: __ / __   Card Holder’s Name: ……………………………

Card Holder’s Signature………………………………………………

Alternatively, a Credit card authorisation can be given by telephone to the Front Office on 6297 2144

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P&C Fundraising - Laura Jean

QPS is holding a Family Portrait Fundraiser this 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:*

- 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

**FREE 3-Pose Portrait Pack!**
When we get 25 families participating there will be a complimentary 3-poser portrait pack + CD up for grabs.

I can be contacted via email or phone if you have any questions -
Cathy Duke, P&C Fundraising Coordinator
Phone: 0406 331 346 or Email: [cathyduke@grapevine.com.au](mailto:cathyduke@grapevine.com.au)
Mr John Cope has generously given his time to compiling and writing the stories and history of the Queanbeyan Public School. His most recent project was researching and writing about students who attended the school and who went on to serve in the First World War. The book, Our Diggers, honours these men by presenting their war service and giving a little of their personal background. The book also helps our current students understand more about this war, which carried such a heavy toll on our nation. It is appropriate to launch this book as Queanbeyan Public School marks its sesquicentenary and Australia marks the centenary of the beginning of the First World War.
PSSA District Swimming Carnival
Three trophies arrived in the school last week to be presented to the District Age Swimming Champions.
Koby Gibbs – Junior Boy
Rachel Condat – Senior Girl
Rory Gibbs – Senior Boy
Congratulations to all three students on their fine achievements in representing the school.

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.

Uniform Shop Volunteers
Would you like to donate some time to our Uniform Shop next year? It is not-for-profit, and run by volunteers each Friday morning from 9am for about an hour. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.
Please forward any enquiries to the Front Office.

SaCC
Queanbeyan Early Childhood Intervention Coordination Project presents
Toddler Emotional Wellbeing -
An information session for parents, carers and teachers about understanding and supporting toddlers to cope with big emotions

Presented by Alison J. Cook
DipCoT, B.A., M.MH
Perinatal & Infant Occupational Therapist & Counsellor, and certified Infant Massage Instructor

Where
Banardos Training Room @ 24 Thornton Rd, Karabar
When
Wed 27 Aug, 10am – 12pm
Cost
Free with morning tea provided

RSVP essential – places limited.
Please RSVP Brooke 6297 2167 or brookehardy8@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Hawes interviewed the students to reflect on their District Swimming Carnival achievements.
Rory swam a Personal Best by 3 seconds in 50m freestyle.
Koby swam a Personal Best by 10 seconds in 50m freestyle.
Rachel swam a Personal Best by 12 seconds in 100m Freestyle.

All three students continued on to the PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival held at Dapto. Rachel’s high performance at the Regional Carnival resulted in her selection in the Regional Swimming Team.

The PSSA NSW State Swimming Carnival was held at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush, where Rachel, as a member of the Illawarra and South Coast Regional Team, competed in 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke and 200m Individual Medley.