**Isa News**

Queanbeyan Public School - Creating opportunities, building relationships, achieving success

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as the first custodians of this land.

**Term 3 Week 7**

26 August 2014

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**Book Week 2014-Connect to Reading**

This week Queanbeyan Public School is celebrating Book Week and we want to remind you of the exciting events taking place on Friday of this week. The students are given the opportunity to dress up as a book character all day and Grandparents are invited to come and read with their grandchildren and stay for morning tea. Any Grandparents who would like to visit their grandchildren on Friday between 10 and 11, to read or be read to, or to share a story, please let your grandchildren know, so they can inform the school. After the class visit you are welcome to stay for a cuppa and cake in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to visit the Library all week to see wonderful work completed by our students and of course look at the Book Week Winners.

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**National Library Visit for Book Week**

by Caitlyn Maniti

On Friday 15 August, Mrs Handley and Library Monitors; Chloe, Hannah, Lucy and Caitlyn visited the National Library of Australia in Canberra. We went for the Book of the Year Awards and also for the launch of Book Week for this year. We listened to the authors and illustrators talk about some of their books and also listened to a Year 11 boy read from some of the Book Week books.

After the awards we chatted to the authors and illustrators, we even got a photo of us with Bob Graham. Mrs Handley got a few of our school library books signed. She also bought the winning book of the older category, “Wildlife”, and if it’s appropriate, she will put it in the Young Adult section of our Library.

After about 3 hours, we drove back to school. Thank you Mrs Handley for taking us, it was a great experience.

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**School Term 3**

14 July – 19 September

**Dates for your Diary**

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**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, have a story read to them, or just join in the activities.

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

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

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**The Great Book Swap**

Our school is holding a Great Book Swap on Friday 5 September to support The Indigenous Literacy Foundation. To participate each child needs to bring in a book they have enjoyed but are happy to swap with another student AND a gold coin donation to help raise $100,000 to buy 10,000 books for children and families in remote Indigenous communities across Australia.

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The SRC Talent Show

Last Wednesday, twenty-one students from Stage 3 showcased their talents in the SRC's second big event of the year, the SRC talent show. As well as being an avenue for students to perform for each other and have fun, this event is being held to raise money. We are hoping to purchase small gifts for our Year 6 students, for when they leave to go to High School. Gift ideas are still being considered and will, of course, depend on the funds raised.

Singers, dancers and actors took to the stage at lunchtime in the school Hall. Other students across the school paid a gold coin to attend the event as audience members. Each entrant (solo or group) was allocated two minutes to impress the judges (SRC members). All entrants showed confidence when performing for their peers. Six entrants were selected to continue to the final rounds, where they will compete against finalists from other grades in the school. The finalists chosen from this round were:

**Solo singers:** Grace Lauro, Maia Gavel and Bella Gray

**Dancing groups:** Claire Robinson and Holly Whitehead, and Tamia Newton, Isabelle Taloni and Erin Murphy

**A singing, acting, dancing and piano playing group named The Triple Threats:** Claudia Green, Amy McAlister and Loren Reeve

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Stage 2 students will perform in the next round. This will be held on Monday at lunchtime in the Hall. The finals will be held later this term.

*Bring your gold coin and enjoy the performances!*
Crunch&Sip

Cool Kids Crunch and Sip!
Don’t forget a bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch&Sip every day.

Is dried fruit OK?
Although fresh fruit is the best choice, a small amount of dried fruit (eg sultanas or apricots) is an acceptable option. Dried fruit tends to cling to the teeth, so it is best eaten with a meal or when a toothbrush is handy. Note: fruit straps, bars or rolls are not permitted for Crunch&Sip as they contain large amounts of sugar.

Fruit Salad... Yummy Yummy!
Fruit salad is a great idea for Crunch&Sip, full of colour, flavour and nutrients. Why not chop up your child’s favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container.

Grapes are Great
Sweet, easy to eat and full of nutritious goodness, grapes are a perfect snack for Crunch&Sip. For a cool treat, why not try freezing grapes? Delicious!

Keen Green Beans!
Many people eat cooked green beans at dinner. Did you know that raw green beans make a great snack? Why not try sliced fresh green beans in a small container. Keep ‘em keen – give ‘em beans!
Stage 2 Spelling Bee Heats

On Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 August, over thirty students from Years 3 and 4 competed in the QPS Junior Spelling Bee heat. The competition required students to spell words out loud. Thousands of words were distributed to students, with five different levels of difficulty.

The words spelt in the final rounds were taken from level 3. Some of the words attempted were: atmosphere, bonsai, cautious, discourage, ecology, forensic, gracious, hysterical, insomnia, jealous, mosque, neurotic, onslaught, surgeon and pancreas.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the competition. It took great courage to take part in such an event. After nine intense rounds, the top five spellers were declared. They are:

1st Qawim Nizam 4R
2nd Trenae Morshead 3/4R
3rd Caitlyn Maniti 4K
4th Bailey Budd 4B
5th Abigail Barrett 4B

Qawim and Trenae have been invited to compete in the regional finals at Sunshine Bay Public School on Wednesday, September 10. We wish them the best of luck!

Stage 2 finalists

Stage 3 Spelling Bee Heats

The Stage 3 Premier’s Spelling Bee was held last week over two days – Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 August. Students prepared by learning challenging words over the last month in readiness for the Spelling Bee. The eight Year 5 and Year 6 students included:

Jasper Haskins 5/6W
Amy McAlister 5/6J
Erin Murphy 5/6J
Rachel Scattergood 5/6J
Oscar Corrigan 5/6J
Shalok Sachdeva 5/6J
Alex Whitby 5/6J
Lilly Whitehead 5/6H

The two finalists, advancing to the next round in September are Alex Whitby and Erin Murphy, with Oscar Corrigan as reserve. All the best for the next stage of the competition!
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.

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: ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

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

School ‘Drop-off and Pick-up Initiative’

What is a school ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area?

- 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 by car.
- Drivers may drop-off and pick-up passengers legally within a two minute timeframe.

What is a school ‘Drop-off and Pick-up initiative’?

- 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 into 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.

Please attend the P&C meeting – Mon 8 Sept at 6:30pm in the Staffroom at school to discuss this initiative.
**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.

| **School Banking**  
**This year we are Deep Sea Savers!**  
Term 3 we introduce the Swimming Bag and the Dollarmite Moneybox, as well as the Whale Shark pencil case and Dolphin and Shark keyrings, which are all available to redeem once you have reached 10 tokens.
Children learn to save their money by banking at school every week. Regardless of the amount of the deposit, the children receive a token and once they have saved ten tokens they get to choose a fantastic reward!
For every new child joining the program the school receives $5.00, and 5% commission with all the children’s deposits throughout the term!
You may go to any Commonwealth Bank Branch to open a Youthsaver account. Don’t forget to bring ID for yourself and your child.
Come and join in the fun and learn to save with the School Banking Program, and help your school in fundraising! |
| **Controlling the Chaos – Behaviour Management Workshop**  
Thursday 11 September, 6-8pm  
at Queanbeyan East PS
Dr Steve Hartman will present a practical workshop focusing on common challenging behaviours in young children (eg sleeping, eating, tantrums), and strategies which are useful in modifying these behaviours.
The workshop is for parents/carers and teachers with children 0-6 years. Bookings are essential – phone Kellie 0427 415 917.
A light supper is provided. The event is strictly child-free.

| **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:  
quenbeyan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au |
| **QUEANBEYAN BABY/KIDS EXPO AND MARKETS**  
**AT**  
**QUEANBEYAN PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**1 NOVEMBER 2014**

Last year saw over 700 adults and children enter our school gates to participate in activities, demonstrations, interact with stall holders and enjoy the free entertainment.

We would like to offer organisations and service providers the opportunity to hold a free stall on the day to promote their service programs, groups or activities. We will be focusing on promoting services and healthy activities for families to engage in along with preloved baby and children’s clothing and crafts. We are encouraging stall holders to have a child friendly activity set up at their stall.

All community stalls will be provided with a table, chairs, shelter and bottled water free of charge.

We anticipate that the expo will generate a lot of interest with families as we will be providing a range of engaging family fun activities including:

- Face painting
- Baby yoga
- Karate and sports activities
- RFS and fire truck display
- Jumping castle

We will also have healthy eating tips, kid’s entertainment, food stalls and much more.

There will also be local show bags upon arrival for families, with good quality baby samples, local information and promotional goods. (We are asking for donations and promotional material to fill these bags.)

If you are interested in promoting your business, organisation, or community group during this event please contact:

Kellie Strawbridge from Campbell Page on 0427 415 917  
or email Kellie.strawbridge@campbellpage.org.au  
to secure your table.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE DAY.**