Reading Opens Doors

Indigenous Literacy Foundation

This Wednesday Felicity Pinner-Gare, our Yr6 Indigenous Literacy Foundation ambassador, will attend the launch of the 2014 Great Book Swap at the Sydney Opera House. Authors, Andy Griffiths, Alison Lester and Anita Heiss will also be there.

Great Book Swap – Indigenous Literacy

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.

QPS P&C
Father’s Day Stall
Friday 5 September 2014
9am - 11am.

Children will go with their class teacher to the Hall to choose a gift if they wish to buy one.

Gifts range in price from 50c to $5

Volunteers are needed on the day

Please email Erika: reid.erika@gmail.com

Thank you to the following businesses for their kind donations to our Father’s Day Raffle

Canberra Indoor Rock Climbing
2 adults and 4 children

Flipout Trampoline Centre
2 adults and 2 children for 1 hour

Power Kart Raceway
1 adult and 1 child

Walshs Hotel
2 x $25 meal vouchers

Royal Hotel
1 x $30 meal voucher

Absolute Hair
Men’s hair products and bag

Two nights accommodation at Mossy Point

Thank you, P&C Committee.
The SRC Talent Show Continues…

The second round of Talent Show heats was held last Monday, with Stage 2 students (and a few more Stage 3 students) taking centre stage. New skills were showcased, including yo-yo tricks and gymnastics. All students showed promise in their performances. In the end, four acts were chosen to continue to the finals from this round.

These were:

**Solo Dancer:** Jahna Lugnan

**Group Dancers:** Double Trouble - Olivia Whitby and Paige Boutzos, and Caitlin Don, Amelia Ryan, Liana Aristotelous, Abbey Christou, Malack Elhag and Hayley Perry

**Yo-Yo Trickster:** Tyson Russell

So far we have raised over $100 towards the Year 6 farewell gifts. We hope to double this effort in the finals to be held Thursday 4 September.

Be sure to bring your gold coin and check out the talented students we have at QPS!
Advantages of a School ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ Initiative

The ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ initiative provides parents and carers with a safe environment to drop off and collect their children within a two minute time frame, while a volunteer adult supervisor assists the children into or out of the car. There are advantages for child road safety because it:

- Provides a designated zone at a school access point for drivers to stop and drop off or pick up their children
- Relieves traffic congestion around the school by ensuring cars do not park illegally
- Provides adult supervision for students being dropped off and picked up from school
- Allows smaller children to remain secured in the car while school aged children are dropped off and picked up from school
- Reinforces road safety messages and safe passenger behaviours to parents and children.

School are encouraged to consider implementing the initiative to enhance child safety. Support will be given to schools by providing drop-off and pick-up signs for No Parking zones outside the school. Promotional material will also be supplied to support the initiative.

Drop-off and Pick-up zones encourage children to keep road safety rules in mind. The system also teaches the children co-operation and patience as they wait their turn and are called by an adult.

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 on 16, 23 and 30 October. Letters will be sent to parents soon. Contact the Front Office for more information.
Book week 2014 at QPS

Last week, Queanbeyan Public School celebrated Book Week. We saw many book characters come to life over the week. Monday, many of our staff dressed as Wally from the Where’s Wally series of books. The children had lots of fun trying to find the ‘real’ Wally.

During the week the students were involved in reading and Book Week activities in the school Library, classrooms, as well as at the Town Library.

On Friday the school welcomed over 200 wonderful grandparents, parents and other visitors. The students came to school dressed as book characters. Stories were shared through reading books and telling stories together.

Thank you so much for coming to see all the great things our students do at Queanbeyan Public School. We really enjoyed having you here.

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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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