School Yearbook – Memories of 2015

Our school yearbook is an excellent record of the many individual, team and class achievements that we have had this year. It is a valuable memento for all students and particularly for the graduating Year 6 classes. Every student is included. The yearbook is now available for purchase from the Front Office.

Yearbook 2015

I would like to purchase a copy of the 2015 Yearbook.

Name: ____________________________ Class: ____________

I enclose $____ cash/cheque/credit-debit card for __ Yearbook/s (at $15 per copy).

(Please make cheques payable to Queanbeyan Public School)

I wish to pay by [ ] Cash [ ] Cheque [ ] Credit Card [ ] On line Payment

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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www.queanbeyan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au queanbeyan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
**P&C**

The Mango Fundraiser has been a fantastic success. The trays will be available for collection from the Staffroom before and after school on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 December.

**School Banking**

The last day for School Banking deposits will be Wednesday 9 December. Rewards must be ordered by this Wednesday 2 December. Please note the only rewards available:
- Intergalactic rocket
- ET DVD
- Money box
- Galaxy glider

Merry Christmas
from the School Banking Team!

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**Queanbeyan Festival of Ability**

Community Celebration
4th December - 4pm - 6pm
Queanbeyan Park

**Baby and Kids Expo at QPS**

In partnership with
Queanbeyan Public School and
Schools as Community Centre

Saturday 5 March 2016
10am-1pm

To book a stall contact Angela Koupapitsas
angela.chatzakos@det.nsw.edu.au

- $20 table provided from school
- or $15 with own table
Free entry with a raffle ticket, goody bag and entertainment for the kids
Come along for a fun day for the whole family.
Parent Volunteers Needed!

**Queanbeyan High School**

Super School Day
8:50am – 1:00 pm Thursday 3 December
For students attending QHS in 2016

Super School Day classes will run for 1 hour and students are able to attend two different classes on the day; these activities are free of charge. Subject selections forms have been mailed to parents and we request that they be returned to your primary school and a member of staff from QHS will pick them up on Monday 30 November.

On the day please drop your child off at Queanbeyan High School for an 8:50am start and we will have a bus return them to their primary school at 1:00pm. Please pack recess and lunch as per normal, students will have access to our canteen facilities if needed.

Students are to wear their primary school uniform.

Any questions please call:
Queanbeyan High School - 6297 2088

**Karabar High School**

For students attending KHS in 2016

**Orientation Evening for Parents**

Date: Wednesday 2 December
Time: 6pm
Location: Karabar High School Hall

**Orientation Day for Students**

Date: Thursday 3 December
Time: 8:45am – 2:30pm
Location: Karabar High School Hall

Students should wear their primary school uniform and bring their own recess, water bottle and sun protection. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

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Christmas Tree Competition
The Riverside Plaza annual Christmas Tree Competition is underway. Our tree looks fabulous! Try to see the tree this week and register a vote for QPS.

Citizenship Assembly
On Wednesday 2 December at 11:30 we will hold a Citizenship Assembly in the school Hall. The whole school community is invited to join staff to recognise student leadership and their service to the school during 2015. Students should be dressed in school uniform (not sports uniform) including black shoes with black laces.

Celebration of Learning
On Friday 4 December Year 6 students will graduate at the Celebration of Learning ceremony to be held at the Bicentennial Hall 12 – 2pm.
Again, the whole school community is invited to join staff, invited guests and students in Stages 2 and 3 to this important event. Students should be wearing full school uniform (not sports uniform) including black shoes with black laces. Students will have an early lunch and leave school at 11:20am.

School Shoes
The ‘Athlete’s Foot’ supports the school and last week a $200 cheque arrived to add to our fundraising total. Thank you to the families who have purchased their school shoes from the ‘Athlete’s Foot’.

Uniform Shop Sale
The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 2 December 2:15 – 3:15 with a huge sale of second-hand items. Prices range from $1 - $10.

Queanbeyan Public School Holiday Care
Before Christmas and during January holidays 8am to 6pm on the following dates:
December 17 - 23
January 4 - 8, 11 - 15, 18 - 22, 25, 27
Register now!
Daily activities include movies, indoor play centre, National Zoo and Aquarium, Lazer Tag, I Play arcade and dodgeball, National Dinosaur Museum. Swimming, mini golf, cricket, hip-hop dance and multi-sport sessions included.
Phone - 0414 607 396
Enrolment form - www.schooloutcare.com.au
Email - schoolsout@netspeed.com.au
CCB/Rebate available

School’s Spectacular
This event is held every year in Sydney and is an outstanding showcase of the performance talent in NSW public schools. In terms of sheer size, scale and scope, the School’s Spectacular is unequalled in the world, with over 2000 dancers, a 1500-voice choir, an 80 piece symphony orchestra and 50 exceptional soloists.
It's fabulous entertainment for the whole family and will be broadcast on the NINE Network (WIN TV) this Saturday 5 December at 7pm.

Kid’s Fun Fishing Workshops
Practical fishing lessons in a pond stocked with large trout!
Kid's 8-14yrs are invited to learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.
The day involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques. Bookings are essential - max 25 participants.

Location: Gaden Trout Hatchery
Dates: Fri 15 & Sat 16 January 2016
Time: 10am – 12pm
Cost: $40 per child and includes rod and reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag all to take home!
To book phone Stephen Thurstan - 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190
Or email stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au
NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.

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Queanbeyan Public School presents:
‘The Philosopher’s Stone’

Two Performances: Thursday 10/12/15
11:30 am and 7:00 pm
at the ‘Q’

Stage 3 proudly presents: ‘The Philosopher’s Stone.’ Sprinkled with a touch of magic, mixed with goblins, a giant, and a wise wizard, it is a story of friendship, courage, the virtue of humility and the power of love. The humble hero’s journey to find the philosopher’s stone, will inspire us to deal with the events of our lives courageously. Come and join us for a great night of dancing, laughter and song!

Tickets:
Adults: $22
Concession: $15
Children: $10

Tickets available next week at the ‘Q’ at the Box Office, by phone or online.

Limited Seats! Be quick!
Term 4

November 2015

This year a variety of activities and events have been held for students and families to join with school staff, to share stories and celebrate achievement, dedication and success.

Many students participated in the school swimming carnival on 10 February. Congratulations to Abbey Christou who was named the junior girl champion and Tamia Fensom the 12-13 years girl champion. Both girls went on to represent the school at the Queanbeyan district swimming carnival. Ashlee Fensom swam successfully at the school, district carnival and at the regional carnival.

In February, students gathered for an assembly to acknowledge the seventh anniversary of The Apology to the Indigenous peoples of this land. We recognised the importance of ‘righting the wrongs of the past so as to move forward with confidence in the future’.

On Wednesday 4 March, many parents attended an evening barbecue and information session with teachers and staff from Queanbeyan Education Office. This was an opportunity to discuss working together to support children, to contribute ideas, participate in planning and to be involved in making decisions about programs for the year.

In early May, the Year 6 students participated in workshops to develop leadership skills, build positive relationships and appreciate the benefits of volunteering. Many students went on to give time back to the school through their involvement as peer mediators.

All students, led by the captains, prefects and Year 6 Aboriginal students, attended an assembly to mark National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week. This year the theme was ‘It’s time to change it up’. One important part of the assembly was the lighting of candles to symbolise the bringing of light to our hope for reconciliation. The students were reminded that reconciliation is a process that leads to increased respect and strengthened relationships between all Australians.

NAIDOC celebrations were very special this year giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and communities. At the assembly local elder Aunty Louise Brown, gave the Welcome to Country. She painted designs on the faces of the Year 6 Aboriginal student leaders using ochre from local sites. During the week students enjoyed eating kangaroo sausages and Johnny cakes. Buddy classes came together to create artworks inspired by designs from Tjanpi Desert weaving. We also congratulated Mrs Annette Christou on receiving her award as ACT Elder of the Year. Annette has worked as a Learning Support Officer for a number of years, encouraging and guiding students to improved literacy and numeracy outcomes.
The ‘BroSpeak’ program, led by Mr Scott Russell and Mr Ryan Kearns has continued this year with the Stage 3 boys. The program connects Aboriginal boys to their culture through conversations with community members and activities in the Bush Tucker Garden. The boys benefit from the experiences and stories of Aboriginal male mentors and this helps them to make good decisions to reach their school goals. This year the boys learnt about traditional music from Billy Ta and Levi Pampling. In term 4, as part of a boys education activity, a group of Years 5 and 6 boys, including the Aboriginal boys, worked together to craft and design a didgeridoo. They selected a piece of wood and worked in pairs to strip the bark, sand, seal and apply the oil to bring out the wood’s natural patterns.

Teachers, Mrs Rosemaree Whitehead and Miss Alanna Raymond, have been re-elected to leadership roles in the Queanbeyan Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG). Through their involvement they continue to participate in and influence local decisions. Mrs Whitehead, Miss Shannon Tierney, Mr Scott Russell and Mrs Kym Hawes travelled to Melbourne to attend the Australian Aboriginal Education Conference. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet other educators and to learn about new directions in Aboriginal education.

On Staff Development Days and in Staff Meetings, teachers have learnt about the new History and Geography syllabus and they have worked together to ensure students are provided with opportunities to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures through the learning and teaching programs.

Our school was well represented at the Queanbeyan Aboriginal Education Awards ceremony. The students performed a traditional dance. It was a beautiful demonstration of their connection to culture, teamwork and creative skills. Each student had ochre markings and a costume that highlighted their interwoven dance movements. Seventeen students received outstanding attendance awards and nine students received major awards. The Junior of the Year award was presented to Tamia Fensom for her leadership and for her academic and sporting achievements.

The students (now known as QPS Deadly Dancers) will perform again at the School Celebration of Learning ceremony, the Queanbeyan Festival of Ability in the Park and the South Coast Aboriginal Awards ceremony. At this ceremony Kiara Tomkins will receive the Outstanding Literacy Award.

This year we have seven Aboriginal students moving onto high school: Flynn Barnett, Tamia Fensom, Elijah Foster-Britton, Tamia Newton, Lillian Pinner-Gare, Isaiah Rapana-Cross, Kiara Tomkins. These students have contributed to the life of our school in a variety of ways and we wish them well as they begin the next stage of their learning journey.

Thank you everyone for the great support you have shown to your children, the teachers and the school.

‘Together we are, together we can, together we will’.

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PARENT SURVEY 2015

Name: (optional) ______________________ My child is in Year: ____ Their gender is: boy  girl

Purpose: To evaluate how you feel about your school. This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

We would like to know how you feel about our school, there are no right or wrong answers. What we value is your opinion.

Think carefully about each of the following statements as they might apply to you. With each statement, show how often it applies to you by putting a tick in the box to its right. Then answer the following questions. Try to give an answer to every statement.

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<th>Statement</th>
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<td>I feel welcome in the school community.</td>
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<td>I am happy with how I am communicating with the school.</td>
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Please complete the following sentence:
I feel __________________ to be a parent in this school because ____________________________

I am happy with how the school communicates with parents. yes  no
I have used: Isa News  Stage newsletters  class notes  homework  website
communication sheets

List other ideas for school communication that you would like to see or use:


I participate in activities at school. usually  occasionally  rarely
I have attended: assembly  class activities  special events eg Naidoc Week, Education Week,
excursions  P&C  Parent gatherings  Library: parent resource centre

List other activities you participate in:


Due to work and family commitments I am unable to participate during the day. I could possibly attend/participate in ______

What opportunities/events would you like to see happening at our school to involve parents and the wider community?


Do you see parent/community engagement as an issue/concern in our school? Why? Why not?