P&C News
The P&C AGM tonight, 16 March at 6:30pm in the school Staffroom followed by the March general meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend, so I hope to see you there. The representative positions (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President) will be declared vacant and up for election at the AGM. If anyone is interested in learning more about the P&C go to: www.pandc.org.au or email us at: qbnps@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Kym Bush, 2014 P&C President

Targeting Early Numeracy
A big thank you to parents who attended the TEN information evening last Tuesday. A lot of fun was had playing games and discussing how we can support our children in learning numeracy and problem solving strategies in the early years. There will be another evening session in Term 2. I would also like to offer a day session on a Tuesday or Wednesday at 2pm or on a Monday at 11:20 before assembly. Please let the office, your child’s classroom teacher or myself know if you are interested.

Domino Stars at Woolworths
TEN games rely heavily on Dice; Cards and Dominoes. If you have extra dominos from the Woolworths promotion or you can collect dominos for us, please leave them at the office in the container provided or get your child to deliver them to their classroom teacher or myself. Thank you in anticipation!

A new link on our school home page: (http://www.queanbeyan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) has been added with the help of Mrs Southwell. Click on the SCHOOL YEARS tab at the top and then on the TEN tab at the bottom left side. There are examples of games for Cards, Dice and Dominoes as well as an overview of the games played at the Information Evening.

Next term the games Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 play each week will be added to the school website by the following week so your child can be the teacher at home and show you how to play the games.

Jill Hadobas, TEN facilitator.

School Term 1: 27 January – 2 April

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Targeting Early Numeracy:
Parent feedback - I just wanted to say a big thank you to all the teachers involved in last night’s presentation of TEN for our young ones attending QPS. What a motivated and dynamic group of teachers! I have already printed off the games form the school website and really look forward to beginning this process with my daughter Leah at home. I really welcome the opportunity to gain insight into our children’s learning and the ways that as parents, we can assist them and be involved in their education.

Thanks again and keep up the good work K-2 teachers!

Michelle Res (Leah Menz 1R)

SaCC News
Queanbeyan Festival of Ability 2015
Saturday 28 March 10am - 2pm
Queanbeyan Town Park
Come along!
Free live entertainment
Games and activities
Jumping-castle
Face-painting for the kids
A free raffle
Bring your picnic rug for a family day out. BBQ will be available on the day.

Let’s celebrate ability!
Bus Lines and Student Safety at the End of the School Day

The school day finishes at 2.55pm. Students catching a bus line up in Playground 3 at the front of the school. There have been a few small changes to bus lines to ensure that all students are sitting in the shade and in the correct bus line. Students who catch a bus need to look for their bus number on a cone and sit in that line until the bus arrives. Please talk to your child about the changes, making sure they know what number bus they catch.

Parents are reminded that the Thorpe Avenue and Hirst Avenue gates will be closed at 3.10pm. After this time, children still waiting will move to Playground 3 to wait on the silver seat so they are supervised by the teachers on bus duty. Students need to be inside the school grounds till they are picked up safely at the end of the school day.

Frances Sharp Stage 3 teacher

Canteen

The Canteen is managed by the school. This arrangement is now in its 4th year. Kristy Wilbers and Renata Hush are the Canteen managers. The Canteen is open each school day with some variations towards the end of each term. A simple breakfast is available: toast, cheese toast and milo. The recess choices are: fruit, cheese & crackers, rice cups, pizza melts, garlic bread and pikelets. Costs range from 50c to $2. Lunch choices are available on the school website.

School Uniform Shop

This service to the school community will be available twice a week now. Wednesday afternoons 2:15 – 3:15pm Friday mornings 8:45 – 9:45am If it is busy the hours are extended.

Big Second-Hand Uniform Sale starts this Wednesday afternoon – all items $5

School Banking

QPS offers the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week during school terms. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Throughout the year there are ongoing competitions for students and schools to enter, not to mention the commission paid to the school by the Commonwealth Bank for participating in the program.

Become a regular saver and drop in your School Bank Book to the Front Office by Wednesday each week.

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Trade & Investment - NSW Government

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children.

Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer

Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile-home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

To be eligible you must

Be a NSW resident
Been assessed by the Federal Dept of Human Resources as being eligible for FTB A or B
Be an account holder of an electricity Retailer

How to Apply:

Online – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
Paper – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

For more information and assistance: Phone 13 77 88 Email fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au Web www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

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

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016

NSW government schools offer a variety of excellent programs and subject choices to meet the needs, interests and talents of all students. Expression of Interest forms have been sent home. You will need to return your form to us by Friday 20 March, 2015.

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Regional Swimming Carnival

On Friday 6 March eight students and their families travelled to Dapto to represent the Queanbeyan district at the regional swimming carnival. They competed in the following events:
* Sam Keys, Dylan Jacobsen, Koby Gibbs, Jack O’Loughlan – junior boys relay
* Chloe Hendry – 8yr girls 50m freestyle
* Ashley Fensom – junior girls 50m backstroke
* Caitlin Don – junior girls 50 breaststroke
* Jack O’Loughlan – 10yr boys 50m freestyle, junior boys 50 backstroke,
* Daniel Baldan – 12yr boys 50m freestyle, backstroke, and butterfly.
* Koby Gibbs – 10yr boys 50m freestyle, junior boys 50m breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, open 100m freestyle (the youngest competitor).

The boys and girls swam well against very strong competition. They are enthusiastic swimmers and have been inspired to train hard for the future events.

‘It is important to be supportive of everyone racing, even if they come from other schools.’ Caitlin Don

Regional Representation
Congratulations to Koby Gibbs who will represent Illawarra South East at the NSW State Swimming Carnival on 26 March at Sydney Olympic Park. He will compete in the junior boys 50m backstroke event. Koby practices every day Monday to Thursday at the Queanbeyan pool. He receives coaching which helps him to improve his stroke and build his strength and endurance. Koby said the right stroke technique means he can go fast when he is swimming. At the moment he is working on improving his dive and push off from the wall.

School Swimming Carnival – Individual Age Champions

Junior Girl: Abbey Christou
11yr Girl: Alexandra Ciechan
12/13yr Girl: Tamia Fensom

Junior Boy: Koby Gibbs
11yr Boy: Aaron Colbertaldo
12/13yr Boy: Daniel Baldan
The school’s newsletter is published weekly and is a valuable part of our home/school communication. The newsletter includes important dates and information about activities and events at our school. The newsletter is accessible by visiting the school website, downloading the new app, or you may subscribe to have it emailed to you weekly. We would prefer you to receive the newsletter via email, or by viewing the app or website, as there are many advantages including:

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