Queanbeyan Public School Remembers – ANZAC 2015
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| Wed 29 April | District Cross Country carnival at Gundaroo |
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QPS P&C Mother’s Day Stall

The P&C Association is holding their annual Mother’s Day fundraising stall on FRIDAY 8 MAY, 2015

The students will go to the Hall with their class teacher and have the choice to buy a gift for their Mum, Grandma or other special person for Mother’s day.

The gifts range in price from $1 to $5.

We are seeking volunteers to help sell gifts on the stall for 2hrs (9-11am). Please contact Leanne Catanzariti - 0437 261 461, or email qbnps@pandcaffiliate.org.au if you are able to assist.

Application for 2016 Year 5 Opportunity Class

Information regarding the district Opportunity Class at Queanbeyan South Public School has been sent home with Year 4 students. The application process is only available online and applications must be submitted by Friday 15 May, 2015.

Changes have been made to the process of opportunity class placement for entry in 2016:

All applications must be made online.
Paper applications are no longer printed.
Late applications will not be accepted.

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015.
Anzac Day

The Anzac tradition began on 25 April 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. This year we commemorate the Anzac Centenary and reflect on a century of service by the defence forces. We honour and thank those who have served and remember their strength and courage.

The school service, held on Thursday 23 April, was attended by parents and special guests, Mr Matthew Helm, President of the local RSL, Mr Tim Overall, Mayor, Mr Peter Bray, Deputy Mayor and Mr Matthew Brown, Director of Education, Queanbeyan. The service began with Flynn Barnett giving the Welcome to Country. School Captains, Jasmyn Boutzos and Daniel Baldan wrote and delivered the commemorative address.

Jasmyn: What is Anzac Day? Anzac Day to me is the day we remember the soldiers who fought for our country and our freedom. The landing at Gallipoli in 1915 and all the actions of World War 1 touched the lives of Australians then and they continue to do so today. One symbol of the Anzac spirit is Rosemary, a herb that grows wild on the Gallipoli peninsular. It is an emblem of fidelity and remembrance for those who have died. Poppies, another symbol, are often worn in memory of the lives lost during the Great War. The flowering of poppies began in 1915 on the battlefields of Belgium and France. Almost everyone in Australia, no matter what country they have come from, has been touched by the sacrifice of soldiers in the First World War. This shared sacrifice has helped to build a strong sense of multiculturalism in Australia today.

Daniel: Mateship, perseverance, resilience and courage. These words embody Anzac Day to me. Mateship means more than just your friend. A mate is the person you can go to if you are sad. The person that you can trust your life with. Like so many Anzacs trusted their lives with their mates. Perseverance means to keep going even if it is tough. The Anzacs in the war had to keep fighting even when they were tired, lonely and scared, and even if they were losing, because their country was relying on them. Resilience means to keep your head and move on even if something bad happens. The Anzacs would have needed to move on and keep fighting, even if they lost a mate. Courage means to do something that frightens you. The Anzacs needed courage to stay in the war, even if they were facing the enemy for the first time. These words aren’t just relevant for Anzac Day, but can also be used to describe our school life. Words like resilience, courage and perseverance are words that most students in our school live out from day to day.

I hope you recognise and remember with great gratitude the sacrifice the Anzacs made one hundred years ago.
The Senior Choir, conducted by Ms Lankshear and accompanied by Mr Hamnet, performed ‘Always Remember’. This song is about a young man heading off to war, making friends on the boat across and then losing those friends to the war.

The guest speakers, Mr Matthew Helm and Mr Tim Overall spoke about the service given during the First World War by many of the young men of Queanbeyan. They talked about the history of the original memorial avenue of trees and explained how this was being replanted. Then together with the school captains, they unveiled a plaque for the memorial.

Rory Kendal-Rowe, school prefect, read ‘The Ode’. Our band leader, Sophie Raudonikis, played ‘The Last Post’ and ‘Revelle’.

The service concluded with the National Anthems of New Zealand and Australia. Maia Gavel, accompanied by Ihaka Cotter, sang ‘God Defend New Zealand’ and everyone sang ‘Advance Australia Fair’. After the singing of the national anthems, the invited guests and members of the SRC met out the front of the school to plant the trees for the memorial avenue.

Eighty students, three parents and Mrs Dolan represented the school at the Queanbeyan City March on Anzac Day. Other students marched with various community groups or showed their respect by attending the community service.
Starting School Expo

Sat 2 May, 2015

For Families with Children Starting School in 2016

10am Expo opens
11am Lucky door prizes drawn
12pm Expo closes

FREE in the Bicentennial Hall 10am-12pm

Jumping castle
School, Preschool, & services stalls
Dinosaur Display
Quiet Play Area
Craft table
Stories & library bags
Face painting / glitter tattoos
BBQ
Coffee Cart

A big thank you to everyone who helped bring the Expo together & donated time, money, prizes and energy-

Clubs NSW          Bunnings Fyshwick
The “Q”            Rotary
Queanbeyan Premix Concrete
Queanbeyan City Council
National Dinosaur Museum
Ray White Real Estate
Savvy Schoolwear

Starting School is Really Cool