Welcome back for Term 3 – a new semester of learning. Semester 1 reports and portfolios went home in the last few days of Term 2. If you would like to discuss your child’s achievements with the class teacher please organise a meeting for early this term. Communication is important to establish shared expectations and to affirm learning goals.

It is NAIDOC time at QPS. Over four days we are enjoying and learning more about Aboriginal Culture and celebrating the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**We all Stand on Sacred Ground:** Learn, Respect and Celebrate

This year’s theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. It is an opportunity to pay respect to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and share the stories of many sacred places or sites of significance with the nation.

As the oldest continuing culture on the planet, the living culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is intrinsically linked with these sacred places. Sacred places can be geographic features like a river or lake, a beach, bays, inlets, hills or a mountain ranges or ceremonial grounds, galleries of rock art or engravings or places used for gathering for cultural practices.

Long before European arrival, these places had traditional names – names that now reflect the timeless relationship between the people and the land. Often sacred places are connected with Dreaming stories or tell of the meaning of an area. This year’s theme was also chosen specifically to highlight and celebrate the anniversary of the ‘handback’ of Uluru, one of these sacred sites, to the traditional owners, 30 years ago.

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**School Term 3: 13 July – 18 September Dates for your Diary**

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Year 6 students participated in a series of workshops to develop their leadership skills, build positive relationships with peers and appreciate the benefits that come from volunteering and giving back to the school community.

The guest speakers, all past students, gave descriptions of their achievements that encouraged and inspired present students to set goals, work hard and be determined.

Alanna Bowyer: School Captain KHS, spoke about high school being a time of personal growth. She identified teamwork as a critical factor in the success of SRC initiatives. Meeting school expectations as captain has meant building a greater awareness of others. It has been important to hold onto old friendships and keep school life fun.

Casey McDonald-Smith: Year 12 student KHS, spoke about high school offering great leadership opportunities. She has been involved in the performing arts program each year. Outside of school Casey is a Youth Ambassador for Junior Diabetes Research – ‘Kids in the House’.

Fergus Cotton: Year 12 student KHS, reached into different aspects of life at high school. He explored music through learning drums and guitar. He developed skills in leadership through participation in sport, playing basketball and being named as team captain.

Bec Thompson: Year 12 student KHS, remembered the leadership opportunities available when she was at QPS. She was a peer mediator and in tournament of minds teams. High school has brought her many new friendships. Bec also has a job outside of school where she has been given a management role. It has been important to stay focussed and keep a good balance to life.

Megan Marcks (Still): former student, now a parent in the school community. Megan told her story of achieving Olympic Gold in Atlanta 1996 in the Double Sculls (rowing). She started with her primary school years at QPS of being a quiet student who enjoyed and excelled in athletics. In year 10 at KHS sport scientists from the Australian Institute of Sport conducted tests to find young people with a body type suited to rowing. Megan didn’t know anything about rowing so was a little scared but had the courage to try something new.

On her 16th birthday she received a phone call to say she had been selected – one of 12 girls and 12 boys to start this learning journey together. Early morning training sessions on Lake Burley Griffin, 5.30am starts, 30 hours per week, she constantly had blisters on her hands. Being still at high school, Megan had to be planned, organised, forward thinking.
and communicate well with her teachers. Megan wasn’t a natural rower but the big thing was that she had chosen to take up the opportunity so she was determined to succeed.

Megan began rowing with Kate Slattery in the double sculls. They trained in a very competitive way but out of the water they were relaxed and friendly. They believed in themselves and went on to win a gold medal! They planned for success by setting smaller to bigger goals: training goals, racing goals, visioning future goals, thinking together and engaging in positive self talk such as ‘what will make us go faster? and today is my day’.

Megan urged everyone to be prepared to work hard, to be passionate, to laugh and have fun. She said that what was done in the quiet moments when no one was watching were as important what was done in the loud moments. Everyone should do their best in their words and in their actions.

James Martin: School Prefect QHS, spoke about the Positivity Camps he has attended firstly as a participant in years 7 and 8, then as a leader in year 9, as a mentor in year 10 and as a prefect in years 11 and 12. James has also been captain of the school rugby league team for several years. In this role he has helped to build a team culture.

Angela Furlanetto: Year 12 student QHS, remembered being a peer mediator in year 6. She has been in the Personal Best academic program throughout high school. She spoke about her learning at Positivity Camps: learning about herself, overcoming fears, valuing participation and setting goals; and learning about others, cooperating building relationships and being aware of others’ feelings.

All six students are focused on doing their best this year in preparing for the next steps in their journey. All six were keen to find their Kindergarten handprint that was placed on the wall in the double storey building!
QPS will once again participate in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. From now to Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order, and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the sticker sheet in the collection box, either here at school, or at your local Woolworths store in the box marked ‘Queanbeyan Public School’. Loose stickers may also be placed in the box. Additional sheets are available from Woolworths.

When the promotion has finished we will be able to order some fabulous educational resources for our school including Art & Craft, Science, Maths, English, Sport, and Library.

Bluearth – QPS Movers for Life

At Queanbeyan Public School we value the role movement and physical activity has to play in the development of our students. We recognise that all our students have different passions as to how they express their movement. We need your help to further develop our engagement with the Bluearth Foundation. From learning sports and games, to fundamental movement skills, to a more mindful approach to our breathing, posture and awareness, together we are helping our students become the best possible movers they can be. The partnership also gives our teachers the best training possible so they can continue to support these great experiences.

Please visit: https://teambus.com.au/queanbeyanps
Thank you for your support

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New Bus Timetables from Monday 20 July to coincide with the opening of the new Queanbeyan Bus Interchange

Qcity Transit would like to advise passengers that the existing Qbn Bus Interchange on Crawford and Morisset Streets will be closed from Monday 20 July.

All services will now operate from the new Qbn Bus Interchange located on Morisset Street, in the car park area located opposite the Queen Elizabeth Park.

From Monday 20 July 2015

Bus number changes with no route change:
1 will now be 73
3 will now be 9
4 will now be 15
6 will now be 8
8 will now be 47
9 will now be 2
47 will now be 57

Bus number and route change:
7 will now be 6 - Afternoon pickup from QPS to new Qbn interchange via Karabar area. This service will now pick up at QHS before dropping at Morisset St M2 for transfer to Bus 4 to continue travel to Crawford/Uriarra bus stops.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the School Transport Scheme Department – 6299 3722.

All bus routes will be affected and changes will include:
- School bus number changes and all buses will use the new bus interchange.
- Re-routing all bus services in the Queanbeyan CBD, including servicing the new interchange and limited set down and pick up arrangements for the new Riverside and Kmart stops in Morisset Street.
- Enhanced services for Bungendore with Route 850 to operate each weekday.
- Standardised Route 831 service with most services now travelling via Canberra Outlet Centre and the Canberra Times, Fyshwick.
- Major changes to Route 834 (Queanbeyan to Canberra Airport precinct).
- Minor timetable adjustments to all route bus services.

Customers should visit the Qcity Transit website qcitytransit.com.au or phone the above number for full details on the new timetables. Copies of new bus timetables will be available from the drivers.