Visiting Author – Patricia Bernard
Last week author Patricia Bernard visited the school. She presented writing workshops for the students and delivered a professional learning program for the teachers. Patricia talked to the students about the inspiration for her stories and she described the writing and publishing process. The children and teachers loved her eccentric story-telling and found her very entertaining and engaging.

'Patricia took on the role of different characters from her stories. I learnt that it is a good idea to have a hook to hang your story from.' Year 1 student comment.

'It was fabulous. I felt inspired to go home and start writing a story of my own.' Teacher comment.

Science Fair
Last week Stage 3 students presented their science projects to other students, teachers and parents. There were many varied experiments and scientific explanations on display. The science fair was inclusive of all students in Stage 3. One student reported he had counted 63 visitors who had participated in his demonstration. The event was a positive example of the students’ learning in science. A parent commented: ‘I found the science fair really interesting. What struck me the most was how engaged the students were. They spoke well and were keen to demonstrate and explain their experiments.’

Isa Parents Place
The Parents Resource Centre and Gathering Place was opened in the Library during Education week. This Friday, and every fortnight, the Library Gathering Place will be open from 2.00pm to 2.55pm. All parents are invited to take this opportunity to relax, meet other parents and connect more deeply with our school.
Education Week
Celebrating Local Heroes

Education Week was an opportunity to celebrate learning. Students, teachers and parents from across the school came together to highlight the students’ many achievements. Mr John Cope talked about the history of the school to a very large group of new parents and led them on a tour of the grounds. Students in Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 presented their dance performances at the combined Queanbeyan Schools Arts Festival at the Canberra Theatre. Parents joined their children and participated in a variety of TEN games in Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms.

Parents of Year 3 and Year 4 students saw a demonstration of sports skills and shared fruit break with their children.
The Senior and Intermediate Choirs conducted by Miss Veronica Milroy and accompanied by Mrs Olga Hamnet, performed for parents in the Hall. The ‘Boys from 3-6B’ presented an original song accompanied on the guitar by their teacher, Mrs Barbara Crowden. These performances were followed by the opening of the Parent Resource Centre and Gathering Place in the Library.

Many parents attended High Tea with staff and students from supported learning classes, in the Murra Gadi Garden.

Students in Years 5 and Year 6 presented their projects and experiments at the Science Fair.
School Banking News

School Banking Day is Wednesday

This term is sure to bring a lot of excitement to our School Banking Community. Students are still in the running to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland, and the Term 3 competition has now been launched. Every student who makes 25 or more school banking deposits during 2015 will automatically go into the draw to win a trip for up to two adults and two children. If you have already done approximately 10 deposits so far this year you are still in the running to go into the draw.

Commission - We received $544.74 in commission last semester! Each new account opened gives the school $5 commission. It is a great way to raise much needed funds for our school while teaching our children the importance of savings and the value of money.

Rewards - Available this term to students with 10 or more tokens:
ET DVD, Cosmic Light Beam Torch, Planet Handball, Intergalactic Rocket, Invisible Ink Pens, Glow in the Dark Solar System.

Term 3 Prizes – To activate the prize portal students must simply make three or more school banking deposits during Term 3. They will then automatically be entered for a chance to win one of these prizes:
75 iPad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
125 Beats by Dr. Dre Solo Headphones
200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates
Students can also complete a ‘Money Mission’ at www.Commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning one of these prizes during Term 3.

Queanbeyan and District Preschool Association

Fundraising Trivia Night
Tickets: $20 each, tables of 8-10 people
7:30pm, Sat 15 Aug at Qbn Tigers Club
30 Queenbar Road, Karabar
Lucky Door Prizes, Silent Auctions
Games, Raffles
For tickets and more information contact
Harris Park School 6297 1689
or email cassandra.perry@mgis.com.au

Raising funds to help upgrade outdoor equipment at local preschools.
Don’t forget your gold coins!

Schools as Community Centres – SaCC

Explore and Read
Story time and picnic in the park
1pm Monday 31 August
Ray Morton Park
Bring your picnic rug, a healthy lunch, water and favourite teddy

Story time at the Reading Tree
11:30am Tuesday 1 September
Queanbeyan Town Park Playground
Look for the bright pillows

Bungendore Reading Tree Launch
11:30am Wednesday 2 September
Bungendore Playground
Story time and games

Story time at the Reading Tree
11:30am Thursday 3 September
Queanbeyan Town Park Playground
Look for the bright pillows

Story time at Riverside Plaza
2pm Friday 4 September
Look for the bright coloured pillows

Playgroups

Bogong Boori’s Playgroup
For children aged 0-3 years
At Munjuwa, 28 Rutledge Street
Free lunch provided
Siblings are welcome to attend. Come along and let your babies interact, play and have fun with other kids. If you require transport please contact Skyan Fernando 0467 780 353.

Karabar Playgroup
Come along to a playgroup for families in Karabar with children 0-5 years. Meet other parents and carers, and play with your little one helping them develop new skills in a fun safe place. Bring along $2 donation and a piece of fruit to share at snack time.

Queanbeyan East Playgroup
A free playgroup for families with children 0-5 in the Queanbeyan East area. Joining this playgroup will help your child build important skills, enable you to meet other local families and connect with your community.

Queanbeyan East PS multi-purpose room
Please bring a snack for recess break
More information contact:
Fiona Senior-Conroy 6297 2619 or
Kellie 0427 415 917

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