Cross Country Carnival
The cross country has been re-scheduled for this coming Wednesday 23 March. The organisation for the carnival will be exactly the same as previously advertised. The competitive events for students aged 8 years to 13 years will be held at the Showground. Students will leave school at 9am and return by 1.05pm. For the first time, students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will be participating in a separate non-competitive cross country event at school. Permission notes for the students will continue to be valid and parents do not need to send in new notes.
There will be a whole school cheer at school at 9am to start the day! Parents are welcome to join us throughout the day.

School Learn to Swim Program
This term students in Years 1 and 2 and supported learning classes participated in the school learn to swim program at the Queanbeyan Pool. All the students were eager from the very start to get into the pool, demonstrate what they already knew and more importantly to learn some new skills. The first week of lessons was all about establishing new skills, including side torpedoes and stroke correction. In the second week the students learnt about survival sequences and what to do if they ever got into trouble. Of course when the last day came there were games to play to enjoy the water and practise the new skills they had learnt. Each student thoroughly enjoyed their experience with Swim School and I would like to thank parents firstly for supporting their children’s participation and secondly to those who volunteered their time to watch and help out. We received amazing feedback from the pool and all people involved. Well done to students, teachers and parents!
Kate Border 2K

Orienteering
This year the Australian Sports Commission established the ‘Sporting Schools’ program. Mrs Dionne Bryant registered our school and gained funding to support the participation of a variety of expert coaches to enrich our school sporting activities. This term students in Year 3 to Year 6 have had the opportunity to experience athletics and orienteering workshops.

‘At orienteering last week we went around the school using a map. We worked in groups to read the map to find the different stations. When we got to the next station we had to clip our cards with a special crocodile punch. We had a lot of fun.’
Family Group Photos will be taken during the day. Payment is made directly to the school with the separate order forms.

Aboriginal Otitis Media Health Screening
Otitis Media can be a barrier to learning for children. If a child can't hear, they can't learn and they may become disengaged from learning. This week, on Wednesday 23 March and Thursday 24 March, Southern NSW Health District staff will provide screening for Aboriginal children for Otitis Media. The tests are free, simple and non-intrusive. Consent forms need to be completed and returned to school by Tuesday 22 March. Parents/carers will be informed of the results of the tests. Early detection will help your child’s learning ability and health.

School Assemblies
Parents are invited to join Stage 2 students and teachers for their assembly tomorrow 22 March at the special time of 1.55 to 2.55pm. 3/4N class is hosting this assembly. The next Stage 2 assembly will be on Friday 8 April from 12.20 until 1.05pm for the presentation of the Cross Country ribbons. This presentation will be immediately after the 3/4K class assembly item.

Stage 1 assembly will continue this Wednesday 23 March from 12.20-1.05pm.

Stage 3 assembly is cancelled this week due to the Cross Country Carnival.

Sporting Success
Congratulations to Tupou Latu and Paige Boutzos for selection in their respective regional basketball team. Both students will represent Illawarra South East at the State Carnivals.

Congratulations also to Billy Rolfe, Tyler Dodsworth, Blake Bennett and Zac Douglas for selection in the Zone under 11 years Rugby League team. All four boys will represent the Tablelands at the regional selection day.
Aboriginal Otitis Media Health Screening
Queanbeyan Public School
Wednesday 23 March and Thursday 24 March

Otitis Media can be a barrier to learning for children. If a child can't hear, they can't learn and then they may become disruptive to the learning of other children in their class.

Southern NSW Health District staff are providing free screening Aboriginal children for Otitis Media. The tests are very simple and non-intrusive. If the tests reveal that a child has an ear health problem then the screening team will refer the child to an Audiologist (hearing) and in some cases to a doctor. Each child/children's school and their parent/carer will be notified of the outcome of screenings.

Screening of Aboriginal students at Queanbeyan Public School will take place during the day on Wednesday 23 March and Thursday 24 March.

Early detection will help your child's learning ability and Health.

Please complete the following consent form and return it to Queanbeyan Public School by Tuesday 22 March.

I consent to:
• My child/children having a hearing test.
• Information about my child/children being given to the school.
• Information about my child/children being given to specialists that we refer child/children onto.

Name of Child/Children's Doctor: __________________ Phone number: __________

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Thank you.