Welcome to Week 5 Term 1

Congratulations to Alexander Lakic who competed in the District Swimming Carnival last week and will now go on to compete in the Regional Swimming Carnival next week. We wish Alexander good luck at this level. Well done Alex!

Thank You
To the parents who have sent in our school surveys, your participation is much appreciated. Parents still have time to participate as surveys are not due until Friday 1 March.

There have been some incidences of scabies in the school. If your child has any unusual sores please see your doctor to seek appropriate treatment.

Genevieve Jackson
Principal

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

The P&C are holding an Easter Egg raffle. Donations of chocolate eggs, rabbits etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please hand to Tracey at the Canteen. Thank you.
**Kitchen and Garden news**
Emily is after ice cream containers and lids to recycle as labels for garden produce. If you have any to spare, please bring them in to your class teacher.

**Volunteers needed**
Our kitchen and garden program is underway. Emily, our garden specialist is asking for volunteers to assist her in the ever flourishing garden. If you can spare some time on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please complete and return the slip on the 'Garden Volunteers needed’ note going home today. School Photos will be held on Wednesday 13 March. Envelopes will be sent home with snippets today and are to be returned to the front office with the correct money, prior to the photos being taken.

Family Photos for students will also be held on the day at a cost of $20 per photograph.

School Leader, SRC, House Captain and an Aboriginal Group photos will also be taken on the day. These photos will be displayed in the foyer at a later date for purchasing.

Karen Soltan—Assistant Principal

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

It’s an exciting week for our new Kindergarten students because they will be borrowing their first book from the library and getting their new library bag, if they have returned their borrowing note.

Please make some time to share this book with your child. You could also get older brothers and/or sisters to read it to them. They can share the book with everyone but please ensure that pencils, scissors, food and liquids are kept well away from the books.

The book will need to be returned the next week on their library day so that we can learn the returning procedure and take another book home to share.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." — Emilie Buchwald

Sandy Swift - Teacher Librarian

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**News from SaCC**

After School Gym is back in 2013 on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm at Queanbeyan PS for children in K-6. Please call Jenny 6251 1131 for more information.

Multicultural Playgroup is a small playgroup where everyone is welcome. Come along on Fridays from 9:30am-11:30am for craft, stories, singing and playing together. Cost is $2 and a piece of fruit to share, more information please contact Brooke 6297 2167. A multilingual worker attends the sessions fortnightly.
We have had a very busy but enjoyable week in the kitchen. The kitchen is getting more organised every week. Things are coming together. Everyone is doing a wonderful job, settling into the new routines and the very new environment of our kitchen class. Ask the children about the kitchen. I know you will be met with the same enthusiasm we are seeing at school. It is wonderful to see all the children so happy to come to class. They are organising their groups into selected jobs. Some of them are learning to slice and chop the vegetables. They’re setting tables, serving food, washing dishes and everyone is joining into enjoyable table conversations. We are all preparing new dishes and examining new foods. This week we were tasting some of the huge beetroot, button squash, carrots, rocket, chives and basil we have picked from our garden. Keep up the great work everyone.

Ms Boothman
Kitchen Specialist

***************WE NEED YOUR HELP****************

The P&C are calling for new members. Our Annual General Meeting is on the 5 March 2013 and vacant positions will need to be filled.

Our school canteen is operated by the P&C and a majority of your children use this facility. If we do not have all positions filled we will be left without a viable P&C and that means that there will be NO CANTEEN. Please do not let this happen!

The P&C meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Community Room. We would be delighted to see you there.

Kind Regards,
P&C Committee
Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Queanbeyan Regatta 2013

The 2013 Queanbeyan Regatta is being held on Saturday 2nd March for 10-2pm. To celebrate Queanbeyan’s 175th birthday, this year will have the theme ‘Happy Birthday Queanbeyan!’

This year will also have a special race prize called ‘Happy Birthday to you’- a prize given for the most creative ‘birthday’ boat.

As well as being able to watch or participate in the races, there will be food stalls, music and free children’s activities. Fun for all the family! Make your way down to the banks of the river at Ray Morton Park and enjoy the day, we would love to see you there!

For further information please contact Emma Hawke on 6285 6551 or www.qcc.nsw.gov.au

PIANO TUITION

Friday mornings. All ages and all styles. Beginners most welcome.
Craig Mewett phone 6278 5331
Mobile: 0409 151 887

Do you want to receive your Snippets via email?

If yes please tear off the slip below and return it to the school so we can put you on our email list.

SNIPPETS BY EMAIL NOTIFICATION

CHILD’S NAME: ____________________________________________
PARENTS NAME: ____________________________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

Queanbeyan District Basketball

Term 1 Draws available now from team Coach/contacts or at stadium
-New Players welcomed
For Kindy-Yr 4
Contact: Rosie at pete35@tpg.com.au
Yr 5-6 & High School
Contact: Carole at cjduvall@hotmail.com
Tot-ball
-Skills & Training Session
At Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium
Fridays 4.30-5.15pm Ages: 4yrs & over Cost: $3/child

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Is your child starting school next year?
Would $500 help you pay for school uniforms, books or a laptop?
Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, through Saver Plus.
The Smith Family is looking for new participants in your local area.
You may be eligible if you or your partner have:
• a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
• a child at school or starting next year
• some regular income from work.
Contact Michele Mendoza, your local Saver Plus Worker:
6283 7606 / 0448 730 305 or
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