Welcome to Week 8

SRC lead the Way
This week our Student Representative Council will be organising a fundraiser in conjunction with Harmony Day celebrations. As organisers of Harmony Day Mrs Sunny and Mrs Olender have combined their activities with the SRC helped by Mrs McDermott. They are doing this through a coloured clothes day, orange is the colour that represents Harmony Day so wear orange clothes or something orange on the day. Don’t forget your GOLD coin donation as it goes to a very worthy cause, our own babies ward here at the Queanbeyan Hospital.

I am very proud of our students supporting not only a local cause but such a valuable one, hospitals always need new equipment and this will go towards targeted areas of need. A special thank you to our staff for organising the day.

Our school has a diverse background of many cultures and Harmony Day is a celebration of many cultures and many hands together, something I think our students at QSPS do extra well. Enjoy Harmony Day and support the Hospital.

Upgrades
The long awaited upgrade to our toilets will begin in the next few weeks. While we are aware all our toilets are in need of refurbishment or replacing we are asked to prioritise as there are not funds for all facilities to be re-done at once.

Our first priority is the boys primary toilets and work is “scheduled” to begin on March 25. Work will continue through the school holidays.

Restrictions
The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has strict guidelines for all government schools in New South Wales. Smoking and drinking alcohol is prohibited in any form on the school grounds. This applies to anyone who enters our premises, staff, parents, contractors or visitors. While DEC does not have jurisdiction over the footpath, the restriction applies from the boundary fence. I sincerely thank you all for your support on this matter.

Reminders
Thank you to so many people sending in money so promptly for books and excursions. We do try particularly hard to keep costs to a minimum and the school absorbs as many costs as it can. Staff always utilise excursions that will benefit the children educationally, giving an experience that will maximise both social and educational outcomes, and keeping costs down. Such as the current music experience for $3.50, being able to offer this at school has cut down critical bus costs, so we thank you for your support. Can I ask that children are reminded to bring their money in an envelope with their name and class on it to the office before school. This ensures money is handed in on arrival. Being still in their first year at school Kinder students are still able to hand money to their classroom teacher.

Again I thank you for helping us with this routine.

Genevieve Jackson
Principal
Year 6 Student Information
Year 6 shirt deposit money of $10 is to be brought into the school office by Thursday 28 March. No late orders can be accepted.

Expression of Interest Form for Placement in Year 7 2014 have been sent home a few weeks ago to all Year 6 students. These forms are due back to the front office by this Friday 22 March.

Yarn Breakfast Meeting

When: This Friday 22 March from 8:20am – 9:00am
Where: In the Community Room.

You are invited to come and have a light breakfast and a chat to discuss what is happening to support Aboriginal Education at South in 2013.
Parents are invited to bring their children to this first meeting.

Warami – good to see you (Darug language)
Karen Soltan

LIBRARY NEWS

Need some new Books?
Scholastic, who put out bookclub, are holding a Book Sale on Wednesday March 20 at the Yowani Country Club, 455 Nourthbourne Avenue, Lyneham from 8am-5:30pm. It is open to the general public. They usually have some good deals.

A class this week asked me to show them the book I was reading. They were impressed when they saw how thick the book was and asked if I would read it to them, unfortunately I had to say I could not because I am reading Victor Hugo's classic 'Les Miserable' which is an adult fiction book.

A book is like a garden carried in the pocket. ~Chinese Proverb

Sandy Swift
Teacher Librarian

This week in the garden we...

- harvested tomatoes, beans, spaghetti squash and button squash.
- planted cauliflower, broccoli, spinach, brussell sprouts and cabbage.
- mulched our tiny seedlings that have sprouted since last week.
- fed the worms.
- fertilised our plants using worm castings from our worm farm and liquid seaweed.
- watered our fruit trees.
- cleared out a bed of our summer veggies ready for our winter veggies.
- some of our staff visited Stephanie Alexander Kitchens and Gardens in Sydney schools. We had a very interesting day seeing other gardens and tasting delicious food prepared for us by students.
- A big thank you to Eloise who came and helped out in our garden this week. Helpers are most welcome.

See you next week in the garden!
Emily Yarra ~ Garden Specialist
1NW has started learning about narratives. Here are a few of our stories...

On a sunny day a Princess was walking in the garden when she saw a spider on the fence. She screamed so loud her house fell down.

By Olivia

Once upon a time in a spooky haunted house, a wicked witch fell off the roof. She broke her arm and could never cast another spell again.

By Rachel

Once upon a time a breathing dragon that was green and red ate diamonds. It blew fire.

By Sarah

Check out our school website..

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 ADRESS:______________________________________________
Queanbeyan Family Day Care currently has childcare vacancies. Family Day Care provides childcare in a safe and secure home environment with the attention of one consistent and trusted educator.

Family Day Care also offers the benefits of a small group setting, a nurturing environment and enables children to receive personalised care whilst building relationships that are critical to their early learning and social development.

Family Day Care receives federal government funding, has recently been assessed against the Nation Quality Standards, provides flexible childcare hours and can offer the Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit to eligible families.

If you currently need childcare, Queanbeyan Family Day Care may be able to help you. For further information, please contact the Family Day Care Office on 6285 6253 or info.fdc@qcc.nsw.gov.au.

Family and Relationship Service for Carers

The Family and Relationship Service for Carers in Queanbeyan, is a free counselling service which assists carers and family members of a person with a disability, including physical and/or intellectual disability, acquired brain injury and other chronic medical conditions including mental health conditions.

The program aims to:
- Assist in defining the roles of family members and managing pressures that arise from these roles
- Explore concerns about the capacity to maintain a caring role
- Assist decision making so that the best interests of the whole family are considered
- Consider the impact of caring on relationships with both immediate and extended family members
- Facilitate discussion around what planning for the future entails.

Refer to appropriate services e.g. financial management services.

This service operates from the CatholicCare Queanbeyan Office, which is located at 105 Monaro Street. If you support someone who you feel would benefit from this program you can make an appointment or gain more information by contacting Megan Matson on 6162 6100.