Monday 7 April 2014

Welcome to Week 11

Our final week for term 1. I would like to thank the staff, students and parents of QSPS for working together over term 1 that has seen such a busy start to 2014.

While I thank everyone today it is a little premature as we have so many activities this week.

**Tuesday** - Athletics Carnival, Wright Park - Years 3-6

**Wednesday** - SRC Primary Lunchtime Disco

**Thursday** - Hat Parade Years K-6 in the New Hall
- SRC Infants lunchtime Disco

**Friday** - ANZAC School Service 10.30am

All our families are warmly welcome to join us for these activities and enjoy the week with our students.

**NAPLAN**

A reminder to all parents with students in year 3 and 5 that the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will take place from the Tuesday 13 May (Week 3).

**Autumn Break**

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we will see our students return on **Tuesday 29 April 2014**.

Genevieve Jackson
Principal

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**ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION**

**STAFF CARPARK AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

In NSW, a child pedestrian is killed every week. For each child who dies from injuries they received from being knocked over by a car, 25 children are admitted to hospital. Head and internal injuries are common amongst children hit by cars. Because of this, many children have long term health problems, or lifelong disabilities.

**School Carparks**

Due to Work Health and Safety regulations, parking on school grounds is for **AUTHORISED VEHICLES ONLY**.

The general public, including parents and others picking up, dropping off or coming into the school on business should not bring their vehicles onto school property.

Please park your car in either Cameron Road, Alanbar or Anne Street.

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**Diary Dates**

**Term 1**

**Week 11**

**Tuesday 8 April**
Athletics Carnival Yrs 3-6

**Thursday 10 April**
Easter Hat Parade

**Friday 11 April**
Anzac Service - whole school
On Friday 28 March 2014, year 6 students participated in a Leadership Day to train them for their role as Peer Support Leaders for a new whole school fitness program that will be running from term 2. The students reflected on what they enjoyed and what they learned from the day.

Last Friday was fun because we did sport all day and it feels like I am a leader of the school. I can’t wait to show the kids about the activities we’re going to do next term. I will try to be good with all the little kids. Plus my favourite thing was the dodge ball game and the parachute game. Tony 5/6PS

On Friday we learned to be a leader and we got to learn new games. There were 11 activities but we only get 15 minutes to do them. It starts after recess next term. I think it will be fun because we get to teach other grades and our groups are named after Australian animals. Holly 5/6PS

On Friday we had to learn about the peer support. It was very good. My favourite was the parachute games and the skipping ropes. Jaleel 5/6PS

On Friday we learned to be a peer support leader. We also learned some activities. We all have groups named after Australian native animals. It starts next term and it’s after recess. I can’t wait. Kloe 5/6PS

I enjoyed the games we played and I think the other children will like them too. I think my favourite game was circle ball; it was fun trying to get the balls in the circles while linking arms! I will really like teaching the games (now that I know how to play them). Ethan P 6KS

On Friday, year 6 did a leadership program leading into next terms peer support program. It was awesome and I enjoyed it a lot. I learnt many games, such as Bowitgee, which was fun. I’m really excited about next term and teaching kids different sports. Deborah 6KS
I liked doing the activities but the time was the time was too short because one time we only just finished preparing the game then we had to pack up. Also some of the equipment was too small and I hope they improve before we do the program. Zachary 6KS

I really enjoyed all the activities on Friday. I learned a lot of new and fun games to play. We all worked together and got things done. I am really excited for next term. I loved it! Chey-Anne 6KS

I liked all the activities we did. My favourite was skipping. I learnt how to be a responsible and hard-working leader. I look forward to being a peer leader next term. Angie 6KS

When year 6 was walking to the new hall on Friday I didn’t really want to go, but when we got in there and started I said to myself “Luckily I did come.” It was so fun. We played lots of games and Mrs Soltan talked about leadership and much more about being a peer support leader. It was the best day ever. Felicia 5/6JG

Year 6 Leadership day was fun. I reckon the kindergarten to year 5 students will have a great time, because our year 6 classes had a great time together. Our whole year 6 classes are excited to teach new games to the other students that they did not know before. Bailey 5/6JG

On Friday 28/3/14 we learnt how to be a great Peer Support leader for K-5. We learned new games so we can tell them how to play. We help them to have a go so they are not left out. Tearoa 5/6JG

On Friday the 28th we had a leadership day. We learnt how to act around children and teach them the activities and to be good role models so when they get older they are respectful, responsible and safe. We learnt games but some of the games were a bit too hard so we changed it around so it would be easier for the group. I thought it was spectacular. Tenry 5/6JG

On Friday the year 6’s went to the hall to learn about leadership. We learnt leadership skills such as how to lead a group, to take in other people’s suggestions to benefit your group and how to help people that aren’t as good at some things as others. Mitchell 5/6JG
LIBRARY NEWS

Don’t forget to borrow this week so that you can do some reading over the holidays. I have already borrowed ’11’ and ’10’ from ’The Last Thirteen’ series by James Phelan to read during the break. I am hoping to read some adult books too.

I am also planning to do some buying for the library over the holidays too. If you have any requests pass them on to me this week so that they can be considered for purchasing.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday.

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all."
— Jacqueline Kennedy

Sandy Swift ~Teacher Librarian

Easter Hat Parade

Parents and Children!
Start working on those fantastic creations for our Easter Hat Parade. This whole school event will take place in the new hall at 9.20am (straight after assembly and roll marking) on Thursday 10 April. Each class will take a turn at parading around to show off their Easter hat creations. You can decorate a hat, wear a mask, fashion some rabbit ears or just wear something ‘WILD and CREATIVE’ on your head!

Harmony Day

Pictured are Marlee and Caterina with Andrea Daniel from Queanbeyan Lions Club after presentation of the cheque from Harmony Day.

SRC Committee

P&C Meeting

2pm Tuesday 8 April
Executive positions available. All parents welcome to attend.

QPS Term 1 DISCOS!

PRIMARY: (Grades 3-6)
Time: Wednesday 9 April 1:05 – 1:45pm
Place: New Hall
Event: Mufti Day - bring a gold coin for not wearing uniform - funds to be used for SRC lunchtime play equipment.

INFANTS (Grades K-2):
Time: Thursday 10 April 1:05 – 1:45pm
Place: New Hall
Event: Mufti Day - bring a gold coin for not wearing uniform - funds to be used for SRC lunchtime play equipment.

Cross Country

THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 8 APRIL