Welcome Back to Term 3
I hope all students and families had a lovely break despite the cold temperatures and are ready for an active term.
This term we have Education Week during week 3. This will include classroom visits and an invitation for parents to join us for our daily whole school fitness session to highlight our focus on fitness in 2014. Week 3 will also see the District Performing Arts held in Canberra. QSPS will be featuring in this concert.
More information on all our activities will appear in Snippets closer to the appropriate dates including Book Week in Week 6 with a parade on Tuesday 19 August.

Congratulations
To the fabulously talented Gary Maniti for his selection in the South Coast Rugby Union PSSA Team. I commend Gary and his family on the commitment to this level of sport and we wish you well with training Gary.

NAIDOC Youth Awards Night
In the last week of term 2 a highly successful NAIDOC Awards night was held at the Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall. I would like to thank the students of QSPS for the extra ordinary artwork they contributed for display on the night. The work was imaginative, creative and showed a diversity of mediums well done to all students and staff. I would also like to congratulate our award recipients on the night. A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Arthur Morris, Lochlan Philp and Kiara Tomkins (Kiara received the Junior NADIOC of the Year).

Farewells
This term we farewell Mrs Kay Lees. Mrs Lees has been a dedicated member of the administration staff at QSPS. While Mrs Lees has served the DEC for many years she has been at QSPS for 14 years. During that time we have appreciated her commitment to both her duties and the students of QSPS. Mrs Lees will be missed and I wish her well in her retirement adventures ahead.

In further farewells I would like to advise parents that I will be taking leave at the beginning of term 1, 2015 leading to my retirement. I will finish at QSPS at the end of term 4, 2014. This will be a sad day for me as I have loved my 7 years at South, it is a most rewarding and diverse school. Parents should be very proud of the achievements and efforts of their children across all areas socially and academically. The dedicated staff have taken on many changes over the years that have benefitted the students in every aspect.
I will miss South tremendously, but as many of you know I have been commuting between Darwin where my husband and family live for a number of years now and I am missing them, as you can understand.
I look forward to sharing my last two terms activities with you all.

Genevieve Jackson
Principal

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**Diary Dates**

**Term 3**

**Week 1**

*Tuesday 15 July*

P&C Meeting
7pm in the Community Room

**Week 2**

*Monday 21 July*

Performing Arts– full dress rehearsal

*Tuesday 22 July*

Active After School Years K-2

*Wednesday 23 July*

OC Test

*Thursday 24 July*

District Athletics Carnival
LIBRARY NEWS
Welcome back. I hope that everyone had a good break and were able to have a nice relaxing time doing some reading. I have been very busy reading all of the short listed books for the Young Reader Awards and the latest instalments for Brotherband, Dragon Keeper and The Last Thirteen series.

Have a think about what you might wear for our Bookweek Parade. This will be happening in the middle of the term, Tuesday 19 August. I will let you know more next week.

Overdue library notes will be coming out with next week's snippets.

“A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading.” — William Styron

Sandy Swift
Teacher Librarian