Monday 2 February 2015

Welcome to Week 2

A warm welcome
Firstly I would like to thank the staff, students and parents who have made me feel very welcome at Queanbeyan South Public School. I am looking forward to working with all the staff, parents and students to continue the great work that takes place in this school.

Welcome Kindergarten and new enrolments
I would like to welcome all our new kindergarten and new enrolments to our school. There are lots of names, places and routines to learn. I know that they will become part of our school team in no time at all.

Sun Smart School
The students of Queanbeyan South have already proven that they are a Sun Smart School by proudly wearing the school hat, well done everyone.

P&C on Tuesday Night
Just a reminder that tomorrow night is the first P&C meeting for the year. This will be held in the school Library and will start at 7pm. I would encourage parents and community members to attend this very important fundraising committee. This is a great way to help provide very needed funds to support our school.

Classes
School has started very well this year with 14 classes which includes the three Multi-Categorical classes. Mrs Harley will be leading “Early Action for Success” in our school for the next three years. This program focuses on Literacy and Numeracy in the early years (Kindergarten to Year two). As an instructional leader she will be identifying aspects of professional development for teachers and working with students to ensure success in these years.

I look forward to a very successful and exciting year.

Adam Zanco
Principal

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 Carpark
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.

Just a reminder that correct money needs to be handed in when making payments at the front office for excursions etc.

NO CASH IS KEPT ON THE PREMISES.
We CANNOT give out change on the spot and the school does not have eftpos or credit card facilities. We thank you for your understanding.

Diary Dates

Term 1

Week 2
Tuesday 3 February
P&C Meeting

Week 3
Thursday 12 February
Swimming Carnival

Week 4
Friday 20 February
District Swimming Carnival
of Queanbeyan South

Mrs Narelle Mitchell
Teacher - 5DS

Mrs Deb Smyth
Teacher - 5DS

Mrs Julie Giteau
Teacher - 6JG

Mrs Sandy Swift
Teacher Librarian

Mrs Virginia Bunton
Teacher - 5/6B

Mrs Narelle Mitchell
Teacher

Mrs Jo Dixon
Teacher - 2/4D

Mrs Elizabeth Harley
Instructional Leader

Mrs Penny Sciortino

Mrs Sunny Mircevska
Teacher - Macedonian

Mrs Dorothy Chang
School Learning Support Teacher

Mrs Carol Richardson
School Learning Support Teacher

Mr Peter Papoulis
Teacher - Art

Mrs Danuta Olender
EAL/D

Mrs Gloria Nimmo
School Learning Support Teacher

Transition to School Program Staff: Kim Gulliford, Madeline Russell, Alyssa Hopkins & Kenna Hirsler.
Welcome back to the new school year. I enjoyed reading some wonderful books over the holiday and I hope that you found some time to bury your head into a book too.

I had a sad discovery whilst doing the stock take last year. It seems that a lot of our ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’ series has left the library without being borrowed. If you have accidently done this please return them so that other students can borrow them.

I would like to remind everyone that you still need a library bag to borrow books. I have some available to purchase from the library for $2 but remember that you can also use a pillowcase or a material shopping bag. My continued thanks to Tane Philp who uses her spare time to make the library bags for me.

"Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read." — Marilyn Jager Adams

Sandy Swift ~ Teacher Librarian

P&C
★ The school canteen will be opening 5 days a week for term 1.
★ The next P&C Meeting is this week. See flyer for more details.

Garden News
Garden classes recommence this week for years 3 to 6.
If your child would like to wear gardening gloves, please consider sending a pair to school that they can keep in the classroom for gardening days. Remember to label with child’s name.
Volunteers are most welcome in the garden. If you would like to volunteer this term please contact the school or visit the garden and have a chat to Emily on Wednesday or Friday mornings. Please note volunteers are required to do a Working with Children Check.
Emily Yarra
Garden Specialist