QUAKERS WHISPER No. 4
Thursday 21st February 2013

Department of Education & Training
SECURITY Phone No. 1300 880 021

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
22nd Fri  11:20am – Infants Assembly
          LED BY 2E
12:15pm – Primary Assembly
          LED BY 5F
Summer PSSA Commences
27th Wed  MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT-
          (See times opposite)
28th Thur Ridges Zone Swimming
          Carnival

MARCH
1st Fri   11:20am – Infants Assembly
          LED BY 2R
12:15pm – Primary Assembly
          LED BY 4T

*** Swimming Carnival Awards
will also be presented at the
Primary Assembly
Summer PSSA

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT
FOR PARENTS

Date: 27 February
Venue: Student’s classrooms
Times: 5:20pm Kindergarten
6:00pm Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
6:30pm Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
7:00pm Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)

This is an evening for adults

Any children brought to school should be taken to the
hall, except Kindergarten children who should go to the
classroom.

Students should not be left unsupervised in the
playground.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING
HOURS

Tuesdays –
2:30pm – 3:15pm (approx)

Fridays –
8:30am – 9:15am (approx)

PLEASE NOTE: Order forms can also be
downloaded from the website or collected
from the office. Completed forms, together
with your payment can be returned to the
office and will be filled at the next opening
time and returned to your child.

ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER

Measles and Chickenpox letter
Term 1 Planner – Kinder only

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
Dear Parents/Caregivers

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT
It is hoped that all parents/caregivers can attend this evening, which is for adults, next Wednesday, February 27 2013. See page 1 of this newsletter for times.

It is very important to attend as teachers will outline the expected learning outcomes for this year and detail your role in the learning process. You will also be asked to review the emergency contacts you provided us last year.

PARENT ATTENDANCE VERY IMPRESSIVE AT WORKING BEE
We had a tremendous roll up of parents at the working bee on Monday. Thank you for your attendance, both you and the students will benefit greatly. Thank you also to Mrs Helen Patching who organised the working bee.

PARENT LITERACY AND NUMERACY COURSE
The Parent Literacy and Numeracy Course was conducted on Tuesday and the positive feedback from the few parents in attendance was great. Thank you Mrs Fiona Bennetts and Mrs Lynne Smith for preparing and presenting this course.

FEBRUARY P & C MEETING
It was great to welcome the new members to the P&C Meeting (Parents and Citizens) on Tuesday night. The P&C is an excellent forum for parents to meet, contribute to the decision making processes and find out firsthand what is happening in the school. The March meeting will be the Annual General Meeting where all positions will be declared vacant and elections of the 2013 executive will take place.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)
This year the SRC will be formed with the school captains and a student representative elected from each class Year 2 to Year 6. A class rep. will be elected each semester, thus enabling more students to undertake a leadership role in the school. Meetings will be held once a month under the guidance of Mrs Chris Booce, Mrs Kim Roberts or Mrs Cheryl Theo.

YEAR 6 APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL
The expression of interest form “Moving into Year 7 in NSW government schools in 2014” was sent home with Year 6 students this week. Please complete and return this form to us at your earliest convenience.

QHE COMBINED OSHC INC.
The new licence agreement has commenced this year for QHE Combined OSHC. The school hall has been made available to them which has enabled additional students to be accommodated. Currently 113 students are enrolled and there are a few vacancies, both AM and PM. For more information please contact the Director, Jo Bender, on 0417 489 231 or 9626 6172.

The next committee meeting is on Thursday February 28 2013 at 6:30pm.

Marketa Bird
Principal

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Week 3 Term 1 Award Winners

KA Abigail, Dean
KB Kiprian, Zara
KC Joshua, Kelly
KP Emma, Aidan
KY Riley, Koby
1C Noah, Alyssia
1O James, Ava
1S Yenuli, Ranuga
1AR Karsimar, Peter
1/2H Aayush, Aaris
2E Isaiah, Jahnavii
2R Rhiannon, Julian
2S Christopher, Britney
3B Nicholas, Jaelyn
3C Sarah, Riley
3TW Corinne, Vikramjit
4B Lachlan, Haille
4L Grace, Prabh
4T Juliet, Clayton
5B Krish, Nicole
5F Olivia, Mekenna
Week 3 Term 1 Award Winners Continued.....

5LW  Aidan, Jenna
6G  Dominic, Melond
6S  Joshua, Lily
6T  Piper, Kel

Week 3 Citizens of the Week

K-2  Erin L
3-6  Linen N

Week 3  “Be Your Best” Award Winners

K-2  Suhaani S
3-6  Felicity J

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KINDER WORKING BEE

Kinder teachers would like to thank the parents and grandparents who helped at our working bee this week.

Your help is much appreciated and will greatly benefit the children in Early Stage 1.

Kinder Teachers

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LIBRARY NEWS.......... 

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to:

Hamid  6S

who has completed his Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013.

Any student who would like to do the Premier’s Reading Challenge can pick up a recording record from the library either after school or during their library lesson.

Happy Reading.

Mrs Robyn Jones
Teacher Librarian

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QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Invites all prospective Year 5 & 6 students and their families to the

2013 Information Evening

Tuesday 5th March 2013

at 7:00 pm

Quakers Hill High School Hall

This evening is designed to inform intending students and their parents of the educational programs and facilities at Quakers Hill High School and to assist them in making a smooth and harmonious transition to high school.

REMINDER:

Please check that your children’s clothing and belongings are labelled clearly.

It is very difficult to return things to their correct owners when they are not labelled or labelling is worn or washed out.

Thank you
NUTRITION HINTS

DON’T FORGET
LUNCH BOX DRINKS

Frozen drinks are great to put in the lunchbox to keep lunch cool.

Your children can make their own fruit juice mixtures (preferably diluted with water) and place in the freezer for the week.

- Water is the best drink
- Pineapple juice and orange juice
- Apple juice with a dash of peach nectar
- Orange juice with a dash of mango nectar

(Cordial intake should be limited as it is high in sugar and has no nutritional value)

POLICE
CYBER SAFETY TALK

FOR PARENTS

As parents we are concerned with the amount of time that our children spend on MSN, Facebook and other social networking sites. Mostly our children chat with friends that they already know from school or with relatives. However, MSN, Facebook and other chat sites have inherent risks and dangers.

Constable John Bollard (Quakers Hill Youth Liaison Officer) will conduct two parent sessions to discuss the risks and pitfalls of social media, and also provide parents with strategies to help protect our children.

Wednesday 6 March 2013

Marayong Public School—Hall

Session Times: 10am and 6.30pm

Parents only—no children

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
PENRITH OBSERVATORY

Astronomy Night for Dads & Kids

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory is running a special astronomy night for Dads & Kids on Saturday, 9 March from 8pm. The evening will not only include a talk by Associate Professor Miroslav Filipovic, Director of the UWS Penrith Observatory, but a 3D astronomy movie and observing of the night sky through the University’s computerised telescopes.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

Bookings are essential: Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au
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NOTIFICATION OF MEASLES OR CHICKEN POX

Dear Parent / Caregiver

I write to inform you that a student in our school has recently completed treatment which results in a lowered immune system (chemotherapy), which means, the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. It is important that he can actively participate in the day to day school program without any major limitations. A major concern, however, is that if this student develops measles or chickenpox, he could become seriously ill. I seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have measles or chickenpox, I would ask that you please:

1. Do not send them to school
2. Notify the school office as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation.

[Signature]

Mrs Janelle Cleissold
Assistant Principal