**QUAKERS WHISPER No. 5**
Thursday 28th February 2013

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

Parents are requested **NOT** to send any whole eggs or egg sandwiches, as well as nut products to school.

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

**Tuesdays** –
2:30pm – 3:15pm (approx)

**Fridays** –
8:30am – 9:15am (approx)

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**Principal’s Message .....**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**GREAT NEWS!**
The preliminary work has commenced for delivery of our new demountable classroom. Hopefully, the brick footings will be in place by the end of this week.

**MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT**
Thank you for your attendance at Meet the Teacher Night. It was wonderful to have so many parents in attendance. The staff welcomed the opportunity to meet you and discuss this year’s teaching and learning programs.

The education and welfare of every student is the joint responsibility of both parents and

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**ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER**

Swimming Carnival Report
Mrs Bird’s Farewell Function letter

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“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
teachers. Research has shown that student progress at school is enhanced when parents take an active role in their child’s education. If you were unable to attend please contact your child’s teacher for an appointment so you can be informed of this year’s teaching and learning programs.

Scheduled Parent /Teacher interviews will be conducted next week for students in 2R while all other interviews will take place later this term. However, should the need arise you may ring and make an appointment with the class teacher, Mr Ross or myself any time during the year.

WESTERN SYDNEY REGION PRINCIPALS’ CONFERENCE
Mr Ross and I attended the above conference last week where some very notable speakers, including the Director General and Deputy Director General of Education and Communities addressed the Principals. The focus of the conference was the realignment and restructure of NSW Education. We will see some major changes in the future in the structure of the department, the distribution of school funding and the delivery of services to communities. The aim being to provide all students with better learning outcomes.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Thank you to all the parents who have paid their children’s Bookpack costs and Voluntary School Contributions. Bookpack items have been distributed to students who have paid for them.

Parents who haven’t paid are requested to do so as soon as possible so as not to disadvantage your child. Please contact me as a matter of urgency if you are experiencing financial difficulties.

Families who have paid the full amount of the Voluntary School Contribution by April 5 will be entered into a lucky draw. First prize is a $100 credit at the School Uniform Shop.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
I was very proud of the participation and behaviour of our students on the day of our School Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Harvey House who are the swimming champions for 2013.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended the carnival to cheer on the students, it was great to have so many spectators. Thank you also, to the parents who assisted at the carnival.

Congratulations to the carnival organiser Mrs Lynda Talintyre for a job well done. Thank you to Mr Ian Thompson, our General Assistant and Mr Ken Hanes for transporting our equipment to and from the pool and erecting the shade shelters.

A full report accompanies this newsletter. Swimming ribbons will be given out at the assembly tomorrow. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Marketa Bird
Principal

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Week 4 Term 1 Award Winners
KA Baylie, Stephanie
KB Riley, Erin
KC Brianna, Lucas
KP Chaya, Noah
KY Blake, Analiese
1AR Daniella, Jasper
1C Jason, Kirpa
1O Maddison, Danush
1S Destiny, Justin
1/2H Darsh, Lucrecia
2E Ben, Katie
2R Joshua, Amelia
2S Alyse, Joshua
3B Matthew, Gurleen
3C Isabel, Joshua
3TW Caitlin, Yuvraj
4B Chelsea, Patrick
4L Dylan, Teghan
4T Anika, Luke
5B Caleb, Elise
5F Jakeb, Sabrina
5LW Jai, Liana
6G Jack, Madison
6S Ella, Jack
6T Stephanie, Razzaq
**Week 4 Citizens of the Week**

K-2  Yenuli D  
3-6  Jack G

**Week 4 “Be Your Best” Award Winners**

K-2  Walid S  
3-6  Rajneet K

**SUMMER PSSA REPORT**

**AFL**
The AFL teams played Ironbark Ridge Public School. The juniors won 28-24 and the seniors won 51-13. The players of the match were Connor S for the juniors and Mitchell F for the seniors.

**T-BALL- Juniors/SOFTBALL - Seniors**
The T-Ball and Softball teams played Parklea Public School. The T-Ball team lost 19-14. The player of the match was Carlie M. The Softball team lost 5-0. The player of the match was Casey L.

**OZ-TAG**
The Oz-Tag teams had a bye.

**LIBRARY NEWS………..**

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to

- Kevin 1AR
- Rijoy 5L
- Amisha 6T
- Alexia 6T

who have completed their 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

**KINDY PARENTS**

There are still children having “little accidents” and needing to change their clothes.

Don’t forget to pop a change of clothes in a plastic bag in your child’s school bag so they are prepared if this happens.

Thank you
BLACKTOWN BOYS’ HIGH SCHOOL  
Fifth Avenue, Blacktown

cordially invites

Years 5 and 6 parents and sons

to the

Year 7, 2014  
Information Evening

Wednesday 6 March 2013  
6:00pm – 7:00pm  
Blacktown Boys’ High School Library

* Explore the best choice for your son’s Future

* Consider the benefits of a boys’ school, which values learning, respect and safety

* Gifted and Talented Program information Available

* Selective High School admission test Information (Blacktown Boys’ is a Partially selective high school)

* Meet and mingle with teachers, staff and other students

For further information please contact the school on Phone: 96221558  
Email: blacktownb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au  
Website: www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you

NUTRITION HINTS:

SNACK IDEAS –

* Fruit – dried, fresh or tinned in natural juice

* Fruit smoothies

* Yoghurt – plain or fruit

* Crackers with cheese – cheddar

* Toasted crumpets

* Scones – plain or fruit

* English muffins – wholegrain or wholemeal

There are sure to be many more snack ideas in the local supermarket, check labels for low sugar and/or less than 10 grams of fat per 100g.

POLICE CYBER SAFETY TALK

FOR PARENTS

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
Dear Parent / Carer

FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR MRS BIRD

As you would be aware, Mrs Bird has decided to retire, and this term will be her last at the school. We have decided to hold a small event to mark this momentous occasion, and we will have this event on Friday April 5, from 6pm, in the school hall and playground.

We are still finalising the details, however it will be a family event with both adults and children welcome to attend. This is NOT a fundraising event, and we are offering an externally catered sausage sizzle at $10 per adult. Children's prices are still being confirmed, but will be no more than the same cost. We are attempting to keep the costs down in order to allow families to attend, while reducing the workload for the P&C volunteers so that they are able to enjoy the evening as well. Alternatively, you can bring your own picnic dinner, and it will also be BYO drinks and chairs/picnic blankets. Pre-payment will be required for the sausage sizzle, as no money will be handled on the night – a further letter for this will be sent out in due course.

Please note that this is an alcohol free event, and we ask you to bear in mind that children at the school with anaphylactic allergies to nuts and eggs will be in attendance.

The invitation is also open to families who have moved on from the school and would like to attend. Could you please help us in planning this event, by notifying us if you intend to attend the evening by completing the below form, and returning it to the school by no later than next Thursday 7th March.

Thank you,

Alice Bullivant
Fundraising Coordinator

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FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR MRS BIRD – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

☐ Yes, I would like to attend this event on Friday April 5, 6pm

Number of adults _____ Number of children _____

☐ Yes, I am interested in purchasing the sausage sizzle (no payment required at this point)

☐ No, I would prefer to bring my own picnic dinner
Quakers Hill East Public School  
2013 Swimming Carnival Report

Once again, despite doubtful forecasts, the weather was perfect for our annual swimming carnival. All students are to be commended for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. The students from HARVEY House are the Swimming Champions for 2013.

The final placings for the 2013 Swimming Carnival were as follows:

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All placegetter ribbons will be distributed tomorrow afternoon at the Years 3–6 assembly, commencing at 12:20pm in our hall.

The carnival’s success was due to the combined efforts of all members of the school community. I would like to thank all the teachers for their valued contributions and the parents who supported the students throughout the day. A special thank you to Mr McCulloch, Mrs Deller, Mrs Lee, Mrs Caple, Mrs Carter and Ms Rowley who worked tirelessly as our timekeepers. Thanks also to Mr Thompson and Mr Hane who assisted with our shade shelters.

A full list of event winners and placegetters for the 2013 Carnival can be found over the page. Many of these students, through their placings and times, qualified to represent the school at the Ridges Zone PSSA Swimming Championships at Blacktown Pool today. A report for the zone carnival will be sent home next week.

Well done to all!

Mrs Talintyre  
Carnival Coordinator