QUAKERS WHISPER No. 7
Thursday 14th March 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH
15th Fri  NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE
   11:20am – Infants Assembly
       LED BY 1AR
   12:15pm – Primary Assembly
       LED BY 6S

Summer PSSA
19th Tues 7:30 pm – P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
21st Thur Harmony Day
22nd Fri 11:20am – Infants Assembly
       LED BY 1C
   12:15pm – Primary Assembly
       LED BY 4L

Summer PSSA
27th Wed Grandparents’ Day
   Easter Hat Parade
   School Art Show
28th Thur School Photo Day
   6:30pm - QHE Combined OSHC Inc. Annual General Meeting

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thursday 28 March 2013
Students are to wear full summer uniform.
Order envelopes sent home with every child today
“Family photo” envelopes available from the office

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2013

11:45-12:10 Year 3 to 6 Classroom Visits
12:10- 12:55 K-2 Easter Hat Parade
   Art Show for Year 3-6 Students and Grandparents
       (gold coin donation for entry)
12:55-1:10 K-2 Classroom visits
   1:10 Picnic Lunch
       Enjoy a picnic lunch with your grandchild/grandchildren
   1:10-2:00 Art Show
       Everyone invited to view the student’s artwork in the school hall
       (gold coin donation for entry)

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER

* School Photo Envelopes
* University Competitions Envelopes
* Ridges Zone 2013 Swimming Carnival Report

REMINDER
Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April are School Development Days

Students do not commence school for Term 2 until Wednesday May 1

P&C AGM
Tuesday 19 March 2013
Commencing at 7:30pm
Everyone welcome

Expression of Interest Forms for all Year 6 students are due back by 22 March

Principal’s Message ..... 

Dear Parents/Caregivers

STAFFING UPDATE
We welcome Miss Joylene Le Couteur who will teach 2R from next Monday. Mr David England will be the relieving Assistant Principal. Best wishes are extended to Ms Peita Rothery who is going on maternity leave.

Congratulations to Mrs Tabitha Weinert who is the proud mother of a baby girl, Olivia Peaches who was born last week.

STUDENT’S ROAD ACCIDENT
On Monday a student had her foot run over by a car when using the pedestrian crossing on Chase Drive. Fortunately she did not sustain serious injuries.

Please reinforce our road safety lessons at home with your child/children as children cannot rely on drivers always doing the right thing. Students do as we do (not do as we say) so we must lead by example and STOP, even when using the pedestrian crossing and check for oncoming traffic.

CYBERSAFETY
It has come to our attention that a number of students are using social media applications inappropriately.

Most of these applications should not be used by children under the age of 13. There are no students in our school aged 13. However, if your child is using one of these applications and you choose to allow them to continue, it is highly recommended that you closely supervise their use of these services. One way to do this is to log in using their user name and password and check exactly what they are doing online.

Children access these services using any device that has wireless connectivity.

Please assist us in keeping your children safe.

The following website is a great resource to stay informed on this issue.
http://www.cybersmart.gov.au

DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOM
Our new demountable classroom has arrived and the students from 2S and Mrs Smit are very excited. 2S will be able to move in as soon as all services are connected and the room officially approved.

RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM
The students from K-2 will participate in the above program on –

Kinder Monday 18 March
11:30 KC KB  12:20 KA KY KP
Year 1 Wednesday 20 March
11:30 1C 1AR  12:20 1S 1O

Year 2 Monday 25 March
11:30 2S 2E     12:20 1/2H 2R

This program is free and parents are welcome to attend.

AFL PAUL KELLY CUP
Congratulations to our AFL Team who participated in the Paul Kelly Cup on Tuesday with one win and two losses. Well done boys. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and Mrs Margriet Farrugia who trains our AFL team.

WELL DONE
Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in being selected to play in the following Ridges Zone teams –
AFL Manroz B, Mitchell F, Josh N and William P
Softball Isabelle H, Samantha S and Enrike W
Clayton, Jack, Simeon N and Riley W
Netball Emily J
Cricket Devang K
Rugby League-open Cody B, William P and Logan W
- 11 years William P

GOOD LUCK
Isabelle H and Emily R are participating in Sydney West Regional Swimming Carnival on March 19.

Marketa Bird
Principal

Week 6 Term 1 Award Winners
KA Ella, Jacob
KB Gemma, James
KC Hayden, Ryder
KP Prabhjít, Cooper
KY Brady, Anna
1AR Mankeerat, Yanee
1C Dylan, Jessic
1O Faith, Sahibjot
1S Tejasi, Joshua
1/2H Suryansh, Declan
2E Kayla, Leyton
2R Renee, Steven
2S Naman, Felicity
3B Alex, Sonali
3C Zahra, Robin
3TW Bethany, Dylan
4B Mackenzie, Oliver
4L Aya, Jason
4T Jassa, Tyra
5B Ethan, Madelyne
5F Charnts, Blake
5LW Aditaya, Lauren
6G Emily, Deepak
6S Hamid, Niveshlin
6T Caitlyn, Jake

Week 6 Citizens of the Week
K-2 Joshua B
3-6 Caitlyn G

Week 6 “Be Your Best” Award Winners
K-2 Kiara F
3-6 Connor S

‘TAKE A STAND TOGETHER’ ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH

Our school is taking part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence this Friday, 15 March. We encourage students to behave positively and safely every day but on the National Day of Action we will be putting the spotlight on our anti-bullying strategies.

All students and teachers are encouraged to wear orange on this day to demonstrate that we are Taking a Stand Together to stamp out bullying.

The Bullying. No way! website has information for parents and students of all ages about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence.

Lynda Talintyre (PBL Coordinator)
SUMMER PSSA REPORT  
Week 6

AFL  
The AFL teams played Rouse Hill Public School. The juniors lost 68-2 and the seniors lost 28-13. The players of the match were Richard P for the juniors and Mitchell F for the seniors.

T-BALL- Juniors/SOFTBALL - Seniors  
The T-Ball and Softball teams played Schofields Public School. The T-Ball team lost 8-3. The player of the match was Aleksa H. The Softball team won 5-3. The player of the match was Isabelle H.

OZ-TAG  
The Oz-Tag teams played Parklea Public School. The juniors won 44-20 and the seniors drew 24-24. The players of the match were Clayton C for the juniors and Brendan P for the seniors.

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION  
A reminder to Stage 2 and Stage 3 children who are interested in participating in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition that speeches are due tomorrow 15th March to class teachers.

Lynne Smith  
MPPSC Coordinator

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

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE  
Congratulations to

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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

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS  

- Tuesdays – 2:30pm – 3:15pm (approx)
- Fridays – 8:30am – 9:15am (approx)

EASTER RAFFLE  
Don’t forget to bring in your donation for our Easter Raffle by Wednesday 20th March – remember that the more chocolate Easter eggs, bunnies etc that are donated, the more prizes we will be able to draw. Last year we had over 80 lucky winners.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27th March.

All money and raffle tickets (both sold & unsold) need to be returned by Tuesday 26th March.

Thank you for your support  
Fiona Bennetts & Lynne Smith
2013 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools
An invitation to all students in Years 3-6

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Your child is invited to participate in the 2013 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

For 30 years, Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) has been conducting ICAS. ICAS is the largest independent assessment program for schools in Australia. It is also delivered to schools in Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, the Pacific region and the United States of America.

The schedule for this year’s competitions is as follows:

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<td>Mathematics</td>
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Certificates are awarded as follows in every year group:

* High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
* Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
* Credit to the next 25% of entrants
* Participation to all other students

Past competition papers can be purchased online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

Payment and entry method:
If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions, please complete the form on the envelope (available from the school office), enclose payment and return to your child’s class teacher.

Payments and entries will only be accepted until Wednesday, 10 April, 2013

Mr C Ross
Deputy Principal

Mrs M Bird
Principal
On Thursday, February 28, 37 students from QHE attended the Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Ten schools competed at the event including Ironbark Ridge, John Palmer, Kellyville Ridge, Kenthurst, Oakville, Parklea, Riverstone, Rouse Hill and Schofields. Overall, we came sixth.

All students participated with enthusiasm and some swam ‘personal bests’. We finished the carnival with 2 girls qualifying to go to the Sydney West Regional Carnival which will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre.

The following students will be representing at the carnival:

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| Isabelle H | 1st in Butterfly  
|          | 2nd in Breaststroke  
|          | 3rd in 50m Freestyle |
| Emily R  | 2nd in Backstroke               |

The behaviour and enthusiasm of all members of our squad was outstanding. A big thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings who provided transport and vocal support on the day. At one point during the day, we had more supporters than competitors!

Thank you!

Lynda Talintyre