QUAKERS WHISPER No. 6
Thursday 7th March 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH
8th Fri 11:20am – Infants Assembly
   LED BY 2S
   *** Includes presentation of
   Yr 2 SRC Badges

12:15pm – Primary Assembly
   LED BY 3TW
   *** Includes presentation of
   3-6 SRC Badges

Summer PSSA

14th Thur Selective High School Test
   for Year 6

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

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)

ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER

* Easter Raffle Tickets
* Easter Hat Parade note
* Parent Teacher Interview Notes
* Ridges Zone 2013 Swimming Carnival
  Report
* QHEPS Multicultural Perspectives Public
  Speaking Competition note

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

STAFFING UPDATE
Mrs Samantha Holloway is teaching 6S until 19 March 2013 while Mrs Kerrie Scott is on long service leave.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent/teacher interviews will take place during the week beginning April 1 (except for 2R). Parent/teacher interviews for 2R are being conducted this week. Please complete the letter sent home today and return to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible to get an appointment at your preferred time. Appointments will be allocated on receipt of request forms.

You are reminded that interviews with class teachers and/or school executives are available when the need arises throughout the year.

P&C DAY
Yesterday, March 6 was P&C Day. This is a good time to acknowledge and congratulate the members of our P&C for their tireless efforts in their support of this school to improve student learning outcomes.

Members participate in many ways to support our school such as running the uniform shop, participating on Merit Selection Panels to select staff, contribute to decision making processes, promotion of our school and fundraising.

Everyone is invited to attend the next P&C’s Annual General Meeting to be held in the Staffroom commencing at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 19. All positions will be declared vacant. Please give serious consideration to playing a more active role in our school. This meeting will be followed by the monthly meeting. Come and find out what is happening at our school first hand.

RIDGES ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Ridges Zone Swimming Carnival was conducted on Thursday February 28. Congratulations to all our students for their exemplary behaviour and tremendous effort in the pool.

Congratulations to Isabelle H and Emily J who have qualified to represent Ridges Zone at the Sydney West Regional Carnival held on March 19, 2013.

Thank you to parents for the support of our team. A full report accompanies this newsletter.

YEAR 7 PLACEMENT IN A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2014
Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2014 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 14 March 2013 at Blacktown Boys High School, corner of Sunnyholt Road and Fifth Avenue, Blacktown.

It is the parents’ responsibility to transport students to and from the test centre.

Best wishes to these students.

CONGRATULATIONS
Both Brendan P and Riley W have been selected to play in the Ridges Zone soccer team. Well done, boys.

Marketa Bird
Principal

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Week 5 Term 1 Award Winners

KA Charlie, Ryandeeep
KB Anshu, Julia
KC Ryan, Cooper
KP Kaiya, Sam
KY Phoebe, Tristan
1AR Leonti, Cianna
1C Mikaela, Tom
1O Kaylah, Aaron
1S Shanni, Sartaj
1/2H Jaspreet, Melody
2E Gurnoor, Ryan
2R Brynley, Sienna
2S Aarnav, Holly
3B Charlize, Akash
3C Montana, Jeannry
3TW Richard, Danielle
4B Ella, Tanish
4L Jasmine, Jacob
4T Oliver, Rachel
WHAT’S THE BUZZ?
We have had a very positive start to the term and students are to be congratulated for their efforts with behaviour as well as consistently wearing full school uniform.

On Friday, March 15, we will be supporting the annual National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This is a day where school communities across Australia Take a Stand Together against bullying and violence. Our school is dedicated to creating a supportive environment, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together, we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, is not acceptable at any time.

All students and staff will be encouraged to wear orange to school on this day. There is no charge as it is purely to promote the cause and show our support. All classes will participate in a variety of activities to reinforce the message.

Lynda Talintyre
PBL Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Tuesdays –
2:30pm – 3:15pm (approx)

Fridays –
8:30am – 9:15am (approx)
LIBRARY NEWS………

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to

Anika 4T
Swarna 5LW

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

P&C NEWS………

Hi everyone, we had a great turnout at the first P&C meeting of the year with some new faces and some old faces that we couldn’t do without.

I would like to thank the current P&C for turning up and the parents that made an effort to be there, hopefully we will have lots more new parents turn up on the 19th of March for the AGM as all positions are up for grabs.

Another year of fundraising for the school starts off with a great amount of discounts!!!!!!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FUNDRAISER

The new Entertainment Books are better than ever and are packed with thousands of valuable offers from popular restaurants, attractions, accommodation and much much more!! Purchase a new Book and you will be helping our school with this great fundraising opportunity, with 20% of the proceeds going directly towards their important causes.

The books will hit the school late March/early April and 1 book will be sent home per family so you can have a look at the great discounts, then all you have to do is either send the money back to school to your child’s teacher and keep the book, or send the book back to school. If you require more than one book we can do a discount for you.

There will be an order form in the office if you would like to pre order a book and more information to follow, please stay tuned as to when this will be.

Thank you

Tanya Stephan and Alice Bullivant
On behalf of your P&C

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
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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<td>Emily R</td>
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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
Thursday, 7th March 2013

Dear K-2 Parents and Carers,

K-2 classes will be working together with their buddy class to create an Easter hat during week 8.

Each child will need to bring:

- 1 large sheet of cardboard
- A glue stick and/or roll of sticky tape
- Materials to decorate their work (e.g. Easter stickers, wrapping paper, ribbons, Easter advertising brochures etc, as well as textas and/or crayons).

Please bring craft items to school in a plastic bag labelled with child’s name on Friday, 15th March.

We will then show our creations in an Easter Hat Parade at school on Wednesday, 27th March.

Thank you for your support,

Abandiera
Mrs Bandiera  Event Organiser

Mrs Clissold  Assistant Principal
QHEPS MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES
PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2013

Once again, we are offering students in Stages 2 and 3 the opportunity to participate in this year’s Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. This optional program aims to heighten awareness of multicultural issues among NSW primary school students while developing their interest in public speaking and improving their confidence and speech-writing skills.

Two students from Stage 2 (Years 3&4) and two students from Stage 3 (Years 5&6) will be selected to represent our school at the Local Final. The winners will proceed to the Regional Final and perhaps even the State Final. Last year, our school was very proud to be represented in the NSW State Final by Aditya Pillai. (Year 6 2012)

Students who wish to participate should prepare their speeches at home with the assistance of their parents or caregivers.

- Students should prepare a speech on one of the topics below.
- Stage 2 speeches should be three minutes long.
- Stage 3 speeches should four minutes long.
- Speeches must have multicultural content.
- Speeches should be handed in to class teachers by Friday 15 March.

The adjudicators will make their decision based on the manner, matter and method the contestants employ in presenting their speeches. They will expect contestants to be confident and engaging speakers. Speeches need to show an understanding of multiculturalism, and be well developed and interesting. Contestants are also expected to demonstrate a balance of personal opinion and information in their speeches, as well as a balance of humour and sincerity.

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Mrs Lynne Smith
MPPSC Coordinator

Mrs Marketa Bird
Principal