QUAKERS WHISPER No. 32
Thursday 23 October, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER
24 Fri  11:20am – Infants Assembly
        LED BY 2B
      12:15pm– Primary Assembly
        LED BY 6W

SUMMER PSSA
27 Mon  Tri-Skills - KC, KJ, KP, KR,
         KT, 1/2A, 4B, 4J, 4L
29 Wed  CAMP QUALITY PUPPETS
30 Thur 12 noon - Debating
31 Fri  WORLD TEACHERS DAY
       11:20am – Infants Assembly
         LED BY 2C
       12:15pm– Primary Assembly
         LED BY 5S

SUMMER PSSA
Year 2 Soccer Grand Final

NOVEMBER
3 Mon  Tri-Skills - KC, KJ, KP, KR,
       KT, 1/2A, 4B, 4J, 4L
       Stage 3 to QHHS Musical

LAST DAY FOR STEWART HOUSE BAG DONATIONS
4 Tues KINDY ORIENTATION
6 Thur 12 noon – Debating
7 Fri  11:20am – Infants Assembly
      LED BY 2S
    12:15pm– Primary Assembly
      LED BY 4B

SUMMER PSSA

ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER

*  School Swimming Program Note – Year 3

CAMP QUALITY PUPPETS
The Camp Quality Puppets FREE performance has been rescheduled
and they will now be visiting our school on

Wednesday 29 October.

STEWART HOUSE RAG BAGS
due back on Monday November 3
full or empty.

Ordinary clean plastic shopping or
garbage bags can be used
if necessary.

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
Principal’s Report ……. 

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

THANK YOU P&C
A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C who provided the funds for the upgrade and additions to our playground art. The staff and students are very appreciative.

PARENT VISITORS
A friendly reminder to all parents who visit the school in any capacity e.g. working in classrooms, helping with sport or if you are just dropping off forgotten lunches or jumpers, that you need to report to the school office before going to classrooms. This is a DEC requirement for all visitors to our school site.

CAMP QUALITY PUPPETS
The Camp Quality Puppet Show will be held on Wednesday 29 October. All children will be attending this free presentation.

STUDENTS NUMBERS FOR 2015
To allow us to accurately organise classes for 2015, we would ask that you notify the school office if you intend to leave QHEPS at the end of the school year. Please complete the slip on the last page of this newsletter and return it to the school office as soon as you make the decision to move.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
We will be celebrating World Teachers’ Day on Friday 31 October so please take the time to acknowledge and show your appreciation to each of the teachers for the contributions they make every single day to the education of your children.

SWIM SCHOOL
This year we are offering the DEC Swim School. This valuable program supports students to learn to swim, gain confidence in the water and gain knowledge about water safety. Notes were sent home with Year 2 students last week and Year 3 students will be receiving notes today. Send your permission slips and payments back as soon as possible to gain a place in the program.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015
The Kindergarten orientation program will be commencing on 4 November. Information on this has been given to parents who have already enrolled their children for next year. If you have not yet submitted an enrolment form, please do so in the next few weeks or if you know of a family in our area who has not enrolled their Kindergarten child for 2015, please encourage them to visit the school office as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...
Lachlan T who has successfully auditioned for a role in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The production will run from January 9-24.

William P who is the Ridges PSSA Athletics 12 Years Boys’ Champion.

SRC ROAD SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION
Congratulations to all students who entered the poster competition. The competition winners as judged by the SRC are:

- Early Stage 1: Natalie B
- Stage 1: Jaih A
- Stage 2: Jordan F
- Stage 3: Mavis C

Again a huge thank you to Blackman Bicycles at Blacktown for their donation of the bicycle helmets for prizes.
THANK YOU TO...
Everyone who participated in the Rainbow Mufti Day last week. We raised $714.20 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

2014 MATHEMATICS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) RESULTS
Congratulations to the following students for their performance in the ICAS Mathematics Competition.

Merit Awards
Year 3: Jasnoor J, Naman L
Year 4: Jeremy B, Brock S, Niklas J, Nemi S
Year 5: Safwan A
Year 6: Shivali S

Credit Awards
Year 4: Akash R, Kael B, Priya P
Year 5: Ansh M

Distinction Awards
Year 3: Martin B, Calvin K
Year 4: Kanishka A, Huey N
Year 5: Rachel L
Year 6: Rijoy G, Shreya P, Jenna H, Tehan J, Shaveen P, Devang K, Pratham M

High Distinction
Year 3: Gurnoor S

Term 4 Weekly Award Winners
- Weeks 1 and 2

KC  Mikey, Aditi, Jenny, Ranbir
KJ  Mia, Jasmine, Amalia, DJ
KP  Hemakshi, Ayan, Katie, William
KR  Amber, Amaris, Jasmine, Matthew
KT  Rhy, Gurveer, Neha, Zara
1AR  Braellan, Tyrone, Phoebe, Riley
1B  Joshua, Ryan, Izabelle, Kai
1D  Jordan, Tisha, Erin, Archie
1M  Jordan, Krystal, Sarah, Fatima
1/2A  Ella, Danush, Gemma, Maddison
2B  Kendal, Cianna, Mehnaaz, Jordi
2C  Brehanna, Isa, Lucy, Suryansh
2K  Yanee, Darsh, Ava, Traye
2S  Jahnvi, Shaiyaan, Charlie, Yenuki
3B  Jacob, Isabella, Myla, Joshua
3C  Jasnoor, Joshua, Avnisha, Denis
3R  Ambar, Brynley, Shah, Ryan
4B  Tanvir, Kayla, Sonali, Tyquele
4J  Alexi, Maxwell, Megha, Zinar
4L  Ana, Daniel, Laura, Inderbir
5S  Logan, Marcus, Safwan, Patrick
5T  Connor, Haille, Mya, Devanshi
5W  Allen, Lachlan
6G  Aryan, Tatum, Aleksa, Elise
6T  Neveen, Casey, Mavis, Milan
6W  Manroz, Drashti, Ishtjot, Aryan

Michele Hedge
Principal

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Weeks 1 & 2 Citizens of the Week
K-2  Ava R, Tejasi P
3-6  Tom K, Yagmur O

Weeks 1 & 2  “Be Your Best” Award Winners
K-2  Saniya M, Simran S and Ishmeet S
3-6  Calvin K, Abi P

SUMMER PSSA REPORT
Week 2

CRICKET
Last week the Cricket teams had a bye.

T-BALL- Juniors/SOFTBALL - Seniors
The T-Ball and Softball teams played Parklea Public School. The T-Ball team lost 27-27. The player of the match was Rhiannon M. The Softball team lost 13-7. The player of the match was Enrike W.

OZ-TAG
The Oz-Tag teams played Schofields Public School yellow team. The juniors won 44-4 and the seniors won 44-12. The players of the match were Jordan F for the juniors and William P for the seniors.

2015 PRIMARY DANCE GROUP
Try outs for the 2015 primary dance group will begin on Monday 27 October.
All students in Years 2-5 are invited to attend.

Miss Baker and Mrs Dickerson
Coordinators

SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM
Accompanying today’s newsletter all Year 3 students will have received a note for the School Swimming and Water Safety Program (formerly known as the School Swimming Scheme). This is an intensive learn-to-swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The newly formatted program also places an additional emphasis on students gaining endurance in survival and safety skills while correct technique is the focus for competitive strokes. The program is conducted over 10 days. Each daily session is 45 minutes.

This year we have been allocated 60 places for the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. Students in Year Two have had the first opportunity to claim a place over the past week. The remaining vacancies are now being opened up to Year Three. Students in Years 2 and 3 are encouraged to return their notes and payment as soon as possible to secure their place in the program.

Instruction will take place at Riverstone Pool from Monday, 17 November - Friday, 21 November 2014 and Monday, 24 November- Friday, 28 November 2014 (Weeks 7 & 8). Over the 10 day period, students participating in the program will have an early recess and travel to the pool for the morning session, returning at approximately 12:15pm each day to resume normal lessons.

Ms Peita Rothery,
Swim School Coordinator/ AP
REMINDER:

“ROAR”
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
Monday 3 November 2014
Cost: $5.00
Please return completed permission slip and payment to the school office by Thursday 30 October 2014

YEAR 2
SOCCER GRAND FINAL
Greece V Spain
Friday 31 October
2:20pm
Interested parents are welcome to attend

GROUP AND SPORTS PHOTOS
on display in the school foyer
order envelopes are available from the office.
ALL ORDER ENVELOPES AND PAYMENTS DUE IN
BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2014.
*** Please note that the school leaders’ photo is to be retaken and will be available at a later date

STEWART HOUSE NEWS.....
USED CLOTHING APPEAL
Stewart House rag bags were sent home two weeks ago with the newsletter. Please take the opportunity to go through your drawers and wardrobes and fill your bag (or any clean plastic bag) with clean rags or used clothing that you no longer need.

All bags must be returned to school by Monday 3 November.
Many thanks for your support.

UNIFORM SHOP
We are still "open" as normal for pick-ups, try-ons, exchanges, second-hand uniforms and to answer questions at the usual times of:

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

All purchasing of NEW school uniforms must now be done through Flexischools

PAYMENT ENVELOPES
A reminder that we are no longer stapling envelopes to the back of notes being sent home for excursions etc.

A small bundle of payment envelopes was sent home late last term to be kept safely at home to use whenever a payment is being sent in to school.

If you need more envelopes at any time, you are welcome to collect some from the office.
LIBRARY NEWS.........

BOOK CLUB
Book Club order forms have been distributed to students. All orders are to be handed in to the office by TOMORROW, Friday 24 October.

PLAYTIME IN THE LIBRARY
If you have any good quality used toys that your children no longer use, we would like to request that you donate them to the Library. Doll houses, construction toys such as Lego, toy cars, tea sets and sturdy games would be greatly appreciated. Many children use the Library at lunchtime and we would like to provide them with more activities.

OVERDUE NOTICES
Overdue notices from the Library were handed out last week. If these books cannot be located, your cooperation in sending in payment to the office as soon as possible is appreciated. If you have any questions about the notices, please contact Ms Quinn in the Library to discuss the matter.

Happy Reading
Ms Quinn and Mrs Dickerson
Library Teachers

REMINDER:
Please check that children’s belongings are labelled clearly so that they can be returned as soon as possible to their owners.

Thank you

SRC MUFTI DAY
Thank you to everyone who supported this mufti day fundraiser

We are happy to advise that we raised $714.20 for the Leukaemia Foundation

NUTRITION HINTS:

DESSERTS
Some healthy dessert ideas are:
* Stewed Fruit
* Frozen grapes, strawberries and bananas
* Low fat yoghurt (buy in bulk and spoon out small portions)
* Low fat milkshakes or fruit smoothies
* Home made low fat dairy desserts

To make Frozen Banana Pops you need:
Bananas, low fat yoghurt, ice-cream sticks and desiccated coconut.

What to do:
1. Peel banana and push ice-cream stick in one end
2. Dip banana completely in yoghurt
3. Roll dipped banana in coconut
4. Place bananas on foil and put into freezer until frozen
GETin2FUN
GETin2CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys to Australia’s favourite sport.
It’s fun, safe and teaches basic skills to help kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket Heroes.

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2014-2015
NSW Family Energy Rebate

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
*eligibility criteria apply
This is to advise that my child/children: …………………………………………………………
…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
is/are leaving Quakers Hill East at the end of 2014 and WILL NOT be returning to Quakers Hill East in 2015.

Parent signature ___________________________  Date: ______________
School Swimming and Water Safety Program 2014
Offer of Places for Students in Year 3

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

Arrangements have been made to include a learn-to-swim program in our curriculum. The Department of Education and Training School Swimming and Water Safety Program (formerly known as the School Swimming Scheme) is an intensive learn-to-swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The newly formatted program will now place an additional emphasis on students gaining endurance in survival and safety skills while correct technique is the focus for competitive strokes. The Program is conducted over 10 days. Each daily session is 45 minutes.

The Program focuses on students in Year 2 but provides for students in Year 3 and beyond. This year, we have been allocated 60 places for the swimming program. Students in Year 2 have already had over a week to respond and they have filled approximately 30 places. Therefore, there are only 30 places remaining.

Instruction will take place at Riverstone Pool from Monday, 17 November- Friday, 21 November 2014 and Monday, 24 November- Friday, 28 November 2014 (Weeks 7 & 8). The total cost of the ten-day program is $82 per student including daily pool entry and return bus fares. When one considers that the average cost of swimming lessons is $15 per half-hour, this program represents tremendous value for money. Added to that, the timing of the program, couldn’t be more perfect, on the eve of the summer holidays.

A note detailing swimming lesson times and a list of what to bring each day will be issued a week prior to the start of the program.

For now, if you wish for your child to participate, please complete the attached permission form and return it, along with the full payment of $82 to your child’s teacher as soon as possible to secure your their place. The closing date for payments is Thursday 13 November, unless of course the 60 places are filled beforehand.

Ms Peita Rothery
Swim School Coordinator/AP

Mrs Michele Hedge
Principal
School Swimming and Water Safety Program 2014 - Permission Form

Dear Ms Rothery,

I give permission for my child _____________________________ of class _______ to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program to be conducted at Riverstone Pool on the following dates in 2014:

Monday, 17 November - Friday, 21 November 2014 and Monday, 24 November - Friday, 28 November 2014 (Weeks 7 & 8).

I understand that travel to and from the venue will be by bus and that this program has the approval of the Principal.

I have enclosed $82 to cover the full cost of the program including daily pool entry and return bus fares.

Signed: _____________________________  Date: __________________

(Parent/ Guardian)

Additional Information

***Complete only if applicable to your child***

Allergies /Medical Conditions:

My child has the following medical condition/ allergy which you should be aware of in their swimming lessons: (eg. Epilepsy, hearing impairment, asthma, allergy to bees)

☐ They will not require any medication to be taken with them to the pool
☐ They will require medication to be taken with them to the pool (eg. asthma inhaler, EpiPen)

(*Please note: parents/caregivers need to ensure that this medication has been entered into the medication register at our school office and that this medication is within its expiry date prior to the swimming scheme)

Swimming History: (only complete if applicable) draws our attention to students who may have a genuine fear of water

☐ My child has experienced a near drowning (ie. went underwater for a substantial period of time and had to be rescued/ resuscitated) in the past which has made them fearful of the water.

☐ My child has never been in a swimming pool before (ie. in water beyond chest depth).