DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER
1 Mon Tri-Skills - KC, KJ, KP, KR, KT, 1/2A, 4B, 4J, 4L
3 Wed Other HS Orientation Day
5 Fri NO INFANTS ASSEMBLY
         9:15am - SPORTS AWARD ASSEMBLY
         1:30pm - TALENT QUEST
9 Tues PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLIES
11 Thur 11am - Appreciation Morning Tea
12 Fri PRINCIPAL AWARD ASSEMBLY
         Reports Sent Home
15 Mon Year 6 Graduation Assembly
16 Tues Class Parties
         2pm – Year 6 Farewell Assembly
         Year 6 Farewell Evening
17 Wed LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2014

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR YEAR 1-6 STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2015

ANNUAL SCHOOL TALENT QUEST

tomorrow, Friday December 5
commencing at 1:30pm
Entry fee: gold coin donation
Everyone welcome

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Years 3 - 6

tomorrow, Friday December 5, 2014 at 9:15 am

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES

Tuesday December 9, 2014
10am - Kindergarten to Year 2
11:30am - Years 3 to 6

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD ASSEMBLY

Kindergarten to Year 6
Friday December 12 2014 at 9:15am

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER
* P&C Uniform Shop Help Request
* Class Party Notes – K-2 and Stage 2
* Christmas Hamper Reminder Note

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop has now **CLOSED** for 2014 and will not re-open until school resumes in 2015

Please note:
The Uniform Shop will also be opening for 2 additional days in Week 1 Term 1, 2015:

**Tuesday 27 January**
9am – 10am approx.

**Wednesday 28 January**
9am – 10am approx.

Then at the normal weekly opening times of:

**Mondays**
From 2:30pm – 3:15pm

**Fridays**
From 8:30am – 9:15am

*These opening times are only for trying on clothes and exchanging items (with tags still attached).*

All orders should be completed online on Flexischools.

SCHOOL SECURITY
PLEASE keep a watch over the school during the school holidays.
Should you observe trespassers within the school grounds
please ring
Department of Education and Training,
free call **1300 880 021**
or
Quakers Hill Police
**9678 8999**.

Principal’s Report ........
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The 2014 school year is at its end and we have once again had a very successful year of learning. I’d like to acknowledge the fine work of the students and teachers in 2014 along with the support of parents and carers. The students of Quakers Hill East PS have been wonderful this year and need to be congratulated for being safe, respectful responsible learners and for being their best. The P&C have also had a great year and should be recognised for their efforts. I know that in 2015 the staff of QHEPS will continue to build upon the wonderful work we have begun this year. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

STAFF UPDATE
Mrs Patching and Mr Warner will be taking leave from the beginning of 2015 and we look forward to seeing them back in 2016.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES
There will be a number of events held over the next week to acknowledge the academic, sporting and cultural successes of our students. I’m looking forward to seeing the many students receiving their awards. On Friday 5 December at 9:15am we will be holding the Sports Award Assembly for
students from Years 3 – 6 to acknowledge students’ sporting achievements in 2014. On Tuesday 9 December there will be the two Presentation Day Assemblies with the K-2 assembly being held at 10am and the 3-6 assembly being held at 11:30am. Students will receive academic and cultural awards at these assemblies. Also on Friday 12 December at 9:15am we will have the Principals’ Award Assembly where students will receive awards for having collected the required number of Green Stamps.

TALENT QUEST
Our Talent Quest will be held this Friday at 1:30pm. Students have been working on their performances ably guided by staff mentors. I hear there is a surprise performance by some of the teachers so I’m looking forward to seeing a star studded performance. I’d like to acknowledge the work of Miss Latham and Mrs Rubino for coordinating the Talent Quest and giving up their many lunch times to ensure an amazing event for all to see.

FAREWELL TO YEAR 6
The staff and students of QHEPS would like to wish all of our Year 6 students the best of luck in their future years of schooling. All of the students are excited about their move to high school and I look forward to hearing about their future successes. I’d like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Talintyre, Mrs Gauci and Ms Wong for their work with Year 6 in 2014. Thanks must also go to the wonderful Year 6 teachers and parents who are organising the Year 6 Farewell which will be held on Tuesday 16 December. I know this will be a great event for all of our special Year 6 students. Year 6 Parents are invited to attend the Year 6 Graduation Assembly which will be held on Monday 15 December at 9:15am.

CLASS PARTIES
Each stage has organised class parties which will be held on Tuesday 16 December. The K-2 students are bringing a decorated basket with picnic food for their own lunch. The Stage 2 and 3 students are both having pizza parties. Notes have been sent home to parents giving the specific details for each stage. If you need more information contact your child’s class teacher.

SCHOOL EVALUATION
Every year we must complete a school evaluation that requires input from parents, students and staff. This year we are evaluating the area of Learning and the curriculum area of Mathematics as well as School Satisfaction. I have created three online surveys for you to complete. There are only a few questions in each survey and it will only take a short time to complete. I would urge every parent to complete the surveys to ensure you have a say. You can access the links via our school website http://www.quakershipep.schoo ls.nsw.edu.au by going to ‘Our School’ and then clicking on ‘Surveys’ in the menu on the left hand side of the screen.

Learning Survey
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RXY9C9B
Mathematics Survey
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RTSHCNQ
School Satisfaction Survey
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRBCFBS

The surveys are now open and will close on Friday 5 December. I will be reporting the results of the surveys in the Annual School Report which will be published in May 2015.

STUDENT REPORTS
Thank you to staff for the writing of comprehensive reports on every child’s academic progress during Semester 2 of this year. Much thought and reflection have gone into these reports so that they carefully reflect each child’s achievement. Reports will go home on Friday 12 December.

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 located later in the newsletter and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as you make that decision.

CONGRATULATIONS TO…
Aaron G who has been very successful in his achievements at Little Athletics, recently achieving a gold medal at State Cross Country, silver medal for long jump at State and a bronze medal for 70m at Regional.

Michele Hedge
Principal

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Term 4 Weekly Award Winners
- Weeks 7 & 8

**KC**
Izabella, Makayla, Lachlan, Arjun

**KJ**
Abby, Ryan, Aum, Amalia

**KP**
Rayan, Maddie, Siddharth, Khloe

**KR**
Caitlyn, Hunter Zara, Tharun

**KT**
Gurveer, Liam Elizabeth, Rhyan

**1AR**
Anish, Julia Ramia, Tara

**1B**
Jayden, Daria, Coby, Pahul

**1D**
Bodhi, Kate, Edward, Jorja

**1M**
Phoebe, Evin Omar, Krishan

**1/2A**
Ryder, Jasper Ranuga, Dean

**2B**
Joshua, Ava Sanika, Leonti

**2C**
Sartaj, Cameron Yenuli, Karsimar

**2K**
Destiny, Kaya Jason, George

**2S**
Kunal, Tanvi, Ella, Nidaa

**3B**
Lucas, Joshua, Adam, Ethan

**3C**
Prabhjot, Calvin, Mysha, Jahnavi

**3R**
Jaspreeet, Benjamin Rupanshi, Cameron

**4B**
Devina, Huey, Jeremy, Charlice

**4J**
Danielle, Luke, Jordan, Amy

**4L**
Rachel, Joshua, Sarah, Dylan

**5S**
Clayton, Georgia Serhat, Rachel

**5T**
Jordan, Jessica Mya, Haille

**5W**
Alex, Mackenzie, Ella, Jasmine

**6G**
Lauren, Elise, Luc, Talisha

**6T**
Bethany, Ethan, Shivali, Caitlin

**6W**
Tom, Arshpreet Vianne, Rahul

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**Week 7 & 8 Citizens of the Week**

**K-2**
Gemma A Joshua M

**3-6**
Gurnoor S Jenna H

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**Week 7 & 8 “Be Your Best” Award Winners**

**K-2**
Hemakshi S Aarav P

**3-6**
Kyan P Devang K

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**2014 TALENT QUEST – YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER**

This year’s Talent Quest will be held this Friday December 5 at 1:30pm in the hall. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

As this event is a Year 6 fundraiser we are requesting that each child bring in a **gold coin donation** on the day of the event.

Good Luck to all our amazing performers.

**Miss Latham and Mrs Rubino**

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**LOST PROPERTY**

**UNLABELLED FOOD AND DRINK CONTAINERS**

We have a few **unlabelled** plastic drink bottles and food containers starting to gather in lost property. If your child has lost something please come to the office and check lost property.

For hygiene reasons, any unlabelled food or drink containers still here at the end of term will be disposed.
REMINDER:

UPCOMING EVENTS –

CANBERRA EXCURSION 2015

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6 – 2015)

22 – 24 June 2015

To secure your child’s place, please complete the permission slip and return it, together with a deposit of $50, by Friday 12 December 2014

SUMMER PSSA REPORTS

Week 7 & 8

CRICKET

Week 7
The Cricket teams played John Palmer Public School. The juniors lost 147-94 and the seniors won 130-47. The players of the match were Amandeep S for the juniors and Shaveen P for the seniors.

Week 8
The Cricket teams played Ironbark Ridge Public School. The juniors won 32-21 and the seniors won 48-43. The players of the match were Jake C for the juniors and Karan K for the seniors.

T-BALL- Juniors/SOFTBALL – Seniors

Week 7
The T-Ball and Softball teams played Kellyville Ridge Public School. The T-Ball team lost 18-8. The player of the match was Sophie J. The Softball team won 10-5. The player of the match was Teghan M.

Week 8
The T-Ball and Softball teams both won on a forfeit.

OZ-TAG

Week 7
The Oz-Tag teams both won on forfeits.

Week 8
The Oz-Tag teams played Rouse Hill Public School. The juniors lost 24-20 and the player of the match was Daniel A. The seniors won on a forfeit.

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LIBRARY NEWS........

BORROWING
As borrowing has now finished for the year it would be appreciated if any overdue library books could be returned as soon as possible, or the payment sent in for the cost of the book's replacement.

Thank you.

Happy Reading.

Ms Quinn, Mrs Dickerson
& Mrs Weinert
Library Teachers

P&C NEWS........

THANK YOU
Another year is over for the P&C and it's been a good year. During the year we achieved many things, including the introduction of Mathletics for all students and the repainting of the playground games. Thank you to all P&C members and volunteers who have helped out with fundraising and attending meetings. We would not be able to achieve the results we do without you.

P&C MEETINGS 2015 – ALTERNATING TIMES
Next year we will be trialling holding some meetings on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm in the hope of enabling more people to participate. Dates for meetings will be listed on the school website and included in newsletters.

If you are not able to attend meetings but would like to have some input please be encouraged to email us at pandc_qheps@hotmail.com or comment on our Facebook page.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is now closed for the year. We will be reopening on Tuesday 27th January and Wednesday 28th January from 9-10am and, after that, resuming our normal operating times of Monday 2:30pm to 3:15pm and Friday 8:30am to 9:15am. Please remember that all orders need to be done online at Flexischools and the shop is only open to enable students to try on clothes for size and pick up orders. Second hand items will be offered for sale at special monthly stalls which will be advertised in the school newsletter.

A special thank you to this year's uniform shop co-ordinators Jo Fickel and Jackie Moretti who have put in a great deal of time and effort into running the shop, and especially to Jo for her work in getting Flexischools up and running.

Gavin Glenn
P&C President

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS - LAST CHANCE

There is still time to bring in an item or two to the collection bin in the foyer of the school office. Please take this opportunity to think of those less fortunate than yourself with a small donation from your family meaning so much to someone else.

Any non-perishable everyday or “Christmassy” food items or other basic items such as bathroom or laundry products will be well received this Christmas.

In partnership with Life Anglican Church, these donated goods will be used to make up Christmas hampers to be provided to families who could do with a helping hand.

All donations will be collected by 3:30pm on Friday 12 December
SPECIAL REQUEST

It would be appreciated if you could take the time over the holiday break to check your children’s school clothing, drink bottles and lunchboxes to make sure they are clearly labelled.

We end up with so much lost property handed in each term which isn’t claimed and cannot be returned because things are not clearly labelled.

For this reason we ask that you label all jackets, jumpers and hats clearly with permanent marker in large lettering on the fabric inside the hat or along the inside collar of clothing, (not just on the small tag which is very hard to read and which can fade or fray over time, or be cut off).

Relabelling lunch boxes and drink bottles regularly is also important – again in permanent marker in large lettering - as these too can become smudged or worn off.

This makes it easy for your child to identify all their belongings and for other parents to easily notice if their child brings home the wrong thing.

Thank you

VACATION CARE
AT QUAKERS HILL EAST

Quakers Hill East Combined OSHC Inc (CCB Approved) will be operating vacation care at their centre in our school grounds

from Monday 12 to Friday 23 January 2015

Hours of Operation
7 am – 6 pm

Cost - $47 per day per child

For bookings or more information please call the centre on 9626 6172

TERM FOUR
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Please note that the last day of school for students for 2014 will be Wednesday 17th December.

Thursday 18th December and Friday 19th December 2014 are School Development Days for staff only.
ADVICE OF STUDENT LEAVERS

This is to advise that my child/children: ..........................................................

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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: _______________

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--- NORWEST BULLS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION ---

**Come and Join the Family Club!**

Home Ground: Alwyn Linfield Reserve, Glenwood
Registration: $50 (U7 & below), $120 (U8 & up), $240 Maximum per Family
Registration Day: Sunday 1st February 2015
Training Starts: Wednesday 25th February 2015 6PM
For More Information:
www.norwest.rugbynet.com.au
Or like us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/norwestbullsjuniorrugby
Christmas Class Party

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 16 December Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be having a Christmas picnic lunch for their end of year class party.

Children need to bring their own party food and drink.

There will be no sharing of food.

The food should be brought to school in a decorated basket. We will discuss in class the ways children could decorate their picnic baskets with tinsel and Christmas decorations. If children don’t have a basket they could decorate a small box or ice-cream container. They may also like to bring a small picnic blanket to sit on with their friends.

The children can wear mufti or Christmas clothes.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and thank you for your support in 2014.

Mrs Hedge
Principal

Mrs Clissold
Assistant Principal
CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS:
REMINDER

Response to this has been a little slow and we have requested that we keep the collection bin in our school office for another week, so there is still time to bring in an item or two. Any non-perishable everyday or “Christmassy” food items, or other basic items such as bathroom or laundry products will be well received this Christmas.

Please take this opportunity to think of those less fortunate than yourself with a small donation from your family meaning so much to someone else.

In partnership with Life Anglican Church, these donated goods will be used to make up Christmas hampers to be provided to families in our local community who could do with a helping hand at what for some is a very difficult time.

If you happen to know of a family who could do with a hamper please let the office know.

The collection box will be in the office until 3:30pm next Friday 12 December.
The P&C Uniform Shop needs your help!

The uniform shop is managed by the P&C and run entirely by volunteers to provide uniforms to school families cheaply and conveniently. The uniform shop provides income of over $10,000 per year to the P&C and all profits from sales are used by the P&C to provide additional resources to the school, things that the school would not otherwise be able to afford, such as Mathletics, iPads, air conditioning for classrooms, the sandpit, playground art, etc.

- Completely run by a small group of volunteers.
- Without volunteers the shop will be forced to close.
- With no shop – higher prices and no income to school, meaning no extra resources for our kids.

The uniform shop needs volunteers for.

- Shop helpers (Monday / Friday). With enough helpers, we could share this around.
- Uniform Co-ordinator for Kindergarten Orientation (Term 4 – 2015)
- 2nd Hand Item stalls (monthly)

The more volunteers we have, the easier it is for all!

If you would like to help support the school and are willing to contribute some of your time either during opening hours or behind the scenes, please let us know by visiting the uniform shop when it is open or by emailing us at pandc_qheps@hotmail.com.

Earlier this year we moved to an online ordering system (Flexischools) and stopped accepting payments in the uniform shop. This was partly due to no longer being able to accept credit cards but also because the management of cash and credit cards had become overwhelming for volunteers.

Parents are still adjusting to this new way of ordering, however, our new ordering system is working well, and we are very happy with the results so far!

The uniform shop is open for the last time this year on Monday 1st December and will reopen next year when school starts.

Orders close at 5 pm the day before the shop is open, and will be processed at the time of shop opening.