QUAKERS WHISPER No. 11
Thursday 10th April 2014

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

DATES TO REMEMBER
APRIL
11th Fri 11:20am – Infants Assembly LED BY 1B
12:15pm – NO Primary Assembly
2:05pm – K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE

STAGE 3 BACK FROM CAMP
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2:
TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2014

ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER
* Term 2 Planner
* Opportunity Class letter – Year 4

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE
TO UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
FOR WEEK 1 TERM 2 ONLY
Monday 28th April – UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED
Friday 2nd April– 8:30am – 9:15am (approx)

IMPORTANT – Please check the newsletter in coming weeks for updates on changes to procedures for ordering and payment for uniform orders.

LUCKY DRAW
Beginning of Term 2
$100 voucher
To be spent at the school uniform shop for families who have paid their Voluntary School Contributions by end of Term 1 2014

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

STAFFING NEWS
A new Principal has been appointed to QHEPS. Ms Michelle Hedge has been successful in gaining the Principal’s position through a recent merit selection process. Ms Hedge is currently the Principal at Wentworth Falls Public School.

A starting date is currently being negotiated by the Directors of Public Schools from the Nirimba and Blue Mountains Networks and is anticipated to be in the second half of Term 2.

I will be continuing in the Relieving Principal’s role in the meantime. Mrs Lynda Talintyre will relieving in the Deputy Principal’s position. Mrs Barbara Partington will be teaching 6T during this time.

I would like to thank Mrs Janelle Clissold for doing an outstanding job in the Deputy’s position for the past 12 months. Mrs Clissold will teach KC from the beginning of Term 2.

HOLIDAYS
I would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable Easter break. I look forward to seeing everyone back ready to work even harder.

HILLS SPORTS HIGH
Parents wishing to apply for enrolment for their children at The Hills Sports High for Year 7 in 2015 as part of their talented sports program must apply by 16 May 2014. Application forms are available on the schools website, http://www.hillssports-high.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/1970021/1976124/TSPApplicationForm.pdf An information evening is being held on Monday 12 May 2014 in the Hills Sports High Hall.

DEBATING SUCCESS
Our debating team performed brilliantly to achieve their second win of the year.

SPORTING SUCCESS
William P has been selected to represent Sydney West at the NSW PSSA State Championships at Macquarie University in May. Well done William.

Our Boys softball team performed outstandingly across the park to defeat St Mary’s PS 15-2 in the second round of the NSW PSSA knock out competition.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle. Over $2700 was raised and will be used to purchase classroom and student resources.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP
Students in K-2 had a visit from The Responsible Pet Education Program to learn about the importance of being a responsible pet owner.

Colin Ross
Relieving Principal

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Week 10 Term 1 Award Winners

KC Cloris, Ashmit
KJ Amalia, Jarron
KP Maddie, Rayan
KR Nathan, Sophie
KT Lincoln, Jayden
1AR Shayaan, Havin
1B Aneet, Alvin
1D Ali, Amber
1M Phoebe, Walid
1/2A Sunya, Thomas
2B Jessica, Lochie
2C Jaih, Luke
2K Ava, Justin
2S Simarjit, Katie
3B Bella, Glen
3C Gurnoor, Nicholas
3R Ben, Shah
4B Alena, Robin
4J Yuvraj, Megha
4L Montana, Dylan
5S Mitchell, Safwan
5T Connor, Devanshi
5W Annika, Juliet
6G Thomas, Shreya
6T Milan, Shaveen
6W Devang, Olivia
Week 10 Citizens of the Week

K-2 Tristan P
3-6 Jack G

Week 10 “Be Your Best” Award Winners

K-2 Destiny R
3-6 Zinar A

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all the families who donated something and purchased tickets towards our Easter Raffle.

We raised **$2738.05** for the purchase of classroom and student resources. The major prize winners were as follows:

1st Pereira family
Sellers Prize – Siobhan
2nd Raniesh J
3rd Max W
4th Nicole S
5th Kaela A
6th Katie S
7th Ann M
8th Isabella D
9th Ravinder K
10th Isaac N
11th Katie S
12th Jessica F
13th Kirk S

A further **145** consolation prizes were also distributed as a result of the tremendous support that we received.

Thank you for supporting our school

Fiona Bennetts & Lynne Smith

SUMMER PSSA REPORT

Week 10

PSSA was cancelled last Friday due to wet weather.

SOFTBALL KNOCKOUT

The boys’ softball team played St Mary’s Public School in a knockout competition on Monday 7th April. Quakers Hill East won 15-2. The player of the match was Jack G.

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
UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY

We have a few unlabeled plastic drink bottles and food containers which have been in the “Lost Property Box” at the office for some weeks.

If you think one of these may belong to your child, please come and check.

For hygiene reasons, any of these items which have not been claimed by the beginning of Term 2 will be disposed.

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

P&C MEETING

Our first P&C meeting for Term 2 will be Tuesday 20th May (Week 4).

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

Another date you may also like to add to the calendar is our traditional Mothers’ Day stall on Tuesday 6th May. The stall is designed as a fundraising initiative and will run during class time between morning bell and recess.

Each student will have the opportunity to purchase an individual gift with their class (for $5). A note will be sent home in the first week back with more information.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the stall on that day (approximately between 9-11am) and would love to see P&C members as well as non P&C members come along to help. This is such an easy (and small way) of not only helping out the school, but getting to know other parents. Dads are also welcome to help. If you can help in anyway please email: quakershilleastpc@outlook.com

Usha Vishram
On Behalf of your P&C

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 over the school holiday period.

Hours of Operation
7am – 6pm

The cost is $45 per child per day which includes activities on the day and afternoon tea.

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

MindQuest 2014

Glenwood High School
Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave
Glenwood 2768

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June 2014
9:30am – 3:30pm

On Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June the 72nd MindQuest program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Year 1-6 at Glenwood High School. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $175 (including GST)

Contact Quakers Hill East school office for a brochure or call Shelagh (02) 4232 2494 for more information.
Closing Date: Friday 16 May
Dear Parent/Carer,

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 23rd July 2014.

If you would like your child to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015, you need to do so soon. Applications will open on Monday 28th April 2014 and will close on Friday 16th May 2014.

You will need to apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 28th April 2014 at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by 16th May 2014.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Jones
Assistant Principal

for

Mr C. Ross
Principal (Rel)

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to Mrs Jones by 30th April.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2015

Student’s name: ____________________________ Class: ____________________________

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2015 Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes:
I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR
I do not have internet access and would like to receive a printed application form ☐

Signature of parent/carer: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Note: This is an expression of interest only, NOT an application. You will need to submit either an online or a paper application to be considered for placement.

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