QUAKERS WHISPER No. 10
Thursday 3rd April 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

4th Fri 11:20am – Infants Assembly
       LED BY 1M
12:15pm – Primary Assembly
       LED BY 4J

SUMMER PSSA

9th Wed STAGE 3 - MILSON ISLAND CAMP

K-2 - RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP TALK

10th Thur STAGE 3 AT CAMP

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

EASTER RAFFLE

If you haven’t done so already, don’t forget to bring in your donation for our Easter Raffle as soon as possible.

For hygiene reasons we can only accept those which come wrapped in plastic, foil or in boxes.

– 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 10 major prizes and over 140 consolation prizes.

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 8th April.

All money and raffle tickets (both sold & unsold) need to be returned by Monday 7th April.

Thank you for supporting our school Lynne Smith & Fiona Bennetts

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Staffing News
Mr David England has been successful in gaining an Assistant Principal’s position at Riverstone Public School. He will be missed at QHEPS but we wish him all the very best for the future.

Rising Generations
Last week Year 6 participated in Peer Support training and the Rising Generations program to support their leadership roles in the school. The students participated enthusiastically and productively and learnt about getting on with other people. Thank you to Mrs Lynda Talintyre for organising these excellent activities.

Annual School Report
Our 2013 Annual School Report has been posted to the school website. If you would like a hard copy please contact the school office.

Thank you
A big thank you to Mr Andrew Marshall for his assistance with the ground works around our new demountable. The students of 1B are greatly appreciative.

Colin Ross
Relieving Principal

Week 9 Term 1 Award Winners

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Week 9 Citizens of the Week

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Week 9 “Be Your Best” Award Winners

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SUMMER PSSA REPORT

Week 9

PSSA was cancelled last week due to wet weather.
REMINDER:
2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

If you would like your child in Years 3-6 to participate in any of these competitions, please complete the form on the envelope (available from the school office), enclose your payment and return it to the office by Wednesday 9 April 2014.

Entries will not be accepted after this date.

Mrs Clissold
Coordinator

UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY

We have a few unlabelled 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.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

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

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
FREE Parent Workshop

UNDERSTANDING BULLYING

Learning Links is running a **free** parent workshop on bullying at Blacktown North Public School. Workshop is suitable for parents and carers of children in primary school who reside in the Blacktown LGA. This workshop has been funded by Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL Club.

**Understanding Bullying**

Bullying in Australian schools is a huge concern for teachers, parents and students.

This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented. With appropriate support and intervention, the impact of bullying can be lessened and children can feel safe at school.

**FREE WORKSHOP** for parents and carers

**Date:** Tuesday 6th May, 2014  
**Time:** 11:30am - 2:30pm  
**Location:** Blacktown North Public School  
1 Bessemer Street,  
Blacktown NSW 2148

**Booking:**  
or (02) 8568 8200

* This workshop is proudly supported by Seven Hills-Toongabbie RSL Club.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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<td>Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)</td>
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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:
- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
Thursday, April 3, 2014

STAGE 3 CAMP TO MILSON ISLAND

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Only six more sleeps! Just a reminder that students are required to be at school by 7.40am on Wednesday, April 9 as we are boarding the bus at 8am. We will return to school on Friday, April 11 by 3.00pm.

As this camp is mainly outdoors, a hat and sunscreen are essential. The camp has a sun protection policy that alters programs to minimise sun exposure during the hottest part of the day. All students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities.

DO NOT BRING:

- Singlet, sleeveless or midriff tops
- Mobile phones
- Lollies or chewing gum
- Aerosols
- Radios, computer games etc.
- Watches and jewellery
- Hair dryers or straighteners
- Anything valuable

LUGGAGE

Please remember to pack everything into one, clearly labelled bag that can be carried by your child.

A small bag containing a light recess for the first day should be packed separately and carried onto the bus. Any food/drink not finished at recess on the first day will be taken from the student so please only pack a ‘normal’ amount.

Medication and souvenir money should be packed and clearly labelled. It will collected at the camp, by the teachers, once the students have been allocated to their rooms. Ventolin may be carried by the child if necessary but also needs to be labelled with the child’s name.

This week we have reinforced the importance of following our school rules both at school and when on an excursion. Please discuss this with your child and reinforce the message that behaviour which causes distress for any other person on Milson Island will result in them being excluded from some activities or, in repeated or severe cases, being sent home.

In case of emergency, students can be contacted on 9985 9261 from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Thanking you,

T. Talintyre
(Camp Coordinator)

C. Ross
(Relieving Principal)