QUAKERS WHISPER No. 14
Thursday 15th May, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY
16th Fri  11:20am – Infants Assembly
          LED BY KP
12:15pm – Primary Assembly
          LED BY 3R

PEER SUPPORT

WINTER PSSA BEGINS

19th Mon Year 6 – Quakers Hill High
             Taster Day

20th Tues ICAS Computer Skills
           Cyber Safety - Stage 3

7:30pm – P&C MEETING

21st Wed GRANDPARENTS’ DAY and
          ART SHOW

22nd Thur Maths Olympiad

23rd Fri  11:20am – Infants Assembly
          LED BY KR
12:15pm – Primary Assembly
          LED BY 5T

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

NO WINTER PSSA

NO PEER SUPPORT

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2014

12:40 Classroom Visits
Grandparents invited to visit classrooms

1:10 Picnic Lunch
Enjoy a picnic lunch with your
grandchild/grandchildren

1:10-2:00 Art Show
Everyone invited to view the students’
artwork in the school hall
(gold coin donation for entry)

UNIFORM SHOP
SECOND HAND STALL

Monday 19 May
2:45pm – 3:15pm approx.
in bottom COLA

Most items - $2
except bomber jackets - $4

Come and see what items we have
in a range of sizes 4-16

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”

ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER

* AFL Auskick Program Expression of
   Interest note
* Walk Safely to School Day note
* Stewart House Rag Bags
Dear Parents/Caregivers

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)
Students in Years 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN assessment tasks this week. Student reports will be distributed to parents later in the year once they are received by the school.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY AND ART SHOW
Next Wednesday afternoon we will be holding our Grandparents’ Day and Art Show. This is always a highly enjoyable event for all. Details and times are included in this newsletter.

UNIFORM SHOP
We are very fortunate to have volunteers to run our uniform shop. This provides a number of benefits for the school including a consistent and well respected uniform and competitive prices. Any profits are directed back into the children’s education through the P&C.

Recently the shop has been very busy and the volunteers have been the subject of criticism from customers (other parents). I would ask that all customers of the uniform shop please be patient and respectful of our volunteers.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS DRAW
At last week’s primary assembly, I conducted the draw for the Voluntary School Contributions. The $100 uniform shop voucher was won by the Boatfield family and the two family passes to the Museum of Fire were won by the Stephan and Ridge families.

STEWART HOUSE MUFTI AND RAG BAGS
Our Stewart House mufti day last week raised $810.10. Well done everyone.

Stewart House rag bags are being sent home with today’s newsletter. All bags, full or empty, must be returned to school by Wednesday June 18. Bags may be left outside the front office.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS APPLICATIONS
A reminder for parents wishing to apply for Opportunity Class (OC) placement for Year 5 in 2015, applications close tomorrow.

Applications may be completed online at: https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration/

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Colin Ross
Relieving Principal

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PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

are reminded that we cannot guarantee that allergens are not on our site and children with allergies need to be vigilant about not sharing food and avoiding contact with the food of others.
**Week 2 Term 2 Award Winners**

KC  Ella, Aaliyah  
KJ  Arshman, Malata  
KP  Kasun, Shaunak  
KR  Natalia, Niko  
KT  Blake, Natalie  
1AR  Sameeha, Julia  
1B  Izabelle, James  
1D  Jayda, Ersalan  
1M  Lucas, Krystal  
1/2A  Kelly, Aaron  
2B  Charline, Luke  
2C  Joanna, Seth  
2K  Zane, Sahibjot  
2S  Mankeerat, Ashmeet  
3B  Damanjot, Amelia  
3C  Jasmeen, Angad  
3R  Saarvi, Ryan  
4B  Devina, Jeremy  
4J  Amy, Riley  
4L  Inderbir, Sarah  
5S  Connor, Marcus  
5T  Danielle, Jessica  
5W  Phillip, Jessica  
6G  Luc, Lauren  
6T  Nicole, Blake  
6W  Enrike, Manroz

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**Week 2 Citizens of the Week**

K-2  Yenuli D  
3-6  Hayley S

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**Week 2 “Be Your Best” Award Winners**

K-2  Amber M  
3-6  Amelia M

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**PEER SUPPORT**

There are many qualities that we enjoy in a good friend. In Peer Support this week the children will look at some of these qualities and discuss why they are important and how we can practice them and put them into action.

Take some time to ask your children if they learned some qualities of a good friend and encourage them to put these qualities into practice both at home and at school.

**Mrs Julie-Anne Gauci**  
Peer Support Coordinator

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**REMINDERS:**

**NAIDOC PACK**

If you would like to purchase the NAIDOC pack (which includes a respect band, pencil, ruler, pencil sharpener, glue stick and eraser) please return the note and $2.50 payment to the office no later than Monday May 19

Please note: As these have to be pre-ordered, no late orders can be accepted.

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**MYFRIENDS DOT COM**

cyber-safety performance – Stage 3

**Tuesday May 20**

Cost: $5.50

All permission notes and payments are due in to the school office by Monday May 19

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**ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

All permission notes and payments are due by Monday May 19
**STEWART HOUSE NEWS.......**

**DONATION THANK YOU**
Thank you to everyone who was kind enough to donate to this very worthwhile cause.

All donations have been finalised and a cheque for the total of **$810.10** raised, together with returned envelopes have been forwarded to Stewart House in time to be entered into the draw for a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Thanks again for your support.

**USED CLOTHING APPEAL**
Stewart House rag bags are being sent home today with this newsletter. Please take the opportunity to go through your drawers and wardrobes and fill your bag with any clean rags or used clothing that you no longer need.

Unfortunately we were not supplied with enough bags so if you do not receive a bag or if you have more to donate than will fit in your bag, any clean plastic bag is fine to use.

**All bags must be returned to school by Wednesday 18th June.**

Many thanks for your support.

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

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - REMINDER**
An Entertainment Book was sent home to every family last week.

You have the choice of digital membership or the book, both are $65 each. Please support this fundraiser to buy a class set of iPads for the school.

**Books or payments are due back by Thursday 29th May.** Books should be returned to your child’s teacher and payments should be dropped into the office.

If you would like to order the digital app, the link for ordering this and other books is on the QHEPS P&C Community Facebook page.

If you have any questions, please email alicebullivant@gmail.com

Alice Bullivant
On behalf of your P&C

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**NUTRITION HINTS**

**TRY THESE LUNCHBOX SNACKS**

* Salad – carrots, lettuce, cucumber, tomato
* Homemade popcorn
* Celery sticks with cream cheese
* Corn or rice cakes with Vegemite
* Crackers with low fat cheese
* Fruit in low fat yoghurt
* Pikelets or scones – try using wholemeal flour

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**REMEMBER:**

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**NEW MONEY COLLECTION PROCEDURES**

Students are now required to deliver their money envelopes **directly to the school office** on arrival at school, after 8:30am.

Please remind your child/children that they should bring any payments straight to the office as soon as they arrive at school, even before they place their bags in their lines.
Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

During Term 3, we will be offering the NAB AFL Auskick program to Stage 2 students in place of their regular sports activities. We are now seeking expressions of interest to gauge numbers in booking and coordinating the activity.

The NAB AFL Auskick program is an introduction to the game of Australian Football. It is based on a weekly coaching program which focuses on teaching the skills of AFL through appropriately modified activities and rules. Sessions will be led by coaches from Sydney West AFL with additional support and supervision from some of our Stage 2 teachers.

The program will run in the first 6 weeks of Term 3 within the regular Stage 2 sports timeslot. Each session will run for approximately 1 hour. This program will be in place of our regular modified sports activities conducted while the PSSA teams are away competing. Students participating in Winter PSSA won't be eligible to participate in the NAB AFL Auskick program.

The cost of the program will be $27.50 per student. Along with coaching provided in the six week program, students will also receive a NAB AFL Auskick pack containing a synthetic football, pack of AFL footy cards, AFL activity book and NAB AFL Auskick Kick Back book which includes discount vouchers. Our school will also benefit from links to community clubs.

While those who were involved in the AFL Auskick program in past years found it an enjoyable experience, participation in this program is optional. Those students who choose not to take up the offer of the AFL Auskick program will remain in their existing sports groups and continue to participate in a range of modified sports under the instruction of our Stage 2 teachers on Fridays.

If you would be interested in having your child participate in the NAB AFL Auskick program in Term 3, please complete the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher by Friday, May 30, 2014. In Week 6, permission notes will be sent home to parents who have returned an expression of interest.

Thanking you,

Mrs J. Curkovic
(Auskick Coordinator)

Mr Colin Ross
(Relieving Principal)

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Dear Mrs Curkovic,

My child __________________________________________ of class __________ is interested in participating in the NAB AFL Auskick Program in Term 3 at a cost of $27.50. I understand that this program will be offered in place of the regular Stage 2 sports activities; conducted at the same time (while PSSA teams are competing) on Friday mornings. I am aware that I will need to complete a separate permission slip at the end of this term when money for the program is being collected.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________________

* Please do not attach money with this expression of interest. Payment will be collected at a later date.
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment.

It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 23 May 2014.

The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of public transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

We hope that you will be able to support this day.

Lynda Talintyre