QUAKERS WHISPER No. 12
Thursday 1st May 2014

Department of Education & Training
SECURITY Phone No. 1300 880 021

DATES TO REMEMBER
MAY
2nd Fri 11:20am – Infants Assembly
        LED BY KC

        12:15pm – Primary Assembly
        LED BY 4B

        PEER SUPPORT

6th Tues MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

7th Wed CROSS COUNTRY

8th Thurs STEWART HOUSE MUFTI DAY

9th Fri 11:20am – Infants Assembly
        LED BY KJ

        12:15pm – Primary Assembly
        LED BY 5W

        PEER SUPPORT

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
P&C Mothers’ Day Stall
Tuesday May 6

All gifts $5

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.

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
Dear Parents/Caregivers

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to Term 2. I am sure all students and staff have had an enjoyable and restful Easter break and are ready for a busy term of learning.

Staff spent a valuable day on Monday learning about ‘Mathletics’ an online maths learning space that may be available soon to all students. We also had productive sessions on supporting students with chronic illnesses, quality reading programs and maintaining class pages on our school website.

ANZAC SERVICE
On Tuesday we held our ANZAC service to pay our respect to members of Australia’s defence forces both past and present. We were very privileged to have Lieutenant Brendan Van Eck from the 6th Aviation Regiment and Lieutenant Michael Cannington from the School of Engineering to address the students during the ceremony and speak to them afterwards.

CONGRATULATIONS
Yesterday, Samantha S, Elise G, Riley W, Jack G, Clayton C, Mitchell T and Oliver B competed as part of the Ridges softball team. The girls played well, winning one out of the four games. The boys won three of their games and finished third overall. Congratulations to Clayton and Riley who have now been selected to play in the Sydney West Softball Team at the state carnival.

Congratulations to William P who has successfully gained a place in the Sydney West AFL and Rugby League teams.

Congratulations also to Britney B who was selected to be one of the Parramatta Eel’s Junior Sweet P’s Cheer Squad.

Madelyne L recently auditioned with a scouting agency and has been selected to travel to Los Angeles to meet with casting directors and agents. Congratulations Madelyne.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Don’t forget our Mother’s Day stall next Tuesday 6 May. Each class will have a chance to visit the stall. Gifts are $5 each.

CROSS COUNTRY
Our 3-6 cross country carnival will be held next Wednesday in the school grounds. Parents and families are more than welcome to attend as spectators. The carnival will commence at 9:00am and conclude by recess.

 STEWART HOUSE MUFTI
Next Thursday 8 May the SRC will be holding a Stewart House mufti day. The theme for the day will be “Your favourite sporting team”. Please place your gold coin donation in the Stewart House envelope and return it on the day to take part.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL
On Tuesday, parking enforcement officers were patrolling the parking zones around the school. I believe a number of infringement notices will be issued. Additionally, late last term a number of photos were forwarded to the police and the school of cars parked in illegal and dangerous positions near the school while dropping children off.

It is imperative that parents park their cars legally and safely around the school to ensure the safety of young children rather than endanger them for the sake of convenience.

Colin Ross
Relieving Principal
Week 11 Term 1 Award Winners

KC  Nimar, Scott
KJ  Prisha, Francis
KP  Charlotte, Siddharth
KR  Caitlyn, Pranav
KT  Rhyan, Landon
1AR  Braellan, Joel
1B  William, Joshua
1M  Ishmeet, Sahibjit
1/2A  Dean, Jovan
2B  Joshua, Kaylah
2C  Rasleen, Matthew
2K  Keellan, Aayush
2S  Kunal, Elia

Week 11 Citizens of the Week

K-2  Carmen B

Week 11 “Be Your Best” Award Winners

K-2  Ranbir D

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PEER SUPPORT

We will start our Peer Support sessions this week with the whole school working in their Peer Support groups.

Session 1 is about getting to know everyone, setting rules for working well together and beginning to look at friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help them at both home and at school.

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STEWART HOUSE NEWS……..

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the children’s stay are met from charitable donations.

Stewart House needs support to ensure we can continue to provide important services to children.

STEWART HOUSE FUNDRAISER - FAVOURITE SPORTING TEAM MUFTI DAY - 8 MAY

Coming home with the newsletter today is a donation envelope for Stewart House. Next Thursday 8 May the SRC will be holding a Stewart House mufti day. The theme for the day will be “Your Favourite Sporting Team”. If you would like your child to take part in the

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LOST PROPERTY

JUMPERS & JACKETS

At this time of year when the weather is cooler in the morning and warms up later, children tend to take off their jumpers and jackets during the day and leave them in the playground or their classrooms.

Over time labels can become worn and faded. Please check that your children’s clothing is clearly labelled - preferably in large lettering along the inside of the collar. If found and handed in at the office it can then be easily identified and returned as soon as possible.

Thank you

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mufti day and at the same time be donating to this very worthwhile cause, please clearly fill out your details on the back of the envelope, enclose your $2 and return it on the day. These will be sent off to Stewart House and all donors will be entered into a draw for a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

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NUTRITION HINTS:
FUSSY EATERS –

If your child is a fussy eater don’t despair! Often this is just a passing phase.

Try some of these ideas:

* Allow your child to choose from a healthy selection of foods for breakfast.

* Involve your child in the preparation of their lunchbox and after school snack.

* Provide a wide range of foods and allow your child to choose and serve themselves.

* Serve dinner earlier if your child is tired.

* Provide a calm and relaxed environment and try to eat together.

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY
Astronomy Night – Saturday 10 May (7pm – 9pm)

MUMS & KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHT –
WOMEN IN ASTRONOMY AND ASTROBIOLOGY

Dr Carol Oliver, Associate Director of the Australian Centre for Astrobiology (ACA) at the University of New South Wales, is guest speaker for this special night. She is currently leading two major education and research projects – The Mars Lab and the Smart Science Initiative. This night not only includes Dr Oliver’s talk but also a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University’s computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

Bookings are essential: Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On

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