QUAKERS WHISPER No. 13
Thursday 8th May 2014

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

12:15pm – Primary Assembly
       LED BY 5W

** Primary Assembly includes presentation of Cross Country Carnival ribbons

PEER SUPPORT

NAPLAN 13th – 15th MAY

16th Fri 11:20am – Infants Assembly
       LED BY KP

12:15pm – Primary Assembly
       LED BY 3R

PEER SUPPORT

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.

Principal’s Message ..... 

MOTHERS’ DAY

Happy Mothers’ Day for this Sunday to all our mums, I hope you have a great day.

A huge thank you to our P&C and all the volunteers who ran our Mothers’ Day stall.

PEER SUPPORT

Peer Support started last Friday. The student led sessions focus on positive peer interaction. All the leaders and participants did an outstanding job last week working with students from other grades. Well done!

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CROSS COUNTRY
Our 3-6 cross country carnival was held on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Talintyre, Mrs Gauci, Mrs Scott, Mr Thompson and all the other teachers for organising this successful event. The students participated and performed excellently.

STEWART HOUSE MUFTI
Thank you to everyone who supported the footy colours mufti day.

NAPLAN TESTS
Next week the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be held for students in Years 3 and 5.

Colin Ross
Relieving Principal

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Week 1 Citizens of the Week
K-2 Charlie T
3-6 Jahnnavi N

Week 1 “Be Your Best” Award Winners
K-2 Tisha K
3-6 Sarah D

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PEER SUPPORT
This week in Peer Support the children will be reminded that we can never have too many friends and that it’s important to take care of the friends we have. The children will also look at what good friends do, how friendships vary and how to solve problems that arise in our friendships from time to time.

It would be worthwhile to take some time to talk to your children about what they have learned and how to put it into practice each day.

Mrs Julie-Anne Gauci
Peer Support Coordinator

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HAVE YOU TAKEN A LOOK AT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE LATELY?

Our school’s website at:  
has been updated recently. Take a look at our ‘School Years’ pages to learn more about what’s been happening in our classrooms.

While you’re there, explore the many other great features of our website such as our photo gallery, feature articles, information on our P&C, curriculum and activities, our Annual School Report and much more.

Ms Peita Rothery
AP/School Website Coordinator

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CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Yesterday, 410 competitors from Years 2 – 6 took part in our Cross Country Carnival. The weather was spectacular and the students were able to participate in ideal conditions.

The final results were:

1. Pearce 390
2. Pye 379
3. Harvey 265
4. Douglas 258

This year we are again able to send 8 runners from each age group to the zone carnival which will be held at Paterson’s Reserve, Torbert Avenue, Quakers Hill on Friday, May 23, 2014.

At tomorrow’s Primary Assembly, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place-getters in each of the races will be presented with their ribbons. Parents are welcome to attend.

Lynda Talintyre
Carnival Coordinator

LIBRARY RETURNS BOX
We are putting a returns box out the front of the library in the mornings before 9am for students to place their library books. This is to allow library lessons to proceed more quickly. Students should do this on the SAME day as their library day.

Happy Reading.

Ms Quinn, Mrs Weinert & Mrs Dickerson

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment Books will be coming home tomorrow, just in time for Mother’s Day! This year, they will only be coming home with the youngest child. You have the choice of digital membership or the book, both are $65. Please support this fundraiser to buy a class set of iPads for the school.

Books or payments will be due back at the school in a couple of weeks. If you have any questions, please email alicebullivant@gmail.com

Alice Bullivant
On behalf of your P&C

LIBRARY NEWS.........

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders are due back tomorrow Friday 9 May. Please hand money and orders into the office, NOT to the classroom teacher.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
At QHEPS, we do the Premier’s Reading Challenge a little bit differently to other schools. We believe it is more important that the children are reading books rather than only certain books. Therefore, students are free to choose ANY books they like! All parents need to do is record the name and author and sign that their child has read the book. There is no need to register on the PRC website or do any information online.

Infants students are to read 30 books and Years 3-6 are to read 20 books.

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. A collection of unlabelled jackets and jumpers is starting to build up in lost property.

Please check that your children’s clothing is clearly labelled so that things can be returned to them as soon as possible.

Thank you
NUTRITION HINTS:

HAVE A SECOND THINK ABOUT COLA DRINKS

* Cola drinks have a high sugar content which can lead to dental decay and increased weight in your child.

* They also contain caffeine which can be addictive and may make your child dehydrated.

Instead, choose water, 100% juice diluted 50:50, low fat milk, non caffeine soft drinks or low joule cordials.

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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

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2013-2014

Family Energy Rebate

$125* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

APPLY ONLINE NOW!

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM

* eligibility criteria apply

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE: Service NSW 13 77 89
EMAIL: fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
8 May 2014

Dear Parents

On Tuesday 20 May Stage 3 students will have the opportunity to attend a performance exploring the world of cyber-bullying and the importance of cyber-safety. The production MyFriends Dot Com will be presented in our school hall by Perform! Educational Musicals. It brings into focus vital issues to alert young people of the dangers and consequences of not taking the cyber world seriously.

The cost per student is $5.50.

Please complete the permission slip below and return it with $5.50 to the school office by Monday 19 May 2014.

Mrs Janelle Clissold
Assistant Principal

Mr Colin Ross
Principal (Relieving)

MyFriends Dot Com

Name ____________________________ Class __________

I give permission for my child to attend the MyFriends Dot Com performance on Tuesday 20 May 2014. I have enclosed $5.50.

Signed ____________________________ Date __________
Once again, we are offering students in Stages 2 and 3 the opportunity to participate in this year's Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. This optional program aims to heighten awareness of multicultural issues among NSW primary school students while developing their interest in public speaking and improving their confidence and speech-writing skills.

Two students from Stage 2 (Years 3&4) and two students from Stage 3 (Years 5&6) will be selected to represent our school at the Local Final. The winners will proceed to the Regional Final and perhaps even the State Final.

Students who wish to participate should prepare their speeches at home with the assistance of their parents or caregivers.
- Students should prepare a speech on one of the topics below.
- Stage 2 speeches should be **three** minutes long.
- Stage 3 speeches should be **four** minutes long.
- Speeches must have multicultural content.
- Speeches should be handed in to class teachers by **Friday 16th May**.

The adjudicators will make their decision based on the manner, matter and method the contestants employ in presenting their speeches. They will expect contestants to be confident and engaging speakers. Speeches need to show an understanding of multiculturalism, and be well developed and interesting. Contestants are also expected to demonstrate a balance of personal opinion and information in their speeches, as well as a balance of humour and sincerity.

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Mrs Lynne Smith
MPPSC Coordinator

Mr Colin Ross
Relieving Principal
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of our NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Celebrations your child may purchase a NAIDOC Pack for $2.50.

The pack includes a Respect band, pencil, ruler, pencil sharpener, glue stick and eraser.

If you would like to purchase the NAIDOC Pack they must be pre-ordered. The note below must be returned to the school office with full payment no later than Monday May 19th.

Thanking you,

Mrs Lynne Smith
NAIDOC Week Co-Ordinator

Mr Colin Ross
Relieving Principal

Name: ___________________ Class: ___________________

Number Required

NAIDOC Pack _______________

Total Amount Enclosed: ___________________

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HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On Monday, May 19, 2014, Quakers Hill High School is inviting ALL Year 6 students from Quakers Hill East PS, as well as a number of Year 6 students from other local schools, to visit their school for the day. This date is their school athletics carnival so the rest of the school will be off site, leaving their school facilities completely at the disposal of the Year 6 students. There will be high school staff on site to facilitate the lessons for the day. This is a great opportunity for the students to experience a day at high school before they commence high school in 2015.

This program is for all Year 6 students, even those who will not be going to Quakers Hill High School in 2015. It provides the chance for your child to begin to understand and feel comfortable in the high school setting while participating in lessons that they do not study at primary school.

Parents are required to drop off their children at Quakers Hill HS by 8.45am on Monday, May 19. During the day, students will be divided into 10 groups and rotate through a number of different lessons including: History, Science, Art, Dance, TAS, Music, Drama and English. All students will participate in six different lessons. Parents will need to collect students from QHHS at 2.30pm that afternoon.

Students must wear full school uniform, including enclosed black leather shoes. If correct footwear is not worn, students will be unable to participate in Science and TAS lessons. Although the canteen will be open, students should bring their recess and lunch.

Please note that there will be no Year 6 classes taught at Quakers Hill East PS on this day. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Thanking you,

Lynda Talintyre
(Stage 3 Team Leader)

Colin Ross
(Relieving Principal)

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Dear Mrs Talintyre,

I give permission for my child __________________ in class ___________ to attend Quakers Hill High School on May 19, 2014.

I understand that I need to organise travel arrangements to and from the high school on this day.

☐ My child does not have any medical conditions.

☐ My child has a medical condition.

Details:
__________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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