QUAKERS WHISPER No. 22
Thursday 24 July, 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 25 Fri | 11:20am – Infants Assembly  
LED BY 2K |
| | 12:15pm – Primary Assembly  
LED BY 4J |

WINTER PSSA

EDUCATION WEEK
28 July – 1 August 2014

| 28 Mon | NO Tri Skills Gymnastics  
OPEN DAY |
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| | BOOK CHARACTER PARADE  
9-11am - Quakers Hill High School Visit |
| 29 Tues | Tri-Skills – 2B, 2C, 2K, 2S, 3C, 5W, 6G and 6W  
ICAS English Competition |
| | 11:30am – Stage 1 and Primary Dance Groups Performance  
- Westpoint Shopping Centre |
| | Stage 3 Enrichment Day |
| 30 Wed | Longneck Leadership Day |
| 31 Thur | K-2 Author Visit |

AUGUST
1 Fri | 11:20am – Infants Assembly  
LED BY 1/2A |
| | 12:15pm – Primary Assembly  
LED BY 5W |

WINTER PSSA

ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER

* Mathletics note

* Tri-Skills Gymnastics Amendment note – 1AR, 1B, 1D, 1M, 3B, 3R, 5S, 5T and 6T

EDUCATION WEEK 2014
at Quakers Hill East PS

Everyone is invited

Monday July 28

11:30am – 12:00pm  
Open Classrooms

Come and visit your child in their classroom and give them a chance to show off their work.

12:00pm - 1:00pm  
Book Character Parade

Children dress up as their favourite book character and parade around.

1:00pm - 2:00pm  
BYO picnic lunch

Bring a picnic blanket and picnic lunch to share with your children on our oval.

* Please note – if your child is going home with someone other than their parent, a note is required stating this and giving your permission.

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

EDUCATION WEEK
On Monday 28 July we will be holding our Open Day to celebrate Education Week. We will begin the day with open classrooms at 11:30am and then we will move outside for a book character parade. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. Each child will have the opportunity to parade around the COLA area in their costumes from 12 midday. Everyone is then invited to join us for a picnic lunch. We are looking forward to seeing many families here on this special day in the school calendar.

STAFF UPDATE
Miss Latham will be taking leave from 31 July until 15 August and Mrs Tadros will be teaching 4L during this time. Mrs Inns will also be commencing maternity leave from 4 August and Mrs Brogden will be taking the class full-time.

TRI-SKILLS GYMNASTICS PROGRAM
The Tri-skills program commenced this week with the allocated classes beginning their gymnastics lessons. The students were actively engaged with the instructors and in using the various pieces of equipment. It's not too late for you to pay for this wonderful program and have the opportunity for your children to be taught by expert gymnasts!

AUTHOR VISITS
As part of our English focus we have two authors visiting QHEPS this term. Lisa Shanahan, an award winning author of picture books and novels, will be visiting to speak to all K-2 students on Thursday 31 July. The 3-6 students will enjoy a presentation from Deborah Abela, who is also an award winning author and is currently a Premier’s Reading Challenge ambassador, on Thursday 14 August. Notes were sent home last week and need to be returned with the permission note and $3 payment. We hope that all students will participate in this valuable learning opportunity!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
QHEPS annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 4 August at the Blacktown International Sports Park. The day involves all students in Years 3-6 and any children in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year. The permission notes with all of the details went home last week. Don't forget to return your permission notes and money! We are looking forward to a very successful day! If your child is to be taken home by someone other than their parent, a note is required stating this and giving your permission.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015
Enrolment forms are now available for children starting Kindergarten in 2015. Please come in and pick up an enrolment form from the office at your earliest convenience.

GOOD LUCK TO...
• Our dance groups, Stage 1 and Primary, who are performing at Westpoint Blacktown on Tuesday as part of Education Week celebrations.
• Our Senior Boys Knockout Softball team who are playing Mt Annan Public School on Tuesday.

Michele Hedge
Principal

Week 1 Term 3 Award Winners

KC  Nimar, Scott
KJ  Jasmine, Isabella
KP  Aayan, Miranda
KR  Hunter, Niko
KT  Elizabeth, Neha
1AR  Tara, Ramia
1B  Analiese, Baylie
1D  Aarav, Anshu
1M  Krish, Lucas
1/2A  Ryder, Alyssia
2B  Sanika, Jordi
2C  Jaih, Manraj
2K  Keellan, Aidan
2S  Shaiyaan, Sarita
3B  Christina, Ethan
3C  Preethi, Declan
3R  Cameron, Shahir
4B  Richard, Devina
4J  Priya, Alexander
4L  Toby, Rachelle
5S  Lachlan, Luke
5T  Jake, Anthony
5W  Oliver, Jasmine
6G  Aiden, Mahdi
6T  Faith, Milan
6W  Shaunik, Shagan
Week 1 Citizens of the Week
K-2 Ali M
3-6 Enrike W

Week 1 “Be Your Best” Award Winners
K-2 Isa S
3-6 Ryan G

2014 COMPUTER SKILLS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Congratulations to the following students for their performance in the ICAS Computer Skills Competition.

Merit Awards
Year 3: Gurnoor S
Year 6: Tehan J, Milan S, Pratham M

Credit Awards
Year 4: Brock S
Year 5: Dylan C

Distinction Awards
Year 3: Daniel H, Calvin K
Year 5: Rachel L

High Distinction
Special mention goes to Abrar S in Year 5 who achieved in the top 1% of participants and received a High Distinction.

WINTER PSSA REPORT
Week 1

SOCCER - BOYS
Last week the boys’ soccer teams played Riverstone Public School. The juniors won 3-1 and the seniors won 8-0. The players of the match were Richard P for the juniors and Clayton C for the seniors.

SOCCER – GIRLS
The girls’ soccer teams played John Palmer Public School. The juniors lost 2-0 and the seniors lost 3-0. The players of the match were Priya P for the juniors and Aimee V for the seniors.

NETBALL
The netball teams played Schofields Public School. The juniors lost 9-1 and the seniors lost 12-2. The players of the match were Isabel N for the juniors and Mackenzie N for the seniors.

LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is in full swing and will soon be coming to an end. Please complete your forms as soon as possible if you wish to participate in this year’s challenge and receive a certificate from the Premier. The final day for handing in your form will be Friday 15 August.

Congratulations to the following students who have handed in their completed forms:
Keep reading as there are only a few short weeks left!

**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club order forms were handed out this week. The due date for orders is Friday 1 August. Please hand in all orders at the office. There are spare copies of the forms available from the library.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Dickerson and Ms Quinn,
Library Teachers.

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**PAYMENT REMINDERS:**

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**LISA SHANAHAN AUTHOR VISIT K-2**

Thursday 31 July 2014
Cost: $3 per student

Please return completed permission slip and payment to the office by

**Tuesday 29 July 2014**

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**DEBORAH ABELA AUTHORS VISIT 3-6**

Thursday 14 August 2014
Cost: $3 per student

Please return completed permission slip and payment to the office by

**Tuesday 12 August 2014**

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**PAYMENT REMINDER:**

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Years 3-6 and Year 2 children turning 8 this year

Monday 4 August
Cost: $8 per student

Please return completed permission slip and payment to the office by

**Tuesday 29 July 2014.**

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**When sexuality is the question……..**
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skilful presenters.

**A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM**

Quakers Hill East Public School
Thursday 7 August 2014

Primary Session 1 (Years 3 & 4)
6:00pm SHARP
– Where Did I Come From?

Primary Session 2 (Years 5 & 6)
7:15pm
– Preparing for Puberty

If you are interested in attending either of the above sessions please return the slip at the bottom of the flyer (which was sent home with last week’s newsletter) together with your payment to the school office as soon as possible
Mathletics

Thursday, 24 July 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The students at Quakers Hill East Public School are now a part of the Mathletics online learning community – joining over 4 million other students around the world. We are fortunate to have this program generously funded through the support of our P&C.

Mathletics is an online numeracy resource, helping students to love learning and achieve greater results through content that matches their school curriculum. It provides an engaging site for students, plus a place for you to keep track of your child’s results and progress. Mathletics responds to your child’s individual strengths and weaknesses so they know instantly if they are on the right track and can improve at their own pace.

Within the next week, all of our students will receive their own sign in card through their class teacher. This card will have their username and password. It is important that student keep their sign in card in a secure location and only access the internet under the supervision of an adult. If your child doesn’t have access to the internet or a computer at home, please see their class teacher and we will make provisions for them to have regular access to Mathletics at school.

To ensure we gain the most from Mathletics, we are setting the following targets for all of our students to work towards:

- Spend 60-90 minutes per week (3 x 20min sessions) or 10-15 mins per weeknight on Mathletics.
- Aim to have 1000 points gained by Sunday night. This will earn students a Bronze Certificate. Five bronze certificates earn a Silver certificate (awarded in grades), and four silver certificates earn a gold certificate (awarded at K-2 and 3-6 assemblies).
- Repeat each activity until they achieve Mastery (Gold Bars).
- Raise their RANK to Human Calculator on LIVE Mathletics (Levels 1 to 5).
- Complete all core activities before attempting the end of topic test.

As a parent, you can help by:

- Taking an active role in your child’s mathematics progress by working together with them. The Support Centre in each activity will help by showing how to solve particular problems.
- Encouraging your child to select activities that challenge, rather than those your child finds easy.
- Celebrating your child’s successes. Proudly display their certificates and provide lots of praise.

Mathletics is open all of the time. To get started, simply visit www.mathletics.com and enter your child’s login details as provided by their teacher.

Ms Peita Rothery
AP- Mathematics Coordinator

Mrs Michele Hedge
Principal
Amendment to "Tri-Skills" Gymnastics Lessons

Thursday 24 July 2014

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

This note is to inform you of a slight change to the TriSkills schedule for students in the following classes: 1M, 1D, 1B, 1AR, 3B, 3R, 5S, 5T and 6T.

Due to a clash with our Quakers Hill East Public School education day (Monday 28 July 2014) and the 3-6 athletics carnival (Monday 4 August 2014), the TriSkills gymnastics lessons for these classes will be moved to the following days:

Monday 15 September 2014
Tuesday 16 September 2014

Please note that the students will need to wear their sports uniform on both of these days. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Your Sincerely,

Mrs Kerrie Scott
Relieving Assistant Principal

Mrs Michele Hedge
Principal