**DATES TO REMEMBER**

| AUGUST | 1 Fri | 11:20am – Infants Assembly  
|        |   | LED BY 1/2A  
|        | 12:15pm – Primary Assembly  
|        |   | LED BY 5W  
|        | **WINTER PSSA** |  
|        | 4 Mon | Athletics Carnival – Years 3-6  
|        |   | (and year 2 turning 8 this year)  
|        | **NO** | Tri Skills Gymnastics  
|        | 5 Tues | Tri-Skills – 2B, 2C, 2K, 2S, 3C, 5W, 6G and 6W  
|        | 7 Thur | Interrelate Evening Program  
|        |   | - Sexuality Education -  
|        | 8 Fri | 11:20am – Infants Assembly  
|        |   | LED BY 1AR  
|        | 12:15pm – Primary Assembly  
|        |   | LED BY 6W  
|        | **WINTER PSSA** |  

**ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER**

* Health Notification Note – 2B  
* Kindergarten Excursion Note

**HEALTH NOTIFICATION**

A student at our school is undergoing treatment for Leukaemia. We have recently had meetings with medical staff who are supporting the family and they have volunteered to come to school and speak at the K-2 assembly next Friday, August 8. The Clinical Nurse Consultant and the Education Coordinator will talk in generalities and language appropriate to the age group, about Leukaemia and its corresponding treatment.

The child’s treatment will result in a lower immune system which means he is more prone to getting ill from infections. As the student is not contagious but has a chronic illness, it is important he participates actively in the day to day school program without any major limitations. A major concern is that if he develops measles, chickenpox or influenza he could become seriously ill. **Therefore I request that if your child has or may have measles or chickenpox that you do not send them to school and notify the school office as soon as possible.**

Thank you

M. Hedge  
Principal

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

EDUCATION WEEK
2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week. The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: "Lighting the way to a better world". We have adopted that slogan for this anniversary celebration as education continues to be the means to creating a bright future for our children. It was great to see all of the families here on Monday for our Open Day. There was plenty of enthusiasm for learning in each room with parents, grandparents and carers joining in with each of the activities. Our day was capped off with our book character parade with so many children getting into the spirit of the occasion and dressing up. Thanks must go to Ms Quinn and Mr Ross for their organisation of the day. Congratulations to everyone on a wonderful event!

I had the very great pleasure of watching our fabulous Stage 1 and Primary dance groups perform at Westpoint Blacktown on Tuesday as part of Education Week celebrations. The enthusiasm and energy of the groups shone through as they performed flawlessly. Well done everyone! I’d also like to acknowledge the work of the dance teachers Mrs Dickerson, Miss Baker and Miss Truong for their preparation of the dance groups.

AUTHOR VISIT
Today students in K-2 enjoyed a presentation from Lisa Shanahan, an award winning author of picture books and novels. The children enjoyed listening to Lisa’s award winning stories and learning about the writing process which inspired them to become writers too!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
QHEPS annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 4 August at the Blacktown International Sports Park. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...
• Our Senior Boys Knockout Softball team for an excellent game against Mt Annan Public School on Tuesday. Unfortunately we were defeated but it was a great effort by all. Thank you to Mrs Gauci for her work with the team.

• Aleksa H for her participation in the State PSSA Hockey Championships and also her participation in the Under 13 State Championship where Aleksa’s team were runners up.

K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – CHANGE OF DATE
Please note that the K-2 Athletics Carnival will now be held on 17 September this year.

Michele Hedge
Principal
Week 2 Citizens of the Week

K-2  Miranda M
3-6  Sabrina D

Week 2  “Be Your Best” Award Winners

K-2  Traye T
3-6  Avnisha V

2014 SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
Congratulations to the following students for their performance in the ICAS Science Competition.

Merit Awards
Year 3: Gurasees C
Year 4: Kanishka A, Devina M
Year 5: Aditya J
Year 6: Jenna H

Credit Awards
Year 3: Martin B, Calvin K, Prethi R, Gurnoor S
Year 4: Jeremy B, Kael B, Nemi S
Year 5: Danielle S,

Distinction Awards
Year 5: Rachel L
Year 6: Shaveen P

APOLOGIES – MISPRINT
2014 Computer Skills Competition High Distinction Award Winner
We apologise for the misprint in last week’s newsletter. The High Distinction Award in the above competition was gained by Safwan A and we congratulate him again on his outstanding achievement.

WINTER PSSA REPORT

Week 2

SOCR - BOYS
Last week the boys’ soccer teams played John Palmer Public School. The juniors lost 2-1 and the seniors lost 4-1. The players of the match were Mitchell T for the juniors and Thomas M for the seniors.

SOCR – GIRLS
The girls’ soccer teams played Rouse Hill Public School. The juniors lost 2-1 and the seniors lost 1-0. The players of the match were Jessica B for the juniors and Bethany L for the seniors.

NETBALL
The netball teams played Kellyville Ridge Public School. The juniors lost 12-0 and the seniors lost 11-3. The players of the match were Laura E for the juniors and Madelyne L for the seniors.

LIBRARY NEWS……..

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge 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. If you have misplaced your form they can be printed off online at the Premier’s Reading Challenge site through the DEC Portal. Alternatively hand write it and sign beside each book name. 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 recently:

Daniel H, Suhaani S, Angad S, Calvin K, Jahnnavi N, Lauren S, Erin L, Robbie S,
Happy Reading!

Mrs J. Dickerson
Teacher Librarian

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UNIFORM SHOP

We are still "open" as normal for pick-ups, try-ons, exchanges, second-hand uniforms and to answer questions at the usual times of:

Mondays – 2:30pm – 3:15pm (approx)
Fridays – 8:30am – 9:15am (approx)

All purchasing of NEW school uniforms must now be done through Flexischools

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URGENT PAYMENT REMINDER:

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

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

Monday 4 August 2014

Cost: $8 per student

As payments and permission slips should have already been returned, if your child is attending the carnival and hasn’t paid, they should do so by TOMORROW.

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

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PAYMENT REMINDER:

DEBORAH ABELA AUTHORS VISIT

YEARS 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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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 sent home recently, together with your payment to the school office as soon as possible.
Kindergarten Excursion

Thursday 31 July 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

An excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm has been arranged for Kindergarten students.

This excursion supports our English unit ‘Animals’, HSIE unit ‘Meeting Needs’ and our Science unit ‘Living and Non-Living Things’.

Date: Wednesday 27 August 2014
Venue: Calmsley Hill City Farm, Abbotsbury
Transport: Children will travel by seat belt equipped bus. They will be accompanied by the Kindergarten teachers. The buses will depart by 9:15am and will return by 2:45pm.
What to bring: Recess, lunch and drinks in their school bag.
What to wear: Full school uniform including school hat.
Cost: $28.50 per child, which includes return bus fare and venue entry.

This activity has the approval of the Principal.

Please include, on the reverse side of the permission slip, any particular needs/requirements your child has that your child’s class teacher should be aware of on the day. Also please update any contact details if they have changed since the last time you provided them to the school.

Please complete the permission form below and return it to the office with full payment, in the envelope provided, by Wednesday 20 August 2014.

Ms T. Truong
Excursion Organiser

Mrs J. Clissold
Stage Supervisor

Mrs M. Hedge
Principal

QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Calmsley Hill City Farm Permission Note

I give permission for my child ___________________________ of class __________________ to attend the Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm on Wednesday 27 August 2014. I understand travel will be by seat belt equipped bus.

I have included full payment of $28.50 in the envelope provided.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________