QUAKERS WHISPER No. 30
Thursday 18 September, 2014

SCHOOL SECURITY
PLEASE keep a watch over the school during the school holidays. Should you observe trespassers within the school grounds please ring Department of Education and Training, free call 1300 880 021 or Quakers Hill Police 9678 8999

ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER
* Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion Report
* School Leaders Parliament Visit Report
* Cinema Under The Stars Report
* Group/Sports Photo Note

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

DATES TO REMEMBER
SEPTEMBER

19 Fri 11:20am – Infants Assembly LED BY KP
12:15pm – Primary Assembly LED BY 5T

LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Friday 19 September

STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 4:

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2014

Principal’s Report …..

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

STAFF UPDATE
Mrs Brady will be on leave from 16 Sept until 6 Nov and Mrs Tadros will be teaching 3B during this time. Mrs Dickerson will also be on leave for the first three weeks of Term 4.

BLACKTOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL
11 SEPTEMBER
The choir and senior dance group performed brilliantly last Thursday night at the Blacktown Music Festival. Mr Ross was

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impressed by the quality of the performances from both talented groups. Thank you to Mrs Gauci for coordinating the choir and Mrs Dickerson for coordinating the dance group. Also a special thanks to Mr Thompson our GA for his help in setting up the venue.

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS
Mrs Talintyre, Mrs Gauci and Ms Wong organised a fabulous evening for the whole school community. Staff and parents highlighted to me what a tremendous evening was had by everyone. Thank you to the wonderful parents and sponsors who supported the Year 6 teachers and to every family who attended the night. Approximately $6,000 was raised which will be used for the Year 6 Farewell. Mrs Talintyre has included a more in-depth thank you going home with this newsletter.

K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
What a great day all K-2 students had at Waite Reserve yesterday dressed in their house colours and cheering for their friends. Every child had the opportunity to run their fastest in their age race and have fun with novelty events. Mrs Scott coordinated a well-run event that is a highlight of this last week of term. Thanks must also go to Mr Thompson and Mr Ross for their assistance in setting up and our Year 6 helpers who happily helped our younger athletes.

MUSICA VIVA
The children had a musical day with the opportunity to attend Musica Viva today. It was the culmination of class music programs for Term 3.

YEAR 6 AND TEAMS PHOTO DAY
The School Photographer will be here to take various group photos and Year 6 photos on Thursday 9 October. The photos will be provided for viewing in the office and if you’d like to purchase them, envelopes will be available. All groups will need to bring the appropriate clothing to change into on the day. See the note accompanying today’s newsletter for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...
- William P and Faith G who were successful at the regional athletics carnival and have been selected as part of the Sydney West Team for the State PSSA Athletics carnival.

GOOD LUCK TO....
- William P who will be competing as a member of the PSSA NSW State Rugby Union team during the holidays.

Have a great holiday and see you back on Tuesday 7 October next term.

Michele Hedge
Principal

Week 9 Term 3 Award Winners

Week 9 Citizens of the Week
K-2  Amber M
3-6  Seth B

Week 9 “Be Your Best” Award Winners
K-2  Riley M
3-6  Olivia W

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?
This term, the majority of our students have continued to wear their full school uniform with pride. It was pleasing to be able to present a large number of Uniform Awards at the weekly assemblies. The winning classes for the Uniform Award this term were 1/2A and 5W. Both of these classes were rewarded with a sausage sizzle.

Congratulations to everyone for showing respect to our school and wearing their school uniform with pride.

Lynda Talintyre

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PAYMENT REMINDER:
RIDGES ZONE SUMMER PSSA
begins Term 4
Cost $35
If your child has been selected to play next term it would be appreciated if the permission note and payment could be returned as soon as possible as these were due in by Tuesday 16 September

LIBRARY NEWS.......

TOYS - DONATION REQUEST
The library wants to increase the amount of quality toys for students to play with at lunchtime. If you have any construction toys such as Lego or Duplo, doll houses, board games (with all the pieces enclosed) or other interesting activities to donate, all in good condition please, we will gladly accept them!! Please bring any donations directly the library.

If your child has decided to keep books over the holiday period, please care for these books appropriately and return them at the beginning of Term 4. These books will otherwise be overdue at that time and borrowing will cease for those students until they are returned.

Thank you. Happy Reading.

Ms Quinn and Mrs J Dickerson
Library Teachers

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UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost a drink bottle, lunch box or an item of clothing, please have them come and check in lost property.

For hygiene reasons, any food or drink containers which have not been claimed by the end of Week 2 Term 4 will be disposed.

SPECIAL REQUEST

It would be appreciated if you could take the time over the holiday break to check your children’s school clothing, drink bottles and lunchboxes to make sure they are clearly labelled.

We end up with so much lost property handed in each term which isn’t claimed and cannot be returned because things are not clearly labelled.

For this reason we ask that you label all jackets, jumpers and hats clearly with permanent marker in large lettering on the fabric inside the hat or along the inside collar of clothing. (not just on the small tag which is very hard to read and which can fade or fray over time, or be cut off).

Relabelling lunch boxes and drink bottles regularly is also important – again in permanent marker in large lettering - as these too can become smudged or worn off.

This makes it easy for your child to identify all their belongings and for other parents to easily notice if their child brings home the wrong thing.

GOOD GUYS PROMOTION

Don’t forget to collect your “Skool is Kool” reward vouchers the next time you make a purchase at Good Guys Prospect. Make sure you let the service desk know that you are associated with the “Skool is Kool” program for Quakers Hill East.

Thank you to Dhiraj Lalwani and Ken Fickel for their donation of reward vouchers.

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VACATION CARE

AT QUAKERS HILL EAST

Quakers Hill East Combined OSHC Inc (CCB Approved) will be operating vacation care at their centre in our school grounds over the school holiday period.

Hours of Operation
7am – 6pm

The cost is $47 per child per day which includes activities on the day.

For bookings or more information please call the centre on 9626 6172
On Tuesday, 2 September and Wednesday, 3 September our Stage 1 students participated in their excursions to Featherdale Wildlife Park.

Here are some of our students’ recounts and photos from the day:

On Tuesday we went to Featherdale. We saw a cassowary. It was colourful. The echidna looked spiky. The kookaburras were singing loudly.  

Blake- 1D

On Tuesday we went to Featherdale. I saw an echidna. It was very spiky. The crocodile did not move. The kangaroo had a joey. I patted a koala. 

Shreya- 1D

On Tuesday we went to Featherdale. I saw a kangaroo that was lying on the grass. It was all red. I also saw a green crocodile. It was in the water and it did not move. I saw a cassowary. Its colours were green, orange, yellow and blue. 

Archie- 1D

On Tuesday we went to Featherdale. I patted a kangaroo, a diamond python snake and a koala. My favourite animal was an echidna. 

Ryandeep- 1D

On Wednesday all of Year 2 went on a bus for our excursion. We had to be at school really early so we could get our badges quickly and go on the bus. The bus left at 9.30am and it took about 15 minutes to get there. By the time we got there, everyone was hungry so we had fruit break and recess.

We went to Featherdale because for English and Science we are doing Australian animals. After we ate we got into groups and looked at lots of animals. My favourite animals were dingoes, penguins, wallabies and Tasmanian devils and also the echidnas.

A very funny part was when Yanee dropped her card and a wombat ate it. A bit I liked was the show where we got to pat a diamond python, a tawny frogmouth, a shingleback lizard and a koala. I know two facts about the lizard: It is cold-blooded and its tail looks like its head. My favourite thing was the wallaby and its joey. I had a fun time.

Ava - 2K

Izabelle- 1B.

On Wednesday 3rd of September, Year 2 went to Featherdale Wildlife Park in Doonside. We went there because we are learning about Aussie animals.

Firstly, when we arrived off the bus we ate fruit break.

Then Mrs Ferreira, Mrs Boatfield and 2A went looking at birds.

After that we walked around and saw emus, cassowaries, wallabies, a big crocodile, quokkas, bats, bilbies, rainbow lorikeets, sugar gliders, kangaroos, penguins, snakes, Tassie devils and dingo pups. While we watched the dingo pups they had a play fight and the mum dingo got angry and growled at the girl pups.

Next, we went to the Learning Burrow for a talk and we learnt about a diamond python, shingle back lizard, tawny frogmouth and a koala. We all got to pat them.

Lastly, we got on the bus and came back to school.

My favourite part of the excursion was going to the Learning Burrow because I love learning about Aussie animals.

I was very happy because my mum came on our fun excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park.

Maddison- 1/2A

On Tuesday we went with all the Year 1s to Featherdale Wildlife Park. We saw dingoes, owls, crocodiles, echidnas, wombats, kookaburras and rainbow birds.

Do I love Featherdale Wildlife Park? Yes, Featherdale is awesome!

There was a koala. Its name is Cooper. I got to pat him. Captain Feathersword (the tawny frogmouth) tried to get away. I got to pat a diamond python. It slithered on Tahnee’s nose.

The wallaby peed on Zara’s shoe. It was funny.

When it was lunchtime a bird ate a piece of my sandwich.

Brady- 1AR
State Parliament Visit

On Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} September, Jenna and I were invited by Mr Kevin Conolly (our member for State Parliament) to attend a youth leadership assembly. We caught a train into the city with Mr Ross and had lunch at Hyde Park.

We then walked down Macquarie Street and it was amazing to see all the old buildings.

Once we reached Parliament, 3 members of Parliament spoke to us, one of which was Mr Conolly. Then we went to watch Question Time in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. I was quite surprised that it was a room full of our state leaders because of the way they behaved. When they were rude, they were given a call and after 3 calls they had to leave the room. A few of them were on 3 calls before we left. I did notice that Mr Conolly sat quietly and listened respectfully.

I would like to thank Mr Ross for taking us in and telling us stories and history about the buildings. I had a great day and learnt lots about leadership.

I would also like to thank Mr Connolly, Member for Riverstone, for this wonderful opportunity.

By Luke Dickson
CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Last Friday night, our school community united for a memorable evening. The gates opened at 5.00pm and children enjoyed the many activities that were on offer. Families arranged their chairs and picnic blankets on the oval. Some brought with them a picnic dinner while others enjoyed the sausages, chicken kebabs and samosas. Hot coffee and a variety of sweet treats were also available. By 7.00pm, everyone was seated on the oval for the drawing of the raffle. Following this, The Lego Movie commenced on the big screen.

The evening could not have been a success without the support of the many staff, parents and students who assisted before, during and after the event. Thank you to each and every one of you for your support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the local businesses who supported our event by making donations.

Coles Stanhope Gardens
Blacktown Leisure Centre
Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Beauty Flame Quakers Hill
Outback Steakhouse Parklea
Country Fresh Meats Quakers Hill
Domino’s Quakers Hill
Subway Quakers Hill
McDonalds Quakers Hill
Michel’s Patisserie Stanhope Gardens
Gloria Jeans Stanhope Gardens

The community spirit was wonderful and everyone had a fantastic evening. On behalf of Year 6, I would like to thank you all for supporting this fundraising initiative.

Thank you,

Lynda Talintyre
Stage 3 Team Leader
A fantastic night. Thank you everyone!
Sport / SRC/ Performance Group Photographs

Thursday 18 September 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On Thursday 9 October (First Thursday back Term 4), representatives from The School Photographer will be at school to take photos of the following groups:

PSSA Teams

Oz-Tag, T-Ball, Softball, Netball, Soccer, Cricket and the Boys’ Softball knockout team

Performance Groups

K-2 Choir, 3-6 Choir, Stage 1 Dancers and Stage 3 Dancers

Other Groups

SRC, Debating Team, Captains & Prefects, House Captains & Vice Captains and Year 6

All students in these groups are requested to wear their normal school uniform on the day. However, students in the following groups are requested to bring the apparel listed to change into:

Sports Teams – Playing shorts, playing socks, joggers (no boots required)
Boys Softball – Baseball pants or black track pants
Stage 3 Dancers – Black tights, high ponytail.

As soon as the school receives proofs of all photos taken they will be displayed in our school foyer and made available to order. DO NOT send any money at this stage.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Scott  
Photo Organiser

Mrs. Hedge  
Principal

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