DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH
20 Fri  NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
   11:40am – Infants Assembly
      LED BY 1PT
   12:15pm – Primary Assembly
      LED BY CAPTAINS
SUMMER PSSA

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
24 & 25 MARCH

24 Tues  HARMONY DAY
   African Drumbeats sessions
   12:30pm - National Costume Parade

25 Wed  Saving Lil & Archie – Anti Bullying Show K-6

26 Thur  Catholic/Protestant Easter Assembly – K-2 9:15am
   3-6 10:05am

27 Fri  11:40am – Infants Assembly
   LED BY 1B
   12:15pm – Primary Assembly
   LED BY 5/6C
SUMMER PSSA

APRIL
1 Wed  EASTER RAFFLE DRAWN

2 Thur  1:45pm - EASTER HAT PARADE

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2:
TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2015

EASTER RAFFLE

LATEST NEWS:
FIRST PRIZE NOW
INCLUDES A FAMILY PASS TO THE EASTER SHOW!!

Many thanks to everyone who has already brought in eggs/bunnies for our raffle.
Please keep sending them in. For hygiene reasons only those which come wrapped in plastic, foil or in boxes please.

All donation need to be in by next Wednesday 25 March

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 1 April.
More tickets are available from the office.

All money and raffle tickets (both sold & unsold) need to be returned by Monday 30 March.

Thank you for supporting our school
Lynne Smith & Fiona Bennetts

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

STAFF UPDATE
Mrs Curnow our Teacher Librarian will be on leave for the remainder of the term and Mrs Leech will be teaching the library program during this time.

ART SHOW/GRANDPARENTS DAY
It was lovely to see so many grandparents here on Tuesday. Grandparents play an important role in children’s lives and we enjoyed sharing some learning experiences with them all. As I wandered around the playground at lunch is was great to stop and visit with families picnicking around the school enjoying spending time together.

Many people took up the opportunity to visit our Art Show where there was an amazing display of creative, colourful and intricate artworks. Thank you to the teachers and students for their contributions to the show and to Miss Latham for her coordination of the event. Thank you also to the Grandparents who visited the Art Show and made a donation to the school as they entered. We raised $550!

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
We are supporting this day of action on Friday 20 March. Children have been asked to wear the colour orange on this day. Staff will be reinforcing the message “Bullying. No Way!” in lessons during the day. Children who ordered the orange food and drink will receive this just before recess on Friday. Remember if your child hasn’t already brought their gold coin donation for wearing mufti you can still send it in on Friday.

HARMONY DAY
Harmony Day will be celebrated on 24 March at QHEPS this year. Students will have the opportunity to participate in an African drumming workshop during the day and then students will be asked to dress up in traditional dress or the national colours for their country of heritage. This day highlights the importance of everyone working and living peacefully together. The theme for Harmony Day is “Everyone belongs”. It is a special day where we will be acknowledging the heritage of the students of Quakers Hill East PS. Parents are welcome to come and watch the parade.

ANTI-BULLYING PERFORMANCE
As part of our student well-being program we will be hosting an Anti-Bullying performance, “Saving Lil and Archie”, for all students K-6 on Wednesday March 25.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS REMINDER
Just a reminder that parent teacher interviews will be held on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March. The interviews will be held from 3:00pm until 7:00pm on the Monday evening and between 3:00pm and 5:00pm on the Tuesday afternoon.

You will receive a confirmation slip indicating the time of your interviews today. If you are unable to make your interview time, please contact the school office or send a note to your child’s teacher.

K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE
The children in K-2 will be working with their buddy classes next week to create their Easter hats and will wear them during the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April at 1:45pm. Parents are welcome to attend this special event.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to all the families who have already donated something towards our Easter Raffle. This is always a very successful fundraiser and the more donations we receive the more prizes we are able to draw. This year, as an added bonus, the first prize also includes a family pass to the Easter Show as well as an Easter hamper. We will also be delivering a basket of the donated eggs to the local Quakers Hill Nursing Home as a gift from school community.
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
As the end of the term 1 is approaching please note in your diaries that the last day of term is Thursday 2 April and the children will resume school for Term 2 on 21 April.

CONGRATULATIONS TO....
The following students who made the Ridges representative sporting teams:

Clayton C (Touch), Mitchell T and Zac F (Soccer) and Richard P (11s Rugby)

Michele Hedge
Principal

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Term 1 Weekly Award Winners
- Weeks 6 & 7

KAR Allegra, Reuben, Olivia, Ali
KC Marissa, Cooper, Justine, Noah
KG Destiny, Jonathan Jordan, Priyana
KM Zoe, Zachary, Kirtjot, Charlie
KR Samuel, Lily, Jake, Aditi
KT Brock, Aarna Japnaam, Aarav
1B Paytyn, Jackson, Liam, Natalie
1D Simran, William, Ryley, Abby
1PT Izabella, Raghav, Raguram, Alice
1R Daniel (DJ), Jasmin, Blake, Jessica
1/2T David, Geet, Jimelle, Suhana
2B Emma, Riley, Henna, Sam
2F Cooper, Erin, Raydan, Izabelle
2K Chaya, Phoebe, Shayaan, Braeillan
2S Edward, Matilda, Alvin, Yasmin
3B Shaiyaan, Aayush, 3C Sartaj, Traye, Brehanna, Suryansh

3L Tahlia, Simarjit, Ella, Charlie
3R Zane, Paige Sanika, Lachlan
4B Ishan, Jasmeen, Christopher, Zahra
4J Aaron, Sienna, Jack, Sophie
4K Holly, Alex, Joel, Preethi
5/6B Zahra, Ryan, Jasmine, Clayton
5/6C Dylan, Megha, Luke, Zoe
5/6Q Ana, Daniel, Phillip, Alexi
5/6T Oliver, Monique, Mitchell, Deena
5/6W Juliet, Riley, Georgia, Inderbir

Week 6 & 7 Citizens of the Week

K-2 Paytyn H, Kate J
3-6 Tegan M, Tayzia H

Week 7 & 8 “Be Your Best” Award Winners

K-2 Jaxon M, Kai N
3-6 Justin R, Jahnavi N

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ART SHOW 2015
Last Tuesday, in conjunction with Grandparents’ Day, Quakers Hill East held its annual Art Show. Our hall was transferred into a gallery of colourful, creative and unique works of art. The event was a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their great skills and talents. Thank you to all our school visitors who were able to come and generously support this exhibition.

Miss Latham
On behalf of the CAPA Committee

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PAYMENT REMINDERS:

AFRICAN BEAT “SALAKA”
Tuesday 24 March
Years K-6
Cost: $5.50 per student
All Permission notes and payments due by TOMORROW Friday 20 March.

“SAVING LIL AND ARCHIE” ANTI BULLY PERFORMANCE
Wednesday 25 March
Years K-6
Cost: $5.00 per student
All Permission notes and payments due by TOMORROW Friday 20 March.

HARMONY DAY - Tuesday 24 March
A reminder that we will be having our Harmony Day national costume parade from 12:30pm – 1:20pm. Children are asked to wear their national costume or the national colours of their country of heritage.

Parents are welcome to attend and may stay and eat lunch with their child/ren.

Lynne Smith
Harmony Day Coordinator

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PAYMENT REMINDER:

CANBERRA EXCURSION
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
22 – 24 June, 2015
First instalment payment of $65 due in by TOMORROW Friday 20 March 2015
SUMMER PSSA REPORT

Weeks 6 & 7

AFL

Week 6
The AFL teams played Kellyville Ridge Public School. The juniors lost 29-7 and the seniors lost 26-21. The players of the match were Jacob M for the juniors and Ruheen D for the seniors.

Week 7
The AFL teams played Ironbark Ridge Public School. The juniors lost 49-12 and the seniors lost 31-14. The players of the match were Christopher R for the juniors and Ruheen D for the seniors.

T-BALL- Juniors/SOFTBALL – Seniors

Week 6
The T-Ball and Softball teams played Kellyville Ridge Public School. The T-Ball team lost 32-13. The player of the match was Kanishka A. The Softball team lost 14-2. The player of the match was Mackenzie N.

Week 7
The T-Ball and Softball teams played Rouse Hill Public School. The T-Ball team lost 18-12. The player of the match was Sophie J. The Softball team lost 12-5. The player of the match was Jessica K.

OZ-TAG

Week 6
The Oz-Tag teams played Kenthurst Public School. The juniors won 5-0 and the seniors won 12-0. The players of the match were Jack J for the juniors and Clayton C for the seniors.

Week 7
The Oz-Tag teams played Schofields Public School. The juniors won 5-1 and the seniors won 9-1. The players of the match were Richard P for the juniors and Zac F for the seniors.

PAYMENT REMINDER:

BOOKPACK FEES K-6
TECHNOLOGY LEVY YRS 1–6
&
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS K-6

It would be appreciated if the above could be paid as soon as possible.

Please complete the payment slip and return it together with your Bookpack Fee, Technology Levy and Voluntary School Contribution in an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name, class and the amount enclosed. Extra envelopes are available from the front office.

Credit card/Eftpos payments can be made by providing us with your details on the payment slip or at the office between 8:30am and 2pm.

LUCKY DRAW

15 May 2015

for families who have paid their Voluntary School Contributions by 14 May 2015

$100 voucher

To be spent at the school uniform shop
GOOD GUYS PROMOTION
This year we have once again registered with the School is Kool reward scheme at The Good Guys Prospect. When purchasing anything from there don’t forget to collect your “Skool is Kool” reward vouchers.

Make sure you let the service desk know that you are associated with the “Skool is Kool” program for Quakers Hill East.

REMINDER:
Please check that children’s belongings are labelled clearly so that they can be returned as soon as possible to their owners.

Thank you
2015 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools
An invitation to all students in Years 3-6

March 19, 2015

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Your child is invited to participate in the 2015 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

For over 30 years, Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) has been conducting ICAS. ICAS is the largest independent assessment program for schools in Australia. It is also delivered to schools in Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, the Pacific region and the United States of America.

The schedule for this year's competitions is as follows:

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Certificates are awarded as follows in every year group:

* High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
* Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
* Credit to the next 25% of entrants
* Participation to all other students

Past competition papers can be purchased online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

Payment and entry method:
If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions, please complete the form on the envelope (available from the school office), enclose payment and return to your child's class teacher.

Payments and entries will only be accepted until Wednesday April 22, 2014

Mr C Ross
Deputy Principal
School Photographs
Thursday 19 March 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This year our school photo day will be held on **Wednesday 22 April 2015**. This is the first Wednesday back after the holidays. Please note the following information:

- **Summer school uniform** must be worn (NO sports uniform). This includes black school shoes and green, white or black hair ties or ribbons for girls please.
- **Every child** must return their **own envelope** to their **own class teacher** on the day of the photos. (If payment is being made in a sibling’s envelope, please indicate this on the envelope).
- **Correct money/payment** must be enclosed in the envelope. Alternatively, an online payment system is available through the school photographer website. Details are provided on the order form. If paying this way, your receipt number **must** be written on the envelope.
- Cheques must be made payable to ‘The School Photographer’. Your name, address and phone number should be on the back of the cheque.
- **Family Photo Envelopes** are available from the school office. Family photos may only include children in the family who attend this school.
- Group and sport photos will be taken at a later date.

Mrs Scott
Coordinator

Mrs Hedge
Principal
19 March 2015

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

During Term 2, Kindergarten children will participate in ‘Games and Sport’ activities on Monday afternoons.

Kinder teachers are asking for help running these activities. If we get enough helpers we will make up a roster so that you may not be required every week.

Sport sessions will commence on Monday 27 April and will go for approximately 40 minutes, from 2:10pm – 2:50pm, each week.

If you are able to help out, please complete the slip below and return to Mrs Clissold before the end of this term. Rosters will come home to helpers during Week 1 Term 2.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hedge
Principal

Mrs Clissold,
Assistant Principal

Mrs Clissold,

I am able to help at Kindergarten Sport on Monday afternoons during Term 2.

Parent’s name ________________________________

Home phone number ____________________ Mobile __________________

Child’s name ___________________________ Class __________________

Signed ________________________________ Date ___________________