QUAKERS WHISPER No. 3
Thursday 5 March 2015

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH
6 Fri 11:40am – Infants Assembly
LED BY 2F
12:15pm – Primary Assembly
LED BY 4B
SUMMER PSSA

10 Tues Longneck Lagoon Leadership Day

12 Thur Selective High School Test for Year 6

13 Fri 11:40am – Infants Assembly
LED BY 1/2T
12:15pm – Primary Assembly
LED BY 4J
SUMMER PSSA

17 Tues Art Show & Grandparents Day

18 Wed 2:00pm – P&C MEETING

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

ACCOMPANYING THIS NEWSLETTER
* Year 6 Tribute Shirt Note
* Easter Raffle Note and Tickets
* Saving Lil and Archie Performance note
* Drum Beats/Harmony Day note
* Parent/Teacher Interview note
* National Day Against Bullying note

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY & ART SHOW

TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2015

12:50-1:20 K-6 Classroom visits

1:20 Picnic Lunch
Enjoy a picnic lunch with your grandchild/grandchildren

1:20-2:00 Art Show
Everyone invited to view the student’s artwork in the school hall
(gold coin donation for entry)

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Friday 20 March 2015

Don’t forget to wear orange mufti to support this important day and reinforce the Bullying. No Way! message.

See the note coming home with today’s newsletter for more information.

(Mufti means that students are not required to wear school uniform, however, they must wear enclosed shoes, a hat and a top that covers their shoulders.)

Principal’s Message ..... 

Dear Parents/Caregivers

STAFF UPDATE

Due to unforeseen family circumstances Miss Garden is unable to continue as a permanent teacher at QHEPS therefore Mr Calderan will be teaching KG for the remainder of the year.

ART SHOW/GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Tuesday 17 March we will be holding our Art Show/Grandparents Day celebration. Grandparents are invited to join us from 12:50 where they will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, visit the Art Show to view our wonderful display of student art works and have a picnic lunch with their grandchildren. See the box earlier in this newsletter for more information.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day will be celebrated on Tuesday 24 March at QHEPS this year. This day highlights the importance of everyone working and living peacefully together. The motto 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.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in an African drumming workshop during the day and will also be asked to dress up in traditional dress or the national colours for their country of heritage for a parade.

See Mrs Smith’s article in this newsletter for more information and the note being sent home today giving further details and costing for the drumbeats workshop.

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. More specific information will be sent home in a note today.

RIDGES ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to every student who competed in the carnival! Thank you to Mrs Talintyre for her coordination of the entire event for Ridges PSSA and all of the staff who supported her on the day. Also a special thanks to Mr and Mrs Fenbow for officiating on the day.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Monday 23 March. These meetings are a part of the QHEPS reporting to parents process and are a very valuable opportunity to visit your child’s teacher to discuss how they are progressing. 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 note today with a section that will need to be returned to your class teacher indicating your preference of times. The teachers will do their best to give you as
close to the times that you request but unfortunately some times are very popular and go quickly. You will be given a confirmation slip indicating the time of your interviews.

P&C MEETING
Please note the next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 March at 2pm in the library. This daytime meeting will allow an opportunity for all of those parents who are unable to come to evening meetings to attend. This meeting will conclude by 3pm to allow parents to collect their children on time. We look forward to seeing many new faces.

DATE CHANGES – PLEASE NOTE:

Athletics Carnival
The athletics carnival was originally scheduled to be held on 18 March but has been rescheduled to 19 May.

School Photos
These were scheduled to be taken on 16 March but will now be taken on 22 April.

Please adjust these in your calendar.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have paid their voluntary school contribution and technology levy (Years 1 to 6). This money supports us to purchase the much needed basic supplies such as paper, pencils, paint, glue and scissors that your children use every day and the XO computer your children will be using at school over the coming years. Your support with payment of this money is appreciated by every student at QHEPS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...
* The students who competed at the Zone swimming carnival for trying their best
  * Jordan F - selected for the State Oz Tag Team.
  * Carlie M – selected for Ridges Girls’ Softball
  * Oliver D – selected for Ridges 11yrs + Open Rugby League
  * Carl C and Allen C who have been selected for PSSA combined zone basketball.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS:
Congratulations to one of our 2014 Year 6 students, William P, who was one of 3 children to win the Blacktown City Junior Sports Encouragement Award 2014.

PAYMENT ENVELOPES
A reminder that we are no longer stapling envelopes to the back of notes being sent home for excursions, etc.

If you are in need of any payment envelopes at any time you are welcome to collect some from the office.

Well done everyone.

Michele Hedge
Principal

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Term 1 Weekly Award Winners - Weeks 4 & 5

KAR  Jessica, Yousef, Sophie, Lachlan
KC  Nathan, Hope, Joshua, Saniya
KG  Jonathon, Zoya, Serina, Navya
KM  Travis, Chelsea, Lucas, Tahnee,
KR  James, Dinali, Joshua, Sienna
KT  Aarush, Bella, Ameliyah, Thenulya
1B  Belleza, Gurveer, Aaliyah, Zail
1D  James, Zara, Arshman, Eden,
1R  Kasun, Aditi, Zara, Amish
1PT  Abigail, Zachary, Ranbir, Jenny
1/2T  Charlie, Saahil, Anshu, Hemakshi
2B  Ramia, Cooper, Ebonie, Aarav
2F  Gemma, Blake, Dean, Amber
2K  Samar, Rohan, Ella, James
2S  Sunya, Jayda, Siobhan, William
3B  Chelsea, Mary, Bimisha, Alyssia
3C  Keelan, Noah, Karsimar, Jason
3L  Michaela, James, Cleo, Harry
3R  Aviroy, Jessica, Destiny, Justin
4B  Martin, Jaylen, Joshua, Amelia
4J  Alyse, Brynley, Amelie, Julius
4K  Patrick, Jordan, Hayden, Rupanshi
5/6B  Brock, Renee, Corinne, Dylan
5/6C  Jake, Kartikay, Aaditya, Kate
5/6Q  Kayla, Tanish, Nathan, Laura
5/6T  Vikramjit, Safwan, Sonali, Janine
5/6W  Dominic, Danielle, Zinar, Sarah

Weeks 4 & 5 Citizens of the Week

K-2  Natalie B
     Amelia T
3-6  Ella B
     Prabhjot K

HARMONY DAY -Tuesday 24 March

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It focuses on inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging.

On Tuesday 24 March (Term 1, Week 9) we will be celebrating Harmony Day with performances from African Beat.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 – 9:30am
Years 3 and 4 – 11:30am
Years 5 and 6 – 2pm

After the 11.30am performance we will be having a parade of national costumes. We would encourage any children who have a national costume to wear it for a Parade of Costumes.

The Parade will commence at 12:30pm and conclude by 1:20pm. Parents are welcome to attend and may stay and eat lunch with their child/ren.

Lynne Smith
Harmony Day Coordinator
SAVING LIL AND ARCHIE
Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their show Saving Lil and Archie on Wednesday 25 March. It’s a fun way to demonstrate emotions and how to deal with anger and fear. It promotes kindness and forgiveness. The performance also highlights safe and appropriate use of technology. It also encourages children to limit screen time, get more sleep and do more exercise.

This performance will be available for all students K-6. A note will be coming home today with this newsletter with more details.

Mrs Clissold
Assistant Principal

PAYMENT REMINDER:

CANBERRA EXCURSION
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
22 – 24 June, 2015

First instalment payment of $65
due in by
Friday 20 March 2015

SUMMER PSSA REPORT
Weeks 4 & 5

AFL
Week 4
The AFL teams played The Ponds Public School. The juniors lost 39-36 and the seniors won 49-14. The players of the match were Isaiah S for the juniors and Clayton T for the seniors.

Week 5
The AFL teams played John Palmer Public School. The juniors lost 50-0 and the seniors won 20-18. The players of the match were Thomas B for the juniors and Jassa D for the seniors.

T-BALL- Juniors/SOFTBALL – Seniors
Week 4
The T-Ball and Softball teams were to play Riverstone Public School, who forfeited both games. Our teams both played a “friendly” game against Ironbark Ridge Public School. The T-Ball team won 24-14. The player of the match was Renee S. The Softball team won 3-2. The player of the match was Carlie M.

Week 5
The T-Ball and Softball teams played Schofields Public School. The T-Ball team won 15-10. The player of the match was Ava A. The Softball team lost 9-2. The player of the match was Teghan M.

OZ-TAG
Week 4
The Oz-Tag teams played Parklea Public School. The juniors drew 3-3 and the seniors lost 3-4. The players of the match were Richard P for the juniors and Clayton C for the seniors.

Week 5
The Oz-Tag teams played John Palmer Public School. The juniors lost 3-2 and the seniors lost 3-5. The players of the match were Joshua S for the juniors and Jordan M 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 office between 8:30am and 2pm.

P&C NEWS……………

MOTHER’S DAY STALL GIFTS-
If you can spare a few minutes on Friday afternoon to help choose gifts to be sold at the Mother’s Day stall in term 2, please come to the staff room at 2:45pm on Friday 6 March. We appreciate any feedback.

Gavin Glenn
P&C President

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EASTER RAFFLE

A note and tickets for our Easter Raffle have been sent home with this newsletter.

Don’t forget to bring in your donation by Wednesday 25 March

For hygiene reasons only those which come wrapped in plastic, foil or in boxes please.

Remember that the more chocolate Easter eggs, bunnies etc that are donated, the more prizes we will be able to draw. Last year we had over 80 lucky winners.

This year we will also be donating some baskets to our local nursing homes

If you happen to have any spare Easter baskets you would like to donate, these would also be very much appreciated.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 1 April.

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

UNIFORM ORDERS

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

The Uniform Shop will be open each week:

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

These opening times are only for trying on clothes and exchanging items (which must still have their tags attached)
RIDGES ZONE 2015
SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Yesterday, 39 students from Quakers Hill East attended the Ridges zone swimming carnival at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Eleven schools competed at the event including Ironbark Ridge, John Palmer, Kellyville Ridge, Kenthurst, Oakville, Parklea, Riverbank, Riverstone, Rouse Hill and Schofields.

The behaviour and enthusiasm of all members of our squad was outstanding and our team’s cheering was certainly the best on the day. A big thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who provided transport and vocal support on the day. Your assistance and support is always appreciated.

Thanks also to Mrs Hedge, Mr Ross, Ms Wong, Miss Baker and Mrs Bennetts for their assistance prior to the event and on the day. It was our school’s turn to host the carnival and their support was essential and ensured that the event ran smoothly.

As always, Mr and Mrs Fenbow were fantastic officials and their time and support was greatly valued.

Thank you,

Lynda Talintyre
Carnival Coordinator
PCYC SPARTANS WANT YOU

Blacktown Police Citizens Youth Club Rugby League

We are seeking players 9 and 10 years of age
Girls welcome too

We offer Junior Rugby League to the community and pride ourselves on INCLUSION.

Registration includes SHORTS, SOCKS, CLUB POLO, BUCKET HAT, TEAM PHOTOS & PCYC Membership

Take advantage of PCYC activities (Boxing, Basketball, Judo, Martial Arts, Weights Gym 16 years and over) in the Blacktown Club at a 50% discounted rate as soon as you register. Tell your family and friends that it’s time to become a Spartan and be part of the club offering much more for the family.

New players will need a Birth Certificate or Passport and can register by contacting the mobile below.
Returning players can register online by following the link on our Sportingpulse page or our facebook page which are listed below. Alternately you can call into PCYC Blacktown 3pm to 8.30pm Monday to Friday for assistance with all registrations our friendly staff will assist you to complete your registration.

PCYC Nations of Origin U/16 Aboriginal Boys and Girls 7 a side tackle Tournament.
PCYC host the Africa United Harmony Cup Representative teams along with PCYC Respect League 7’s tackle and League 7’s Girls tag in the off Season.

COACHES, MANAGERS & TRAINERS ALSO REQUIRED FOR 2015
ALL ENQUIRIES 0438470599

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
Thursday, March 6 2015

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on Friday, March 20 2015. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say 'Bullying. No Way!' It also strengthens the existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

Once again our school will be participating and students will be taught lessons to support the program throughout that week. Students and staff will be encouraged to wear orange on the day and everyone will be issued with a wristband. Students and staff wearing a wristband are proudly showing that they are part of an Australia-wide movement that is 'taking a stand together' against bullying and violence.

This day will be organised in conjunction with our first Year 6 fundraiser for the year. All students will be asked to donate a gold coin for the wearing of mufti. In addition, a variety of orange food and drinks are available for pre-purchase. There is no obligation to buy. If, however, you would like to child to purchase any of the items below, please complete the order form and return, with the exact money, by Thursday, March 12 2015. No late orders or cheques will be accepted.

Thanking you for your support,

Lynda Talintyre  Michele Hedge
Assistant Principal  Principal

Name: ___________________________ Class: ____________

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"Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation"
The ingredients in the Orange Cake are:

wheat flour, vegetable oil, water, sugar, egg, vegetable fat, whey powder, orange juice concentrate & oranges (7%), butter, pasteurised egg albumen, baking powder, sodium bicarbonate, salt, ethanol (starch &/or sugar derived), whipping agents (triethyl citrate), fully hydrogenated coconut oil, vitamin C (300), stabilising vegetable gums (415, 412), emulsifiers (soya lecithin, 492), tartrazine (102), colour (110), preservatives (202, 211), flavours
Dear Parents,

Each year it is traditional for Year 6 students to have the opportunity to purchase a tribute shirt that they are able to wear to school as a sports shirt.

This year we will again be ordering the polo shirts through KROO Graphics and Screenprinting. All shirts are Australian made and will cost $28.00 each.

The students will choose the full colour design that will appear on the back of the shirt along with all of the students' names. The school crest will be printed on the front.

If you would like your child to purchase one of these shirts, please indicate the size required below and return it in the envelope provided with $28.00 no later than Thursday, March 19 2015. No late orders can be accepted.

Thanking you,

L. Talintyre
Stage 3 Team Leader

M. Hedge
Principal

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**YEAR 6 POLO SHIRT ORDER**

I would like to order a Year 6 tribute shirt for my child [ ] in the following size:

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Sizes indicated above refer to the circumference measurement of the chest size of the shirt. Sample shirts will be available for students to try on at school if you are unsure of the sizing.

I have enclosed cash / cheque payment of $ [ ] or

Please charge my credit card # [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] Exp. [ ] / [ ]

CCV: [ ] (3 Digit # on back of card)

Parent/caregiver name: ______________________________________

Signed: ______________________________________ Date: ______________________
5 March 2014

Dear Parents

On Wednesday 25 March Brainstorm Productions will be presenting ‘Saving Lil and Archie’ to all students K-6 at Quakers Hill East Public School.

‘Saving Lil and Archie’ is a live show about safe, appropriate use of technology. It also encourages children to limit screen time, get more sleep and do more exercise. This play is part of our Anti-Bullying focus and it encourages children to listen to their teachers and parents instructions and make positive responsible connections at school and on the internet.

The cost of the performance is $5.00 per student.

Please return the attached permission note with payment to the school office by Friday 20 March 2015.

Mrs Michele Hedge                        Mrs Janelle Clissold
Principal                                Assistant Principal

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Saving Lil and Archie

I give permission for my child ______________________________________ of class __________ to attend the in-school performance of ‘Saving Lil and Archie’ on 25 March 2015.

I have enclosed payment of $5.00

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ____________________
5 March, 2015

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 24 March (Term 1, Week 9), African Beat will be presenting ‘Salaka Sharing the Spirit of Africa Interactive Drumming’, at Quakers Hill East School.

The performance will celebrate Harmony Day and will include an informative and interactive performance by ‘The Salaka Ensemble’ highlighting the culture and rhythm of Africa. During the performance the children will learn a traditional song, play an authentic African rhythm on the drums and experience African dancing.

The performance takes approximately 1 hour and parents are welcome to attend.

Cost of the performance is $5.50 per child

Please return the attached permission note with payment to the school office by Friday 20 March.

Mrs Michele Hedge  Mrs Joanne Taylor & Mrs Lynne Smith
Principal Harmony Day Coordinators

Harmony Day Performance

I give permission for my child ____________ of class ____________ to attend the performance of ‘Salaka’ at Quakers Hill East on 24 March, 2015.

I enclose payment of $5.50

Signed: ________________________________
Easter Raffle 2015

Dear Parents,

The Easter raffle is on again!!!

Easter is fast approaching and we are holding our annual fundraiser to purchase resources in the school for students from K – 6.

We are asking that all families donate a wrapped Easter egg so that we can create some wonderful hampers and parcels as prizes for our raffle.

The eggs need to be sent to the school by Wednesday 25th March to allow time to organise the prizes. The raffle will then be drawn on Wednesday 1st April at school.

Tickets are attached to this flyer.

Please fill in all the necessary details and return the tickets and money in an envelope.

All tickets (sold & unsold) need to be returned to the school by Monday 30th March.

The price of each ticket is $2.

(extra tickets are available at the office)

1st prize is a large Easter hamper (full of Easter goodies).
2nd prize is a medium hamper.
3rd prize is a small hamper.

Consolation prizes will be made with any extra eggs.

We are also planning on making Easter gift baskets to donate to the nursing homes in the local area.

Please remember to only allow children to ask family and friends to buy tickets and children should always be accompanied by an adult.

“Thank you for supporting our school and our local community.”

Lynne Smith & Fiona Bennetts
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