

Newsletter

Friday, 23 August 2019, Week 5, Term 3

Principal's Message

What an amazing two weeks it has been! Congratulations to our senior boys touch team who have continued their winning streak by progressing to the next round. Next Wednesday, they will be competing against Goulburn East Public School, at David Campese oval. All students will again be going over to cheer on the team. Best of luck.

This week, staff have been reviewing how students leave school in the afternoons. Our primary concern is to ensure that all students make their way home in the safest possible way. From next week, students will be escorted out of the school gates by staff and supported in crossing the roads (at designated crossings). Students will be leaving via Yass Rd, Thurrallilly St or Mulloon St. Instead of collecting students from the classrooms, parents are asked to wait for their children near these gates. It is important that students know which gate they will be picked up from it would be greatly appreciated if you would be able to remind your children each morning where you will be picking them up. As part of this, students will also be supported in their transition to our after school program (Camp Australia).

Congratulations to our amazing young scientist who won a major award at this year's Governor General Science Design Competition. This winning team was selected to represent our school from a wide range of amazing entries from students in years 5 & 6. Well done to all involved.

Mr Danny Scott
Principal



National Science Week

After a few weeks of deliberation, iteration, implementation and building our Governor General Science design, the challenge competition winners headed to Government house to showcase their lunar module. This competition was part of this year's science week. The theme was Destination Moon: More Missions. More Science.

The team was able to test their design's durability and suitability in a range of simulated lunar environments. Their design was launched, spun, rammed, crammed, frozen and dropped. It was able to withstand a series of worst-case scenarios with its pilot (a water balloon) remaining safely intact in the cockpit. Our student's design won 1 of the 3 people's choice award which was decided by fellow participants, dignitaries and scientists from some of the most prestigious organisations in our region. They were awarded a special Governor General medal and a 200 dollar gift voucher for our school to spend at Questacon. Congratulations to all involved.





Book Week 2019



Book Week

What a fantastic week we have had celebrating Book Week! We began the week with a 'secret storyteller' (the Children's Librarian) from Queanbeyan Public Library. She shared some of the fantastic books that were nominated for the CBCA's Book of the Year Awards. Next, we were mesmerised by the performance of the very talented musician and author, Valanga Khoza. Valanga engaged us all with his stories of life in South Africa and his enchanting music. We sang along with his performances and some students were lucky enough to join him on stage to try out some of his many unique instruments. The book character parade was the highlight of our celebrations. Students and teachers were a sea of colour, dressed as their favourite book characters. From wizards and princesses to Willy Wonka, there was an array of characters lighting up our school. Thank you to all of the parents and family members who came along to join in the fun!

Contact information

Very shortly we will be starting to use a text messaging service to communicate with parents for a wide range of incidents including about student absences and late arrivals. If you have not recently done so, we ask that you contact the office to update your contact information.



Our senior boys touch team, relaxing after beating their latest opponent!

Changes to Leaving School Routine



★ = Pickup point

From Monday 26 September, all students will be safely escorted out of the school by teachers. Instead of collecting students from classrooms, parents are asked to wait at one of the three pickup points.

Students attending Camp Australia will be taking directly to the Camp Australia Room.

These changes have been made in the interest and safety of all students.

Friday
30 August

P&C Father's Day
Breakfast

Thursday
5 September

Years 1 & 2 Possum
Magic Performance at
Canberra Theatre

Wednesday
18 September

AECG Meeting QHS
4:30pm

Friday
27 September

Last day of Term 3