

Newsletter

26 July 2019, Week1, Term 3

Principal's Message

Thank you everyone for such an amazing welcome. I have long heard of how fantastic Queanbeyan East Public School is and I am quickly discovering just how true that is. I have spent the first week talking to students, parents and staff and can't wait to meet everyone in time.

Coming up this term, there are many special events and opportunities for students, many of which are listed in this newsletter. As always, individual permission notes will be sent home when needed.

Attached to this newsletter you will find an "Update of Contact Information" form. This is to support our school moving to sending home some correspondence electronically, to better support the needs of our community. Please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible.

For the remainder of this term, Mrs Rebekah Lindsay has taken on the role of Acting Principal at Gunning Public School. Mr Dave Marchant will continue as Relieving Assistant Principal while she is away. We also welcome to the school Mr Kieran Harding who will be joining us for three days a week, for the remainder of the term, to help run a range of different programs.

Miss Melany Budakoski will be taking some medical leave for the first half of the term while she recovers from a recent illness. We have all been thinking of her and hope that she makes a speedy recovery. Whilst on leave Mrs Bridie Walsh will be teaching 1/2 White.

Mr Danny Scott
Principal



District Arts Festival 2019

Years 4 – 6 have been working hard to memorise and polish their dance moves for the upcoming District Arts Festival. The theme for this year's festival is *The Big Blue*, Queanbeyan East has interpreted this as Smurfs – although Smurfs are small, we have a mighty, big and 'blue' performance ready! Their hard work and dedication has allowed them to create a fantastic choreographed performance with groups embracing numerous dance genres including jazz, hip-hop and free style. We can't wait to see them perform at the Canberra Theatre in week 3!

Premier's Sporting challenge

The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) encourages all students in public schools to be more active, more often by increasing their participation in sport and physical activity.

Students and staff at Queanbeyan East will record and track their physical activity over a 10 week period in Term 3 as they aim to be more active, more often. PSC certificates will be presented to students in Term 4 to acknowledge their sporting effort and achievements.

100 Days of School – 2019

Kindergarten students have had a wonderful start to their educational journey! To commend them on their fantastic achievements we celebrated their 100th day of school on Friday 26 July. Students arrived dressed as elderly 100 year old men and women, and completed fun activities revolving around the number 100. It was a fantastic day of learning and we look forward



Around our School

It has been a huge first week at QEPS with lots of learning and opportunities. How amazing do our kindergarten students look dressed to celebrate their first 100 days?



to seeing what they achieve in the next 100 days of school. Look out for our mini 100 year olds on Facebook!

Science Week 2019

Science Week is a fun and exciting week where all schools around Australia engage in science activities and experiments to enhance student's learning. Every year there is a different theme. This year's theme is '*Destination Moon: More Missions, More Science*' which we are excited to explore. On Wednesday 14 August, our school will be participating in a school wide science day. The students will be mixed together from Kindergarten to Year 6. This is a fantastic experience for students to work together to develop their science inquiry thinking and collaborative skills. Look out for our scientists in action on Facebook during Week 4.

Book Week 2019

In Week 5 (19-23 August), we will be celebrating Book Week. Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia. Each year, many schools and public libraries around Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. This year the theme for Book Week is 'Reading is my Secret Power'. At Queanbeyan East Public School, we have an exciting range of activities planned for students. The activities planned are outlined as follows:

Monday 19 August – Secret Storyteller Incursion for K-2 students.

Tuesday 20 August – Valanga Khoza (author, storyteller and musician) 'Stories from South Africa' Incursion for K-6 students.

Wednesday 21 August – K-6 Book Character Parade.

Education Week 2019

Education Week is a state-wide, annual event to celebrate NSW public education. The theme for the 2019 Education Week is 'Every student, every voice'. It is a

celebration of student empowerment and how the NSW public education system gives students the skills they need in order to have and express a voice during their own educational journey and as engaged global citizens. To celebrate Education Week, the Queanbeyan East Student Representative Council (SRC) will be holding a special assembly at 9.00am on Wednesday 7 August. After the assembly, parents and caregivers are invited to visit their child's classroom and share in a variety of wonderful learning experiences.

Friday 26 July	Kinder 100 Days School Dress up Day
Monday 5 August	District Arts Festival Rehearsal 9.15am—3.00pm
Tuesday 6 August	District Arts Festival Rehearsal & Opening Night 10.00am—8.45pm
Wednesday 7 August	Education Week Assembly 9:00am District Arts Festival Closing Night 3.15pm—8.45pm
Tuesday 13 August	P&C Meeting
12-16 August	Science Week
19-23 August	Book Week
Friday 30 August	P&C Father's Day Breakfast
Thursday 5 September	Years 1 & 2 Possum Magic Performance at Canberra Theatre