**Principal’s Report**

**Welcome Kinder 2013**

Ms Spink will once again teach our new kinder students. We have 14 new families and 13 siblings forming the class of 27 this year. These students attended ‘Best Start’ assessment appointments last week and have now settled in to their permanent classroom. Thank you to Miss Butler for teaching Kindergarten whilst these assessments were undertaken.

Congratulations to our swimming champions and Tinderry House for their success at the carnival. There are a number of swimmers going on to compete at the AIS in the District Carnival—well done everyone! Thanks Mr Reed and those parents who assisted with the races.

**Howard Mackinder**  
**Principal**

**Parent Information Night**

Tomorrow, Wednesday 13th February, we will be holding a Parent Information Night. The evening will commence at 6.00pm in the School Library and then the teachers will conduct their information sessions in their classrooms. Each teacher will conduct 2 sessions of approximately 20mins so that parents with children in different classes can meet up with the teachers for their sessions. This is an opportunity to establish educational partnerships between teachers and parents. The evening will close at 7.15pm.

**P&C AGM & Committee**

The Principal’s report to P&C and the Treasurer’s report were tabled at last night’s meeting. Mr Mackinder welcomed new staff and outlined the arrangements for class locations. The Treasurer’s report indicated a credit balance of $88.00. The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on 11 March 2013 at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. All committee positions are vacant so come along and get involved.

**Scripture**

Scripture starts on Thursday 28 February 2013. All students will attend last year’s scripture groups unless the school is otherwise notified in writing.

**Private Vehicle Conveyance**

Where there is no public transport available (mainly in rural areas) parents can apply for a subsidy towards transporting students to school by private vehicle. To be eligible, travel must be made from home to school or transport pick-up point (e.g. bus stop, railway station) both in the morning and afternoon.

Application forms for private vehicle conveyance are available from the school. The completed application form should be sent to the address given on the application form.

**Notes Home**

The following notes are coming home with this newsletter:

- **Kinder—6**
  - Text Book and Voluntary Contribution Statements.
  - Money envelopes—please return all notes and money in these envelopes. This envelope will also be used to return receipts to you.

- **Years 1 & 2**
  - Jollybops Permission note—please sign and return with payment.

- **Years 1—6**
  - Emergency Contact—please update and return.
  - General Permission Note—please sign and return.

**School Calendar—Upcoming Events**

- **Wed 13 Feb**  
  - Parent Information Night
  - School Library 6.00—7.15pm

- **Thu 14 Feb**  
  - Brumbies visit Years 1 & 2
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- **Thu 21 Feb**  
  - Brumbies visit Years 1 & 2

- **Thu 28 Feb**  
  - Scripture begins

- **Fri 1 Mar**  
  - Jollybops Show Years 1 & 2

- **Thu 7 Mar**  
  - Brumbies visit Years 1 & 2

- **Fri 29 Mar**  
  - Good Friday

- **Mon 1 Apr**  
  - Easter Monday

- **Apr 10, 11 & 12**  
  - Berry Camp Years 5 & 6

- **Fri 12 Apr**  
  - Last Day of Term 1
Head Lice
We have already had reports of head lice in some classes. Our unseasonal humid weather is the ideal environment for head lice. We are asking all parents to be vigilant in examining their child’s hair for signs of infestation.
The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should look for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp.
Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away, the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.
An effective chemical free treatment is the ‘condition and comb’ technique:
1. Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
2. Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
3. Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb. The best comb for this is the Lice Meister comb. However, plastic nit combs with conditioner are also very effective for detecting climbers.
4. Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a paper tissue and look for lice and eggs.
5. Repeat the combing for every part of the heat a least 5 times.
6. Also examine the comb for lice and eggs.

Bus Passes
All students should have received their 2013 Bus Passes. If not, please contact the school office for a new Bus Pass Application.
Deane’s will be charging anyone without a pass as of Monday 18 February 2013.
Deane’s new bus passes now show the exact bus stop that each student is advised to board at and what buses they will need to catch throughout the day.
The passes now have four number spaces to show what buses your child is required to catch during their school day. For most students, this will mean four separate numbers, or animal names for Transborder students.
The first number ‘AM 1’ indicates indicates the bus they will catch from their home to their local interchange, while “AM 2” is the bus they will need to transfer to which will take them on to their school. The third number “PM 1” will take them from their school to their relevant interchange, where they will transfer to “PM 2” to carry them back to their nearest stop to their home. In some cases, this number will repeat itself if they go through an interchange but do not change buses.
If “AM 1” or “PM2” shows a hyphen (–) instead of a number, this indicates that that they will be catching a direct through bus from their nearest bus stop to their school. This means they will not be passing through an interchange, as if often the case for Jerrabomberra residents.
If “AM” or “PM 2” shows an ‘n’ instead of a number, this means that there is no bus that services their nearest bus stop. Generally, this will mean that your nearest bus stop will be their local bus interchange. Sometimes this will only apply in the morning though there may be an afternoon bus all the way back to their nearest stop, or visa versa.

Disclaimer for parents: These numbers are not foolproof; as with all data entry, mistakes happen. We have tried our best to get these as accurate as possible, but by no means should they be taken as gospel. Please refer to our School Bus Route Guides to make sure that these buses definitely go to and from the bus stops and schools that are relevant to your child. Please do not send your child out with these numbers without checking them first. Deane’s Transit Group will not take responsibility for any incorrect travel that results from not confirming the integrity of these numbers. If you find an error in this combination, please contact our office so we may correct this travel sequence in our system and we will reissue your child’s pass with the correct numbers.

Absences
It is a requirement of the NSW DEC that the school be notified regarding any absence.
Parents may write a note, phone or email the school to explain an absence.
If a student is arriving late they must go to the front office, before going to class, as records of attendance are now maintained electronically at the school office.
When you pick up your child early, you must go to the front office for a ‘pick up slip’ before collecting your child from the classroom.
Late arrivals and early departures should be kept to a minimum so that your child is able to access all learning activities.
Kinder Screening
Queanbeyan Community Health provide a service to conduct hearing and vision screening of kinder students. This screening takes place at the request of either the parent or the teacher. If you have any concerns about your child’s vision or hearing please ask the teacher to arrange for screening at school.

General Permission Note
Our general permission note which covers Local Excursions and Child Protection will come home with all Year 1-6 students today. Please complete and sign both sections before returning to school.

Ambulance
The school contributes to the NSW Ambulance Fund to cover ambulance transport for all the students in the school whilst they are in NSW. If a student is transported to hospital by ambulance, and you do not have private cover, the school fund covers the cost. You are required to present the ambulance account to the school office to be validated before mailing to Ambulance NSW.

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Happy birthday to those celebrating a birthday in February!

Happy Birthday to those who celebrated a birthday in January!

School Assemblies
Assemblies are each fortnight on Friday at 11.30am.
- 22nd Feb to be hosted by 5C
- 8th Mar to be hosted by 4S
- 22nd Mar to be hosted by 3B
- 5th Apr to be hosted by 2K

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  - Charlie Durr & Laura Petrelli

Class Awards
Congratulations!
- **Kinder**—Latia B, Hope P, Troy C and Jack B
- **1O**—Lachlan T, Sam M and Liam O
- **2K**—Kaiden L, Harman M and Julian M
- **3B**—Charlotte M, Tony M, Connor G and Kaden S
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Please sponsor Charlee Gibbs
Charlee says “I am 8 yrs old. I am being brave and going to shave, I have very long hair and this a big thing for me to do. I'm excited about helping others so please help me by making a donation! Thanks xoxo”

QEPS will support Charlee with a gold coin ‘Camouflage’ Mufti Day on Friday 1st March. Donations can be made online at http://my.leukaemiacfoundation.org.au/charleegibbs or at any National Australia Bank branch BSB 308-322 Account 856 069 224 Reference 2163861.

Qbn Kangaroo Minor Rugby League
Registration day at Qbn Kangaroo Club Thursday 14 February from 6.30pm to 8.00pm
For more info email roossecretary@hotmail.com

Qbn United Hockey
Recruiting Now!
For more info visit www.quhc.com.au or contact Tracey on 0419 428 013

Queanbeyan Netball Association
Seeking nominations from players interested in trialling for U11’s Development Squad. Applications close 16 February. For more info email qnanetball@hotmail.com or call Kylie Maxwell on 0419 126 949.

Would $500 help pay for school uniform, books or a laptop?
You may be eligible if you have:
• a health/pensioner concession card
• a child at school
• some regular income from work (you or your partner)
Contact Michele Mendoza from Saver Plus (The Smith Family) on 6283 7606 or 0448 730 305 or email michele.mendoza@thesmithfamily.com.au

First Eucharist Parent Info Night
Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 7.00pm in the St.Gregory’s School Hall.
For more info email stg.sacramental@cg.catholic.org.au

Qbn District Basketball Association
Junior Southern League Trials will be held at the Qbn Basketball Centre on Saturday 16 February 2013
For more info call 6297 0153

New Players & Teams Welcome
Kinder—Year 4 email pete35@tpg.com.au
Years 5—6 email cjduvall@hotmail.com

Monaro Panthers FC Registration
Online from 9 Feb 2013 to 10 Mar 2013 at www.myfootballclub.com.au
Information Days
Sat 16 Feb 2pm—5pm @ David Madew Oval Jerra
Thu 21 Feb 6pm—9pm @ Riverside Plaza Qbn
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Free entry!

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School Uniform for Sale
We have the following second hand uniform items for sale; they are $5.00 each.
Polar fleece jumper  1 x size 6   3 size 8 4 x size 10 2 x size 12 1 x size 14
Zip Jacket   1 x size 6   1 x size 10
These items are all in good, wearable condition. They will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the form below and return, with payment, to the office.

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ABSENTEE NOTICE For your convenience we have attached absentee notes that you may wish to use if your child/ren are absent from school. Please feel free to photocopy this original. Thank you

Queanbeyan East Public School
Absentee Note

Student name: ______________________________________________ in class: ___________
Date of absence/s: ____________________________________________
Reason for absence/s: __________________________________________
Parent signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________

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