From the Principal

Welcome back to a brisk and chilly start to the term. Term 3 will be exceptionally busy with our students participating in the Queanbeyan District Arts Festival at the Canberra a Theatre. This festival celebrates public education during Education Week. Our students have enjoyed the practice sessions and are feeling quite excited about the opportunity to perform on such a big stage.

Our students will also be performing in plays for our Term 3 Presentation, to be held at the Community Hall on Friday 28 August.

Huge congratulations to the P&C for their efforts in organising the disco at the end of last term. It was wonderful to see the support and our students having such a good time. Thank you to Ruth and Jo for the catering.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries please approach the staff for clarification.

Music Program Term 3

We have the opportunity through the Music Stars Program to provide music tuition to students on Tuesday afternoons’ after school.

Music Stars organises tuition in many other schools in our area.

Lessons are of half hour duration at a cost of $14.00 per lesson. We hope to begin Week 3.

Music tuition is available for guitar and keyboard.

Please fill in the Expression of Interest attachment if you wish your child to participate in the program.

We are still in the process finalising arrangements with Music Star and it may depend on numbers, hence the need for expressions of interest.

After School Program- Term 3 Wk 2.

After School programs will begin next week. Homework Club will run on Monday afternoons.

Basketball will be held on Wednesdays and games and activities on Friday.

On inclement days students will have indoor activities and games.

Please note: Wednesday 29 July there will be no After School Program due to rehearsal day at the Canberra Theatre.

We ask parents to provide their child/children with an afternoon snack as the children are very hungry by the end of the day.
Students staying for these sessions are expected to participate fully in the program and comply with behavioural expectations.

**Fun Runs With Anna**

Next week Anna will organise our run with the students on Friday morning at 8:30. Tuesday runs are still in place for those students who wish to keep fit and healthy.

Many, many thanks to Anna for her time and effort.

**Family Leave**

Parents are required to complete an *Exemption Form* for student leave of a week or more.

**UNIFORM & HATS**

Please ensure your child wears *full school uniform to school*. The students are very proud of their uniform and it is a visible display of school pride and respect.

There are some uniform hats available at the school, as are second hand uniforms, all reasonably priced. The school policy is ‘No hat, No play!'

Students are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen to school.

**Crunch & Sip Program**

At 10:00 each morning students have crunch and sip in the classroom. This program benefits student health and wellbeing. Please supply your child each day with the following:

- *Crunch-fruit & vegetables only*
- *Sip- water only*

**Mobile Library**

The *Mobile Library* from Cooma visits the community *every second week on a Monday*. New families are able to register by completing forms provided from the mobile library.

School Library and borrowing is every Monday. Supply a library bag.

**Entry into School Grounds**

In accordance with DET & WHS guidelines, we remind families that school grounds are not accessible during out of school hours. School grounds are not a public place. If children use the tennis court, an exception, they must have parent supervision at all times. This is to ensure health & safety at all times as well as respect for property.

Dogs must always be on a leash and no dogs are allowed on the tennis court or in the sandpit area.

**P&C**

The next meeting will be held on *Friday 17th July, the first week back*. We encourage everyone to participate and welcome our new families.
P&C meetings will be held on the first Friday of the month for the rest of the year.

P&C Fundraiser

The P&C are holding a BBQ at Harvey Norman Fyshwick on Sunday 16 August.

A roster with time slots will be sent out to all families to assist with this fundraiser.

We really appreciate all the support we can get and look forward to your participation!

This is our major fundraiser for the year.

This fundraiser will certainly be a boost to support the Senior Camp at Cooba.

Finance & Money Matters

The Administration Manager is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

The school has a cashless policy and accepts electronic Eftpos and credit card facility to pay accounts.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Your Workwear in Cooma is able to supply our uniforms.

Attached is a price list and order form which will be updated for summer.

Angela Cigana
40 Bombala Street, Cooma NSW 2630
Ph: 02 6452 5417 F: 02 6452 5412
info@yourworkwear.com.au
www.yourworkwear.com.au

Voluntary Contributions

The Voluntary Contribution is separate to the Student Activity Book fee and is payable to Michelago Public School.

The Voluntary Contribution is $40. Per child and is widely accepted as a donation throughout the NSW Education system. These funds are used to assist with the purchase of resources and support excursion costs.

Payments should be made by the end of term 1.

Student Absence, Arrivals & Collection

Students who arrive after 9:00 in the morning and are collected before 3:00 in the afternoon are required to be signed in or out on the Register kept at the front office.

As part of DEC policy all student partial absences and full absences are recorded and monitored.

Parents and carers are required to inform the teacher of an absence through word of mouth, telephone, text, email or letter.
A call from the office or a Departmental letter will be sent home requesting information if the above is not completed.

Please note: Word of mouth from a student regarding absence is NOT LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE.

If a student is being collected by someone other than their parent and there is a change to routine, please inform the teacher prior to the collection.

**WH&S Volunteer & Transport Requirements**

We strongly encourage all parents to apply for their Voluntary Working with Children number on the RTA website. This action supports child protection requirements. Free to volunteers.

Each year the school is required to fulfil legal obligations by requesting license and registration details from parents if you use your vehicle to transport students to and from excursions/events.

The Working with Children number also supports parents and carers who wish to volunteer their services at school in activities such as tutoring, driving children to excursions, sport etc.

Many thanks for your support in these matters.

**School Website**

Our school website is updated every 2 weeks so you can check the calendar.

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**Term Dates**

- P&C Meeting : Friday 17 July
- District Arts Festival Rehearsal: Wednesday 29 July Canberra Theatre
- Thursday 30 July All day Canberra Theatre
- Harvey Norman BBQ- Sunday 16 August
- Super Hero Day- Tuesday 1 September
- Term 3 Presentation at the Community Hall – Friday 28 August

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**WINTER WARNING**

As we live in an area of extreme weather conditions which can change quickly we please ask parents if they are contacted by the school in regards to flooding or snow hazards, they are required to collect their children immediately.
Queanbeyan District Arts Festival 2015 CONNECT: An Education Week Performance

The District Arts Festival is a variety performance featuring over 400 students, Kindergarten to Year 12, from public schools in the Queanbeyan Schools’ Education Group.

Thank you all our families for supporting this wonderful opportunity for all our students to be involved in such a dynamic performance at the Canberra Theatre. Your assistance with transport is much appreciated.

Wednesday July 29: Students to be at the Canberra Theatre by 9:30. Students to be collected by 1:00 at the front entrance. Students are to take their crunch and sip, recess and lunch.

Thursday July 30: Students to be at the Theatre by 11:00. We will leave the school at 9:00. The performance begins at 6:00pm. Students require enough food, snacks and drinks for the entire day.

Collection at the end of the evening (approx. 9:00pm): Students will be walked around to the front of the entrance from an adjoining alleyway. Students must be signed off before departing.

Students cannot be collected early! They are required to stay for the joint finale.

Costume Requirements:

There will be a dress rehearsal this Friday 17 July to ensure everything is right to go. Please place costumes in a labelled bag.

If you are unsure of costume requirements, please see the staff.

There will be a cost of $10.00 per student to cover makeup, additional props as well as support the Term 3 Presentation at the end of August.

Tickets

We still have some tickets available for the Thursday night as a group booking. These will be sold to the first purchasers. Please contact Nicole in the Administration Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

Prices are:

Adult $29.00
Child/Student/Conc $18.00
You can also purchase tickets
yourself through Canberra
Ticketing online or by phone.
Show is called Connect 2015.