

Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed" Newsletter Tuesday, 30th November, 2010 (Week A No. 38)

Diary Dates

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President: *Cheryl Troy*

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NOV./DECEMBER:

Mon.-Frid.29th-3rd Dec. Mon.-Thu.29th-2nd Dec. Tuesday 14th Dec. Wed. 15th Dec. Years 2-6 Excursion Secondary Excursion Presentation Day – 5.30 p.m. B.B.Q. supper afterwards. BIG Day in. Last day of school for Term 4 for all Students.

Congratulations Amber

Our Year 12 student, Miss Amber Bland has been accepted for early entry into the Bachelor of Education degree (Early Childhood/Primary) at Charles Stuart University – Bathurst. We wish Amber all the best as she undertakes her university studies.



Principal's Report:

Last day of Term 4

The last day of attendance for students is Wednesday 15 December. Year 10 students last day of attendance is Thursday 9 December.

The school staff then participates in two School Development Days on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 December, where members of the school staff undertake professional learning and prepare for the 2011 school year.

Presentation Ceremony

The annual Quandialla Central School presentation ceremony will be conducted on Tuesday 14 December, beginning at 5.30pm. One of the official guests for this year's ceremony is Mr Denis Armstrong, Lachlan School Education Director. The presentation ceremony is the major event in the school calendar and acknowledges the outstanding achievements by our students. The school extends an invitation to all parents, family members and members of the community to participate in this event. The School Certificate credential will also be presented to our Year 10 student at the Presentation Ceremony.

The ceremony will be followed by a BBQ dinner at school for staff, students, parents, family members and community members. Quandialla Central School will be supplying the meat. Parents and community members are asked to bring a salad to share. Salads may be left at the school by 5.00 p.m. on the day, or brought to the B.B.Q. after our presentation evening ceremony has finished.

Excursion week

Week 8 (29-11-10 to 3-12-10) is Excursion week for students in Years 3 – 6 and Years 7 – 12.

The primary students will participate in the excursion to the Borambala Sport and Recreation centre, accompanied by Mrs Robinson and Mrs Harvey, and the secondary students will participate in the Gold Coast excursion, accompanied by Mr Dale and Mrs Rowland.

On Tuesday 30-11-10, students in K 1-2 will participate in a one day excursion to Wagga, accompanied by Mrs Wallder and Mrs Harris.

Twitter account for parents

Visit <u>www.twitter.com/myschoolkids</u> and follow My School Kids to see helpful and practical advice to support your child.



Enrolling children at school

Parents seeking to enrol children at school for 2011may obtain an Enrolment Form from the school office. The form explains the additional information required to complete the enrolment process.

A number of documents are required to complete the enrolment process, including Birth Certificate, Medicare Number and Immunisation Record.

Parents are also required to provide information on residential address and emergency contact details. An emergency contact (name, address, phone and mobile numbers) is usually a close relative or a trusted family friend.

Parents may pick up enrolment forms now, and begin to assemble all of the documents and information needed to complete the process at the beginning of the 2011 school year.

Whooping cough

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) among primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to younger brothers and sisters at home and can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

- Children with symptoms should see a GP.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

More information at <u>www.health.nsw.gov.au</u>

Water

Pack a water bottle for your child each day and remind them that they can also get water from the taps or bubblers throughout the day.

Encouraging your child to read at home

- 1. Be yourself and involve your child in everyday conversations from an early age.
- 2. Read aloud to your child. It will help your child to learn the language of books and encourage the enjoyment of books and reading.
- 3. Talk about books together make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
- 4. See that there is a range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- 5. Read to your child in your first language research shows that using your first language will help your child when he or she learns to read English.
- 6. Try not to let television intrude on reading time set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.
- 7. Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.
- 8. Give books as treats and presents.
- 9. Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
- 10. Join your local library. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child. More tips at <u>www.schools.nsw.edu.au</u>

Contacting the school

Please contact the school for further information. I am always available to meet with parents, provide further information and answer questions.

Kind Regards, Phil Foster - Principal.

CANTEEN ROSTER

1 DAY PER WEEK

TERM 4 – 2010

Wednesday, 1st December, 2010 C. Troy

Wednesday, 8th December, 2010 K.Broomby

Wednesday, 15th December, 2010 No Canteen

Time of Arrival is 10.00 a.m.

<u>President</u>: Cheryl Troy – 6347 2126 <u>Secretary</u>: Leanne Penfold – 6347 2119

<u>REMINDER</u>:

Could all canteen helpers please remember to bring with them a lettuce and tomatoes on the day they are on duty. *Thank you.*

Canteen Helpers

Could all canteen helpers presently on the canteen roster please contact Leanne Penfold on 63472119 to let her know if they are willing to stay on the roster for 2011 or they wish to be removed.

Also if there is any willing volunteers who would like to go onto the canteen roster for 2011 could you also contact Leanne Penfold.

Thank you

LAST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FOR 2010

Quandialla Central School's last newsletter for 2010 will be Tuesday, 7th December, 2010.

If you wish to advertise in this newsletter, <u>all items must be</u> at QCS by <u>11.00 a.m</u>. on Monday, 6th December, 2010.

Thank you for your co-operation.

BROAD BRIM HATS

The weather is heating up and students are required to wear a broad brim hat when playing outside at school. If your child does not have a broad brim hat, school hats can be purchased for \$10.00 from the front office during school hours.

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Thursday, 9th December, 2010 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

For all K~6 students in Assembly Room.



ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:



There are cases of head lice throughout the school at the moment.

Please ensure that you check your children's hair on a regular basis.

If there is any sign of head lice, treat immediately to stop them spreading to other students and staff.

Please discuss ways of prevention – (such as not sharing hats, brushes, combs, and hair bands) with your children.

Thank you for your assistance.



Quandialla Central School **Presentation Evening Tuesday, 14th December, 2010** 5.30 p.m.

Barbeque

<u>Please Note:</u>

The Barbeque will be held at Quandialla Central School immediately after the Presentation Evening. Quandialla Central School will be supplying the meat.

Please bring a salad to share. You are most welcome to leave your salad at the school before 5.00 p.m.

Thank you for your assistance.

We look forward to seeing you at our Presentation Evening and then afterwards at the Barbeque at Quandialla Central School.



QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY NEWS

CLIVES'S COMPUTERS



Computer Sales, **Repairs and Installation**

30 years experience, for personal service phone Clive or Kim:

6343 8227 or 0428 351336 WE WILL COME TO YOU!

QUANDIALLA HEALTH CENTRE

Wednesday - 08/12/2010

Community Calenda

DECEMBER

5th Dec. Tall Poppies Garden Club -Christmas get-together at Dixie Maslin's home.

9th Dec. Bimbi Rural Fire Brigade -Annual Christmas Party

19th **Bowling Club Community** Dec. Christmas Party



Date for Dr McGee's Visit for

WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY 2011 AWARDS

Interested persons and organisations are invited to make nominations for the Weddin Shire Australia Day 2010 Awards.

Categories are:

- * Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year (65 and over)
- * Community Event/Organisation of the Year
- * Community Service (personnel) Award
- Emergency Services (personnel) Award

Nominations forms are available at the Council Chambers and will be accepted up until Friday, 3 December 2010.

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<u>YES, THE POOL</u> <u>IS OPEN !!!!!!</u>

Opening Hours: Weekends: *2:30 pm - 7:30 pm *please note new opening time

Monday - closed - School Holidays 3:30 - 6:30 Tuesdays & Thursdays: 3:30 - 6:30 Wednesdays & Fridays: 3:30 - 6:00

Entry - \$3, Spectator - free Family Season Ticket - \$150, Single - \$60

ENROL NOW FOR THE QUANDI POOL SWIM SKOOL

For Pre-schoolers and up Maximum 4 students/class \$50.00 for 4 lessons Lessons held on 2nd, 5th, 9th and 12th Dec. from 4 pm. Limited places. Contact Robyn on 63471356

BIMBI RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER 6.30 p.m.

Held in Bimbi Fire Shed COLD CHRISTMAS DINNER

ADULTS \$5.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

Soft Drinks Available BYO ALCOHOL

SANTA WILL BE STOPPING BY

CONTACT: David Robinson 02 63471373 dandwrobinson@bigpond.com Margaret Jones 02 63471283

WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL <u>STREET STALLS</u> <u>2011</u>

Applications in writing may now be lodged with the undersigned for allocation of dates for street stalls during 2011. It is anticipated that an allocation of dates will take place in December 2010.

Applications close on Friday, 10 December 2010.



ST BRIGIDS DECEMBER SERVICES

Saturday 4th December Mass 6:00 pm Bribbaree Sunday 5th December Mass 10:00 am Caragabal Sunday 12th December Mass 10 am Quandialla Sunday 19th December Liturgy 10 am Quandialla

Christmas Mass Times Second Rite of Reconciliation for Christmas

17th December 7:00 pm Bribbaree Friday 24th December Mass 6:00 pm Bribbaree Friday 24th December Mass 8:00 pm Grenfell





TALL POPPIES GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 5th December - 3.00 p.m.

Hosted by Dixie & Rob Maslin "Warrakimbo", Caragabal 11km from Caragabal on the right on the West Wyalong Rd. Bring & Share afternoon tea or festive drink & nibbles!

There is a fenced swimming pool, children are welcome to swim, <u>if supervised by parents</u>.

Please contact Sarah Curry on 6347 2159 for any further details.



GRENFELL CINEMA

Residents are hereby advised that the next film at the Grenfell Cinema will be shown as below:

"My Life in Ruins" Friday, 3rd December, 2010 at 2.00 pm

Tickets are available from Louisa's Locker with prices detailed below:-

\$20 Family\$8 Single\$5 Pensioners\$5 Children (12 yrs)

As there are limited tickets available residents are encouraged to book early.

WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS - VILLAGES

Council is sponsoring the 2010 competitions for the best Christmas display in the villages of Bimbi, Caragabal, Greenethorpe and Quandialla.

Competitions are being coordinated by local community organisations in conjunction with Ward Councillors.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - GRENFELL

Council is conducting the 2010 competition for the best Christmas lights display on the following basis:-

- Cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively,
- Judging to be performed by passengers on the Loader's Christmas lights bus tour on the
- Winners to be announced at the Australia Day ceremony in Taylor Park.

Participating households are requested to contact Auburn Carr (ph 6343 2855) to ensure their street is included in the tour.

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WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL NEWS 29/11/2010

Are you one of those people who used to say you'd forgotten what rain looked like? I haven't heard anyone say that for a while now.

It has been an astonishing season, with ongoing rainfall right through the growing period which has generated the best crops for many years and dense grass cover in the pastures.

However there is a down side to everyone's accumulated prayers being answered after so many long dry years. It is commonly said that flood follows a drought, and here we are. Now the continuing rainfall is making things very wet at exactly the wrong time for our farmers.

The rain we are having now is not only affecting the quality of the grain, but it is also making it harder for the harvesters to work in the paddocks.

In similar manner, Council is beginning to receive requests to repair or upgrade haul roads so that the grain can be transported from the property. In some cases it is already too late, the roads would not support the road plant required. In other cases council has undertaken to carry out minor maintenance of the worst areas. The Engineering Department has already allocated all the available plant to maintenance duties, but it is quite likely that the number of problems is going to exceed council's capacity to respond.

The growth in non-crop areas is also not all good news. I did hear an interview in which an agronomist expressed the view that the excellent pastures would be enough to keep the locusts from attacking the crops, something the farmers would greatly appreciate.

The problem with the grass cover will come later in the summer when it has all browned off and turned into dry fuel. At this time the same farmers and graziers who benefitted from nature when things were green, will turn into volunteers for the Rural Fire Service and seek to help one another control outbreaks of bushfires.

They must wonder why they get out of bed some days.

Do you travel to Sydney over the Blue Mountains? Or do you take the Bells Line of Road in an effort to avoid the lines of dawdling locals and the ever-changing speed limits? Or do you go the long way via the Hume Highway for the sake of a decent road?

Weddin Shire Council has joined with other councils in CENTROC to push for a new route along the Bells Line of Road. At this stage all we want is the route identified and protected from development so that the road can be built when funds are available in the future.

After much resistance, the RTA is finally carrying out an investigation of the proposal, and has held public meetings in a number of affected centres. However this has apparently resulted in a majority of submissions from people in the Blue Mountains objecting to the proposal for all sorts of reasons. To balance this, there needs to be strong submissions from people in the Central West who would benefit from a high standard crossing. This particularly applies to businesses using road freight. Council encourages as many people as possible to make submissions. You can do this in the following ways:

Telephone 1800 017 787 Email <u>Bells_Line_of_Road@rta.nsw.gov.au</u> Write to Bells Line of Road PO Box 973 PARRAMATTA CBD_NSW_2124.

The RTA website is at <u>www.rta.nsw.gov.au/bellslineofroad</u> and contains background information if you would like to learn more.

Submissions close on 8 December 2010 so please respond if you would like to see a better crossing in the future.

Council is also trying to upgrade the rail network in the area so that businesses in our region can have better access to Port Botany and Port Kembla, rather than have to battle through the Blue Mountains where passenger trains have clear priority. Following a concerted campaign by the five councils of Blayney, Cowra, Harden, Young and Weddin, the NSW Government has commissioned a study into the reopening of the Blayney-Cowra-Demondrille rail line (including Greenethorpe), and has just appointed consultants Booz & Co to undertake the study.

The consultants will be contacting local businesses which might benefit from the line in the next week or so. If you have a business which might be interested in a reliable and properly run railway, contact Council and we will pass on your details.

Nominations for the Australia Day awards have been very slow. If you know someone who deserves acknowledgement, please submit a nomination by the closing date of 3rd December. There are several categories so you should be able to fit them in somewhere.

The exhibition at the Grenfell Art Gallery changed over last weekend and now features artists Vivien Tanner, paperbark artist Beverley Doak, wood sculptor Kit Tanner and mosaic artist Catherine Bennett. This is another high class exhibition with some interesting variations, and will be appreciated by the regular patrons, especially with Christmas coming up.

The matinee movie this Friday is "My Life in Ruins", starring Nia Vardolos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" fame. This comedy is actually set in Greece with Nia acting as a tourist guide for visiting international travellers with no interest in culture. If nothing else, the scenery should be classical.

In view of Dr Varejka's pending retirement, Council resolved last meeting to invite him to a morning tea so that the community could acknowledge his efforts and wish him well for the future. However Dr Varejka has informed the Mayor that he does not wish to attend such a public function.

Meeting Dates

16 December - Ordinary Council Meeting, 8.00am. 27 December 2010 – 3 January 2011 - Office Closed