



# Quandialla Central School

*"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"*

Celebrating 100 years  
of Education at QCS

**Newsletter** - Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 (Week B No 31)

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## Diary Dates – Term 4

### October:

Wed.	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	PSSA State Athletics Carnival – Sydney
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	" " " "
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	'Love Bites' Year 10 excursion to THLHS
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	Kindergarten Orientation
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	Music: Count Us In – 12.30 pm

### Inter-Zone

#### Semi-Final Primary Debating Competition

Held at Parkes Public School – Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2013



Congratulations to William, Sarah, Emma and Zachary  
for being part of the 2013 Primary Debating Competition.

### Weather

The weather lately has given us "four seasons in a few days". Without putting the "mokkas" on anything, I think we could do with some good soaking rain. Within the last week the school grounds have changed from being a picture of Spring to being decidedly dry, brownish and dusty. Time for us all to wash our cars!

## **Debate**

The primary debating team travelled to Parkes on Monday to compete in an inter-zone final of the Western Challenge competition. Miss Howard has been working with the team to prepare for this debate. The topic was an interesting one – “That celebrities are worth the money they earn” and Quandialla presented the case for the negative. This was a very challenging debate, with the Parkes team being awarded the win. Please see the report later in this newsletter. Congratulations to William Dixon, Zachary Broomby, Sarah Penfold and Emma Dixon on achieving this level of success.

## **State PSSA Athletics**

Sarah Penfold is travelling to Homebush on Wednesday to compete in the PSSA State Athletics Carnival. Sarah is representing in the Shot Put event. Considering there are over 65,000 students in Public Schools, this is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations Sarah.

## **NAPLAN student reports**

The NAPLAN student reports will be posted to parents this week. Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 completed the NAPLAN tests in May this year. The student reports contain valuable information for parents on the student's performance in the tests. However, it is important to note that the NAPLAN tests provide a “snapshot” of student's performance at one point in time (May 2013). Parents are invited to discuss the student's performance with their teachers. This will put the NAPLAN student report into a more authentic context.

## **Kindergarten orientation**

The kindergarten orientation program begins today and concludes on Tuesday 19 November. An information meeting for parents and families will be conducted on the last day of the program.

Children are “in class” for the full day, from the 8.55am Assembly to the end of the school day at 3.10pm. Parents may pick up their children at 3.10pm, or children may travel home on the school buses.

The orientation program is coordinated by Mrs Anne Dixon. Please don't hesitate to speak with Anne if there are questions.

Also, if you know of other families who may be interested in our Kindergarten Orientation program, please pass this information on and ask them to contact the school. Enquiries about enrolling children in Kindergarten for 2014 are very welcome.

## **Volunteers required**

We are seeking volunteers who are willing to spend about 30 minutes working with primary children each week on a reading program.

Training is provided and you will need to complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration. Training involves a brief discussion with the class teacher. Please contact the school on 6347 1207 to volunteer or obtain more information.

### **Choosing the right shoes**

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

### **NSW public school terms and holidays**

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

Find out more: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

### **Jargon explained**

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, they are actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

### **Home safety**

About 50 children fall out of windows or balconies in Australia each year. Spring is a good time to install a window lock to limit how far it opens.

It's this easy: <http://bit.ly/1dRpQw5>

### **Where's the octopus**

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be>

### **Higher School Certificate**

Is someone in your house preparing for the HSC? Here's some practical advice on everything from writing an essay to helping the rest of the family stay supportive (and sane) while your teen works towards their final exams.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/tips-for-surviving-the-hsc/hsc-resources-to-help-your-child>

### **Enrolling children at school**

*Quandialla Central School is a very well resourced school, with excellent teachers and staff, where students consistently achieve excellent results. The school works closely with parents, families and the community.*

Parents and families are invited to contact the school for further information on enrolling children in Kindergarten and Years 1 to 12 at Quandialla Central School for the **2014** school year.

### **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

Phillip Foster - Principal

## Debating News

Congratulations to our debaters this year; Emma Dixon, Sarah Penfold, Zach Broomby and William Dixon!

The team made it through three rounds and one knock-out round undefeated, which was a huge success! They competed in a semi-final round on Monday this week, and despite giving it their absolute best, the debate was awarded to our opposition. The debate was against Parkes Public with the topic "That celebrities are worth the money they earn." Our team as the negative had the challenging task of proving not only what celebrities were and the type of money they earn, but crucially whether they are *worth* that money. The adjudicator made clear that this was an advanced concept for Primary debaters, and regardless of the result of the debate the team tackled this challenge admirably.

Congratulations to Zach and Will for stepping up and debating against older students and showing real improvement over their first season of debating! Congratulations to Emma and Sarah who have stepped up in leading the team and developing their debating skills to the next level! Every student deserves to be very proud of themselves.

Many thanks to our parents, grandparents and families who have come along to support the debaters in the debates through the season; you have been a huge support to us all!

Miss Howard

### **SECONDARY PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

Years 7-10 Exam Week  
All of Week 7



#### **Quandialla Central School IS REAHEARSING FOR THE SONG THAT STOPS A NATION**

Students at Quandi are joining school children across Australia to take part in **Music: Count Us In**, Australia's largest school music promotion and participation program, which has been growing steadily since 2007.

**Music: Count Us In** will be held this year on **Thursday 31 October 2013 at 12.30pm** when over half a million school students across Australia, from Kindergarten to Year 12, will sing the same song at the same time.

This year's 'song that stops the nation' has a great pedigree. Titled *Keep On*, the song was penned by four talented students who were mentored by singer songwriter Katie Noonan, who says: 'I am a big believer in music in education. Music was an important part of my life while I was growing up so I'm really excited to be involved in mentoring students as part of Music: Count Us In this year'. *Keep On* has been produced by award-winning producer and **Music: Count Us In** Ambassador John Foreman and recorded by *The Voice* runner-up Darren Percival, with students providing backing vocals and musical accompaniment.

Parents and community members are invited to participate at the same time.

## **CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER Term 4 - 2013**

Our School Canteen is open on Wednesday

Time of Arrival is 10.00 a.m.

President: David Dixon – 6347 1271 Secretary: Leanne Penfold - 6347 2119

Treasurer: Anne Dixon - 6347 1271

### **Roster**

16 <sup>th</sup>	October	-	Kim Broomby
23 <sup>rd</sup>	October	-	Tracy Penfold
30 <sup>th</sup>	October	-	Margaret Priestley

### **Please Note:**

If your name is not on the roster and you would like to have a turn on canteen, please contact Leanne Penfold and we will put you on the roster either with somebody this term or next.

Please remember to bring lettuce and tomatoes. Buns and ham are purchased from the Quandialla Café.

## **QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL**

### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2013**

Quandialla Central School Kindergarten Orientation program commenced today, and will run for 6 weeks.

Kindergarten Orientation Dates are as follows: Tuesday, 15/10/13, 22/10/13, 29/10/13, 5/11/13, 12/11/13 and 19/11/13.

The Parent Information session will be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15 a.m. in the school library. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school for your information package.

Students may wear the Quandialla Central School uniform if they like, including a broad brimmed hat.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Quandialla Central School on 6347 1207.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **CLAIMING THE DATE:**

**QUANDIALLA PRE-SCHOOL - 'OCTOBERFEST - TWILIGHT FETE'**  
**SATURDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2013 - 4.00 – 8.00 pm.**

### **ST BRIGID'S CHURCH NOTICE:**

**Mass** - 10:00 am - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month and **Liturgy**- 10:00 am – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month  
These services will be held at St Mark's Anglican Church until further notice while necessary repairs are being carried out at St Brigid.

### **ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH:**

Services held 5.00 pm, fourth Sunday of the month.  
All welcome.

### **EXERCISE CLASSES:**

Quandialla Memorial Hall, 9.00 - 10.00 am Friday's.  
\$7 / class, please bring water bottle, comfy clothing, and appropriate shoes.  
Enquiries please phone: Kim 63472152

### **'VINTAGE' MELBOURNE CUP AFTERNOON:**

The Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting a "Vintage" Melbourne Cup afternoon with Devonshire Tea at the Quandialla Bowling Club on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 commencing at 1:00 pm. Entry is \$10.00 per person. Fashion Consultant Lisa Causer will be presenting the Veducci Clothing Spring/Summer Collection as well as handbags, wallets and jewellery. There will be a raffle, lucky door, sweeps and prizes for "Best Dressed." Hope to see you there!!

### **QUANDIALLA LIBRARY DEPOSIT STATION NEWS:**

The stock exchange for October was delayed until the middle of the month for a variety of reasons but of course the best things in life are worth waiting for! The adult fiction varies from Australian rural romance – "Blackwattle Lake" by Pamela Cook – to a novel by a Nobel Literature award winner – "Red Sorghum" by Mo Yan. And in-between there are a couple of traditional spy thrillers, an Australian flavour in Tony Parsons' "Back to the Pilliga" and Irene Drummond's "War at our Door", the text version of the successful film "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" and several 'whodunits'.

Standout among the nonfiction books is "Everest: summit of achievement", a beautifully illustrated coffee table book published to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of Sir Edmund Hilary and Tenzing Norgay's reaching the summit. There are also two biographies and books about pilates, the Victorian bushfires, the joys of reading, depression in older folk, making kitchen cabinet accessories out of wood and a book of cake recipes published by the CWA.

Ideas for improving the deposit station service are always welcome! Contact the library on 6343 1334 or at 88 Main Street, Grenfell or email [grenlib@grenfell.org.au](mailto:grenlib@grenfell.org.au)




## QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CLUB – GO SWIM MONTH:

Quandialla Swimming Club would like to invite you to their GO Swim Day to celebrate everything great about swimming. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the start of the swimming season, have some fun with your friends, maybe make some new friends and have a BBQ lunch. Get involved in Australia's most popular Olympic and Paralympics sport!


Date: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013  
Time: 10am – 2pm  
Location: Quandialla Swimming Pool  
Contact: Martina 0427431999  
Visit: [goswim.org.au](http://goswim.org.au) for more details

Our GO Swim Day will include: Parent information sessions, skills clinic, novelty races and a BBQ lunch.



**FREE ENTRY**

**GRENFELL GOLD FEST**



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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> 2013**  
**8am - 4pm • Main St, Grenfell NSW**

*Bring your friends and family to this free entry fun day and step back in time to the 1860's when gold was first discovered, at the Grenfell **Gold Fest**.*


- ★ O'Brien's Bards Breakfast with popular Australian poet Frank Daniel at O'Brien's Hill
- ★ Live Folk Band "Franklyn B Paverty"
- ★ Bushranger Re-enactment
- ★ Historical Artefact Displays
- ★ Bush Dancing Display
- ★ Black Smith & Leatherwork Demonstrations
- ★ Bush Furniture Making Demonstrations
- ★ Cobb & Co Coach Rides
- ★ Vintage Car Display
- ★ Gold Rush Tour of Historic George Street
- ★ Gold Panning Demonstration
- ★ Costume Comp with **over \$500 in Cash Prizes**
- ★ Local Art Galleries & Museums Open

(02) 6343 2855 • [tourism@grenfell.org.au](mailto:tourism@grenfell.org.au)  
[www.grenfell.org.au/goldfest](http://www.grenfell.org.au/goldfest)



**2013 Program**

8am	O'Brien's Bards Breakfast with popular Australian poet Frank Daniel at O'Brien's Hill until 9.30am
9am	Leather whip making demonstration by Richard Taubman until 4pm Bush furniture making demonstration by Brian Beasley until 4pm
9.30am	Official opening of O'Brien's Hill Gold Trails installation by Mayor Mark Liebich Franklyn B Paverty folk band
10am	Cobb & Co Coach rides until 3pm Art Gallery 'Gold Trails' exhibition until 4pm Bushranger Artefact Display in Community Hub until 4pm Historical Society Museum (Camp Street) until 4pm Vintage Car Display until 4pm Blacksmithing demonstration by Hawkesbury TAFE until 4pm Free Guided George Street Walk 'The Seedy Side of George Street' Gold Panning Display until 4pm
10.30am	Whip Cracking Demonstration
10.45am	Franklyn B Paverty folk band
11.30am	Historical Reenactment
12 noon	Australian Heritage Dancers
12.30pm	Judging of the period costume competition
12.45pm	Franklyn B Paverty folk band
1.25pm	Grenfell Gold Fest Dampier Bake Off
1.30pm	Australian Heritage Dancers with audience participation.
2pm	Whip Cracking Demonstration
2.20pm	Grenfell Record Gold Fest business comp announced
2.25pm	Franklyn B Paverty folk band plays until 3.30pm

*\*Program is subject to change*



**The Grenfell Record**



[www.grenfell.org.au/goldfest](http://www.grenfell.org.au/goldfest)



## Weddin Mobile Pre School Service Quandialla Preschool's

### **L**ego and **C**raft display

Due to the success of last year's **L**ego and **C**raft display we will be holding this event again at

**O**ctoberfest  
**S**aturday 26<sup>th</sup> **O**ctober 2013 **4**PM-8PM

## Quandialla Memorial Hall

An entry could win you a fabulous prize.

All preschool and school age children are invited to enter.  
Limit of one entry in each category per child.

Entry is free  
Exhibits are to be dropped off at the Quandialla Memorial Hall between 2PM and 4PM  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Exhibits to be labelled with child's name and age group  
Age groups are Preschool, Class K-2, Class 3-6

Entries will be displayed throughout the Octoberfest evening and are to be collected  
before leaving the fair

Category ideas:

**L**ego — Building, dinosaur, vehicle, animal, action figure, scene  
**C**raft – drawing, painting, sculpture, handiwork, play dough

Any queries? Contact Quandialla Pre School P&C  
Sarah: 63471166 Kellie: 63471217 Catia: 63471324 Bronwyn: 63471102



Weddin Mobile Pre School Service  
Quandialla Preschool's



# Octoberfest

## Twilight Fete

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013 4PM-8PM**

**Quandialla Memorial Hall**

Major Raffle – Oodles of great prizes including:

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Family Pass

Questacon Family Pass

Cockington Green Gardens Family Pass

Gift Baskets

Toys

Shopping and Petrol Vouchers

Loaded Dog Cafe – Grenfell Dining Voucher and MORE

Due to the success of last year's **Leg**o and **Craft** display we will be holding this event again.  
An entry could win you a fabulous prize. Details in your local school newsletter.

Market stalls, jumping castle, kids activity stations, Art of Espresso coffee cart, food, drinks  
and lucky door prizes

**Entry by Gold Coin donation**

Raffle prize winners will be notified by phone, Lucky door prize winners must be present to win. Lucky door  
prize drawn at 6:30PM

**Come and join our preschool families for an evening full of fun**



Any queries? Contact Quandialla Pre School P&C  
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# QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL



## ANTICIPATED KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

for

# 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

Please fill out the following slip if your child is going to commence  
**Kindergarten at Quandialla Central School**  
In the following years:-

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:
<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Quandialla Central School**