



# Quandialla Central School

*"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"*

Celebrating 100 years  
of Education at QCS

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## Diary Dates – Term 4

### October:

Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Halloween Social – K-Year 10
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	Music: Count Us In – 12.30 pm

### November:

Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	K/1/2 Dubbo Zoo Excursion
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	P.&C. Meeting – 7.30 pm staffroom
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	School Assembly 2.30 pm

*D.T. – Food Technology  
Celebrating Pink Ribbon Day*



Left to right: Year 10 students, Caitlin and Maryanne worked very hard making espresso coffees for staff during recess, for a staff 'Pink Ribbon' Morning Tea fundraiser.

### ESSA test for Year 8

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Monday 11 November** and **Friday 15 November 2013**. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It is called ESSAonline.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2014. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers in Term 1 of 2014.

### **Kindergarten orientation**

The kindergarten orientation program is now in its third week. The program concludes on Tuesday 19 November, with an information meeting for parents and families.

Please contact the school for more information on the program or for information on enrolling children in Kindergarten for 2014. Enquires are very welcome.

### **Tree maintenance**

I'm sure you have noticed that the trees at the front of the school have been trimmed. On Wednesday 30 October, the tree surgeons will be back in the school to complete the job. The trees near the primary classrooms and the Pre-school room need to be trimmed. This is to prevent damage from leaf litter in gutters.

The trees are trimmed to growth points and will quickly regrow a leafy crown. I've noticed the trees at the front of the school are shooting already.

### **K 1-2 excursion**

Mrs Dixon and Mrs Harvey are taking our K 1-2 students on their excursion to Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo on Friday this week. I'm sure this will be an enjoyable excursion for students and teachers. (Parents, please remember the sunscreen)

The zoo is a fabulous facility – when my two boys were young, we were “Zoo Friends” and took our push bikes to the zoo every Sunday. We would ride around the zoo and visit all of their favourite animals, then have an ice cream by the lake and off to home. The ride was about eight kilometres, and the boys would have a very good “rest” when we got home. Amanda really looked forward to this each Sunday.

The boys' (they are 28 and 26 now) favourite animals were the wallabies. At the wallaby enclosure, they could walk quietly right up to them and pat them. We also took bread to feed the ducks and catfish which lived in the lake. I wonder if the catfish are still there?

### **P&C meeting**

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7 November, beginning at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. I hope you are able to come along to the meeting. Please contact David Dixon, President or Leanne Penfold, Secretary if you have an item for the Agenda.

### **School Assembly**

The next School Assembly is set for Friday 8 November, beginning at 2.30pm in the Pre-school/assembly room. Parents and families are invited to join us for the assembly and I look forward to seeing you there.

### **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

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# Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden



Students recently enjoyed a meal from produce grown in 'The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden'.

**THURSDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2013**



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.

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**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE – NEW CALENDAR DATE:**

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2013  
K/1/2 Excursion to Dubbo Zoo

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL - PLEASE NOTE CHANGES:**

Active After School will not be held this Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013

## **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**

30 <sup>th</sup>	October	-	Margaret Priestley
6 <sup>th</sup>	November	-	Jodi Atkins
13 <sup>th</sup>	November	-	Jennifer Kelly

### **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**

### **FOOD HAMPER DONATIONS:**

The Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be raffling a food hamper at our Melbourne Cup Fundraiser. If anyone would like to donate a non-perishable food item for the hamper, please leave your donation at the Health Centre or in the designated box at the Quandialla Café.

Thank you for your support.

Members of the Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary

### **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: Please note change of time:**

Services held 6.00 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 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.



**COWRA C.W.A. BRANCH \$4,000 MEDICAL EDUCATION GRANT:**

The Cowra Branch of the Country Women's Association of NSW, South West Group, is looking for applicants for their Medical Educational Grant, to be taken up for 2014. This grant is open to those students who live in the South West Group area and are in their SECOND year or further, in any health-related tertiary studies.

Any student who desires to apply needs to obtain an Application Form from the Secretary of their local CWA Branch in the South West Group. Application forms are also available on the Cowra CWA website: [www.cowracwa.com](http://www.cowracwa.com). Any queries may be directed to the Cowra CWA Branch Secretary, Kirsten Silman 6345 2328 6345 or email [www.cowracwa.com](http://www.cowracwa.com) or to Cowra CWA Branch PO Box 750, Cowra NSW 2794.

The grant is for \$4,000 and applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014, and must include the relevant documents. No late entries will be accepted.

Florence Laver – CWA Cowra Branch Publicity Officer

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO - YOUNG PCYC:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013 at the Young PCYC. Ages 5 – 12. 'Halloween Theme' - 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.**

**Free Sausage Sandwich and Drink. \$5.00 entry**

**NO ALCOHOL / NO DRUGS / NO PASSOUTS**

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised by Police Officers.

The disco has a Halloween theme and there will be prizes for best dressed etc.  
Children DO NOT have to be members to attend.

[www.pcychnsw.org.au](http://www.pcychnsw.org.au)

**QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CENTRE:**

Will be open for the season on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Hours are Tuesday, Thursday 3.30-6.30pm  
(Monday 3.30-6.30pm during school holidays)

Wednesday, Friday 3.30-6.00pm

Saturday, Sunday 2.30-7.30pm

Family pass (dependents ONLY) \$150

Single pass \$60

Monthly pass \$60

Season pass does NOT cover school events or carnivals.

Please note; there has been NO CHANGE in our hours or our fee's this year.

Contact Robyn or Kim 63471204 for more information.



**Weddin Mobile Pre School Service**  
**Quandialla Pre schools**

**Octoberfest**  
**Twilight Fete**

On Saturday evening Quandialla Pre School hosted its annual fundraiser 'OCTOBERFEST' twilight fete. There was a wonderful display of market stalls, entertainment for the kids, food, drinks, ice cream and a wonderful crowd to enjoy it all. The weather was fantastic and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this "Octoberfest" a resounding success, raising over \$1000. This money will now be used to purchase much needed resources for our 'ever growing' number of preschool children.

Thank you to the stall holders who donated profits and businesses who donated goods for our lucky door and major raffle prizes. Without such great community spirit, fundraising events like these just cannot be held.

A special thank you to the Preschool teachers, Tracey and Jenny (and their family members) for helping with the kids craft section and face painting.

Again this year we held the Lego & CRAFT competition. With such a display of talent a big thank you goes to Narelle Gault for judging the entries. Prize winners for this section received Noah's Ark Play Centre Wagga Wagga Gift Vouchers or a Forum Cinema 6 Wagga Wagga Family Movie Pass.

The winners in each section were-

Preschool - Lego – Monty Ryan  
CRAFT - Liana Deery

K/1/2 - Lego – Laura and Steph Vonthein  
CRAFT – Rueben Ryan

3/4/5/6 - Lego – Emma Dixon  
CRAFT – Aleira Scott

Congratulations to the creative winners