



Quandialla Central School

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Diary Dates – Term 4

November:

Wed.	13 th Nov.	Whole School Excursion to Bathurst for the Australian Museum – Science Festival at C.S.U.
Thursday	14 th Nov.	ESSA Test – Year 8 students
Mon.-Frid.	18-22 “	Years 7-10 Exam Week
Tuesday	19 th Nov.	Kindergarten Orientation – last session for students & Parent Information Session – 9.15 a.m. - Library



Students and staff enjoyed cray fishing at Shaun & Catia Nowlan's property as part of the PBL Mystery Bus Trip.

Remembrance Day

The school held the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony on Monday morning. The ceremony was conducted by Emma Dixon, Caitlin Verde, Natasha Bridger, Maryanne Wright and Sarah Penfold. Our guest of honour was Mr Ken McAlister.

Remembrance Day is particularly meaningful for all of us this year. It is almost 90 years since the beginning of the World War 1 – the “Great War”. Many men from local families served their country during WW1 and subsequent conflicts. Our local families have made immeasurable contributions to ensuring Australia is a free and democratic nation. The names recorded on the Quandialla cenotaph ensure that “we will remember them”.

Remembrance Day 2013 also falls on the twentieth anniversary of the entombment of the Unknown Soldier at the Australian War Memorial. The Unknown Soldier’s remains were exhumed from the Adelaide War Cemetery in France, and repatriated to Australia.

What do we know about the Unknown Soldier? Dr Michael McKernan, Deputy Director of the Australian War Memorial at the time reported that “We do know that he was not buried in that cemetery initially. Adelaide cemetery was a cemetery for re-burial. He was buried somewhere else, probably close to where he fell in the fight and then as they consolidated cemeteries around northern France, his remains were moved to the Adelaide Cemetery”.

Dr McKernan further said that “Nobody can say where he was initially buried. And therefore no one can say whether he was from the 14th Battalion or the 59th or whatever. He is totally unknown and unknowable”

Dr McKernan said “We could say he was an Australian because also with him were Australian badges that also had survived, and other indications that he was certainly Australian”.

Twenty years ago today (Monday), the Unknown Soldier was entombed in the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Unknown Soldier was buried in a Tasmanian blackwood coffin with a bayonet and a sprig of wattle. Soil from the Pozieres battlefield in France was scattered on his tomb.

The Prime Minister at that time, The Hon. P. J. Keating MP delivered the eulogy at the entombment on 11 November 1993. In his eulogy, Mr Keating said “We do not know this Australian’s name and we never will. We do not know his rank or his battalion. We do not know where he was born, nor precisely how and when he died. We do not know where in Australia he had made his home or when he left for the battlefields of Europe”.

“Yet he has always been among those whom we have honoured”.

“He is all of them. And he is one of us”.

“The Unknown Soldier honours the memory of all of those men and women who laid down their lives for Australia”.

Because of this important anniversary, Remembrance Day 2013 is very meaningful for us all. Lest we forget.

I encourage you to read the eulogy delivered by the Prime Minister, The Hon. P.J. Keating, at the funeral service for the Unknown Australian Soldier on 11 November 1993. It is available at the following link.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/keating.asp>

Kindergarten orientation

The kindergarten orientation program concludes on Tuesday 19 November, with an information meeting for parents and families. The meeting starts at 9.15am and will be held in the Library. Parents are invited to this meeting, where you will be introduced to our Assistant Principal, Wendy Robinson and to our 2014 kindergarten teacher, Anne Dixon. Wendy and Anne will provide lots of information on what to expect in kindergarten next year, and there will be a Q and A session.

Please come along to the meeting or contact the school for more information on enrolling children in Kindergarten for 2014. Enquires are very welcome.

Thanks to members of our P&C

The last P&C meeting for the year was held on Thursday 7 November. The meeting was important because it allowed me an opportunity to sincerely thank the members of the P&C for their outstanding support for our students and school throughout the year. During 2013, our P&C has organised the new school uniform and this has been extended to the Secondary students (our senior girls wore their new uniform to the Remembrance Day Ceremony); conducted several working bees (replacing the soft-fall in the playground and cleaning up the agriculture garden area); paid the student fees for the Musica Viva performance; covered the travel costs for excursions (to Lake Burrendong and the K 1-2 Zoo excursion).

But the biggest thanks must go for their incredible work in catering for the Centenary Celebration and assisting with the organisation and running of the event. The P&C set a new standard in catering for over 350 guests on the day, and then backing up for the Bush Dance fund raising event that evening.

I particularly wish to thank the members of the executive – David Dixon, president; Leanne Penfold, secretary and Catia Nowlan, treasurer. A very successful year indeed.

PBL rewards day

I'm sure you have heard all about the PBL rewards day – our "mystery bus trip". This was organised by Wendy Robinson, and the idea was to give the students some "local experiences".

So, it was onto the buses bright and early. Off to the Penfold's to walk a flock of sheep up to the dam (some kids don't know what "walk" means); then to the Ryan's for a delicious morning tea (what a tree house!); then to the Dixon's to see and feed the prized birds (all 300 plus of them!); then to the Kelly's to see the canola being harvested (now that's what I call a header); then to lunch at the Vonthien's (great lawn and play area) and on to the Nowlan's for yabbing (no surprises on who caught the biggest!).

Everyone had a wonderful day, and the children were absolutely over the moon about "having the whole school at my place".

Many thanks to our parents for hosting us and to Wendy for organising the day. It was an excellent day all round.

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



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2013

Mr Ken McAlister is pictured speaking at our Remembrance Day service held yesterday.

Ken spoke about the Unknown Australian Soldier, whose remains were interred in the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 11th November, 1993.

In 1993, at the funeral service of the Unknown Australian Soldier, the Australian Prime Minister at that time, The Hon. P.J. Keating MP spoke (as part of his eulogy delivered) that

'It is not too much to hope, therefore, that this Unknown Australian Soldier might continue to serve his country – he might enshrine a nation's love of peace and remind us that in the sacrifice of the men and women whose names are recorded here there is faith enough for all of us'.

Active After School Sport:

Due to the Whole School Excursion to Bathurst on Wednesday, 13th November, Active After School Sport will not be held on this day.

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

13 th	November	-	Jennifer Kelly
20 th	November	-	Leanne Penfold
27 th	November	-	Kim Broomby

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.

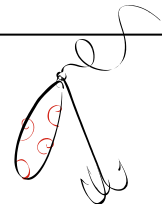
Please remember to bring lettuce and tomatoes. Buns and ham are purchased from the Quandialla Café.



Cray Fishing

Fun

Caitlin was very successful at cray fishing last Thursday, as part of the Whole School 'Mystery Bus Trip' activities.



PBL – Whole School

Mystery Bus Trip



Thursday, 7th November, 2013

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH NOTICE:

Mass - 10:00 am - 2nd Sunday of the month and **Liturgy**- 10:00 am – 4th 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 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

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. Any queries may be directed to the Cowra CWA Branch Secretary, Kirsten Silman 6345 2328 6345 or email www.cowracwa.com or to Cowra CWA Branch PO Box 750, Cowra NSW 2794.

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

Florence Laver – CWA Cowra Branch Publicity Officer

QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CENTRE:

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.

MAKING WAVES SWIM SCHOOL:

Making Waves Swim School is commencing its new swim season as soon as it is warm enough, weekday classes and private lessons are available, book now to avoid missing out.

* Waterbabies – 6 months+ (Aqua play, water familiarization, water confidence and water independence) * Pre-school *Afterschool *Stroke Correction * Special Needs * Adults * Swim Fit (new to this season) fitness for adults.

Private heated pool (no distractions). Don't let your child be the next statistic, learn to swim, swim safe and have fun.

For more information or to book into classes, please phone Alana – 0420 396 554. Experienced instructor, Austswim Registered (118559) and qualified.

QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL**PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

Could all Quandialla Central School 'Perpetual Trophies' please be returned to the front office as soon as possible.

Thanking you.