



Quandialla Central School

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Diary Dates – Term 4

November:

Mon.-Frid. 18-22 “ Years 7-10 Exam Week

December:

Wed. 4th Dec. QCS P.&C. Association ‘Chefs Toolbox’
Fundraiser Demonstration and Lunch (11.00 – 2.00pm)
Bookings essential – Get in quick.

Thursday 12th Dec. ‘Thank You’ Morning Tea – 11.00 a.m. QCS

Tuesday 17th Dec. QCS Presentation Evening – 5.30 p.m.

Wed. 18th Dec. Last day for students for 2013.



Year 1 student, Reuben, enjoyed participating in the Australian Museum workshops at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst.

Welcome back Ms Howard

We extend a very warm “welcome back” to Ms Natalie Howard. Natalie returned to school on Wednesday, while we were all at the Australian Museum/ASPIRE event at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst.

Our secondary students are thrilled that their English/History teacher is back.

Australian Museum/ASPIRE Excursion

On Wednesday 13 November, the school conducted the ASPIRE excursion to the Australian Museum workshops at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst.

While it was a long day (leaving school at 7.00am and returning at 6.30pm), it was a very interesting and enjoyable day. Our students participated in a wide range of science based activities throughout the day – biology and zoology; physics; chemistry; astronomy to name a few.

It is important to think about the purpose of this excursion – it wasn't just about students participating in some interesting science workshops.

The main theme of the workshops was to encourage (inspire) our students to consider further education and training in the science fields, and to aim for employment in a science related field.

The workshops stimulated students' interest and we encouraged students to really think about post-school education in these fields. For example, a Year 4 student has a strong interest in farming – our job is to encourage him to think about tertiary education in Agriculture or Agronomy; a Year 8 student is very interested in animal care – our job is to encourage her to think about tertiary education in Veterinary Science or Zoology; a Year 1 student is interested in reptiles – our job is to encourage him to think about a career in Biology or a related field.

The point is, most of our students have a strong interest in science, and they are all very capable students. By setting high expectations, encouraging students to think about science based careers and supporting our students to achieve their goals, they may develop an early interest into a strong career.

This is what the ASPIRE excursion was all about, and I encourage parents to talk about science based careers with their children. Our students are capable of achieving high expectations and developing careers in science.

Thank are extended to Mrs Lisa Varjavandi for organising the excursion and to staff for guiding students through the day.

LAP Student Invited to "Encore"



Abby Dargan, a Year 12 student at Condobolin High School in 2013, studied Music through the Lachlan Access Program. Abby studied 2U Music and was taught by Lisa Varjavandi (Quandialla Central School) and Blake Roberts and Cathy Saxby (Condobolin High School).

HSC Music students perform a number of items as part of their practical assessment. The practical is marked by a team of HSC examiners.

Following her HSC practical assessment, which was held prior to the HSC Exams, Abby was invited to send an audition piece for "Encore". "Encore" is a large concert/performance which aims to showcase the top performers in HSC Music each year. By inviting Abby to audition for "Encore", the HSC examiners are ranking her performance along with the top in the State.

Congratulations to Abby and her dedicated teachers across the Lachlan Access Program.

2013 Presentation Ceremony

Our annual Presentation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 17 December, beginning at 5.30pm, in the Memorial Hall. Given that in this newsletter there is a report on the ASPIRE excursion, and on the success achieved by one of our LAP Music students, it is timely to tell you who the Guest Speaker will be.

One of the things I have tried to do in previous years is to provide role models for our students. For 2013, our students could not have a better role model, as our Guest Speaker is Ms **Jennifer Browning**, the acclaimed national sports journalist and reporter for ABC television and radio. You may have seen or listened to Jennifer on ABC programs such as Grandstand, National News and broadcasting from international sports events.

But, why Jennifer Browning as our guest speaker and role model for students? Well, hers is a very interesting "story" and it demonstrates how a "local girl" can achieve great success. Jennifer was a student at Bathurst High School, and was a student in my Legal Studies and Business Studies classes in Years 11 and 12. Jennifer set herself clear goals and worked very hard to achieve these. Jennifer is a very focussed and determined young person. She achieved excellent results at the Higher School Certificate and then progressed to Charles Sturt University at Bathurst where she studied journalism and mass media. I lost track of Jennifer since leaving Bathurst high school, but was absolutely thrilled to see her as a national journalist and reporter for the ABC. Her reporting is a standout feature of Grandstand.

As a role model, Jennifer provides inspiration to young people. She is a "local girl" who worked hard and achieved great results at the "local school", then went on to the "local University" and is now a journalist and reporter in the national media.

I am looking forward to catching up with Jennifer, and I hope you will join us at our Presentation Ceremony, as I am sure her "guest speaker" spot will be fascinating.

Comprehension help for teens

Some kids will read perfectly in primary school and then suddenly struggle with comprehension in high school. Here's why.

Comprehension help: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can>

Planning for the future

Throughout your child's school life you'll need to make choices about aspects of their education and future. Here's a selection of tips to help you plan for parent-teacher talks, subject selection, careers advice and back-to-school.

Planning for the future: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future>

Kids, homework and lies

Do you think your child is lying about their homework? Listen to psychologist **Anne Holland's** chat with James O'Loughlin on what to do when the dog eats the homework.

Homework tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/kids-homework-and-lies>

Maths at home

Kids' early experiences with measurement are often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play.

Maths at home: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

Maths tips for tweens

Kids who find maths easy in the early years of school can be turned off quickly if they get confused and can't work it out. Here are 10 ways to get your tween through the more challenging times.

Maths tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/tips-for-tweens-who-find-maths-hard>

Time to party

While most parties go off without a hitch, celebrations can go wrong and get out of hand – particularly if the party is unplanned. Here are tips to help ensure your teen and their friends have fun but stay safe.

Time to party: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au//wellbeing/development/time-to-party>

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

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

20 th	November	-	Leanne Penfold
27 th	November	-	Kim Broomby
4 th	December	-	Tracy Penfold

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.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Week 8 – 27th & 28th November, 2013

Students will be going to the Quandialla Swimming Pool
for A.A.S.S. on the above dates.

LAST DAY FOR A.A.S.S.

Thursday, 28th November, will see the finish of A.A.S.S. for 2013.

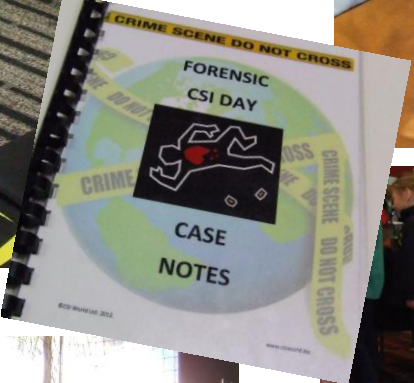
Active After School Sport will recommence in 2014.

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.

Australian Museum – Science Festival at C.S.U. - Bathurst
Whole School Excursion



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.



Laura was very excited to have the chance to hold a baby crocodile at the Australian Museum workshop at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst, on Wednesday, 13th November, 2013.

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ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO: Quandialla P.&C. Association

WHEN: Wednesday, 4th December, 2013

TIME: 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

TO PURCHASE A TICKET, PLEASE CONTACT:

Quandialla Central School – (02) 6347 1207 or Leanne Penfold (Secretary P.&C.) (02) 6347 2119

Get in quick!

THE CHEFS toolbox

www.chefstoolbox.com