



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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Diary Dates – Term 1

FEBRUARY:

Wed. 13th February

QCS Swimming Carnival.

Friday 22nd February

Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival –
Condobolin.

K – 6 Enjoy Making Pancakes

As part of their unit on Shrove Tuesday. The unit included Literacy, Numeracy and research tasks.



Quandialla Central School Newsletter – Week 3 Term 1, February 2013

Term 1

Students and teachers have enjoyed a very efficient and well organised beginning of the school year at Quandialla Central School. Students have settled into classes and routines very quickly, and are all enthusiastic and keen to learn in classes. This is a result of the sound planning and preparations completed by the staff during the latter part of Term 4 last year. My thanks to each staff member for their excellent work.

Student enrolments

There are 23 students currently enrolled at the school – 6 students in the K, 1 - 2 class; 10 students in the 3 – 6 class; 5 students in Years 7 to 10 and 2 students in Year 12.

Student welfare officer

In Term 4 last year, Quandialla Central School and The Henry Lawson High School made a joint submission to the National School Chaplaincy Program to employ a Student welfare officer (SWO). The submission was successful, and as a result, Libby Noble will work with students each Tuesday throughout 2013. Libby's role is to provide counselling, advice and support for students and families. Libby will also work with other agencies and link families with specialist support when appropriate. Libby has qualifications and extensive experience in the welfare/social work fields. Parents and carers are invited to contact Libby via the school office.

P and C Meeting

The first meeting of the Quandialla Central School Parents and Citizens Association was held on Thursday 7 February, in the Staff Room. I encourage parents and carers of all students to join the P&C and to become involved in the work of the P&C. The P&C provides a forum for parents and carers to have input to the school and their children's' education. The P&C provides positive, constructive support for the school and our students. Meetings are conducted according to the P&C protocols. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 7 March, beginning at 7.30pm.

Swimming carnival

The Quandialla Central School swimming carnival will be conducted on Wednesday 13 February at the Quandialla Pool. The carnival will begin at 10.am and we expect to conclude at about 1.30pm. At the conclusion of the carnival, students will travel home with their parents or carers, OR return to school where supervision will be provided.

Jargon buster

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Avoiding injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy>

Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

High school

Technology talks

Find out about all the technologies your child could be using at school, at home and on the go. Scan the A-Z list for overall knowledge, find out how gadgets work, what their good points are and other usages you may need to be aware of.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology>

Student wordsmiths

The Macquarie Senior Student Dictionary app for iPhone is a valuable resource for high school students. It's filled with up-to-date definitions, cross-reference linking and a handy note-taking function (\$16.99).

Find out more <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/macquarie-senior-student-dictionary/id596228979?mt=8>

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 2013 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

Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival 8.2.13



Sarah Penfold



Junior Boys Champion-
Angus Kelly
Congratulations Angus



QCS Parent group and staff

Primary News

Blue House Captains for 2013

Angus Kelly
Rhys Minnick

Gold House Captains for 2013

Maryanne Wright
Sarah Penfold

Mathletics

All students across Kindergarten to Year 12 have been registered with Mathletics for 2013. New cards have been printed. However, it seems usernames and passwords have not changed. Students should see their maths teacher for their details. Mathletics is a fabulous program which supports the work the students are undertaking in class. It has multiplication tables practice raps, games, problem solving, tutorial support for students and links to Rainforest Maths. In Years 3-6 each week students complete set tasks on the work they are currently doing in class or as revision of the previous week's topic. For those who can be extended and like a challenge, Mathletics provides this. I recommend that parents log in with your child's username and password and have a look around if you have not already done so.

K-6 NEWS

FORBES SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the children who participated at the Forbes Small Schools Carnival on Friday. Thank you to all the parents who transported and supported the school on the day.

Angus Kelly participated in every event and won the Junior Boys Champion with some very good times.

There were a huge number of students in the novelties events. Teachers kept them entertained and active in the small pool throughout the morning.

Kim Broomby, Jennifer Kelly, Anne Dixon and David Dixon proved they still have it in the parents' relay. They were just +25 seconds out on their estimation in the brace relay. Not a bad effort.

Emma Dixon, Sarah Penfold, Angus Kelly and Zoran Gregory join the Forbes Small Schools Team at the Lachlan District Carnival at Condobolin on Friday 22nd February.

HOME READING JOURNALS

This year the school has ordered Home Reading Journals from a book company. As soon as they arrive in the school they will be issued and Home Reading will commence officially. It is great to see so many students deeply engrossed in novels in DEAR time.

PANCAKE DAY

K-6 made pancakes in class for Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday. Year 3 to 6 conducted some research into the history of Pancake Day before measuring, mixing and munching on pancakes. A terrific literacy and mathematics exercise.

Wendy Robinson

CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER Term 1 - 2013

Our School Canteen is open on Wednesday

Time of Arrival is 10.00 a.m.

President: Kirsty Pockley - 6347 2168 Secretary: Leanne Penfold - 6347 2119

Treasurer: Anne Dixon - 6347 1271

Roster:

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| 13 th February | - | Swimming Carnival |
| 20 th February | - | Margaret Priestley |
| 27 th February | - | Jodi Atkins |

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.

PERMISSION NOTES:

Could all parents/guardians please ensure that they return all permission notes back to the front office promptly. All students are required to return notes given to them, whether they intend to participate in the excursion or not. Permission notes have a (**do / do not**) section included on the note that must be completed.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAI CHI CLASSES:

Tai Chi classes will be held at Quandialla Central School on Tuesday afternoons, commencing at 3.30 p.m. in the school assembly hall. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

For further information please contact: Helen on 6349 1777.

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - 2013 SCHOLARSHIPS:

Applications are now open for the following Scholarships: Year 10 Scholarship, Tafe Scholarship (Full time), Tafe Scholarship (Part Time) and a University Scholarship.

Due date for applications: Monday, 25th February, 2013. Please contact Narelle Gault (Secretary) for application forms or for further information – Telephone: 6347 1294.

COMMUNITY NEWS ARTICLES:

Community articles may be placed in our school newsletter.

Please email your items to Quandialla Central School
(email: quandialla-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by **Monday, 11.00 a.m.**

All community articles will be placed in the school newsletter free of charge.