



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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Diary Dates – Term 1

MARCH:

Friday	1 st March	School Assembly – 2.30 pm Clean Up Australia Day – 9.00-10.00 am
Wed.	6 th March	Dance – Hip Hop with Activated.
Thursday	7 th March	P.&C. Meeting – 7.30 p.m.
Friday	8 th March	Western PSSA Swimming – Dubbo

New date to be confirmed due to Swimming Carnival in Dubbo.

Lachlan Swimming Carnival



Congratulations to Zach, Sarah, Emma and Angus for representing Quandialla Central School at the 2013 Lachlan Swimming Carnival.

School website

In last week's newsletter I discussed the *Positive Behaviour for Learning* program used at Quandialla Central School, and included the *PBL Expected Behaviours* matrix.

All of the information on *Positive Behaviour for Learning*, as well as other school documents are available on the school website. To access the documents, go to www.quandialla-c.schools.nsw.edu.au and go to the *Caring for students* tab.

The Student Welfare Policy is also included in this tab.

Other documents are available on the website, including the Annual School Report; Annual School Evaluation Report; School Management Plan; as well as the previous QCS Yearbooks. Go to the *Our school* tab to access these documents.

Newsletter

The Quandialla Central School Newsletter is published weekly, and students take the Newsletter home each Tuesday. Please ask your children for the newsletter each Tuesday (check in their bags). The Newsletter is also available at the Post Office, the Bland Hotel, Delta Agriculture and at the West Weddin Store.

Positive Behaviour for learning (PBL)

Quandialla Central is a *Positive Behaviour for Learning* school. Our core values of Respectful, Responsible, Learner apply to all members of the school community.

As adults, we often assume that children understand what we mean when we talk about “good behaviour”. However, my experience tells me that this assumption is not always correct. For this reason, the school has a program of PBL lessons which are taught to students. The lessons aim to explicitly teach students about good behaviour.

This week, the PBL lesson is about Respect – that is, how we demonstrate respect for our National Flag; for our National Anthem, and for the Welcome to Country at our school assemblies. The lesson focuses on what each of these important symbols represents and means to us and to our young people. I encourage parents and carers to have similar discussions with their children at home.

Learning Support Team

Information for parents and carers – probably the most important team at Quandialla Central School is the Learning Support Team (LST). The LST is chaired by Kathy Harvey, who is the Learning and Support Teacher. Other members of the LST include the Principal; Assistant Principal; Head Teacher; Year Advisor; Girls Advisor; School Counsellor, and Student Welfare Officer.

The main role of the LST is to plan and coordinate learning support for students who have particular learning needs. The LST also works with parents and carers, and with other agencies.

Where a student has particular learning needs, parents and carers are invited to discuss these with Kathy Harvey, for follow up by the Learning Support Team.

School assembly

The first School Assembly for 2013 is scheduled for Week 5 – Friday 1 March, beginning at 2.30pm in the large Class Room. The class/year group representatives to the Student Representative Council will be inducted at this assembly.

The Quandialla Central School Parents and Citizens Association will host an afternoon tea for parents, family members and community members at 1.30pm in the school Plaza. We hope you will join us for a cup of tea and a chat before the assembly.

Lachlan PSSA Swimming Carnival

The members of the Quandialla Central School swimming team travelled to Condobolin on Friday 22 February, to compete in the Lachlan PSSA Swimming carnival.

I have received wonderful feedback from teachers and parents on our students' performances. Our students competed in a full program of events, with each swimmer performing very strongly. Equally as important, our students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and excellent behaviour.

Quandialla CS may be a small school, but our students certainly perform at high levels at district competitions.

The role of the local swimming club, coaches and parents in supporting the development of our children is an important factor in our children's success.

Congratulations to all swimmers, and thanks to parents for providing the transport and support on the day.

A full list of results appears later in this newsletter.

All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership

When older kids struggle with reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

Multiplication times tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>

Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their "dodgy website" antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>

Solving equations

Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/RId5/44/algebra

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? Experts discuss and give tips on what to watch out for.

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

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

LACHLAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday the 22nd of February Sarah Penfold, Angus Kelly, Zachary Broomby and Emma Dixon travelled to Condobolin to represent the Forbes Small Schools at the Lachlan PSSA Swimming Carnival. Emma Dixon competed in 50m backstroke and freestyle, Senior Girls and Earl Magee PP6 relays. Sarah Penfold competed in 50m freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke, Senior Girls and Earl Magee PP6 relays and the 200m Individual Medley. Angus Kelly swam in the 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and the Junior Boys and Earl Magee PP6 relays, and Zachary Broomby competed in the Earl Magee PP6 relay.

We had a very exciting day with a number of personal bests being swum. We all go on to the Western Area Carnival on the 8th March in Dubbo. Sarah qualified in the 50m Butterfly and the 200m IM and we both are in the Senior Girls Relay. Angus is in the Junior Boys Relay and all four of us will represent Quandialla Central School in the Earl Magee PP6 Relay.

Thank you to our parents for taking us and supporting us on the day.

By Emma Dixon

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:

27 th February	-	Jodi Atkins
6 th March	-	Leanne Penfold & Tracy Penfold
13 th March	-	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.

CONGRATULATIONS

At the end of last year Mrs Dixon received great news from Scholastic Book Club to say our school had won \$500.00 worth of books. All books are from the short listed books for 2012, chosen by the Children's Book Council of Australia.

By placing an order in Book Club - Issue 6, Quandialla Central School was automatically entered into the draw for the chance to win one of 100 prizes each being \$500.00 worth of books.

Thank you to all staff and students for your support of Book Club.



K-6 NEWS

Music

In our weekly music lessons, K-6 have been studying the families of the Orchestra. This Thursday afternoon, in Music, K-6 will be making percussion instruments. We have discussed some ideas and students are now encouraged to bring in items to use to make their instrument/s. Mrs Harvey will have some items available.

K/1/2 COGS

K/1/2 are reminded about the letter that went home last Friday requesting students bring in a personal artefact to share with the class. This needs to be brought in tomorrow.

SECONDARY – DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Yr 12 Ancient History Assessment task due Monday 4 March, week 6.
- Yr 12 Standard English Assessment task due Monday 11 March, week 7.
- Stage 5 History Topic Test Monday 11 March, week 7.

CRAZY HAIR DAY Friday 15th March - Week 7

Bring a gold coin donation to have your hair sprayed crazy colours!
(Don't worry parents, the spray will wash out!)

All funds go to the Leukaemia Foundation.

ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: HEAD LICE

There are cases of head lice throughout the school at the moment.

Please ensure that you check your children's hair on a regular basis.

If there is any sign of head lice, treat immediately to stop them spreading to other students and staff.

Please discuss ways of prevention – (such as not sharing hats, brushes, combs, and hair bands) with your children.

Information on treating head lice is available from the school office or from the schools A-Z website.

Thank you for your assistance.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: *'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'*

Friday, 1st March, 2013 – Anglican Church, Quandialla - 9.30 am - All most welcome.

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 SWIMMING POOL NEWS - Weekend Opening Hours:

Weekend opening hours will be reduced to 3.30 – 6.30 pm during March, starting on 2nd March.

All other hours will remain as normal.

The pool will close for the season at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 17th March, 2013.

GRAINCORP OPERATIONS LTD: 'PLAN BEFORE YOU PLANT' MORNING TEA:

GrainCorp Operations Ltd. will be holding a *'Plan before you Plant'* morning tea on Friday, 1st March, 2013, commencing at 9.00 a.m. at the Caragabal Golf Club. Topic: Barley varieties

All most welcome.

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.

Quandialla Preschool

New Local Phonebook

The Quandialla Pre-school are compiling a new local phone book. If you would like to be included in this book or if your details need updating, please fill out your details below and leave them at Bribbaree Pub, Caragabal Public School, or the Quandialla Post office.

You can also email shawnandcatia1@bigpond.com or fax to 63471245.
Any enquiries to Catia Nowlan 63471324

NAME: _____

PREFERRED NAME: _____ (only if applicable)

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

FAX: _____

MOBILE: _____

EMAIL: _____

UHF: _____

Example:
WJ Bradden (Bill)