



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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Diary Dates – Term 1

FEBRUARY:

Friday	8 th February	Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival - at Forbes for all Primary students.
Wed.	13 th February	QCS Swimming Carnival.
Friday	22 nd February	Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival - Condobolin.

- Kindergarten 2013 -



Left to right: Mrs Harvey, Hugh, Dana and Mrs Dixon.
Mrs Harvey and Mrs Dixon are jointly teaching K/1/2 throughout 2013.

Welcome

A very warm welcome is extended to all students, new and returning, for the 2013 school year. The school also welcomes parents and families of our new students, and Miss Natalie Howard who has been appointed as Secondary English/History teacher.

There are 11 school weeks in Term 1. The last day of Term 1 is Friday 12 April.

P and C Meeting

The first meeting of the Quandialla Central School Parents and Citizens Association is scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 7 February, in the Staff Room. All parents and carers are invited to attend, and to become involved in the work of the P&C.

Anaphylaxis information

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know.

Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/anaphylaxis/index.php>

2013 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Find out more <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older children reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one>

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature provides many foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning>

Parents pool their tips

Ask your child to write all their teachers' names on their timetables and make a copy for the fridge. If they have a mobile phone, have them take a **photo of their timetable** so they have it with them all the time. Read more tips from experienced parents.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-checklist>

Benefits of team sports

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>

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

Photo Gallery

Presentation Evening – 2012



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:

6 th February	-	Leanne Penfold
13 th February	-	Swimming Carnival
20 th February	-	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. 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.

QUANDIALLA PARENTS and CITIZENS ASSOCIATION - GENERAL MEETING:

Quandialla Parents and Citizens Association would like you to join them for a General Meeting on:

When: Thursday 7th February at 7.30pm
Where: Quandialla Central School Staff Room
Why: The P and C needs your support to support your children at school

Non P and C members are welcome to attend. Non members will not be able to vote at the meeting however your contribution to discussions would be appreciated. It costs \$1.00 to join the P and C. Payment can be made to Robin Dowsett or Jodie Vonthien.

Please contact Kirsty Pockley on (02) 6347 2168 if you have any questions or email
kirstypockley@bigpond.com

3/4/5/6 Class Organisation 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another school year. We currently have 10 students in the 3/4/5/6 class. This term we will be concentrating on developing writing skills, reading comprehension skills and spelling in English and problem solving in Maths. We will be continuing with Positive Behaviour for Learning Program (PBL) that encourages students to be respectful, responsible, learners.

In Literacy, the class will be continuing with aspects of Reading to Learn which I feel have worked well and Reading Groups to build a range of skills. Reading Groups gives me a chance to listen to each student read aloud in guided reading at least four days a week. Mrs Harvey will continue to offer Literacy support to students in her role as Support Teacher and National Partnerships Mentor.

The 3/4/5/6 students will stay together for maths. Mrs Millar will be assisting the class some days.

Once again the school has purchased a Mathletics subscription for each student. We have found Mathletics to be highly motivating and a terrific way to consolidate maths skills and I encourage all students to log on at home. Each week students are given set tasks based on the work being covered in class or revision tasks. Even if students have finished all their tasks they can always play Mathletics Live or find their own tasks or Mathletics games to go on with. Your child should never have '*No homework*'.

This term we will be focusing on *Living Land* in an integrated unit taking in HSIE, Science and Technology and PD. This unit will explore the influence of the natural, built and heritage environments on people's lifestyle choices and leisure. It looks at how our actions impact upon the environment and have implications for the future.

Students will be engaged in:

- undertaking an environmental case study
- evaluating the effect of peoples' use and management of a sensitive environment - namely the Kosciuszko National Park
- investigating the impact of environment on health
- producing a model of an energy efficient house.

ART

Art will be conducted on Wednesdays. Sarah Ryan has generously offered her time to work with primary classes in art starting Week 4 on a voluntary basis.

SPORT/PE

3/4/5/6 will be going to the Quandialla Swimming Pool for Swimming with Secondary on Wednesday afternoons for the first half of the term at least. Students will need to bring \$1.50 for pool entry each Wednesday.

Students should wear their Gold Shirts on Wednesdays.

PE is timetabled for Tuesdays. On Fridays students will be engaged in a circuit of the fundamental movement sporting skills. This will just be a short session of no more than 15 minutes and students will require sports shoes.

The Activated Group from Wagga Wagga, who conducted gymnastics sessions in 2011, are returning in Week 5 to run Dance – Hip Hop workshops for all classes each Wednesday for five weeks.

LIBRARY

Library will be on Monday with Mrs Dixon. Please ensure that your child has a Library bag to protect the books and encourage regular borrowing. The Premiers' Reading Challenge has already commenced for this year and students can be reading these books now. Mrs Dixon will be encouraging all students to participate. Our Library is a great resource and I would love to see all students enjoying it.

HOMEWORK

Each week students will be given a Spelling sheet, a Maths sheet and an English Comprehension or Language sheet for homework. In addition, students are expected to do Home Reading at least four nights a week. It is hoped that all students will be practising their multiplication tables at home on a regular basis. Students should know all their tables up to 10x10 by the end of Year 4. *Mathletics* is also available to those who have access to the internet.

Homework is important in order to establish good study habits required in secondary schooling and students must take responsibility for completing and returning their work.

Homework will be issued on Mondays and collected on Fridays. Please help to ensure your child brings their homework in on Fridays as where possible it will be corrected in class or over the weekend. Failure to return homework on Friday may result in unmarked work.

Home Reading is a vital part of daily homework and it is recommended that children read for at least 20 minutes. A record of daily reading is to be kept in the Home Reading Journal provided and brought in for me to sight every few weeks. Most children read library books or books they have received as gifts; however, there are books in the classroom if students prefer to take these home. I have spoken to the students about home reading and have given the more capable readers permission to sign their own Home Reading Journals. However, all students will benefit from reading aloud regularly.

If you have any concerns about your child or their progress please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Appointments may be made through the front office. I have attached a business card with my details including my email and mobile number. If you need to contact me after school hours when the office is shut, text or call me on my mobile assuming I am available I will return your call. Remember no question is silly and I do not mind clarifying anything. I would like to hear if you have concerns about your child or children if it is something that the school can help with.

Mrs Wendy Robinson
Class Teacher

Mr Phil Foster
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING:

The next General Meeting of the Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday 12th February 2013 at 9:30 am in the Quandialla Health Centre. All welcome. Maribeth Keir - (Hon Sec)

QUANDIALLA LIBRARY DEPOSIT STATION NEWS:

The new year has started on an exciting note with the library's new website coming online at the end of January. Look us up at www.grenfellpubliclibrary.org.au where you can find lots of information about the library plus links to a variety of databases, all the newsletters, our blog and hopefully very soon a link to the library catalogue.

The latest selection of books includes the traditional twenty adult fiction books, ten large print titles and ten nonfiction books. Gervase Phinn's books are very popular in Grenfell – he writes in humorous vein about his earlier years as a school inspector in the Yorkshire Dales and anyone who has children or any involvement with schools will enjoy his writing. He is represented by "The Little Village School" in large print.

"Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James was a publishing phenomenon last year and has (maybe) made respectable the genre of erotic fiction. If you haven't already borrowed it from someone else here is the opportunity to assuage your curiosity. Other fiction authors represented include Dean Koontz, James Patterson, Anna Funder, Fleur McDonald and Stella Rimington.

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.