



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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Diary Dates – Term 1

March :

Monday-Thur. 18th March – 28th March, 2013 – HSC Half Yearly Exams

Wednesday 20th March Dance – Hip Hop with Activated

Monday 25th March Year 12 English Excursion – Wagga

Tuesday 26th March CatholicCare Reconnect Morning Tea for
Secondary Parents and Students

Tuesday 26th March Easter Disco

Wednesday 27th March Dance – Hip Hop with Activated

PBL Rewards Day



Emily had a great day on the water slide at the West Wyalong Swimming Pool.

2012 ASR

The 2012 Annual School Report is now available at

www.quandialla-c.schools.nsw.edu.au under the *Our School* tab.

Parents, family members and members of the community are encouraged to read the 2012 ASR. Please contact me if you have questions arising from the report.

Structural realignment

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week I participated in the final Western NSW Region Principals Conference. You may be aware that the NSW government is in the process of implementing a “structural realignment” of the Department of Education and Communities, and this process will be completed by the end of the 2013 school year.

The changes resulting from the structural realignment mainly affect the way that principals and schools are supported by State and Regional Offices. The ten Regions have been replaced by four Teams of schools, and this has enabled the government to make cost savings across the education portfolio.

It is important to note that the changes will not significantly affect schools. Schools will continue unchanged, and there will be strengthened support for principals, provided by the new Director of Public Schools positions. These positions replace the old School Education Director positions, and the Executive Director position will replace the old Regional Director positions.

The Executive Director positions will be recruited in the near future, followed by the Director of Public Schools positions. The Executive Director positions may not be located in the old regional offices, in fact, these may be located in Sydney. It will be the Director of Public Schools positions that will be the public face of education at the local level.

While it was in some ways sad to realise that the Western NSW Region will cease to exist, it was interesting to see that the new model will be progressively implemented throughout the 2013 school year, and be fully operational by the end of the school year.

In the medium term, I am confident this will be a positive change for all of our schools. Please contact me if you have questions.

SRC funky hair day

On Friday of last week, members of the Student Representative Council conducted funky hair day. This activity raised funds for the Leukaemia foundation, a very worthwhile cause.

Students had their hair coloured, gelled and teased, and they all enjoyed the activity and looked funky. Thanks to Mrs Varjavandi and teachers for facilitating the activity.

Proposed changes to the girls uniform

I hope that parents and carers are discussing the proposed changes to the girls' school uniform. There was some information about the proposed changes in last week's newsletter. Contact members of the P&C executive or Sarah Ryan for more details.

The intention is to ensure that all parents and carers are consulted on the proposal, and to come to a consensus on this. The P&C will provide more information, including samples of the possible styles, in the near future.

The end result should be a smart and appropriate uniform for the female students, which is in line with the uniforms worn by students in other schools.

Higher School Certificate – half yearly examinations

Weeks 8B and 9A, 18 March to 28 March, is the half yearly examination period for HSC students. All of the students will be particularly quiet when moving past the exam room – we want to ensure the Year 12 students are not interrupted during a trial exam.

Positive Behaviour for learning (PBL)

Soon there will be signs placed around the school noting that Quandialla Central is a *Positive Behaviour for Learning* school. The signs are intended to be a permanent reminder to everyone – students and visitors to our school – that our PBL core values are Responsible, Respectful, Learner. The PBL resources, including the matrix of expected behaviours, are available on the school website, and I encourage parents and carers to become familiar with the resources.

Reading with children

Were you able to make time to read with your children last week? About 15 minutes each week night is good. We all know that the most important role models for children are their parents/carers. I encourage you to show our children that reading is important, and that regular reading significantly improves their literacy skills.

Remember, our school library has an extensive collection of literature, specially selected by Mrs Anne Dixon to be interesting for children of all ages. If you have read all the books at home with your children, then it may be time to visit the school library.

Primary and High school

Facts about fractions

If you've forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what's left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Find out more: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf>

Amazing art

Autumn's the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.

Find out more: <http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/>

Primary school

Sounding out aloud

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/phonics-helping-your-child-with-letters-and-sounds>

High school

Fitness for the family

Michelle Bridges talks about how to make fitness a priority for the whole family - and the start of a lifetime habit for your kids. Try out tips to keep your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family>

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

Crazy Hair Day

Friday, 15th March, 2013



Students had fun with new hairstyles and colours to celebrate Crazy Hair Day.
Funds raised on the day will be sent to the Leukaemia Foundation.

K-6 News

Kindergarten to Year 6 Easter Social

On Tuesday 26th March all students from K-6 are invited to the Easter Social in the Assembly Room from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm. There will be an Easter Hat Parade. Students are to make their own hats/bonnets at home. There will be games, an Easter egg hunt, and prizes. Pizza, ice cream and cordial will be served. There will be a cost of \$3.00 a head to be collected at the door.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

Entries for the competition must be in by the end of the week so if students are interested in participating they need to let me know. There will be a cost of \$20.00 per entry.

This was the competition in which Sarah Penfold won the Riverina regional finals and competed at the state competition in Sydney last year.

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition has two divisions: one for Years 3 & 4 students and one for Years 5 & 6 students. Entrants deliver a prepared speech selected from a list of topics provided by the competition organisers (The Arts Unit and the Multicultural Programs Unit). Entrants are also given limited preparation time to deliver an impromptu speech on a topic provided by the adjudicators. Both speeches are given equal weighting in the judging.

Last year a total of 2,132 students entered the competition in Years 3&4 and Years 5&6. To reach the state finals, students must be successful at school heats and then local and regional finals. This year 81 local finals will be held in schools ranging from Mudgee in the west to Manly in the east and from Wollongong in the State's south to Woolgoolga in the north.

A copy of [competition hints and guidelines](#) is available for competing schools to download from the NSW Arts Unit.

Netball NSW Forbes Schools Cup

Emma and Sarah are playing netball with the Forbes Small Schools Team in the Forbes Schools Cup in Forbes this Thursday 21st March under the supervision of Miss Dalla Vecchia, the teacher from Eugowra. This will give the team some practice before they play in the PSSA Knockout against Middleton PS on Wednesday 27th March. Good luck, girls!

Lachlan PSSA 11yrs and Opens Rugby League

Rhys is going to Parkes on Thursday 28th March 2013 for the Selection Trials for Lachlan PSSA 11 years and Opens Rugby League Team. Our affiliation with Lachlan PSSA allows our students these opportunities.

Young Primary Rugby Day

Angus and Will are attending the Young Primary Rugby Day next Tuesday 26th March. Mr Robert Napier, one of the Grenfell rugby coaches, and parent at Caragabal has rounded up team of rugby players from Weddin Shire schools to play in the competition.

Mrs Robinson on Leave

I will be on leave from Monday 25th March until Monday 8th April. Mr Brett Causer will be taking my class for seven of the eight days I am off.

Wendy Robinson - Assistant Principal

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation Program

Last Thursday we commenced our Kitchen Garden Program with our first garden lesson. Students from Years 3 to 8 were sent on a tool search and then this was followed by a discussion about the possible uses of these tools together with safe handling tips. Some of the tools we looked at were secateurs, trowel, mattock, shovel, spade, hoe, garden fork, pitchfork, and rake.

I have ordered a variety of seeds from *Green Harvest* and assuming they arrive before Thursday our next lesson will be on propagating seeds.

At the last P & C Meeting I foreshadowed that we would need some items donated for the Stephanie Alexander Program. We are very keen to get the garden beds established before the end of term and seek donations of the following:

- Cow, horse, pig, sheep, or chook manure
- Lucerne hay or pea straw
- Bundles of old newspapers
- Seedling trays (these would have had punnets in them)
- 10L Chlorine buckets
- Plastic storage tubs with lids
- Seasol
- Honey – if anyone has bees we just need a jar for propagation
- 9L plastic Watering cans
- Wheelbarrows

Mrs Noble is preparing the kitchen in readiness for our cooking lessons and would appreciate any donations of the following items:

- Platters
- Small casserole dishes
- Serving bowls
- Salad servers
- Baskets to harvest vegetables in
- 4L ice-cream containers or small household/pool chemical buckets
- Clear storage boxes with lids to store kitchen utensils in

Wendy Robinson
Program Administrator

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:

20 th March	-	Kim Broomby & Vesna Gregory
27 th March	-	Tracy Penfold
3 rd April	-	Leanne 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:

This Wednesday, (20/3/13) will be the last A.A.S.S. for Term 1. It will be held at the school. Could parents please pick up their children at 4.30 p.m. from the school.

Active After School Sport will start again in Week 1 next term.

QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL YEAR BOOK – 2012:

The Quandialla Central School Year Book can be purchased from the Front Office at a cost of \$5.00.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - LAKE BURRENGONG EXCURSION:

Could all notes please be returned by 30th March, 2013 – Thanking you.

QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL – SCHOOL MARKET DAY, FRIDAY, 5TH APRIL, 2013:

Starting at 12.20 p.m. with a School Assembly, and to finish at 2.45 p.m.

More information next week. Please mark this date on your calendar.

3/4/5/6 CAKE STALL – MARKET DAY:

If you would like to support our stall by donating a cake etc. it would be greatly appreciated. Items could be: cakes, muffins, slices etc.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Health Regulations we must have a list of all the ingredients that were used. This must be attached to your delicious cooking. Thank you.

SECOND HAND BOOK STALL – MARKET DAY – DONATIONS REQUIRED: Donations of books in good, clean condition would be greatly appreciated for our stall. All donations may be left at the front office during school hours. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MORNING TEA AND BINGO:

In celebration of Senior Citizen's Week, Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting a Morning Tea followed by Bingo at the Quandialla Health Centre on Wednesday 20th March 2013 at 10:00 am. All Welcome.

TALL POPPIES GARDEN CLUB:

Tall Poppies Garden Club have a meeting on Saturday 13th April at 9.30 am at Clare & Simon Nowlan's property "Glenesk" Bimbi. Alex Dalglish will be the guest speaker. Everyone Welcome

FARM TREES FOR SALE:

Colin Causer has a selection of Belahs, Gum, Pepper and Silky Oak trees for sale ranging in price from \$1:00 to \$2:00.

Please contact Colin on 6347 1354.

PARENTS LIVING WELL GROUP:

Are you a parent and looking for ways to reduce your stress levels, become more relaxed and look after your wellbeing? The 'Parents Living Well' group may be the answer for you. The group is being held at the Community Health Centre and will be run over 4 weeks. Topics will include stress management, relaxation techniques and meditation, healthy relationships, importance of exercise and diet in relation to stress and services available for support.

The group is for parents with young families and everyone is welcome. The 'Parents Living Well' group will run on Wednesdays from 1.30 – 3.00 pm at the Community Health Centre, beginning on 20th March 2013 for 4 weeks. Please register your interest with Belinda and Chelsea at Community Health 63 491777.

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - GENERAL MEETING:

The next general meeting of the Quandialla District Scholarship Committee will be held on Thursday, 28th March, 2013, commencing at 7.30 p.m. at the Bland Hotel, Quandialla.

All most welcome - N. Gault , Secretary.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: DO YOU NEED A FLU VACCINATION FOR THIS YEAR?

Please telephone the Quandialla Health Centre on 6347 1200 to put your name on the list.

Date to be confirmed.

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.