



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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Diary Dates – Term 1

March :

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| Monday | 25 th -28 th March | HSC Half Yearly Exams |
| Tuesday | 26 th March | Primary Easter Disco (K-Year 6) |
| Wednesday | 27 th March | PBL Rewards Day Breakfast – 8.45 am start Dance – Hip Hop with Activated, K-6 |
| Friday | 29 th March | Good Friday |

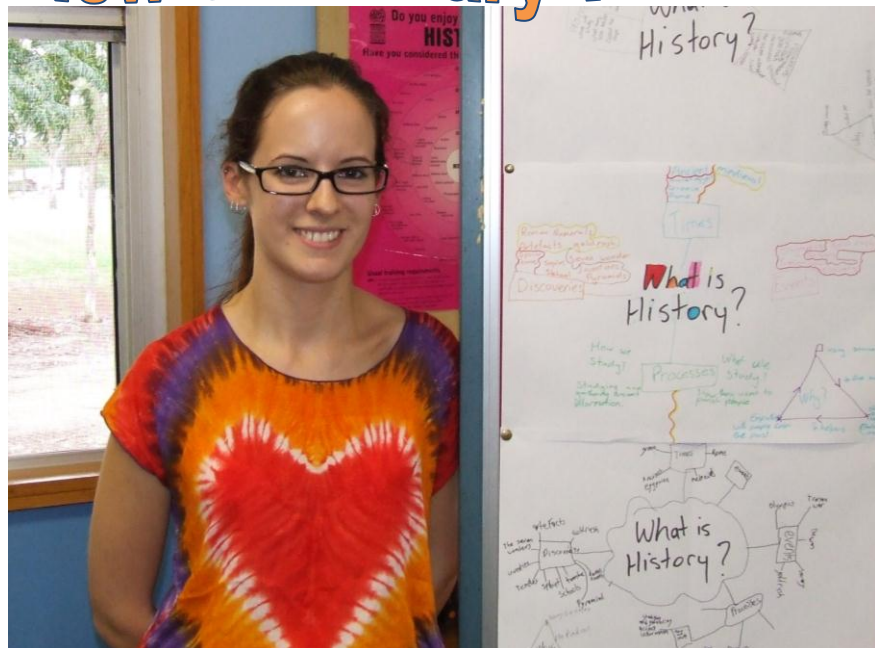
ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - LAKE BURRENGONG EXCURSION:
Could all notes please be returned by 30th March, 2013 – Thanking you.

April :

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| Monday | 1 st April | Easter Monday |
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New Secondary Teacher



A big welcome to Miss Natalie Howard to Quandialla Central School.
Natalie has taken up the position of English/History teacher in the secondary department.
Please make Natalie welcome to our school and district.

2012 Yearbook

The 2012 Quandialla Central School Yearbook is now available from the school office, at \$5 per copy. The Yearbook provides a detailed record of students, their work and staff at the school during 2012. The 2012 Yearbook has been produced by Narelle Gault and contains many photographs. I recommend it to parents and carers as a record of the 2012 school year.

Distance Education Conference

Mrs Lisa Varjavandi travelled to Ballina last week to present a key session on teaching the Stage 6 Music courses in the Lachlan Access Program. The invitation to Lisa to present on this at the state Distance Education Conference was an acknowledgement of her expertise in music and distance teaching and learning. Congratulations to Lisa, and the feedback on the presentation has been extremely positive.

Easter

Weeks 9 and 10 are four day school weeks, with Friday 29 March as the Good Friday public holiday and Monday 1 April as the Easter Monday public holiday. Students return to school on Tuesday 2 April.

I wish students, parents/carers and staff members a happy and peaceful Easter.

Kitchen garden

Students in the Year 3 – 6 class began lessons in the kitchen garden program on Wednesday last week. The students enjoyed preparing the seed trays and planting the seeds. A range of different types of seeds were planted. They were assisted by Mrs Wendy Robinson, Mrs Cathy Rowland and Mr Paul Harris. Plantings will continue in cycles, and we are all looking forward to harvesting the vegetables and preparing a meal in the kitchen.

The program develops the important themes of sustainability; producing healthy food at the local level, and preparing healthy and nutritious meals from the harvest.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing program for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 is scheduled for Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May. This is Week 3 B in Term 2.

An information letter for parents/carers is included in this newsletter.

It is extremely important that each student in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 attends school and completes all of the NAPLAN tests on these dates. The tests cover Literacy (Language Conventions and Writing), Reading and Numeracy.

Parents/carers will receive a detailed report on their children's performance in the tests.

Please contact me if you have questions.

PBL

At the assembly on Monday morning, the Secondary students presented their work on the PBL lesson for last week. The lesson focussed on the core value of being Respectful. Tara McGuire and Brendan Bridger discussed the students' key ideas, including "treat others in the way that you want them to treat you"; "by being respectful to others, they will be respectful to you"; "listen carefully when someone is speaking with you or the group, and please don't interrupt", and "always use polite language".

I thought the students really hit the nail on the head, and reminded everyone of the expected behaviours relating to being *Respectful*.

Thanks to the secondary students for their presentation to the assembly.

Our PBL core values are *Respectful, Responsible, Learner*.

School Centenary

I wonder how closely you have read the (faded) sign at the front of the school, near the old steam engine? The sign indicates that the school was “established” in 1913. Does this ring any bells? Well, I had a call from the Lachlan School Education Director (soon to be replaced by the Director Public Schools position), asking about a date in the Regional (soon to be replaced by the Team 4) diary for Quandialla Central.

The answer of course was that 2013 is the centenary of the school. The school was apparently established one year before the township of Quandialla was gazetted in 1914.

We will be discussing how we will celebrate the centenary, and we will try to avoid clashes with known dates (Shows, sheep races, etc), so stay tuned!

One definite will be to update the faded sign.

Reading with children

I hope parents/carers were able to spend about 15 minutes reading together with your children last week. One parent mentioned to me that he read the owner’s manual for the car with his son. Not at all a silly idea, given that boys love anything to do with cars (even if this was to find out how to reset the digital clock). A very beneficial reading session – both learned a lot.

Representative netball

This week Emma Dixon and Sarah Penfold will be participating in the Lachlan Small Schools netball team, representing the small schools in the regional PSSA Netball carnival. Congratulations Emma and Sarah, we know you will play well.

Proposed changes to the girls uniform

I also encourage parents and carers to continue discussing the proposed changes to the girls’ school uniform. Contact members of the P&C executive or Sarah Ryan for more details.

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.

School zone safety

A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays. School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 28 March, then resume on Tuesday 2 April.

Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even School Development Days (pupil-free days).

Find out more:

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/schoolroadsafety/schoolzoneprogram.html>

Practise to be a journalist

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. <http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp>

Primary school

Safety locks

Between 2011 and the end of 2012, 39 children aged nine or younger were hospitalised in NSW as a result of window falls. New lock laws in apartment buildings will soon help to keep our kids safe. Child safety locks are now required to be installed on apartment windows.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/breaking-news/new-window-lock-laws-for-nsw-stratas/story-fn3dxiwe-1226596394666>

Back by popular demand

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and

nits. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx>

High school

Thinking on your feet

This week's most common question on the School A to Z parent website:

Q: What's a surd?

A: A number that can't be simplified to remove a square root (or cube root etc). For example, $\sqrt[3]{11}$

Here's some help sheets on surds.

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4056.pdf>

Bullying knows no bounds

When cyber bullying hits home - what one mum wishes she'd done differently. Because most cyber bullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home>

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

K-6 NEWS

Primary Parent Teacher Meetings for K-6

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on Tuesday 9th April commencing 3.20 pm. Mrs Dixon, Mrs Harvey and I will be available to discuss how students are progressing. Please ring the School Office to make an appointment. If you are unable to make it into school on this day do not hesitate to request another time.

25 Nights of Home Reading

Congratulations to Sarah, Hayden, Haylee and Will who have all received a School Award for 25 Nights of Home Reading. I expect that more students have reached this goal but are yet to bring their Home Reading Journals in.

3/4/5/6 Homework

Students in 3/4/5/6 received their homework for Week 9 last Friday. Years 3 and 4 have both Maths sheets and Unit 6 NAPLAN Style English homework and spelling. While Years 5 and 6 have just Unit 6 NAPLAN Style English worksheets and spelling. Years 5 and 6 should work on their set Mathematics activities for homework if they have access to the internet.

Cake Stall for Market Day

3/4/5/6 is holding a Cake Stall on Market Day on Friday 5th April and request donations of cakes, slices, toffees produce. Etc. We do request that items have a full list of ingredients.

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Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation Program

The seeds from *Green Harvest* arrived at school and students from Years 3-8 spent a lesson propagating some of these seeds. A further lesson was spent transplanting seedlings into larger pots and transplanting self sown broad beans into pots. The greenhouse is holding a lot of potential and it is all very exciting. The snow peas are in the ground and looking healthy.

Thank you to the people who have generously donated items for the program as requested. We would like to be able to plant out our seedlings this week but urgently require old newspapers, well rotted manure and lucerne hay or pea straw to build our no dig garden beds. Hopefully the students will be able to build these gardens on Thursday.

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
- Plastics 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:

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| 27 th March | - | Tracy Penfold |
| 3 rd April | - | Leanne Penfold |
| 10 th April | - | Kim Broomby & Vesna Gregory |

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:

Active After School Sport has ended for Term 1. A.A.S.S. will recommence again in Week 1, Term 2. For further information please contact Mrs Rowland.

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.

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.

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.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: NEW DATE FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR

Bookfair - Friday, 31st May, 2013

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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.

SCHOOL MARKET DAY

FRIDAY, 5TH APRIL, 2013

Quandialla Central School Plaza

Starting Time: 12.20 pm. – School Assembly,
followed by Market Day activities

Come and support your school.
All funds raised from our 2013 Market Day
will be used across the whole school (K-12).

Please come along and help make this day
a success for the children.