



# Quandialla Central School

*"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"*

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## Diary Dates – Term 1

**March :**

**Tuesday**

**5<sup>th</sup> March**

**P.&C. Annual General Meeting  
7.30 p.m.**

**Please note change of date.**

Wednesday

6<sup>th</sup> March

Dance- Hip Hop with Activated.

Thursday

7<sup>th</sup> March

P & C Meeting 7.30 pm Staffroom

Change of Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

Friday

8<sup>th</sup> March

Western PSSA Swimming - Dubbo

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL - 2013



Left to right: Angus, Sarah, Emma, Tara, Maryanne with Miss Howard

### 2012 Annual School Report

In last week's newsletter I mentioned that a large number of the school documents are available on the school website. This week, we have added the 2012 Annual School Report (ASR) to the school website.

The 2012 ASR is a report to the school community on the students' and school's performance and achievements during the 2012 school year. The ASR contains information on the school targets for 2013, and there are eight pages of colour photographs of our students engaged in learning activities.

To access the 2012 Annual School report, go to [www.quandialla-c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.quandialla-c.schools.nsw.edu.au) and go to the *Our School* tab. The ASR is included under this tab.

I encourage parents, family members and members of the community to read our 2012 ASR. Please contact me if you have questions.

### **P&C Meeting**

A reminder to parents and family members that the Annual general Meeting of the Quandialla Central School Parents and Citizens Association is scheduled for tonight – Tuesday 5 March, at 7.30pm in the school Staff Room.

I encourage you to take an active role in the P&C, and look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

### **Reading**

I spent this morning with students in the 3 – 6 class and we worked together in Reading Groups. And, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Sarah is reading a short novel written for young people – *Bridge to Terabithia*; Hayden, Zach and William are reading a narrative about the archaeology of Mount Vesuvius – *The Secrets of Vesuvius*; Rhys and Zoran are reading a narrative about many great sportspeople – *Sporting Heroes*, and Angus is reading a factual book about cattle – *Cattle*. We stopped and discussed important words and interesting information.

The lesson reminded me about how good it is to read with other people, and how effective this is in helping students to improve their reading and comprehension (understanding of what we read). Please make the time to read with your children at home – it doesn't have to be for a long time, about 15 minutes is good. But, it should be regular – try for 15 minutes reading with them each week night. And, if it is a book like the ones we read this morning, you will be very interested as well.

### **Lachlan Access Program (LAP)**

Mrs Varjavandi and our Year 12 students travelled to Ungarie Central School yesterday, and it is interesting to look at what they were doing.

Mrs Varjavandi was conducting an assessment task in HSC Music with her students from the LAP schools – Matthew is a member of this class. Ryan worked with his HSC Visual Arts teacher. His teacher is from another LAP school, and travelled to Ungarie to work with him.

The LAP courses are taught using the *connected classroom* technology – students and teachers are linked by videoconference facilities and share their work via computer and Interactive Whiteboards. The senior room at Quandialla Central School has two connected classrooms which are used by our LAP students and teachers.

### **Positive Behaviour for learning (PBL)**

Our work with students on Positive behaviour for Learning is ongoing. At our assembly on Monday morning, the secondary students presented their work on *why we should RESPECT our national flag, national anthem and the welcome to country* during School Assemblies. Natasha and Maryanne did a great job of presenting this to the whole school on assembly. Natasha and Maryanne explained what our flag represents to us as Australians, and why we should respect it. It was a very meaningful presentation.

At Quandialla Central School, our PBL core values are that we are all Respectful, Responsible, Learners.

## **School assembly**

My sincere apologies for not being at the school assembly held last Friday – I had a family emergency. However, it is fantastic to see the number of parents and family members who “signed in” to attend the assembly. And, it is excellent to hear from teachers about how well our students conducted the assembly.

A huge “thank you” to all parents and family members for attending our assembly – this shows our students that we are interested in their learning, and that we believe learning is important.

Thank you to Leanne Penfold for hosting the P&C “cuppa” for parents and family members before the assembly.

I am looking forward to our next school assembly.

## **Good number sense**

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths\\_glossary/Rld5/141/mental%20strategy](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/Rld5/141/mental%20strategy)

## **Essay planning**

Kids often rush headlong into essay writing tasks without thinking through what is required. Effective essay planning can involve brainstorming, mind-mapping, and organising notes depending on the question and type of response required. These factsheets explain everything.

Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english\\_glossary/8Qum/2661/essay+planning](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/2661/essay+planning)

## **Primary school**

### **Reading with your child at home**

*When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.*

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home>

### **Removing head lice and nits**

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.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

## **High school**

### **Does multi-tasking reduce focus?**

Can your kids really study while updating their Facebook page, listening to their music players and messaging their friends? Research shows dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and a greater ability to retrieve information. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/homework-and-multitasking-can-it-be-done>

## **When kids are bullied**

We send our kids off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn't stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/bullying-advice-for-parents1/what-can-i-do-to-help-my-child>

## **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**

### **Clean-Up Australia**

Last Friday the class had a great time around the streets of Quandialla with Clean-Up Australia. The students had a competition amongst themselves to see who could find the most unusual thing. Angus found a car radio, a calculator and a snappy pair of sunglasses which he wore all the way back to school. William scored himself a set of knives and forks, which he is going to keep. He can't wait to go back and have a closer look for the spoons. Overall it was pleasing to see the streets very clean. Large Coke bottles were the main things we picked up on the verges.

### **Adobe Captivate**

The students in 3/4/5/6 have been studying a natural environment, Kosciuszko National Park. On Thursday Mrs Jillian Thring, the Connected Learning Coach, will be working in the classroom all day helping the students put together their researched information in the form of an Adobe Captivate multimedia report. I am aiming for all the students to be competent in Adobe Captivate.

### **Stephanie Alexander Training**

Last week Anne Noble and I travelled to Whalan Public School in Sydney for two days to train for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Anne was the Kitchen Specialist and I was the Garden Specialist. Stephanie Alexander was there working in the kitchen. Anne made pastas, egg noodles, pizzas, curries, amazing salads and flat bread and I was the taste tester. Amazing! Outside in the garden my workshops covered garden construction and structures, propagation, composting, mulching, crop rotation, fertilizing, pest control and watering. Both of us have returned to school very inspired to get going on our program. Paul Harris has already been working hard in the garden we are well on our way.

### **Western Area PSSA Swimming Carnival**

Emma Dixon, Sarah Penfold, Angus Kelly and Zach Broomby are heading to Dubbo to compete at the Western Area Swimming Carnival on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. To make it through to this level is an achievement in itself and we are all very proud of them and wish them well on the day.

## **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 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Leanne Penfold & Tracy Penfold
13 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Margaret Priestley
20 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Kim Broomby & Vesna Gregory
27 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Tracy 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.

## **The REVENGE of the BAT**

### **Opera in the Park**

Gates open 6pm Friday 5th April

Barnado Park West Wyalong

Tickets available from West Wyalong Post

Office and online at

[www.operainthepark.com.au](http://www.operainthepark.com.au)

BYO Chair. This event is non-smoking and  
glass free.

Adults \$35 Students & Pensioners \$17

Family \$90

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**Release your inner Boyle in time for Opera in the Park.**

Co Opera will be running a Choral Workshop on Thursday 4th April  
6.30pm

*Opera on the Move*

Practice sessions start soon!



Participants will be invited to be part of the Co Opera performance of  
Revenge of the Bat in Barnado Park 5th April.

Call Pat Redmond on 040 118 0427 ASAP - this is not an opportunity  
to be missed! [www.operainthepark.com.au](http://www.operainthepark.com.au)

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **COMMUNITY MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 7.30 PM:**

Dear Community Members,

In reply to letters which the Quandialla Progress Association wrote to the Weddin Council last year we were invited to nominate three representatives from the association to attend a meeting of councils Rural Works Committee which is to be held at Quandialla. The Rural Works Committee includes the Mayor Cr Liebich, Cr Niven, Cr Halls, Cr Hughes and Cr Griffiths and will provide an excellent forum for Quandialla businesses, Associations, Committees and community members to raise issues which they feel Council should be addressing.

The three representatives chosen to speak on your behalf at this meeting were the executive of the Quandialla Progress Association Mr Robert Reeves, Mrs Sue Priestley and Mrs Marlene Taylor.

In preparation for this meeting we are calling a community meeting for the 13<sup>th</sup> of March commencing at 7.30pm at the Quandialla Memorial Hall. We would like to extend an invitation to all community members to come along and have your say so that we can compile a list of agenda items for Councils Rural Works Meeting.

On the 13th you will be able to raise and discuss issues which you feel should be included on the list of agenda items. If you are unable to attend this meeting then please contact Robert, Sue or Marlene with your concerns before the 13th.

As soon as the date of the Rural Works Meeting has been confirmed details will be advertised so that all those interested can attend.

See you all on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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### **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 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 10:00 am.

All Welcome.

### **TALL POPPIES GARDEN CLUB:**

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

Everyone Welcome



## QUANDIALLA PRE-SCHOOL SAYS THANK YOU



The children of Quandialla Preschool thank you for your support to our Octoberfest in 2012 and hope you will continue your support for our 2013 Octoberfest. Your generous contribution allows us to buy and update our resources and activities for happy preschool days.



## 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 you details below and leave them at Bribbaree Pub, Caragabal Public School, or the Quandialla Post office.

You can also email [shawnandcatia1@bigpond.com](mailto:shawnandcatia1@bigpond.com) or fax to 63471245.  
Any enquiries to Catia Nowlan 63471324

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PREFERRED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (only if applicable)

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HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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Example:  
WJ Bradden (Bill)