



# Quandialla Central School

*"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"*

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## Diary Dates – Term 1

**April:**

Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Dance – Hip Hop with Activated K-6
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	P&C Meeting – 7.30 p.m.
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	SCHOOL MARKET DAY & ASSEMBLY commencing at 12.20 p.m.
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	Primary/Secondary 'Acara' workshop at School (all day)
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	School Anzac Day Service – 10.30 a.m.

## Preparing our Kitchen Garden



### Attendance, Rolls and explaining absences

On Tuesday 26-3-13 Lesley Scott-Smith, the new Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) conducted a Roll Monitoring exercise at Quandialla Central School. Rolls are legal documents which must be marked and maintained according to the NSW Department of Education and Communities policy. Rolls may also be subpoenaed by courts. I am pleased that Lesley reported to me that the school is on track, but there are some improvements required.

The first relates to explaining student absences. When a student is absent from school, their parents/carers are required to explain the absence within 7 days. To explain an absence, parents/carers usually write a note which outlines the reason the student was absent, OR telephone the school office to give the reason the student was absent. When the school receives this information, the Roll is marked to indicate that the absence was explained or justified.

However, if the school has not received an explanation within seven (7) days, the absence is recorded as Unjustified on the Roll, and included in the student's total absences on their Reports. Where a student has a significant number of unjustified absences, they are referred to the Home School Liaison Program.

Where parents/carers know that their child will be absent from school on a date, they should contact the Principal and request leave in advance. The Principal will usually approve requests for leave for the following reasons:

- Sick (S) – the absence is due to sickness or as the result of a medical or paramedical appointment.
- Leave (L) – the absence is due to misadventure or an unforeseen event; participation in special events not related to the school; domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family members; attendance at funerals; recognised religious festivals or ceremonial occasions
- Official School Business (B) – where a student is approved to leave the site to participate in work experience; school sport (e.g. regional and state carnivals); school excursions.

Remember, the explanation of the absence must be provided to the school within seven days.

The second relates to partial absences – late arrival to school and early departure from school. The key point is that partial absences must be explained within seven (7) days. The same reasons as above – Sick, Leave or School Business – apply to partial absences as well. Parents/carers should provide an explanatory note for each partial absence

Except where leave has been approved, the Legislation requires children of compulsory school age to attend school for the whole day on every school day.

I seek your cooperation as parents and carers to ensure that your children attend school regularly, are prompt and arrive at school on time and that all student absences are explained as outlined above.

Please telephone me at school if you have questions.

### **Anzac memorial service**

As Anzac Day falls during the school holidays this year, the school will conduct its' annual Anzac memorial service on Friday 12 April, beginning at 10.30am. Parents/carers, family members and members of the community are cordially invited to join our students for the service.

### **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 was attached to last week's newsletter. It is extremely important that each student in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 attends school and completes 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 Tuesday morning, the Secondary students presented their work on the PBL lesson for last week. The lesson focussed on the core value of being Respectful. Caitlin Verde and Natasha Bridger discussed the importance of using appropriate language at school. Natasha and Caitlin reminded everyone that using polite and appropriate language is an important part of being *Respectful*.

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

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

### **School Centenary**

As outlined in last week's newsletter, 2013 is the centenary of Quandialla Central School. There will be a suitable celebration of the centenary, and this will be a topic for discussion at the next P&C meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday 4 April, beginning at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

### **Market Day**

The school's annual Market day will be conducted on Friday 5 April, beginning at 12.20pm with a School Assembly. There will be a wide variety of stalls and activities, including a BBQ lunch; Echidna café for afternoon tea. The afternoon will conclude at 3.00pm. Please see the separate advertisement in this newsletter. I hope to see you all on the afternoon.

### **Reading with children**

Don't forget to set aside time to read with your children during the week. In addition to encouraging children to read, it is a good way to relax and have some time out from our busy work routines.

### **Premiers Reading challenge**

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with reading time during the week. Booklists are here: What's your child reading right now?

Find out more: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

### **April school holidays**

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

### **Parent-teacher interviews**

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews>

### **School calendar**

What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView>

### **Assignment starters A-Z**

What projects or essays does your child have that are due by the end of term? One of them could be among the School A-Z website's assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

### **Buying an e-reader or tablet**

E-readers may be a good way to get reluctant readers into books, plus they let you carry your library around with you wherever you go.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/e-book-re-kindle-love-of-reading>

### **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

#### **PRIMARY PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS FOR K-6**

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April commencing 3.20 pm. Mrs Dixon, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Robinson 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.

## **CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER Term 1 - 2013**

Our School Canteen is open on Wednesday

Time of Arrival is 10.00 a.m.

President: David Dixon – 6347 1271 Secretary: Leanne Penfold - 6347 2119

Treasurer: Anne Dixon - 6347 1271

### **Roster:**

3 <sup>rd</sup> April	-	Leanne Penfold
10 <sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **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.

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## **SCHOOL MARKET DAY**

FRIDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> 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.



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **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

### **BREASTSCREEN NSW - MOBILE SCREENING UNIT VISIT: GRENFELL – April/May, 2013:**

It's time to look after Yourself. 1 in 9 women develop Breast Cancer. Early detection is your best protection. BreastScreen is primarily for women aged 50 – 69, but women over 40 are welcome. FREE, no referral needed.

The Mobile Screening Unit will be visiting: GRENFELL – April/May, 2013,

**BOOK NOW: Call 13 20 50**

### **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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month and **Liturgy**- 10:00 am – 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - EXTRA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:**

Due to the increased generosity of our major sponsor (Barrick Cowal Limited), the Quandialla District Scholarship Committee are able to offer further financial assistance to other applicants for the TAFE and University Scholarships. Applicants from previous years may apply again.

**Applications close: Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013**

For further information and application forms please contact the secretary, Narelle Gault on 6347 1294 ah

### **QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING:**

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

### **EXERCISE CLASSES:**

Quandialla Memorial Hall, 9.00 - 10.00 am Friday's.  
\$7 / class, please bring water bottle, comfy clothing, and appropriate shoes.  
Enquiries please phone: Kim 63472152

### **ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH:**

Services held 5.00 pm, fourth Sunday of the month, during winter months.  
All welcome

## NETBALL CLINIC - WEST WYALONG:

Fitness, fun, skills and games; perfect introduction to the game of netball.

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd April.

5-10 years 9.30 - 12.30pm, 11-14 years 1.30 - 4.30pm

West Wyalong Netball courts, (wet weather alt; Mon Basketball Stadium, Tues High Scholl MPU)

\$20 per day / family discount for over 3 children

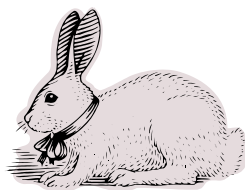
Need to have appropriate footwear, water bottle, hat and sunscreen.

Canteen operating with healthy food.

Names in by Friday 19th April to Amanda Cooper, 0427722920 or Sue Giffin 69723439.



## Easter Hat Parade Kindergarten – Year 6



*Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013*



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## **MARKET DAY**

### **Friday, 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2013**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**  
**AT 12.20 PM IN ASSEMBLY ROOM**

**TIME:** 12.20 PM TILL 3.00 PM

#### **FOOD:**

- B.B.Q.
- COFFEE/TEA and CAKE
- SOFT DRINKS & CAKE STALL

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

- MINI PAVILION – Entries close 9.30 a.m. on the day.
- LOB THE LOO PAPER
- SPONGE THROW
- FACE PAINTING
- LOUISA'S LOCKER [GRENFELL] FASHION PARADE

#### **STALLS:**

- SECONDHAND BOOK STALL
- ENJO PRODUCTS, BODY WORKS PRODUCTS
- QUANDIALLA CANDLE CO.
- JODIE'S JEWELLERY
- DORRANE SHOES & ACCESSORIES [LISA CAUSER]
- EARRINGS BY CATIA
- HAIR ACCESSORIES & CHILDREN'S CLOTHING
- LORRAINE LEA LINEN
- PERENNIALLE PLANTS – CANOWINDRA  
(Specialising in rare, frost and drought tolerant plants)



#### **Raffle:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: One nights accommodation to the value of \$150.00 and a Family Pass to the Western Plains Zoo.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Dinner for 2 at Café de Jour in Young to the value of \$90.00.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Railway Station Carry Set donated by Jenny's Classroom in Orange.

10 draws of assorted Games/ Activities donated by Jenny's Classroom

**CLOSE/CLEAN UP – 3.00 p.m.**

## **Come out for a great day of fun**