

Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

Newsletter Tuesday, 21st May, 2013 (Week A No 14)

Centenary Celebrations
Saturday, 27th July, 2013

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Diary Dates – Term 1

May :

Wednesday	22 nd May	QCS – 1500m Race – 1.20 pm at school oval.
Thursday	23 rd May	PSSA Netball – Divisional Day, Dubbo
Friday	24 th May	PSSA Lachlan District Cross Country – Forbes Racecourse
Wednesday	29 th May	QCS Athletics Carnival – Quandialla
Thursday	30 th May	Musica Viva Concert – ‘Song Company’ 9.30 am at Quandialla Central School.
Friday	31 st May	School Assembly – 2.30 pm and Bookfair

Quandialla Central School - Cross Country 2013



Left to right: Hayden, Angus, William, Zachary and Zoran are all pictured having a rest after competing in the School Cross Country on Wednesday, 8th May.

A busy week

Week 4 will be a very busy week at school, with Primary students preparing for Play Day as part of the Henry Lawson Festival; ICAS Computing Test; a number of senior primary students participating in the PSSA Netball Divisional day in Dubbo on Thursday and the PSSA Lachlan District Cross Country event at Forbes on Friday.

We also have two students – one primary and one secondary – participating in the second week of the Stewart House program in Sydney this week.

Colds and flu season

Now that the cold weather has reached us, some of the children are showing signs of colds and sniffles. Parents are asked to ensure that their children bring plenty of tissues to school. Remember, the best way to minimise the spread of colds and sniffles is to – blow (your nose into a tissue), throw (the used tissue into the bin) and wash (your hands after each time you blow your nose). So, the message for children is to **blow, throw, wash**.

Also, I noticed that a small number of children are arriving at school without a sloppy joe, or jumper/jacket. Parents are asked to check that their children have a warm top/jacket for the cold weather – that cold wind is very lazy. Singlets are also a good idea (you remember, that thing you had to wear when your mother felt cold).

New syllabuses

Teachers have been working hard to develop teaching programs based on the new Syllabuses (Australian curriculum). A parents' guide to the new K-10 NSW Syllabuses is available at [NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum website](#). This site is provided by the NSW Board of Studies, and I encourage you to look at the resources for parents that are available on the site.

Athletics carnival

The Quandialla Central School athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday 29 May, at the school. I'm sure this will be an enjoyable day, and parents and family members are cordially invited to join us. Unfortunately, Caragabal Public School students are unable to join us as their school's schedule is apparently even busier than ours.

Instrument lessons resume

There have been a few minor changes to the secondary timetable, and this has resulted in Mrs Lisa Varjavandi being able to offer instrument lessons for students. The lessons will occur on Wednesdays. Parents are encouraged to contact Lisa at the school for more information.

School uniform

Many thanks to the parents of current students, and parents of pre-school children, for your feedback on the proposed new school uniform.

The feedback has been very positive, and the school will proceed with the new uniform. The new uniform will be phased in from the beginning of Term 4 in 2013.

Thank you to Sarah Ryan and Leanne Penfold for hosting the P&C display of the new uniform in the library last week. Full details of the suppliers and prices are available from Sarah and Leanne.

NAPLAN

I'm pleased to report that the NAPLAN tests were completed by our students last week, and that each student attended for each of the tests. Congratulations to our Year 3, 5 and 7 students – they each made a solid effort in each of the tests.

Later this year, parents and the school will receive a detailed report on the children's' performance in the tests. However, it is important to remember that the NAPLAN tests only provide a "snapshot" (like a photograph at a point in time) of the student's abilities, and that there are many dimensions of a child's learning that are not tested by NAPLAN. For a broader and more complete understanding of your child's learning and progress, please contact their class teacher(s).

School Centenary

Invitations to the Quandialla Central School Centenary Celebrations, to be held on Saturday 27 July at the school, will be placed in everyone's mailboxes this week. There will be an open day; BBQ lunch and a special Centenary ceremony.

This will be followed by a Bush Dance on the Saturday night, organised jointly by the P&C and the Swimming Club committee.

The celebrations will begin at about 12.00 and finish at about 4.00pm.

It will be an important and enjoyable day and evening.

There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the BBQ, and we ask people to **RSVP** to the school office, **by Friday 28 June**, please. The invitation has also been published in the local "Idle Chatter" community newsletter.

Please RSVP by telephoning the school on 63471207 or emailing the school at quandialla-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

What exactly was a "provisional school"?

The school at Quandialla was a Provisional School from May 1913 to December 1917 (source: NSW Department of Education and Training records).

A Provisional School was a type of elementary school, which first emerged in 1867. A Provisional school could be established where there were at least 15 children, but fewer than the 25 required to establish a Public School. At a Provisional school, the parents provided the building and furniture, while the Council of Education (later named the Department of Education) paid the teacher and supplied books and equipment. During the 1880s, the minimum number of children required to establish a Provisional school was reduced to 12; from 1889 the minimum was 10, and from 1945 it was nine. After 1882 there were provisions for the Department to provide all or part of the cost of the buildings, but well into the twentieth century parents often met the cost. The schools were generally staffed by untrained teachers or by teachers of the lowest classification. Generally, the Provisional Schools simply became Public Schools, and in November 1957 all of the remaining Provisional Schools were converted to Public Schools.

It is interesting to note the important role played by parents in establishing a Provisional School – parents provided (paid for) the buildings and furniture. This is no doubt the origin of the modern Parents and Citizens Association (P&C).

Weekly scheduling

Learning how to make time for homework, study, chores, part-time jobs and so on is a vital skill for all kids, but it's one that we need to teach them by example. It's just a Word document, but you can now create your own weekly schedules to whip your family into shape. For more information, go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/weekly-schedule-template>

Snow sports camps

Looking for an affordable family holiday to the snow? Sport and Recreation run holiday snow packages from July to September. Take a break, improve your health and well-being, and breathe the fresh mountain air. Find out more at the Department of Sport and Recreation website at:

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/jindabyne/>

Making school easier

Teacher and mum **Katherine Bricknell** has already helped several of her kids navigate primary, high school and tertiary education, and has some great, practical advice for other parents.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/tips-to-make-high-school-easier>

The sum of us

Be honest: are you a bit afraid of maths? And are you passing that on to your kids? Maths and science guru Adam Spencer suggests a better approach. (No time to listen to the podcast? The read our at-a-glance summary)

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/the-sum-of-us>

Exceptional kids

Would you rather your child have a high I.Q or a never-give-up attitude? Michael Grose looks at the research

Find out more: <http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/April-2013-%281%29/Intelligence-or-persistence--which-would-you-choos>

Bouncing back

Does your child bounce back from disappointment, or do they need to learn to be more resilient - and how do you teach them, so they can deal with life's challenges? Watch the video.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-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

Athletics Carnival 2013

The Quandialla Central School Athletics Carnival will be held on

Wednesday 29th May, 2013 - Week 5

Parents, grandparents, and community members are welcome to come along and cheer on the students as they compete.

The approximate timeline for the day will be as follows:

☺	10.00 am	–	Track Events
☺	11.30 am	–	Recess
☺	11.50 am	–	Field Events
☺	1:20 pm	–	Lunch
☺	2:00 pm	–	Relays
☺	2:20 pm	–	800m race
☺	2:40 pm	–	Novelties
☺	3:10 pm	–	Pack up and finish

The P & C will again be catering on the day with a steak and sausage sizzle.

As with the swimming carnival, there will several changes to the Secondary section of the athletics carnival:

- All Secondary students will compete as a group and results will be recorded individually
- Participation and place points will still contribute to the blue and gold score.
- Secondary will also be able to compete in several novelty races to secure points for their house.
- Any records broken on the day will be recorded as normal.

Due to reduced numbers at QCS, competing for Age Champion has become less competitive. So in order to make it fair, a few rules have been put in place to ensure the title of Age Champion is won on both ability and participation. There will be one overall secondary champion for the day.

In order to be eligible to win the title of Age Champion, secondary students must:

- Participate in at least 3 events
- Compete in a positive and enthusiastic manner
- Participation and place points will be added, and whoever has the highest amount of points will win the title of Age Champion

Hope to see you there!

1500m Race

The 1500m race will be run at lunchtime on
Wednesday, 22nd May, commencing at 1.20 p.m. on the
school oval.

Parents are most welcome to come and watch their children.
Children must be turning 8 years this year to enter this event.

HELPERS REQUIRED FOR 2013 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER Term 2 - 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:

22 nd	May	-	Jennifer Kelly
29 th	May	-	Tracy Penfold
5 th	June	-	Jodi Atkins

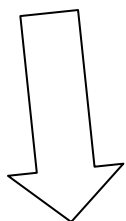
Please Note:

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

Centenary Celebrations



Saturday, 27th July, 2013

Past Students & Staff Contact Details:

Please contact Quandialla Central School if you have address details of ex students and staff.

Photos

Can you help?

Quandialla Central School is looking for old photos of school buildings, students, special functions etc.
If you can help please contact Quandialla Central School during school hours.

All photos can be scanned and given back. Thank you.

Musica Viva Concert

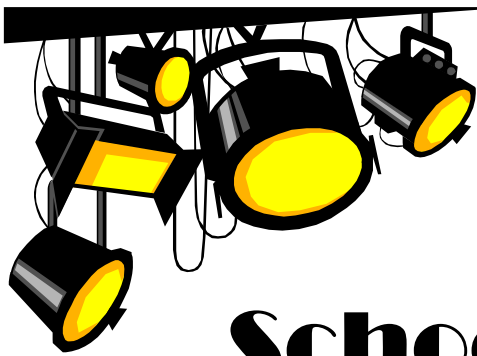
Our first Musica Viva concert for the year will be 1000 Years of Song, performed by The Song Company.

The Song Company is an internationally recognised vocal ensemble consisting of two male and two female singers. 1000 Years of Song takes students on a journey through cultures, language and history using the simplicity, beauty and versatility of the human voice. Blending old and new, The Song Company begin with sacred and secular song and move through to popular tunes.

We are very fortunate to have a world class ensemble perform in our school and we are grateful to the P&C for covering the cost to our students. Students have been preparing for the concert during their music lessons.

The concert will be held in the Assembly/ Pre-school room on Thursday 30th May at 9.30 am.

Parents and members of the community are most welcome to attend for free, but please be seated before 9.30, so as not to interrupt the performers.



**As a feature of the Henry Lawson
Festival of the Arts, the Grenfell
Dramatic Society are organising**

Schools' Drama Day

K-6 will be performing their play

'The Fastest Handbag in the West'

on

THURSDAY, 6TH JUNE at a time to be announced

at the Henry Lawson High School Hall in Grenfell.

ALL parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend. We are planning for students to travel in to Grenfell together on a bus.

Students were all given a copy of the script to take home so they could learn their lines. There were some suggestions on the front of the script for costumes and any suggestions are welcome. The play does conclude with the singing of the song '*The Deadwood Stage*' which we are also learning.



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS:

Due to some changes in the secondary timetable, Ms Varjavandi will now be able to offer musical instrument lessons. Instruments available are flute, clarinet, trumpet, keyboard/ piano and guitar. Please leave a message at the office if your child is interested in starting lessons.

Thank you, Lisa Varjavandi
Lisa Varjavandi – Head Teacher

P & C News

Quandialla Parents and Citizens Association

EARN and LEARN STICKERS

The Quandialla P&C are now collecting EARN and LEARN stickers.

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June, 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. For every \$10 you spend you get a sticker to give to your school – Quandialla Central School.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages.

Stickers may be left at the front office at Quandialla Central School during school hours.
Thank you for helping our students.

**The P & C has placed boxes at Woolworths in both Young and Temora.
If you are in these towns you may drop your stickers straight in the box.
Alternatively you may drop them off at the box in the front office at school.**

**Thank you everyone who has already sent in stickers.
There are four weeks left to collect stickers.**

K-6 NEWS

Forbes Small Schools Sports Day - Friday 7th June 2013

The Forbes Small Schools Sports Day for all Kindergarten to Year 6 students is on Friday, 7th June 2013 at Forbes Public School commencing at 9.00 am. Following feedback from a number of schools after last year's carnival a number of changes have been made to this year's day to ensure that the students are actively engaged.

It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to transport students to this carnival. It is a great social day and a chair is recommended.

Successful athletes, 8 years and over, will be eligible to join the Forbes Small School Team at the Lachlan PSSA Carnival in Parkes in August, and could potentially make it through to the State Carnival.

Schools' Drama Day – Thursday 6th June 2013

Kindergarten to Year 6 are busily rehearsing their play '*The Fastest Handbag in the West*' in preparation for the Schools' Drama Day at the Henry Lawson High School on the 6th June.

Parents are asked to assist their children gather a costume appropriate for their child's role. Suggestions for some of the roles were outlined on the front of the script which the children brought home to learn.

Permission notes have been sent home. We will be travelling in by bus.

Netball Knockout - Thursday 23rd May 2013

Emma Dixon and Sarah Penfold are heading to Dubbo on Thursday 23rd May to participate in the Divisional Day for the netball knockout. They will be playing Round 2 and 3 of the competition with the Forbes Small Schools Team. We wish them all the best.

Lachlan District PSSA Cross Country – Friday 24th May 2013

Emma Dixon, Hayden and Haylee Bridger, and Angus Kelly are representing our school at the District Cross Country on Friday at the Forbes Racecourse. May they run like thoroughbreds (but not like More Joyous.)

Western Challenge Debating Competition

Once again the school has entered into the Western Challenge Debating Competition. Round 1 takes us up against Bedgerebong PS on Monday 27th May. The topic for the debate is 'Fast foods should be sold at school canteens.' Emma, Sarah, Will and Zach are preparing their case for the negative.

THIS WEEK in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Students will be **propagating seeds** and **mulching** in the garden lesson on Thursday. Parents and community members are invited to come in and assist. The garden lesson runs from 12.15 pm to 1.00 pm. Following the garden class students are engaged in kitchen class with Mrs Noble from 2.00 to 3.20. Please come and assist for the afternoon. All visitors should check in at the office when entering the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

TENNIS LESSONS: Peter Clifton from Forbes had indicated that he may be able to conduct tennis lessons at Caragabal if there is enough interest. Hannah Troth is co-ordinating numbers, so if you are interested in your child receiving tennis tuition please contact Hannah on 0421 888 601.

All levels of ability could be catered for.

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.

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH:

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

All welcome.

CARAGABAL MEMORIAL HALL FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY, 1ST JUNE, 2013:

Entertainment for Kids, Live Entertainment, Raffles, 100 Club and a Wood Auction.

A fundraiser will be held at the Caragabal Sports Oval on Saturday, 1st June.

Cost: Adult \$10.00, Child \$5.00 and Family \$25.00. Grounds will be open at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday. Sausages and steak sandwiches will be available for lunch. Bring your own camping gear i.e. chair, tent, swag, camper van etc. Please bring your own alcohol.

Can you cook in a Camp? Bring your own food, camp oven and recipe and cooking equipment and enter our Camp Oven Cook Off keep a small portion of your food for the judging. This will be held by 5.30 p.m. You will be in the running for some great prizes. If you choose not to cook your own dinner some meals will be available from the canteen as well as tea, coffee and soft drinks.

All enquiries to Donna Pursehouse (Phone – 6347 5230) or Dixie Maslin (Phone – 6347 5341).

Come along, camp out, dance the night away and have fun.

WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL – FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH SEMINAR:

A date for your diaries – there will be an all-day family history research seminar at the library on Saturday, 26th June. Learn more about using TROVE, the FindMyPast database and hopefully the resources of the National Archives. For further information please contact the librarian - 6343 1334.

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

FIREWOOD RAFFLE:

Starting to feel the cold this winter? The Quandialla Catholic Community are holding a raffle for a box trailer load of wood to help raise funds for repairs to our church. Tickets are available for purchase at the Quandi Cafe or from members of the congregation. If you don't have a wood fire, but would still like to help out, there is a donation tin in the Quandi Post Office. Thank you for your support.

Can You Help?

DON'T FORGET: QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL CENTENARY - SATURDAY, 27TH JULY:

If you can help with old photos of school buildings, students, special functions etc. it would be greatly appreciated. All items can be scanned and given straight back. Thank you for your assistance.



Pupils of Quandialla Public School – Dated: 1918

QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wednesday, 29th May, 2013

at Quandialla Central School

ATHLETIC CARNIVAL HELPERS REQUIRED:

It would be appreciated if all interested parents/grandparents helpers could please fill out the form below and return to the school by **MONDAY, 27TH MAY, 2013**. Either half or full day help would be most appreciated.

All parents and friends are very welcome.

N.B. It is required by the Department that a Prohibited Employment Declaration be completed prior to assisting on the day.

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Q.C.S. – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wednesday, 29th May, 2013

I am able to help at the Athletics Carnival and would prefer to assist with:
(Please tick)

- ☐ Timekeeping
- ☐ Field Events
- ☐ Novelties

Name: _____

Comment: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____