

# Quandialla Central School

*"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"*

**Centenary Celebrations**  
Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

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## Diary Dates – Term 1

**May :**

Wednesday

29<sup>th</sup> May

QCS Athletics Carnival – Quandialla

Thursday

30<sup>th</sup> May

Musica Viva Concert – ‘Song Company’ 9.30 am  
at Quandialla Central School.

Friday

31<sup>st</sup> May

Book Fair – 1.30 pm in the school Library  
School Assembly – 2.30 pm

**June :**

Thursday

6<sup>th</sup> June

P.&C. Meeting – 7.30 p.m. staffroom

Friday

7<sup>th</sup> June

Forbes Small Schools Athletics Carnival at  
Forbes Public School (Primary)



### PSSA LACHLAN DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Angus, Emma, Haylee and Hayden for competing  
and representing Quandialla Central School at the Lachlan District  
Cross Country in Forbes last Friday.

### Debating

On Monday the primary debating team travelled to Forbes Public School to compete in the first round of the Western Challenge competition. The team debated Bedgerabong Public School and the topic was an interesting one – “That fast food suppliers should provide food to school canteens”, with the Quandialla team presenting the case for the negative.

The team members are Emma Dixon, Sarah Penfold, William Dixon and Zachary Broomby, and they were accompanied by Mrs Robinson and Miss Howard. Miss Howard has been working with the team to prepare for the debate.

The Quandialla team was awarded the debate, by a significant margin. The experienced members of the team – Emma and Sarah – presented very polished performances and William and Zachary showed their potential in their performances. Congratulations to the team on a solid win in the first round. Thanks also to Haylee Bridger for chairing the debate and to Hayden Bridger for acting as timekeeper – both did their jobs very well.

### **Play day**

On Monday afternoon I visited the K 1 – 2 classroom and watched the primary students rehearsal of the play they will perform at the Henry Lawson Festival. The play is “The fastest handbag in the west” and is hilarious. The students were obviously enjoying themselves, and it struck me that they were playing roles that really fitted them. I can’t wait to see Lucas McAlister with his “big black cowboy hat”, and William Dixon as the “sheriff” on the day – both are showing potential as performers.

I encourage parents and family members to be part of the audience on Play Day, which will be held in Grenfell on Thursday 6 June. “Break a leg” everyone.

### **PSSA Netball**

On Thursday last week, Mrs Dixon accompanied Emma Dixon and Sarah Penfold to the PSSA Netball Divisional Day in Dubbo. While the training session on the Wednesday afternoon was cancelled due to the cold and rain, the competition was red hot on the Thursday. To their great credit, both Emma and Sarah are members of the Forbes Small Schools team, and the team progressed through to the final round of the competition on the day.

This is a notable achievement when you consider the strength and experience of some of the teams they competed against.

Congratulations to all of the members of the Forbes Small Schools team, and particularly to Emma and Sarah. And, thanks to the parents who supported the team on the day.

### **PSSA Lachlan District Cross Country**

On Friday last week a number of Quandialla students travelled to Forbes racecourse to compete in the PSSA Lachlan District Cross Country. Based on their performances in the school cross country event, we had hopes that some of our students would perform well against the large number of competitors from all of the other schools. Again, to their great credit, Haylee Bridger placed second; Hayden Bridger placed fifth; Angus Kelly placed ninth and Emma Dixon placed tenth in their respective age divisions. Both Haylee and Hayden will progress to the next level – the Regional event.

Congratulations to Haylee, Hayden, Angus and Emma on their excellent performance and effort. Thanks also to the parents who provided transport for the students and supported them on the day.

### **School Assembly**

The next School Assembly is scheduled for Friday this week, beginning at 2.30pm in the “original” school building. The P&C will again host an afternoon tea for parents and family members before the assembly and this begins at about 1.30pm. Parents and family members are cordially invited to join us for the assembly.

### **Book Fair**

Mrs Dixon has again organised a Book Fair and this will be held on Friday 31 May in the school library. Parents and family members may like to visit the Book Fair, then have afternoon tea with the P&C and then come to the Assembly – sounds like a full day with opportunities to socialise and support our students at school.

## **Musica Viva**

The Musica Viva program is very important because it provides opportunities for our students (and parents and community members) to experience exceptionally high quality musical – both performances and learning about music. The Musica Viva program is also a key part of the music lessons and program for students at school.

This year, there is no charge to students for this event. The P&C Association has very generously agreed to fund the cost for each student. Sincere thanks to the P&C on behalf of our students. This is another reason to join the P&C and contribute to the work of the P&C – it directly supports all of our students.

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

The PBL program has been operating at the school for just on two years – we started in semester 2 of 2011. Mrs Varjavandi, our Head Teacher, has been leading this work. The PBL lessons last week focussed on being Responsible, and the secondary students presented their work on this to the assembly.

During the presentation, I saw how our students clearly understood the core values of our PBL framework – *Responsible, Respectful, Learner*.

The students are all working diligently towards the next whole school reward. We agreed that the target for this was to achieve 40 Echidna sheets, and the students are almost there. Remember, the Echidna awards are used to reward students every time they demonstrate they are *Responsible, Respectful, Learners*.

## **Athletics carnival**

A reminder that the Quandialla Central School athletics carnival will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 29 May, at the school. The events will begin at 10.00am. The P&C will again provide a BBQ for lunch. Parents and family members are encouraged to join us for the day, which promises to be very enjoyable (I know everyone is watching the weather forecasts, and we will postpone the carnival if the rain actually arrives).

## **School Centenary**

Don't forget the Quandialla Central School Centenary Celebrations, which will be held on Saturday 27 July at the school. Invitations were placed in everyone's mailboxes last week.

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

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.

**Please RSVP** by telephoning the school on 63471207 or emailing the school at [quandialla-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:quandialla-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

By the way, did you see the small article and invitation published in the RSVP section of the Sydney Morning Herald on Saturday? I know there are many avid readers of the Herald throughout the district.

## **Home reading**

I know we all have very busy home lives, and that time and the weather waits for no one. However, it is extremely important that we all make time for regular reading at home with our children. About fifteen minutes of reading aloud and discussing what we are reading is the target. Secondary students have their English texts and Primary students have their library books. I encourage parents to read each school night with their children.

### **What exactly was a “public school”?**

The basic elementary schools in the New South Wales education system were known as National Schools from 1848 to 1866 and as Public Schools from 1867. Originally the attendance of 30 children was required for the establishment of a Public School, but this was reduced to 25 in 1867 and 20 in 1880. In 1957, when Provisional Schools were converted to Public Schools, the minimum figure was reduced to nine students.

Until 1875 parents had to pay one-third of the cost of buildings, but the Council of Education and then the Department have since met the total costs.

Until the 1880s there were no government secondary schools, and no official post-primary courses in Public Schools. But the 1880 Act recognised the presence at school of larger numbers of children who had completed the primary course, by providing for the establishment of Superior Public Schools. Superior Public Schools offered primary and post-primary courses. The Act also provided for separate High Schools.

After 1913 many Public Schools incorporated one or more distinct secondary departments or 'schools'. The modern development of High Schools has meant that, with some exceptions like the Central Schools, most Public Schools now offer only the primary course.

### **Cyberbullying – what the experts say**

While research into cyberbullying is still in its infancy, the one thing we do know is the online environment is really just a new setting for age-old issues. Cyberbullying is an extension of face-to-face bullying. It's all about relationships.

Find more information at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/what-the-experts-say>

### **Making music together**

Music education produces many benefits, including strengthening children's' abilities in reading, maths, and verbal intelligence. New research suggests it may also teach something less tangible, but arguably just as important - the ability to empathise.

Find out more: <http://www.psmag.com/culture/making-music-together-increases-kids-empathy-41627/#.T5j1f7R1SQM.facebook>

### **Helping your child with homework**

Video: *Teachers talk* about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

### **Understanding poetry**

Analysing a poem helps children to appreciate its meaning and the skills of the poet. There are often two levels of meaning to think about: one that is literal, and one that is more abstract.

Find out more: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4125.pdf>

### **How teens are really using Facebook**

New research says teens are finding Facebook a "burden" - but they don't want to miss out on the latest updates from their friends. It seems like more of them are using Instagram.

Find out more: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/21/teens-facebook-pew-study\\_n\\_3313812.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/21/teens-facebook-pew-study_n_3313812.html)

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **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**

|                  |      |   |                             |
|------------------|------|---|-----------------------------|
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | May  | - | Tracy Penfold               |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | June | - | Jodi Atkins                 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | June | - | Kim Broomby & Vesna Gregory |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | June | - | Tracy Penfold               |

### **Please Note:**

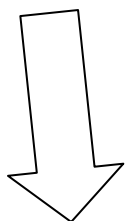
If your name is not on the roster and you would like to have a turn on canteen, please contact Leanne Penfold and we will put you on the roster either with somebody this term or next.

Please remember to bring lettuce and tomatoes. Buns and ham are purchased from the Quandialla Café.

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## *Centenary Celebrations*



Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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

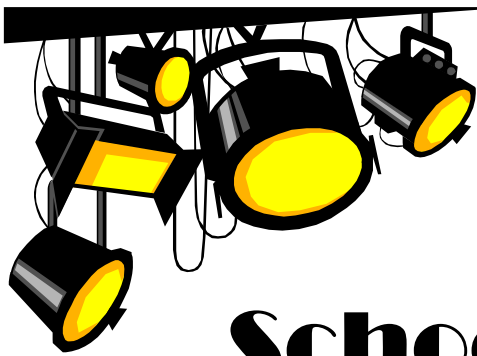
Our first Musica Viva concert for the year will be 1000 Years of Song, performed by The Song Company.

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>TH</sup> 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.





# 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 8<sup>th</sup> April until Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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### BOOK FAIR:

Don't forget our school Book Fair on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May in the school library. Fair opens at 1:30 pm so come and have a look before the school assembly. The fair will also be open for a short while after the assembly.

### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: NEW CALENDAR DATE:

Crossroads Camp: 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013

### FORBES SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY CARNIVAL - FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2013:

Venue: Forbes Primary School Oval – Lachlan Street, Forbes

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|-----------------------|---|
| Time:                 | - 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.<br>March Past at 9.15 a.m.  |
| Clothing<br>Required: | - Sports uniform (Gold Shirt) and warm clothes<br>Please bring sunscreen, water bottle and hat.   |
| Canteen:              | - All students have received a Canteen Menu today.<br><b>Please return orders to Quandialla Central School<br/>by Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.</b> |

**For further information on the Forbes Small Schools Sports Day,  
please refer to your permission notes.**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

To celebrate Men's Health Week Quandialla & Grenfell Community Health will be hosting a 'BBQ & BOWLS' afternoon at the Quandialla Bowling Club 12-4pm.

John Harper from Stockinbingal will be our guest speaker, free sausage sizzle and plenty of kids entertainment will be available.

Watch this space for more information!

### **WEDDIN WELLBEING PROGRAM:**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the recent Weddin Wellbeing program. We hope you enjoyed it. We will be holding an exercise program for 6 weeks every Wednesday commencing 29th May at the Quandialla Memorial Hall 9.30-10.30am. Please wear comfortable clothing and appropriate shoes, bring water bottle and towel. The program will cater for all age groups and fitness levels. All welcome.

### **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.

### **QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – ANNUAL/GENERAL MEETING:**

The Annual/General Meeting of the Quandialla District Scholarship Committee will be held on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Bland Hotel, Quandialla.

All most welcome.

N.Gault – Hon. Secretary

### **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.

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

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

All welcome.

### **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

**CARAGABAL MEMORIAL HALL FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**DON'T FORGET: QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL CENTENARY - SATURDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY:**

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