



# Quandialla Central School

*"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"*

**Newsletter** Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 (Week A No 11)

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## Diary Dates – Term 1

**May:**

Wednesday

1<sup>st</sup> May

All students return for Term 2.

Thursday

2<sup>nd</sup> May

P.&C. Meeting – 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday

8<sup>th</sup> May

QCS Cross Country – Quandialla

Wednesday

29<sup>th</sup> May

QCS Athletics Carnival - Quandialla

## Having fun in K/1/2



Left to right: Emily, Reuben, Dana, Laura and Hugh

### Term 2

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope you enjoyed a restful mid-term break. There are nine school weeks in Term 2, with Friday 28 June as the last day of student attendance for the term.

### **P&C Meeting**

The Quandialla Central School Parents and citizens Association meets at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of the month during school terms. The next P&C Meeting is set for Thursday 2 May, in the Staff Room. I encourage all parents to attend the P&C meetings, and to contact David Dixon, president, to include an item on the agenda for the meeting.

### **NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN testing program for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 is scheduled for Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May. An information pamphlet was included in the previous school newsletter.

It is extremely important that each student attends school and completes the NAPLAN tests on these dates. Please contact me if you have questions.

### **Crunch and Sip**

The school is participating in the Crunch and Sip program. The aim of the program is to promote healthy eating for children which will help improve their physical health and concentration. Please see the attached *Information for Parents* on what to pack for your children.

### **PBL**

The PBL lessons for students will continue throughout Term 2. Our PBL core values are *Respectful, Responsible, Learner*. This means we expect everyone will be *respectful* in the ways that we communicate and work together; we expect that everyone will be *responsible* in the ways that we conduct ourselves and we expect that everyone will behave in ways that promote effective *learning* in classrooms and other settings. Teachers have frequent discussions with students about our core values, and I see our students responding well to PBL.

I encourage you to have discussions with your children about the importance of being respectful, responsible learners at school.

### **School Centenary**

I hope you are promoting the upcoming school centenary. The P&C will hold an open day on Saturday 27 July at the school which will lead into the P&C Bush Dance on the Saturday night. There will be a ceremony acknowledging the centenary at the open day, and a special BBQ lunch. Please spread the word to past students, families and staff of the school, and get them to pencil the date into their diaries. It will be an important and enjoyable day and evening.

### **Application for Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2014**

Parents wishing to apply for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2014 on behalf of their children will be able to access the online application site from Monday 29 April 2013. The site is located at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement) . See the attached letter for further information.

### **Reading with children**

Please continue to set aside time to read with your children each week night. About 15 minutes reading each night will assist children to improve fluency and comprehension when reading. Take turns and discuss the material you are reading, especially new words or new ideas. Encourage your children to borrow regularly from the school library.

### **Becoming empathetic**

Why your kids' garage band might make them become more empathetic. New research suggests certain types of group music-making can help kids develop empathy.

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

### **Kids' bookshelves**

It's 30 years this month since Mem Fox and Julie Vivas introduced kids to Possum Magic - and it's still a favourite in our bookshelves. What books are your kids reading in their leisure time? Here are more from the Premier's Reading Challenge.

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

### **Glowing in the dark**

We love it when outrageously fun stuff is also sneakily educational. These amazing jars look as though they have glow-worms inside but they were actually created with just a brush, a little water, and glow in the dark paint.

Find out more at <http://500px.com/blog/551/tutorial-glow-in-the-dark-mason-jars>

### **Boredom buster**

Have your kids seen the new WilderQuest website and free app from NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service? They'll encounter the mysteries of Australia's subtropical rainforests - complete with the sights and sounds of our natural landscape.

Find out more at <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/wilderquest>

### **The Birds and the bees**

Parents should start to talk to their children about sexuality and sex in general when their child gives them cues, such as asking questions or experiencing new life stages. See the information at

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/talking-to-your-child-about-sex>

### **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



# QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORMS

## P.&C. GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2013**  
**7.30 p.m. in the School Staffroom**

We will be deciding on a new school uniform this Thursday at the P.&C. Meeting. If you are interested in helping us decide, please come to the meeting.

Any enquiries please contact Sarah Ryan on 6347 1166.

Parents of 2014 Kindergarten students welcome.

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### STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN — PHOTO GALLERY



## **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:**

1 <sup>st</sup> May	-	Leanne Penfold & Vesna Gregory
8 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Jodi Atkins
15 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Kim Broomby

### **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.

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## **PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

### **NEW CALENDAR DATES:**

Quandialla Central School – Cross Country  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

Quandialla Central School – Athletics Carnival  
Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

Year 10 Mock Interviews – Grenfell TAFE  
Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

Young Careers Expo – Secondary  
Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

UTS Careers Visit – Secondary  
Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

# P & C News

## P&C LAMINGTON & PIE DRIVE

Order forms are attached to this week's newsletter.

All orders are due back to Quandialla Central School  
by 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

**Please include payment with your order.**

Thank you for your support.

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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.

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.



# Support your local 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**

### **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.

### **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.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSE VISIT:** The Women's Health Nurse will be visiting Quandialla Community Health Centre on Wednesday 15th May - 2 appointments available.  
Phone 63471 200.

### **QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION EVENING: Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013**

The Quandialla District Scholarship Committee cordially invites everyone to attend their Presentation Evening at the Quandialla Bowling Club on Friday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. Scholarships will be presented at 7.30 p.m.

For further information please contact the Secretary, N. Gault on 6347 1294 a.h.  
We look forward to your company on the night.

Please note: The Quandialla Centenary Committee will be holding a Mother's Day Dinner on this evening, bookings are essential. For further information please contact M. Taylor on 6347 1260.

# STUDENT INFORMATION

Parents please complete and return to the front office by  
Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

Could you please fill out the details below so we can cross check that the information we have relating to your child[ren] is correct.

Mothers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fathers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mothers Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Fathers Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact No 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact No 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Students Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Any student who suffers from a known complaint eg Asthma, anaphylaxis must provide the school with an action plan as detailed by their Doctor. It is a Department of Education and Communities requirement that these plans are in place at the school. If we have been previously notified by you that your child does suffer from a complaint and no plan is received we will assume that your child no longer suffers from this complaint and will remove this information from their enrolment data. All students who require medication must bring the medication to the First Aid Officers [Robin Dowsett/Kathy Smith] in the Front Office not keep it in their school bag unless arrangements have been made via the Front Office.

**Don't Forget:** To return this note to school by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013



**MINUTES OF THE QUANDIALLA P & C GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2013**  
**OPENED AT 7.40PM**

- Present** : R Dowsett, N Vonthien, D Dixon, T Penfold, J Amey, P Foster and L Penfold.
- Apologies** : W Robinson, J Vonthien and A Dixon.  
Moved apologies be accepted, L Penfold, Seconded R Dowsett.
- Minutes** : Moved by L Penfold that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as read.  
Seconded R Dowsett.
- Business Arising** :  
- Afternoon Tea before assembly's - Check with K Broomby that she is Ok to do afternoon tea on the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013.  
- Bush Dance Update - Waiting on a date.  
- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden - Wish list has been circulated. Working Bee to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.  
- Excursion. All expressions of interest are in and the general feeling is positive.  
- S Ryan will have a Girls Uniform Dress to be displayed at the fashion parade on Market day.
- Principal's Report** : Please see attached report.  
P Foster has requested the P & C to organise Centenary for the School. It was suggested that this be combined with the Bush Dance. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Treasurer's Report** : No Report as books are at the Auditors.
- Canteen Treasurer's Report** : No Report as books are at the Auditors.
- Correspondence** : Moved that the correspondence be dealt with as read L Penfold.  
Seconded R Dowsett.  
- Account from Twomey's re Audit of Books - Handed to R Dowsett.  
- Fun run fundraiser - Handed to P Foster.
- General Business** :  
- L Penfold requested that a new minute book be purchased.  
- R Dowsett requested that the P & C cater for their Team Roping Event to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April. Being Lunch, Dinner, Breakfast and Lunch. A meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 to discuss meals, quantities and prices.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm. Next Meeting 2<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

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L M Penfold Secretary

**Principal's Report for Parents & Citizens Association Meeting**

Thursday 4 April – Week 10 Term 1, 2013

- **New model of support to schools (realignment)**

Following an extended consultation process, the new model of support for schools has been finalised. The model is based on networks of principals and schools, with four larger groups of networks replacing the old regions. There are between 509 to 613 schools in each group; lead by one Executive Director and 15 to 18 Directors Public Schools and one Director Educational Services per group.

The Executive Directors, Directors Educational Services and Directors Public Schools will take up the positions in Term 2. The new model will be fully implemented and operational for Term 1, 2014.

- **Term 1**

Throughout Term 1 2013 the school has operated very smoothly, with students working well and participating in swimming and netball at district level.

The transition to high school has been very smooth for our Year 7 students; our Year 12 students have completed the HSC Half Yearly exams; the kitchen garden program is progressing well.

- **Lachlan Access Program**

The LAP Stage 6 music students participated in a highly successful one day workshop at Quandialla CS on 3-4-13, led by Mrs Varjavandi. It is great to have Stage 6 students from a number of schools working together at Quandialla CS.

- **Teacher professional learning**

Ms Howard and Mrs Rowland participated in professional learning days in preparation for the introduction of the new BOS curriculum in English/History and Maths/Science. Mrs Robinson AP and Mrs Varjavandi HT will facilitate professional learning courses for all teachers on Wednesday 10-4-13.

The focus for Term 2 professional learning will be on preparing for the introduction of the new curriculum in 2014.

- **School Development Days**

Monday 29-4-13 and Tuesday 30-4-13 are School Development Days. The two days provide time for teachers to plan and develop teaching programs relating to the new curriculum. Students first day of attendance for term 2 is Wednesday 1-5-13.

- **NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be conducted on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May. The tests cover Literacy and Numeracy, and it is important that each student attends on these days and completes the tests.

- **Positive behaviour for learning (PBL)**

PBL is proving successful, with students achieving individual, class and whole school award levels. Our PBL core values are Respectful, Responsible, Learner. External signs will be placed around the school.

- **Centenary of Quandialla CS**

Request for P&C to organise the celebration – a suggestion is for an open day on a Friday, followed by a lunch/activities on the Saturday.

- **Uniform**

Discussion on proposed changes to uniform for girls.

- **Contacting the school**

Parents and community members are encouraged to contact the school for information or to discuss any matter. I am always happy to meet with parents, provide information, and answer questions. Please contact the school office.

Phillip Foster

Principal

Thursday 4-4-13

## Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 24 July 2013.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2014 on behalf of your child, you need to do so soon.

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 29 April 2013 at:  
[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

or

2. If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by 17 May 2013.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only **one** application for each student.

Yours sincerely



Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

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## Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2014

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2014      Yes ☐      No ☐

If Yes:

I have internet access and will be applying online      Yes ☐      No ☐

**OR**

I do not have internet access and would like to receive a printed application form      ☐

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: This is an expression of interest only, NOT an application. You will need to submit either an online or a paper application for your child to be considered for placement.*

## P & C Lamington & Pie Drive

The P & C Annual Lamington & Pie Drive is on again. Please order on the below form and submit it to either Leanne Penfold (6347 2119) or to Robin Dowsett (at the front office of the School). **Please include payment with your order by 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. Collection date will be Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2013** to coincide with the School Assembly and Book Fair. All Pies will be packed individually in boxes.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Contact Number** \_\_\_\_\_.

<b><u>Family Pies</u></b>	<b><u>Price per Pie</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Pies</u></b>	<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>
Plain Meat	\$10.95		
Chicken	\$14.95		
Mushroom	\$14.95		
Curried Chicken	\$14.95		
Potato Top Mince	\$14.95		
Potato & Cheese Top Mince	\$14.95		
Bacon & Cheese	\$14.95		
Curry	\$14.95		
Lamb & Rosemary	\$14.95		
Pepper Steak	\$14.95		
Chilli Chicken	\$14.95		
<b><u>Box of four Small Pies</u></b>			
Plain Meat	\$14.00		
Any Flavour Pies	\$16.00		
<b><u>Sweet Family Pies</u></b>			
Caramel	\$11.50		
Apple	\$10.50		
Cherry	\$15.00		
<b><u>Box of four Small Pies</u></b>			
Caramel	\$16.00		
Apple	\$16.00		
Cherry	\$18.00		
<b><u>Lamingtons</u></b>			
Per Dozen	\$12.00		
Party Lamingtons	\$7.95		

**Thank you for your order**

Reminder Order Forms will be attached to Term 2, Week 1 Newsletter