



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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Diary Dates – Term 1

May :

Wednesday 8th May

Mon.-Friday 13th-17th May

Tuesday 21st May

Wednesday 23rd May

Friday 24th May

Wednesday 29th May

QCS Cross Country – Quandialla

NAPLAN

ICAS Computing Test

PSSA Netball – Divisional Day, Dubbo

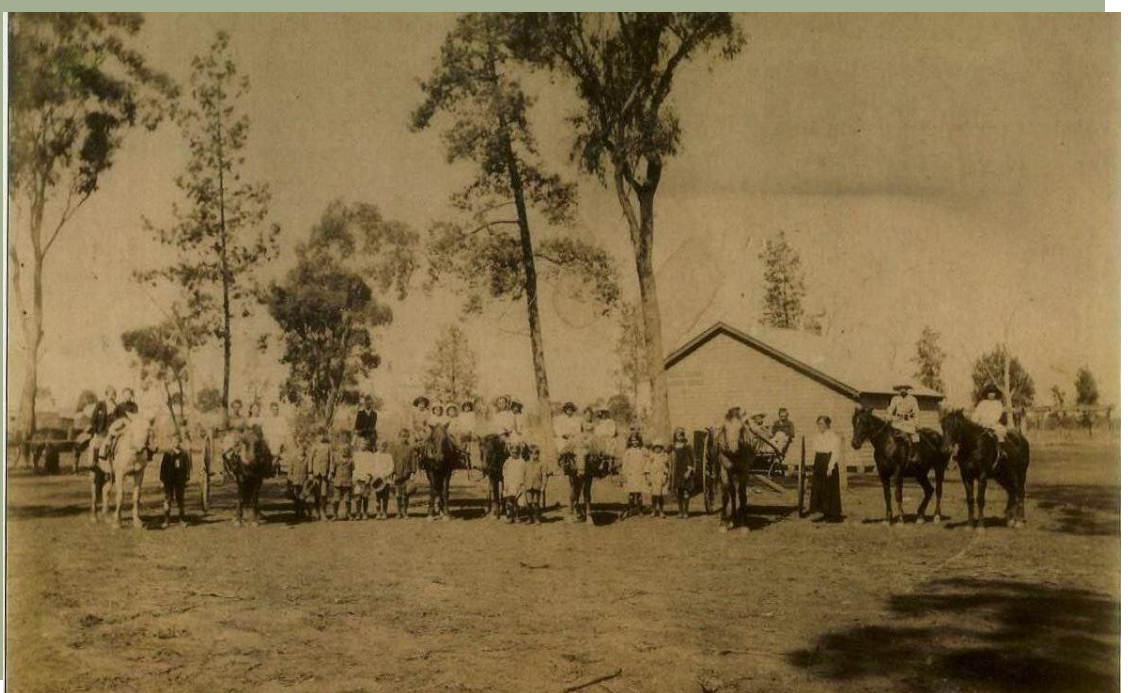
PSSA Lachlan District Cross Country –

Forbes Racecourse

QCS Athletics Carnival – Quandialla

School Centenary 2013

Open Day / Barbeque / Bush Dance – Saturday, 27th July



Heritage Photo - Photo of Quandialla Central School 1913

Cross country

The Quandialla Central School cross country event will be conducted on Wednesday 8 May, starting at the front of the school at 2.00pm. Students from Caragabal Public School will be joining us. Parents and family members are invited to come along and support the students as they complete the course.

P&C Meeting

A huge thank you to all of the parents, staff members and community members who participated in the 2 May meeting of the Quandialla Central School Parents and Citizens Association. The key items discussed at the meeting included the new uniform; the recent successful fundraising events, and the upcoming School Centenary celebrations.

A few interesting comments from the meeting – “many larger schools would not be as well supported, or have as many parents participate in P&C meetings” and “a very positive meeting, and we are really working to support our children’s education”. Pretty much sums up the P&C – a hard working group of parents. I encourage every parent/family to join and support the work of the P&C.

School uniform

Sarah Ryan presented a number of suggestions and samples for the new school uniform to the P&C meeting. The meeting unanimously agreed on a very attractive pleated dress, in blue, white and fine yellow check, for the new girls’ uniform. The meeting also unanimously agreed on very smart shirts for both girls and boys, and a very smart and serviceable woollen jumper for both boys and girls. The meeting agreed that the new uniform items are very reasonably priced.

The idea is to update the current uniform so that our students look smart. It was interesting to hear from parents that their girls are really looking forward to wearing the new dress style uniform.

The P&C will display the new uniform in the school foyer area for the next few weeks. Please drop in and look at the display and let the school know your thoughts on the new uniform.

The P&C will also display the new uniform in the school library on Wednesday 15 May from 9.30am. Sarah Ryan will be there to provide information, answer your questions, and collect your feedback. We are hoping that parents of pre-school children will also drop in and discuss the new uniform with Sarah.

The idea is that the new uniform will be phased in from the beginning of Term 4 in 2013.

NAPLAN

Another reminder about the NAPLAN testing program for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 which is scheduled for Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May.

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

Stephanie Alexander school garden program

The school is participating in this program, and the garden is flourishing. At the P&C meeting, Wendy Robinson reported on the amazing progress of this program. The students are thoroughly enjoying their work in the garden. We are nearly at the harvest/cooking stage, and I am really looking forward to the eating stage! We all know what Mrs Noble and her students can do!

Parents are encouraged to participate in the program, and we invite you to join us. The “garden day” is Thursday each week, for about 40-50 minutes before lunch and your assistance during these sessions will be wonderful. Start time is 12.20pm. Please contact the school for further information.

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.

Last week I had discussions with some students on the types of behaviour they need to display to ensure everyone is included in our friendship groups and treated in the ways that we all wish to be treated – this is the *Respectful* core value in our PBL system. In a small school, it is important that we understand and accept individual differences, and value each individual.

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

School Centenary

Planning for the School centenary is progressing, and I hope you are promoting this to everyone. We 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.

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

There will be a special BBQ lunch and a ceremony acknowledging the centenary.

We are in the process of restoring the original school bell, and this will be unveiled on the day. I am looking for past students and teachers to speak briefly at the ceremony – about their recollections of school at Quandialla Central. Please contact me on 6347 1207 about this, particularly if you are an “older” ex-student of the school.

The ceremony will also include the school song – so start rehearsing. A massed choir type singing of the school song will be wonderful. So you can refresh your memory and practice in the shower, the words to the school song are published here.

School Song

*Our school day pals let us rejoice
For we are young and free
Our thoughts will hold the blue and gold
What ‘er our futures be.
The memory of these happy days will last for evermore
We’ll carry on the standard won by those who went before.
There’s guidance, help and comradeship
True friendship is the rule
So let us sing, our voices ring
Quandialla Central School.*

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.

There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the BBQ, and we ask people to RSVP to the school office, please. The invitations will be distributed soon.

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 . See the attached letter for further information.

Reading with children

Please continue to read with your children each week night. About 15 minutes reading each night will assist children to improve fluency and comprehension when reading. And, please read aloud. This greatly helps children to develop a confident, fluent style of 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.

NAPLAN – a skills snapshot

If your child is in Year 3, 5, 7, or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests on May 14-16. And despite what you may have heard there's no need to panic or start an intensive study program with your child. Find out more at <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

Does your child have assignments due?

Is your child unsure how to work to a deadline? Teach them how to find the end date and work backwards to plan their preparation activities. These assignment starters on popular topics also help kids to kick-start their projects. Find out more at <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

Fire station open day

Children could have their dreams come true and get to climb up on the big red truck. There will be activities, show bags and a chance for kids and their parents to meet their local fire fighting heroes on your local station's open day.

Find out more at www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Get the maths on risk-taking

Children can't cram maths, especially concepts half understood – the foundations must first be in place. Listen to broadcaster and maths fan Adam Spencer on loving maths for our kids' sake and what to do when it's all too hard. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/the-sum-of-us>

Reading challenges

Older children with reading problems often have misconceptions about how reading works and they need additional strategies to help them. Knowing what they're good at and what they value can help you to encourage their selections. For more information, go to

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

Homework drama

Demystifying Shakespeare can be challenging for the best of us. Ask your child to concentrate on the characters and who they identify with, to relate it back to modern day. Or try suggesting to your teen they are like a detective who has to do some sleuth work to really understand the play.

Find out more at

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/helping-kids-cope-with-shakespeare>

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

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:

8 th May	-	Jodi Atkins
15 th May	-	Kim Broomby
22 nd May	-	Jennifer Kelly

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.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

PLEASE MARK THIS IMPORTANT DATE
ON YOUR CALENDARS:

Quandialla Central School
Centenary Celebrations

Saturday, 27th July, 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 10th May, 2013.**

Please include payment with your order.

Thank you for your support.

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.



Support your local school

COMMUNITY NEWS

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION EVENING:

Friday, 10th May, 2013

The Quandialla District Scholarship Committee cordially invites everyone to attend their Presentation Evening at the Quandialla Bowling Club on Friday evening, 10th 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 Mothers' Day Dinner on this evening, bookings are essential – please see note below:

QUANDIALLA CENTENARY COMMITTEE – MOTHERS' DAY DINNER - Friday, 10th May, 2013, at the Quandialla Bowling Club: 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 main meal only or \$20.00 main and dessert – per person

Menu: Butter Chicken, rice and vegetables or Stroganoff, rice and vegetables.

Dessert: Sticky Date Pudding or Fruit Salad.

R.S.V.P. Tuesday, 7th May, 2013 - Telephone: 6347 2160

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 - 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.

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 HOSPITAL AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING:

The next General Meeting of the Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 9:30 am in the Quandialla Health Centre. All welcome.
Maribeth Keir (Hon Sec)

QUANDIALLA LIBRARY DEPOSIT STATION NEWS.

A new selection of books arrived at the beginning of May so check out the titles – there is sure to be something that appeals...

A book that has been popular in Grenfell is “To Hell and High Water” by Gregory Bryan, about the author’s trek from Bourke to Hungerford and back which re-enacted the famous tramp by Henry Lawson in the early 1890s. The author also weaves into his story a lot of biographical information about Henry Lawson.

In related vein is “Woolsheds”, a pictorial collection of iconic examples from across Australia. “The 33” is the dramatic true story of the rescue of the Chilean miners in 2010 after weeks of them being trapped underground.

If fiction is more to your taste there are new novels by Cathy Kelly, Di Morrissey, Kathy Reichs, John Sandford, Danielle Steel, Michael Connelly and Joanna Trollope.

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.



Fifty Shades of midlife

MENOPAUSE, MOOD & MORE

A FREE WEBCAST FOR AUSTRALIAN WOMEN

WATCH FROM HOME.
WATCH WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS OR
ORGANISE A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR
WOMEN WHERE YOU LIVE

Women's health experts will talk about
a range of important health topics including:
menopause, mood, emotional wellbeing,
mental health, sexuality, intimate relationships,
food, nutrition and natural therapies

Host Dr Sally Cockburn (aka Dr Feelgood) – GP & media health advocate

Dr Elizabeth Farrell – Jean Hailes gynaecologist

Professor Jane Fisher – Jean Hailes Director
of Research & clinical psychologist

Maureen Matthews – sex educator & columnist

Sandra Villella – Jean Hailes naturopath

Women please join the team at Quandialla Health Center for a relaxed
& informative session and DVD.

Wednesday 15th May 2013
9 - 11 am (Morning tea included)

Call 83471200 to let us know you intend to come for catering numbers
please leave a message if no one is available.

Supported by:



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 10th May, 2013. Collection date will be Friday 31st May, 2013** to coincide with the School Assembly and Book Fair. All Pies will be packed individually in boxes.

Name _____.

Contact Number _____.

<u>Family Pies</u>	<u>Price per Pie</u>	<u>Number of Pies</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
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		
<u>Box of four Small Pies</u>			
Plain Meat	\$14.00		
Any Flavour Pies	\$16.00		
<u>Sweet Family Pies</u>			
Caramel	\$11.50		
Apple	\$10.50		
Cherry	\$15.00		
<u>Box of four Small Pies</u>			
Caramel	\$16.00		
Apple	\$16.00		
Cherry	\$18.00		
<u>Lamingtons</u>			
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