



# Quandialla Central School

*"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"*

**Newsletter** Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 (Week B No 17)

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

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## Diary Dates – Term 1

**June :**

Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Western Area Cross Country – Wellington
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> June	Forbes Small Schools Athletics Carnival-Forbes
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Writing Test
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Spelling Test
		UTS Careers Visit – Secondary (12.20-1.00 pm)

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## Centenary Celebrations



Are you in this Photo?

### Attendance and late arrival at school

Why it's not OK to be late to school –

Because the entire class stops what they are doing to watch as the latecomer gets settled. Everyone stares while they open their pencil case, drop their folder/books, put their lunch away, hands the teacher their permission slip, walks over to the reading shelf, and then asks about sport. All teaching and learning in the classroom has stopped. Can you imagine how annoying this is when it happens two or three times a week?

But, what's worse is that late students miss important information and instruction, and most teachers simply do not have the time to go back and re-teach them what they missed.

You might not think being a few minutes late is a big deal, but consider this – if your child is 10 minutes late three times each week, they will miss half an hour of instruction this week, two hours this month, 20 hours (4 full school days) this school year.

Also, parents are required by Law to ensure that their children attend school each day and that their children are **punctual** and arrive at school on time. If a child is persistently late to school, this may result in a referral to the Home School Liaison program.

So parents, please make sure **you** are organised in the mornings so that your children arrive at school on time. Students must be at school **before 8.55am** so that they do not miss assembly or any class learning time.

By the way, did you know that the rules for explaining why a child is late are the same as the rules for when a child is absent from school? Parents must explain why their child is late – the child was either Sick (S) or required Family Leave (L).

If a child is late to school and there is not an acceptable reason (Sick or Family Leave) then this is marked on the Roll as an Unjustified Absence, and included in the student's Half Yearly/Yearly report.

Some reasons that are **NOT** acceptable are – "I was waiting for my friend" or "My watch/clock was slow" or "I couldn't find my uniform or books".

When a student is late to school without an acceptable reason, they are marked as an Unjustified Absence from school.

So parents, over to you – be well organised in the mornings and ensure children are at school on time.

### **Play day**

Well, what more can we say – our Primary students were outstanding with their performance of "The Fastest Handbag in the West" at the Henry Lawson Festival play day, held on Thursday last week.

The feedback from parents was that our students were very confident, spoke very clearly, acted their parts very well and obviously enjoyed themselves during the performance. And, all this achieved in only two and a half weeks of practice. Our parents thought the play chosen was very appropriate – not too long, a nice comedy and there was a part for each student. There were awards for a number of students, and acknowledgement from the play day committee.

Fantastic work, and many thanks to our Primary teachers for their work with the children, and to Margaret and Tom Priestly for providing the bus.

### **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. The agreed core values of our PBL framework are *Responsible, Respectful, Learner* and under the core values are the behaviours we expect students (and members of the school community) to demonstrate. See the poster in each classroom and on the school website.

One of the important points under *Responsible* is that students "are ready for work". This means that students are expected to arrive at school before 8.55am, so they do not miss any assembly or lesson time.

Parents should develop a good routine in the mornings, so that children are organised and arrive at school before 8.55am each day.

## **P & C meeting**

The P&C meeting was very well attended last Thursday night. There are couple of important bits of information from the meeting.

**Uniforms** – In Term 3, the new summer uniforms will be available in the school Office for students to “try them on” for fitting and sizes. The P&C will place a combined order towards the end of Term 3, and the costs will be reduced by combining the orders. So keep a look out for this, and contact Sarah Ryan if you have questions. Sarah is able to provide parents with the details for ordering on-line if you choose to order individually.

**Catering for the lunch at the School Centenary** – The Centenary is set for Saturday 27 July, at the school. The RSVP due date is Friday 28 June. There will be a special **P&C meeting on Tuesday 16 July**, at 7.30pm in the Staffroom at school to finalise the catering for the Centenary lunch. The idea is to pre-purchase the goods, and pre-prepare the lunch, in the school kitchen, on the Friday. So a small “working bee” will be the go. Please come along to this meeting and chip in.

## **School Centenary**

We are getting closer to the RSVP due date, so don't forget the Quandialla Central School Centenary Celebrations, which will be held on Saturday 27 July at the school. The celebrations will begin at about 12.00 and finish at about 4.00pm (keep practicing the school song).

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)

It will be an enjoyable day.

## **Home reading**

We have incredibly busy weeks for the rest of the term, and I know everyone is flat out now that we have received the rain, but I hope you can fit in some regular home reading with your children. The benefits of home reading are huge, the main ones being the increased confidence in reading aloud and improved fluency and comprehension. Please try and make the time to read with your children each school night.

## **Kids and phone bills**

Have you ever seen the monthly phone or internet account and felt sick? It's called "bill shock", and there are many new ways families accidentally rack up hundreds of dollars in costs each month. Find out more at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/avoiding-bill-shock>

## **Figures of speech**

How do you explain the difference between metaphors, similes and other literary devices? Is "pigs might fly" an example of an oxymoron, sarcasm, hyperbole....or something else? Here's a cheat sheet for when your kids need help with English homework. Follow the link to:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4090.pdf>

## **What makes a good book?**

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.

Find out more at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>

### **Making friends**

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

### **Vocational education at school**

Young people can learn a trade while completing Years 11 and 12, giving them more options in the future. Many students now use those years to get a head start on a traineeship, an apprenticeship or other valuable industry experience. Find out more at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/vocational-education-at-school>

### **For a hearty lunch**

Add these easy-to-cook chicken drumsticks to your child's lunchbox for a more substantial winter meal. According to Dr Joanna McMillan, School A to Z nutrition expert, the glaze adds a lot of energy. Find out more at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes/meat-and-fish-dishes/glazed-chicken-drumsticks>

### **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**

12 <sup>th</sup>	June	-	Kim Broomby
19 <sup>th</sup>	June	-	Tracy Penfold
26 <sup>th</sup>	June	-	Margaret Priestley

### **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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## **HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL OF ARTS CHILDREN'S ART PRIZE WINNERS 2013**

### **Year 1:**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	-	Lucas McAlister
HC	-	Emily Amey

### **Year 5:**

HC	-	Sarah Penfold
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### **Year 6:**

HC	-	Emma Dixon
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### **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT - LAST WEEK FOR TERM 2:**

This is the last week of A.A.S.S. for this term. Active After School Sport will commence again on Wednesday and Thursday – Week 1, Term 3.

### **BOOKCLUB**

Issue 4 of Bookclub is due back at school by Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia or send the correct money. Thank you, Anne Dixon

# **P & C News**

Quandialla Parents and Citizens Association

## **EARN and LEARN STICKERS**

As you know our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. The program has now finished for the year, so a big thank you to everyone who supported our school. We're now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our earn and learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn and Learn point's sheets and any loose stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support. Anne Dixon

### **PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: NEW CALENDAR DATES:**

#### **Primary Debate – Round 2 (Western Region)**

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

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#### **Bland Sports Carnival – Bribbaree (Primary)**

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

Back-up date: 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

## **PRIMARY STUDENTS DON'T FORGET:**

**FORBES SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY CARNIVAL - FRIDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2013:**

Venue: Forbes Primary School Oval – Lachlan Street, Forbes

Time: - 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.  
March Past at 9.15 a.m.

Clothing  
Required: - Sports uniform (Gold Shirt) and warm clothes  
Please bring sunscreen, water bottle and hat.

**Further information on the Forbes Small Schools Sports Day,  
will be sent home with all primary students today.**

**Parents please read this important note.**



## **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:**

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.

### **QUANDIALLA LIBRARY DEPOSIT STATION NEWS:**

A reminder to all family historians, don't forget the all-day family history research seminar at the library on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. There will be presentations on using the FindMyPast database (available to use for free at the library), getting the most out of birth, death and marriage certificates, interstate research and TROVE. Morning and afternoon tea provided and no charge for the day. Please contact the Grenfell Public Library for more information – 6343 1334.

### **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

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



**Health**  
Western NSW  
Local Health District

**BBQ & BOWLS @ the Quandialla Bowling Club**

To celebrate Men's Health Week come along for a

**'Day on the Green' Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 12md-4pm.**



Family friendly activities including social bowls competition, FREE lunchtime BBQ 'sausage sizzle', kid's entertainment & guest speaker **John Harper**.

**BOWLS-** Organise your own teams of 4 or turn up to be placed into a team. Bring your own set of bowls if able.

Weather permitting. Date TBA if wet weather.

Please RSVP to Quandialla Community Health 63471200

by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June for catering purposes

**FUN FOR THE KIDS!**

**jUmPiNg castle**

**Face painting**

**Hair & Nail Art**

**Games**



**ADULTS**

**Bowling Competition**

**Drinks at bar, tea & coffee- NO BYO**

**Men's Health Check- 'Pit Stop Style' 2pm-4pm**

**by community health staff**

**Dinner will be available from 4.30pm**

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