



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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Centenary Celebrations
Saturday, 27th July, 2013

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Diary Dates – Term 1

June :

Wed.	26 th June	Debate Round 2 – Western Challenge (Primary) at QCS
Friday	28 th June	School Assembly – 2.30 p.m.
		Last day of Term 2.

July :

Monday	15 th July	School Development Day
Tuesday	16 th July	All students return to school for Term 3
Saturday	27 th July	Quandialla Central School Centenary Celebrations Commencing at 12.00 noon.

SECONDARY CAREERS EXPO YOUNG



Left to right: Tara, Natasha, Maryanne, Caitlin and Brendan

Apology

My sincere apologies for not providing the usual Principal's item for the Week 8 school newsletter. I was subpoenaed for Jury Service, and then empanelled for a case that went for two days. While it was an inconvenience, the experience did remind me of the importance of such civil duties. By participating in Jury Service, community members contribute to the maintenance of our civil and just society.

We will all be required to exercise another key responsibility in September. By voting in the upcoming Federal election, we collectively ensure the maintenance of our democratic society.

School to Work program

On Monday 24 June, all of the Secondary students travelled to Young to participate in the Jobs Expo. The Jobs Expo provides secondary students with hands on information about a wide range of jobs and careers, and encourages them to start to plan their transition from school to work. This will be complimented by the students' work in Careers Education with Mrs Noble, our Careers Advisor.

After visiting the Jobs Expo, the students also completed a study in History and Geography by visiting the Chinese Gardens and related sites. Part of this was an informal lunch from a Chinese restaurant, with a focus on social skills.

The students looked resplendent in their school uniforms as they departed the school, and were looking forward to the day's activities.

Thanks are extended to Mrs Noble, Ms Howard and Mrs Rowland for planning the day and accompanying the students.

Primary debate

The next round of the Western Challenge debating competition will be held on Wednesday 26 June, in the English Room, beginning at 11.00am. The Primary debating team consists of Emma Dixon, Sarah Penfold, Zachary Broomby and William Dixon. Hayley Bridger is the chairperson and Hayden Bridger is the timekeeper.

The topic is a particularly interesting one – "That the movie is better than the book". I think we are the negative, so our team will argue that the book is better than the movie.

Ms Howard has been working with the debating team, and I happened to pop into her classroom during one of the debating lessons – I was very impressed to see the high order thinking that was emerging in their discussion. And, when I think about each of the team members, all of whom are avid readers, I am very confident they will put forward a very strong case.

Family members and community members are cordially invited to be part of the audience for this debate. It should be very interesting.

Multicultural perspectives public speaking competition

In what is a now a well-established tradition for students of Quandialla Central School, on Wednesday, 19 June, Sarah Penfold, Emma Dixon and William Dixon travelled to Bletchington Public School to participate in the Multicultural perspectives public speaking competition.

Students gain invaluable experience by participating in public speaking competitions – they are required to present a prepared speech and an impromptu (unseen topic) speech. Public speaking is a real challenge, and is not something that is easy. It takes lots of practice to feel confident and to deliver an engaging speech to an unfamiliar audience. So, congratulations to Sarah, Emma and William for participating, and many thanks to parents for providing the transport.

School assembly

The next School Assembly is scheduled for Friday 28 June (last day of Term 2), beginning at 2.30pm in the Assembly Room. The students of K, 1 – 2 will present the item and the 3 – 6 students will present a short performance.

As usual, the P&C Association will host an afternoon tea before the assembly. Parents, family members and community members are cordially invited to join us for this assembly.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

The PBL program has been operating at the school for almost two years – we started in Semester 2 of 2011. The agreed core values of our PBL framework are *Responsible, Respectful, Learner*.

As part of the PBL system, we use the “Echidna” awards (small echidna tokens). These are the “free and frequent” rewards for students who are being Responsible, Respectful and a good Learner. When the student complete a certain number (in this case 40) of Echidna sheets, they are eligible for a whole school Echidna reward. We use Echidnas because Quandialla is the Aboriginal (Wirradjuri) word for Echidna, and so this has a special significance for us as a school.

The students reached the target of 40 Echidna sheets on Friday of last week, so are now eligible for the whole school rewards day. This will be held on Tuesday 25 June, at the school. There will be a special program of activities for the girls – health and beauty; and a special program of activities for the boys – gardening, sport, games, cooking a BBQ lunch. The students are all looking forward to this, and should be able to tell you all about their PBL rewards day by the time you are reading this newsletter.

Local history and the Centenary

Students in Mrs Robinson’s 3 – 6 class have been interviewing some of our senior local residents about their time at school and about changes in the school and local district.

Last week, Mrs Rona West, Mr Colin Causer and Mrs Melba Edgerton were interviewed by the students. Yesterday, Mrs Bev Kelly and Mr Ken McAlister worked with the 3 – 6 students.

In a brief chat with Bev, it was interesting to talk about what has changed in schools and education since the late 1940’s, and also to note the things that have stayed the same. For example, we all remember and thank the exceptionally good teachers that taught us, and quickly forget the exceptionally bad ones. Good teachers in the 1940’s had the same characteristics as good teachers in 2013.

The students will use most of the information they collect in their work for the upcoming School Centenary.

Many thanks to our senior local residents for participating in this project with our students – it has been extremely enjoyable for them.

School Centenary

With the date rapidly approaching, this is almost the final reminder – the Quandialla Central School Centenary Celebrations will be held on Saturday 27 July at the school. The celebrations will begin at about 12.00 and finish at about 4.00pm (special reminder – a keep practicing the school song).

There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the BBQ. The last day to **RSVP** to the school office, is **Friday 28 June**, please.

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

With everyone in such fine voice, I’m sure it will be an enjoyable day.

P & C meeting

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.

Home reading

With the school holidays coming up, make sure you visit the school library to stock up on good books for home reading. I hope you can fit in some regular home reading with your children over the holidays. The benefits of home reading are huge – it increases children's confidence in reading aloud and improves their fluency and comprehension.

Term 3 dates

Term 2 ends this Friday 28 June. Term 3 begins with a School Development Day on Monday 15 July, and students' first day of attendance is Tuesday 16 July. There are 10 school weeks in last day of Term 3 is Friday 20 September.

Future success

If you had a choice of bestowing great intelligence or great persistence on your child at birth, which would you choose for your child? Your choice could make a profound difference on your child's success at school, their future levels of achievement and eventually their income as an adult. Find out more at: <http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/April-2013-%281%29/Intelligence-or-persistence--which-would-you-choos>

Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. What to look for and how to help. Listen to brain and mind specialist **Professor Ian Hickie** chat with James O'Loghlin on helping kids beat the blues.

For more information, go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children>

Monday-itis

Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Monday-itis. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. Find out more at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

Food allergies

Do you know a child with a serious food allergy? Read about how to recognise a reaction - to help keep the kids we love safe.

Find out more: <http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au/awareness/>

The wonder of maths

Have you discovered TED talks? There are also some great ones especially for curious kids -like this one on "mathemagic". Using daring displays of algorithmic trickery, lightning calculator and number wizard Arthur Benjamin mesmerizes audiences with mathematical mystery and beauty. Go to:

http://www.ted.com/talks/arthur_benjamin_does_mathemagic.html?source=facebook#.Ua6WsdqLHpR.facebook

How to parent your tween

Find out how to manage your tween's rapidly expanding list of needs and personal demands. It's that weird and wonderful time the experts say occurs between ages nine and 13, but which experience suggests can stretch out to anywhere between ages eight and 15.

Find out more at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-to-parent-your-tween>

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

The following letter has been re-typed from an original letter written by Mr Bruce Brock, Principal at Quandialla Central School from 22/8/1946 – 1948, written on 27th September, 1985 and sent to Mrs McCabe.

We thought it would be most appropriate to print this letter in our School Newsletter, leading up to our School Centenary Celebrations on Saturday, 27th July, 2013.

My Dear Mrs McCabe and the Past Pupils of the Quandi. Schools,

Firstly, my very sincere apologies for the delay in answering your very kind invitation to your re-union which, I am sure will be a really great success-knowing as I do, how Quandi. really does things when it starts.

Well, it's hard to know just where to start a letter like this but I suppose firstly, I'd better say a very heartfelt thank you for inviting us along but I'm afraid that sheer age and the effects of the campaigns in which I took part during the war are all starting to catch up with me now and as a result I rarely do much long-distance driving now and as my various injuries are rather unpredictable in their behaviour, I seldom stray far from home except to fly up to Darwin occasionally. Brian (my son) who was in the first Secondary Class in Quandi in 1947 is deputy-H.M. of one of the bigger schools there and as well, I was born there.

But to begin at the beginning. While I was O.H.M. in charge of the secondary classes at Kiama, I was offered Quandi. School. I later found out when I visited the Ed.Dept. in Sydney that there were some strings attached to it – mainly the establishment of Secondary classes. It was explained to me that the “locals” were loud in their complaints about the existing set-up as it was almost impossible to obtain suitable accommodation at places where there were High Schools. “Do what ever you can, but at least stop the complaints.”

Well, in Sept., 1946 with my good wife, son Brian and baby daughter Dorothy arrived at Quandi. by train, tired, dirty and hungry. The view from the railway wasn't exactly exciting as the place was in the middle of a three-year drought and all we could see was the back of a few buildings and hundreds of rusting empty 44 gal. petrol drums.

The residence has only two eight hundred gallon tanks, one of which had only three rings of water in it and the other was empty and also had holes in it. While on the platform of the station I was asked if I was the new Headmaster and how I thought I would like Quandi. I told the chap that both my wife and I had lived a lot of our lives in the country and that I was sure we would enjoy our stay there. The next question was rather a shock but straight to the point “What Church do you belong to?” Feeling that there must be some local problem existing in the matter of religion, I decided to “spar for wind” and replied, “I'm a Mohammedan”. After having to repeat the answer several times we at last saw our questioner wander away up to the other end of the platform and shout “Hey, Bill, what the heck's a Mahommedan? “Luckily, I had picked a religion which had no local followers but as time passed and the school grew relations between the convent and the Public School could not have been better and I am still the proud possessor of a book presented to me by the staff and pupils of St. Josephs although I'm not of their religion. But we all worked together very, very happily and in the beginning of 1947, secondary work really got under way with myself teaching 4th, 5th, 6th and first and second years in secondary. The P.&C. brought extra sheets of Masonite to use as blackboards. All work for the next day had to be up on the boards after school and in addition plans were already under way to establish the first bus service., this meant a complete assessment of the potential growth and population distribution for the whole area. The method used later became the prototype of methods used for establishing services all over the state.

Laurette McAlister capably handled the junior section of the school. (She later married Stan Smith who was transferred in to Quandi as the bus runs developed). Frequently, after school when I was trying to catch up on some correspondence or prepare figures for new bus runs, the Sisters from St Josephs would “drop in” for a yarn and many a happy hour was spend discussing problems and new developments.

One by one the small schools closed and the school grew necessitating another teacher – Gwen Roach. The problem was there was no board available so poor Gwen had to stay with us for a time. Then came Stan Smith and it wasn’t long before Laurette announced her engagement and later her intention to marry Stan at Bribbaree on the evening of the day when the school Xmas party was to be held. Much hurry and scurry of course as Mr B. and myself decided we had better do the right thing and put on at least a small party for the happy couple. Mrs Mac. Drove them to Bribbaree and I gave the bride away and then we all raced back for a very quick “cuppa” and then off to the Xmas party. About 10.30 we retired to the school residence where with a small group the occasion was celebrated appropriately with even a wedding cake for the bride to cut.

Headmasters at that period could meet some real problems! As small schools closed I managed to have them moved in as we desperately needed more rooms. Some teachers thought moving small schools in was not a good idea until they found out that a teacher could never have really big classes.

At that period too, the school played in the inter-school knock-out football comp. at Forbes and we staged our first inter-district school sports on a day when the dust was so bad the judges could not see the comp. on the start – and of course, it rained and everyone had streaks of red mud on their face but a bumper social that night more than made up for it all.

And the bonfire A host of very happy memories come pouring back as I write Memories of Bill Mainwaring protesting that I would “get him hung” for signing some of the letters that went to the Dept. from the P.&C., but they produced results. Afternoons when I “dropped in” for a cup of tea at the Convent, days spent netting yabbies with Leon Trounson, of happy tennis afternoons at the school court, of the times when Met Fisher went away to Sydney for a few days and left me the power plant to run and invariably something went wrong as soon as he left town. Great days they were – hard, hard work and now as I look back and remember the nights when Dr. Blamey would drop in to the school because he saw the light still on at 1.00 a.m. when he was coming home from seeing a patient and we would adjourn to the residence for a “cuppa” and to discuss some new development.

As I look back now I realize what a colossal amount was achieved in such a short time and also that it was only possible with the full co-operation of everyone.

Then, out of the blue came a move to Collarenebri where there were even bigger problems and the bone was being pointed at me but a week before I was to go, the move was changed to Arianah Park with more problems. Later we went through to 5th year in the secondary there and Brian did his Leaving Certificate there.

From there I was transferred to Dungog Central with more problems, staff shortages, building shortages and new bus runs to be started. At this point my war service began to catch up with me and I realised that I would have to do as the medical people had advised – move to a warmer climate but as there were no Central schools available I had to revert to Primary work which I always enjoyed in any case and from there to Tweed Heads where one boundary of the school ground was the Border with Queensland. I still had a couple of years to go when the effects of fighting in the desert, escaping from behind the German lines in Greece and finally the Kokada Trail really began to tell and I was having difficulties in walking and using my hands and in the end had to retire to live up at the top end of the Gold Coast.

Have had both my hands re-built by Repat. and receive regular treatment for spine and other injuries but manage to keep going with work in Legacy for children and widows of ex-servicemen, membership of Southport North Rotary Club and of course my "ham" radio operator's licence which enables me to keep in touch with the world on those days when I am not so mobile.

Some time ago Rotary International awarded me a Paul Harris Fellowship for my service to the community, particularly in relation to my work with widows and children.

Days are now all too short and I have given Brian my boats so although I am only 50 metres from the sea I do not go out fishing any more. A few years ago I was getting old – now I AM old. Quite definitely.

Beside me as I write is a stationery set given to me at Xmas 1947 by the "Senior Boys, Public School, Quandialla", from: D. Pollock, W.Napier, M.Napier, B.Sinclair, R.Causer, K.Hope, N.Causer, D.Troth, W.Troth, B.Brock and M.Malderston.

I am tremendously thrilled to have received your very kind invitation and am equally regretful that my condition prevents me from being again amongst such a wonderful group of people.

While I continue to live, so will Quandialla in my memories.

Please convey the best wishes from me and my family to all.

Yours
Bruce Brock

(Dated 27/9/85)

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

26th 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.

NEW CALENDAR DATES:

Primary Debate – Round 2 (Western Region)

Wednesday, 26th June, 2013 - 11.00 a.m.

Against Forbes North Public School at Quandialla Central School.

Year 10 – Mock Interviews

Please Note: The Year 10 Mock Interviews have been postponed from 27/6/2013 - date to be advised.

PRIMARY

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Active After School Sport will recommence in Term 3.

If your child is interested in continuing with A.A.S.S. next term, please complete the attached 'Parent/Guardian Consent Form' and return to the front office as soon as possible.

Thanking you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE ANNUAL SORE BUTTS CHARITY RIDE - SATURDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 2013:

West Wyalong Horse Sports and Rodeo proudly presents 'The Annual Sore Butts Charity Ride'. All proceeds donated to West Wyalong Branch of CanAssist and Country Hope.

The ride will commence at the Burcher Hotel and return to the Burcher Hotel covering a distance of approximately 26 km. Sponsorship forms are available at Soudens Furniture or can be emailed on request.

For more information please contact: Sally Worner – 0416358607 or Lee Wiencke – 0429724333.

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – ANNUAL/GENERAL MEETING: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:

The Annual/General Meeting of the Quandialla District Scholarship Committee will be held on Thursday, 4th July, 2013, commencing at 7.00 p.m. at the Bland Hotel, Quandialla.

All most welcome.

N. Gault – Hon. Secretary

'CHRISTMAS IN JULY' DINNER – 12TH JULY, 2013 - Quandialla Bowling Club 7.00 pm service Price: \$20.00

All monies raised will go to the Quandialla Centenary fund.

Main: Roast Chicken or Beef served with roast potatoes and pumpkin, carrots with broccoli and cauliflower in cheese sauce and a dinner roll.

Dessert: Plum pudding or Apple slice served with custard and ice cream.

A raffle and lucky door prizes will be drawn on the night.

All meals will be served alternately so there is no need to specify which meal you would like, but please R.S.V.P. by Monday, 8th July for catering purposes.

Organise your table now, and come and have a great night with friends.

Please telephone Marlene Taylor on 6347 2160 for your booking.

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.

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



You are invited to the ...

Quandialla Central School - School Centenary

Saturday, 27th July, 2013

Dear Past & Present Students, Families, Staff & Community Members,

Quandialla Central School celebrates its' Centenary in 2013. The school was first established as a Provisional Public School in 1913, incorporating smaller district schools.

The school was declared a Central School in 1948.

The school community will celebrate the Centenary on Saturday, 27th July, from 12.00 to 3.30 pm, at the school. The celebrations will include a special barbeque lunch, followed by an open day and various displays. There will be opportunities for past students, families and staff to socialise, and a special Centenary Ceremony. There will be a small charge for the barbeque.

As part of the ceremony, past students, teachers, and families are invited to talk on their recollections and experiences of schooling at Quandialla Central. The school is interested to hear from "older" ex-students who are able to share their memories with us.

On the evening of 27th July, the Quandialla Central School Parents and Citizens Association together with the Quandialla Swimming Pool Committee will host a Bush Dance in the Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall. There will also be a small charge for the Bush Dance.

I hope you will join in the celebrations.

Phillip Foster - Principal

R.S.V.P. 28th June, 2013 - Please telephone the school office on (02) 6347 1207

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PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM – CONTINUING STUDENTS ONLY

Personal Details

Student Name/s _____

School/OSHCS Name: **Quandialla Central School**

Activity Details:

Please indicate the days of the week your child will be participating in the program for Term 2 & 3, 2013.

Term:	3	Activity Name:	Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Athletics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Term:	4	Activity Name:	Table Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Softball	<input type="checkbox"/>

Whilst participating in the program your child should be wearing:

- Appropriate clothing (i.e. suitable footwear);
- A hat at all times whilst outside; and
- Preferably bring a drink bottle to all sessions.

Please note that if any of your details previously supplied have changed, you will need to notify your after school care coordinator of these changes.

I give permission for my child to participate in the Active After-School Communities Program.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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