



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

Newsletter Tuesday, 4th June, 2013 (Week A No 16)

Centenary Celebrations
Saturday, 27th July, 2013

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Diary Dates – Term 1

June :

Thursday

6th June

The Henry Lawson Festival Schools' Drama
Day – Primary students attending

Thursday

6th June

P.&C. Meeting – 7.30 p.m. staffroom

Friday

7th June

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

Monday

10th June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday

11th June

QCS Australia's Biggest Morning Tea –

All most welcome to attend

Wednesday

12th June

Western Area Cross Country

Quandialla Central School

Athletics Carnival

Wednesday, 29th May, 2013

Future Shot Put Champions

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



Athletics carnival

The school athletics carnival was held on Wednesday last week, and what a perfect day weather wise for the carnival – mild and mainly sunny all day. There were a couple of things that really made the day enjoyable – every student participated in as many events as they possibly could; every student put in their very best effort and performed very well; everyone displayed excellent sportsmanship and cheered and encouraged each competitor, and most importantly, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The highlight of the day for me was the novelty events in the afternoon – the children had a ball. However, I think the person that enjoyed the day the most was of course Mrs Dixon, though I still can't work out who the new student is. If you see Kaywon Tou, just take him/her straight to Mrs Dixon's room as Mrs Dixon was calling for him/her all day.

Dana Yerbury and Hugh Nowlan, our kindergarten students, were standouts – in everything, running hard all day and as happy as Larry.

The new kit of novelty event equipment worked brilliantly – the children loved the “sack race”, the “three legged race” and the “caterpillar race”, but Ms Varjavandi still reckons that the “egg and spoon race” should use real eggs, not the new wooden ones. The “tug ‘o war” was almost even, but finally taken out by Gold House, two to one.

The P&C put on a great barbeque. President David was torn between working on the barbeque, spectating and supporting the children (“motivatin” Will in the 800m) and running around the countryside to fix the truck and the auger – he had a big day indeed. Many thanks to David, Leanne Penfold and the P&C crew.

Thanks go to our teachers for their work; Hollie Forde and Narelle Gault for the excellent planning; to parents and family members for your support and also to Paul Harris for preparing the grounds, setting up and packing up – top job.

I was feeling a little tired at the end of the day (it was hard work enjoying the sunshine), so I bet the children all slept well on Wednesday night.

A full list of results is published later in this newsletter (but I think the records will all need to be adjusted as Paul had pulled out the big tree root from the home straight, and the children didn't have to hurdle it this year).

Musica Viva

The first of the 2013 Musica Viva concerts was held at the school on Thursday last week. The performers were *The Song Company*, and they performed *1000 Years of Song*, using only their voices. Needless to say, the performance was exceptional, and our students thoroughly enjoyed joining in the singing of many classic songs. Students from Caragabal Public School joined us for this event.

A couple of interesting things – the performers arrived at the Soldiers Memorial Hall, and were puzzled when, almost by the scheduled starting time, no one had arrived for the performance. Thanks to our local bus driver who re-directed them to the school, “around the corner”. The performers were quite amused at the brief, but very accurate directions to the school.

Then, on arriving at the school, to save time, I offered to assist them unload and carry their instruments. Again, the performers were quite amused. Oh of course, this is a *vocal* ensemble.

Thanks are extended to the P&C for covering students' costs for this performance.

Play day

The Primary students will perform the well-known, award winning musical comedy “The fastest handbag in the West” at this year's Play Day, which is part of the annual Henry Lawson Festival.

I am reliably informed that this production set a season record on the West End. What, you didn't get to see it? Well this is your big chance. Be part of the audience at The Henry Lawson High School auditorium, on Thursday 6th June. Of course, audience members are encouraged to join in singing the final number “The Deadwood Stage”. I'm also told there are a number of parents with operatic ability – again, here's a big chance.

School Assembly

Many thanks to the parents and family members who attended the Book Fair, P&C afternoon tea and the School Assembly last Friday. I hope you noticed that the “original” school building has had a real “spruce up”, with the roof having been repaired and repainted, and the exterior fully re-painted as well. No doubt she will last another 100 years.

The original school bell is being restored, and will be unveiled at the Centenary celebrations. Apparently the bell was originally located right near the verandah, and the children could reach the rope and ring the bell from there.

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 the behaviours we expect students (and members of the school community) to demonstrate are outlined in the Expected Behaviours poster. This poster is displayed in each classroom and is available on the school website.

I was very impressed by the behaviour of our students at the school assembly on Friday – every student listened carefully; was respectful and did not chatter during the assembly, and sang the school song and national anthem enthusiastically. Our students certainly set the example.

P & C meeting

The next meeting of the P&C Association is scheduled for Thursday 6th June, starting at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. The main item on the agenda is organising the special BBQ lunch for the Centenary Celebrations – not a huge job but a very important one. This is the only P&C meeting before the centenary celebrations, so I really encourage parents and family members to come along and chip in. Many hands make light work. See you there.

School Centenary

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

What is a central school?

Quandialla Public School was declared a Central School January of 1948. But what was/is a central school?

A Central School is a school containing both primary and secondary sections, and providing secondary education for children from nearby primary schools as well as from its own primary section. The term “Central School” has been used since 1944, but it describes schools identical in character to the older Superior Public Schools and super-primary schools. While all these schools were classified as Central Schools in 1944, many continued to be known by the name of the specific secondary course offered (for example, Intermediate High School, Junior Technical School). As the education system has increasingly consisted of separate primary and secondary schools, Central Schools have become characteristic of country districts where the population is too small to support a High School.

Home reading

One of our junior primary students proudly told me that she has now completed 100 nights of home reading. Wow, that's fantastic! The benefits of home reading are huge, the main ones being the increased confidence in reading aloud and improved fluency and comprehension. Please continue to make the time to read with your children each school night. Your child will reap the rewards.

Getting ready for the Sport and Recreation Camp – 12 to 16 August

What do you remember most about school camp? Children can feel a little anxious before they go - but then don't want to come back home! Here's how to help them feel confident about camp as departure day approaches. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-ready-for-camp>

Parenting ideas

Parenting expert Michael Grose opened his Facebook page to readers' questions for a little while recently and was inundated. It's worth jumping online to have a look - if only to see you're not alone in your parenting challenges. Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/parentingideas.com.au>

Too sick to go to school?

Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Mondayitis. This chart will help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.

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

Speech problems

All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children's language development. If you're worried about your child's speech development – or their teacher has concerns – the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

Pitfalls of benchmarking

Now that you have children of your own do you still keep an eye on your peers? Do you use the progress and behaviour of their kids as benchmarks to help you assess your own performance as well as your child's progress? According to this article, it's not a wise strategy.

Find out more: <http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/May-2013/The-pitfall-of-benchmarking-with-other-people-s-ki>

Behaviour

What happens when children go through puberty? Our experts share their tips on how parents can support kids through the teenage years. Hosted by journalist and mum Rachel Friend, the School A to Z video webcast features a panel of experts answering a range of common questions about behaviour and development.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-three>

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

5 th	June	-	Jodi Atkins
12 th	June	-	Kim Broomby
19 th	June	-	Tracy Penfold

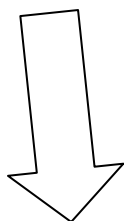
Please Note:

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, 27th 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.

Quandialla Central School
Athletics Carnival - Wednesday, 29th May, 2013

Results

Junior Primary Boy Champions:

- 1st: Angus Kelly
2nd: Billy Bridger
3rd: William Dixon

New Records – 2013

Junior Primary Boys – 400m
Billy Bridger – 1.35.83

11 years Primary Girl Champions:

- 1st: Haylee Bridger
2nd: Sarah Penfold

&

11 Years Primary Boys – 400m
Hayden Bridger – 1.37.27

11 years Primary Boy Champion:

- 1st: Hayden Bridger

Senior Primary Girl Champion:

- 1st: Emma Dixon

House Results:

1st Place - Gold
2nd Place - Blue

Secondary Champion (Combined Girls & Boys):

- 1st: Brendan Bridger
2nd: Natasha Bridger
3rd: Tara McGuire



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 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.

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.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: NEW CALENDAR DATES:

QCS Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Tuesday, 11th June, 2013

&

ASPIRE to visit QCS – all day

Wednesday, 4th September, 2013

PRIMARY STUDENTS DON'T FORGET:

FORBES SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY CARNIVAL - FRIDAY, 7TH JUNE, 2013:

Venue: Forbes Primary School Oval – Lachlan Street, Forbes

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| 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. |

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY JUNE 23rd:

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:

One book included in the June selection which was a big hit in Grenfell is Jojo Moyes' "Me Before You". Part romance, part a reminder of the inevitability of change, part a consideration of what is important in life, it's well worth considering. Mitch Albom, author of "Tuesdays with Morrie" and "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" can be relied on to produce something that is different and thought-provoking and his "The Timekeeper" introduces us to Father Time and reminds us what a precious commodity time is. Other authors represented include Elizabeth Adler, Patricia Cornwell, Tony Park, Alex Kava and Cathy Kelly.

The nonfiction includes three biographies along with books on early Sydney, birds, training sheep dogs, making curtains and blinds, Aboriginal art and eating economically.

A reminder to all family historians, don't forget the all-day family history research seminar at the library on Saturday, 29th 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....

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – ANNUAL/GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual/General Meeting of the Quandialla District Scholarship Committee will be held on Thursday, 13th 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 - 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

DON'T FORGET: QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL CENTENARY - SATURDAY, 27TH 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.

POSTPONEMENT CARAGABAL MEMORIAL HALL FUNDRAISER:**NEW DATE: SUNDAY, 9TH JUNE, 2013:**

Due to the beautiful rain last weekend the Caragabal Memorial Hall Fundraiser Day, which was to be held last Saturday, 1st June, will now take place on Sunday, 9th June.

The program will be the same and we hope to see you there. If you can help with providing a cake or a slice on the day, it would be greatly appreciated.

All enquiries to Donna Pursehouse (Phone – 6347 5230) or Dixie Maslin (Phone – (6347 5341).
Come along, camp out and have a fun night.

MINUTES OF THE QUANDIALLA P & C GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM ON THE 2ND MAY, 2013
OPENED AT 7.40PM

Present : R Dowsett, N Vonthien, D Dixon, T Penfold, P Foster, C Nowlan,
W Robinson, K Deery, S Ryan, B Deery and L Penfold.

Apologies : D Robinson, J Vonthien and A Dixon, J Amey, T Ryan.
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 - K Broomby ok to do
afternoon tea on the 31st May, 2013.
- Bush Dance Update - 27th July, 2013
BBQ Meal for lunch with Salads and Desert - 12 noon.
Open classrooms from mid-day until approx 4.00p.,
Children to be in uniform.
Ceremony- to invite guest of honours.
Bell to be restored and unveiled – Plaque to be done.
S Ryan will put an announcement on Facebook.
- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden – Working bee not to be held at this stage.
- The new Uniform was received well on Market Day.
D Dixon moved a motion that the Dress be selected for Summer Uniform and Dress
Shirts for girls and boys Winter uniform with a Navy knitted VNeck Jumper.
Seconded N Vonthien.
To be on display for the next month with an open discussion to be held on the 15th
May, 2013 seeking responses. If no objections it will be introduced in term 4 this
year.
- Clearance Sale approx profit was \$1,000.00 and
Team Roping profit approx \$500.00

Principal's Report : Please see attached report.

Treasurer's Report : Opening balance as at 1st February, 2013 \$4,506.40
Closing Cash Book Balance \$4,428.40

Canteen Treasurer's Report : Opening Balance 1st April, 2013 \$2,521.51
Closing Balance 30th April, 2013 \$1,996.27

Correspondence : Moved that the correspondence be dealt with as read L Penfold.
Seconded R Dowsett.
- Invitation inviting any interested parties to the Scholarship presentation evening to
be held 10th May, 2013.

General Business :
- Mr B Deery addressed the meeting advising that he would be
purchasing some goods at wholesale price. He encourages anyone to look at
the specials online from SPAR. He is also
getting the fruit and vegetables at wholesale price.
He stated that we should cerebrate and enjoy what Quandialla has to offer.

- C Nowlan discussed a progressive dinner, it was said that if she was willing to organise it, then the P & C would support her.
- W Robinson thanked all that had made donations for the Stephanie Alexander Gardens project. She would like to get parents involved on Thursdays.
- Music a Viva. D Dixon moved a motion that the P & C fund every child to attend the next Music a Viva. Seconded L Penfold.
- L Penfold moved a motion that the P & C pay for the bus on the excursion. Seconded N Vonthien.
- N Vonthien would like to know what the Crunch and Sip information was in the newsletter. - It is a complimentary information to go with the program being run at the school.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm. Next Meeting 6th June, 2013

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L M Penfold Secretary

Quandialla Central School

Principal's Report for Parents & Citizens Association Meeting

Thursday 2 May – Week 1 Term 2, 2013

- **Staff leave**

The school welcomes Mr Geoff Parlett back from leave.

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

The four Executive Director positions have been advertised. Following recruitment, the Directors Educational Services and Directors Public Schools positions will be recruited.

The ED, DES and DPS will take up the positions in Term 2. The new model will be fully implemented and operational for Term 1, 2014.

- **Gonski funding for schools**

The Director General DEC, Dr Michelle Bruniges provided the following information to schools on 31-4-13. In her email, Dr Bruniges said -

"Last week the NSW Premier, Barry O'Farrell, announced a landmark funding agreement with the Australian Government after NSW became the first state to sign up to the Gonski national education reforms.

This agreement means there will be an additional \$5 billion funding for school education in NSW flowing from the Commonwealth and State governments. These are significant additional resources that will be progressively introduced over six years starting in 2014.

The vast majority of the funding will go to schools and will be allocated to schools based on student need. Additional funding will also be available to support significant state-wide reforms in areas such as teacher quality and school empowerment.

It is an exciting development. This additional funding gives us a unique opportunity to build on our current reform directions and enhance the learning experiences of students in NSW public schools".

- **Term 2**

There are 9 weeks in Term 2 – a very busy term, concluding on Friday 28 June.

- QCS Cross Country 8 May
- NAPLAN 14 to 16 May
- Stewart House 13 to 24 May
- PSSA Netball 23 May, Dubbo
- PSSA Lachlan Cross Country 24 May, Forbes
- QCS Athletics Carnival 29 May
- Musica Viva 30 May, Quandialla
- School Assembly, P&C afternoon tea, 31 May
- Primary Play Day, 6 June, THLHS Grenfell
- P&C Meeting 6 June
- Forbes Small Schools Athletics carnival 7 June, Forbes
- Western Area Cross Country 12 June, Wellington
- Primary and secondary reports issued 27 June
- School Assembly, P&C afternoon tea, Term 2 concludes 28 June

- **Lachlan Access Program**

During Week 11 of Term 1, Mr Justin Dunn, Head Teacher Access for the Lachlan Access Program was successful at merit selection for the Principal position at Arah Park Central School.

The LAP Management Group will oversee the process to recruit a new HT Access LAP.

- **School Development Days**

Primary and Secondary teachers participated in important professional learning programs on Monday 29-4-13 and Tuesday 30-4-13. Teachers worked with colleagues from other schools to plan and develop teaching programs relating to the new curriculum, due for implementation in 2014. Feedback from all teachers indicated the two days were extremely valuable and productive.

- **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 very important that each student attends on these days and completes the tests.

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

PBL is proving very successful, with students achieving individual, class and whole school award levels. Our PBL core values are *Respectful, Responsible, Learner*. External signs have been placed around the school. The weekly PBL lessons will continue throughout Term 2

- **Enrolments**

2 primary students transferred to other schools; 1 Year 12 student left school and 1 Year 12 student transferred to another school.

- **Centenary of Quandialla CS**

At the P&C meeting on 4 April, the School Centenary was discussed. 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 other activities, including a special BBQ lunch. People are to be asked to promote the centenary to past students, families and staff of the school, and get them to place the date into their diaries. It will be an important and enjoyable day and evening.

- **School maintenance**

The exterior of the weatherboard buildings have been repainted; the roof sheeting of the original building has been re-screwed and the roof repainted. Broken facias on the original building and wall sheeting on the canteen building has been replaced. The original toilets have been repainted, and tiling has been replaced.

- **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 2-5-13