



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

Celebrating 100 years
of Education at QCS

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*Restored School
Bell - "Ready
for the next
100 Years"*

Diary Dates - Term 1

July:

Wed. 31st July ICAS English Test

August:

Thursday 1st Aug. Education Week Open Day - 11.20 a.m. start
P.&C. Meeting - 7.30 p.m. staffroom
Friday 2nd Aug. Lachlan District PSSA Athletics
Monday 12th-16th Sport & Recreation Camp (Years 3-10)

EDUCATION WEEK - 29th July - 2nd August

Education Week Awards



Left to right: Lisa Varjavandi, Wendy Robinson, Robin Dowsett and Phillip Foster

School Centenary

The School Centenary celebrations were absolutely fabulous. Over 350 visitors attended on this special day.

The mammoth task of catering for the luncheon was successfully overcome by the members of our Parents and Citizens Association. And, in true country style, the lunch was delicious. A huge "thank you" is extended to Leanne Penfold and the members of the P&C who assisted in preparing and serving lunch - truly "a good job well done".

Thanks are also extended to the school staff (teachers, administration staff and general assistant) for their very hard work in preparing for the celebrations. This was also a mammoth task and included restoring and erecting the school bell; preparing the grounds and gardens; preparing the program; responding to RSVPs; liaising with the P&C team; liaising with official guests and visitors; assisting with moving furniture; constantly checking the weather forecast; remaining calm and cheerful throughout, and reassuring the Principal that "it will all work beautifully on Saturday".

And of course it did all go beautifully, with hundreds of visitors attending and enjoying the opportunity to reconnect with the school, their friends and teachers. Thank you also to our students, official guests and members of the school community for contributing to the celebrations.

It is wonderful that so many people think so highly of the time they spent at our school that they were willing to travel long distances to attend the Centenary Celebrations.

Parent –Teacher interviews

With so much going on last week, some parents were not able to participate in the Parent-Teacher interviews. If you would like to re-schedule, please telephone the school office to make an appointment. Teachers are always available to meet with parents and to discuss their children's progress.

Education Week – Creating the future

Week 3 is Education Week, and Quandialla Central School will conduct a one day program of events to celebrate Education Week on **Thursday 1 August**. The program will include our Education Week School Assembly. The theme for Education Week 2013 is "Celebrating our stories".

Full details of the program are published later in this newsletter. Parents, family members and community members are cordially invited to join us on the day. Please note the start time for the Assembly. It promises to be a great day.

Congratulations Mrs Hollie Forde

At a special lunchtime ceremony last Wednesday, I had the great honour of presenting Hollie Forde with her Certificate of Accreditation from the NSW Institute of Teachers. This is awarded to New Scheme Teachers who have demonstrated they have achieved the professional standards set by the NSW Institute of Teachers. Achieving accreditation is an important milestone in a teacher's career, and enables the teacher to progress to higher levels of accreditation as they develop their career. Congratulations Hollie, very well done.

Education Week awards

As part of Education Week 2013, the school awarded a Certificate of Recognition to three special members of the staff. The certificates were awarded to the members of the school executive – Ms Lisa Varjavandi Head Teacher Secondary Studies; Mrs Wendy Robison Assistant Principal and to Mrs Robin Dowsett School Administration Manager. Together with the Principal, the executive staff lead and manage the school.

The wording on the certificates reads "For outstanding contributions to the education of children at Quandialla Central School".

I extend my personal thanks to Lisa, Wendy and Robin, and thank them on behalf of the school community for their excellent work at our school over a significant period of time.

The awards were presented at a special staff morning tea held last Thursday.

Presentation of a 30 Years of Service certificate

At the special staff morning tea last Thursday, I also had the honour of presenting Mrs Lisa Varjavandi with a special certificate to acknowledge her 30 years of service to public education in New South Wales. The certificate was personally signed by Dr Michelle Bruniges, Director General of the Department of Education and Communities, and was accompanied by a letter acknowledging the importance of such a significant commitment to public education in New South Wales.

Hearty congratulations Lisa.

P&C working bee

On Wednesday last week our excellent P&C conducted a working bee in the garden and agriculture farm areas. What can I say? In a week that was absolutely chock full with meetings and planning for the Centenary celebrations, and the demands of their own farm work, they practically “moved heaven and earth”. The garden area received a thorough clean up and we started cleaning up the around the old pig sty.

My aim is to have the whole school “block” looking like a park by the end of the year. The big benefits are that the areas are safer for children, more attractive and easier to maintain.

Sincere thanks to Catia and Adelaide Nowlan, David Dixon, David Robinson, Trevor Ryan, Andrew Yebury and David McGuire. Another “good job well done”.

Debate – Western challenge

The next round in the Western Challenge debating competition will be held at Quandialla Central School on Friday 9 August at 11.00am. Our team is working hard preparing for the debate, and is coached by Ms Natalie Howard.

Parents, families and community members are cordially invited to be part of the audience for this debate.

Relieving Principal

I will be on leave from Monday 29 July to Friday 9 August. Mrs Varjavandi will relieve as Principal for this period.

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 **2014** 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 3 - 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

31 st	July	-	Tracy Penfold
7 th	August	-	Margaret Priestley
14 th	August	-	No Canteen – School Excursion

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.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE – NEW DATE:

Dental Clinic Visit – K-10

Thursday, 5th September, 2013

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Primary Debate against Eugowra Public School

Friday, 9th August, 2013 (11.00 am) at Quandialla

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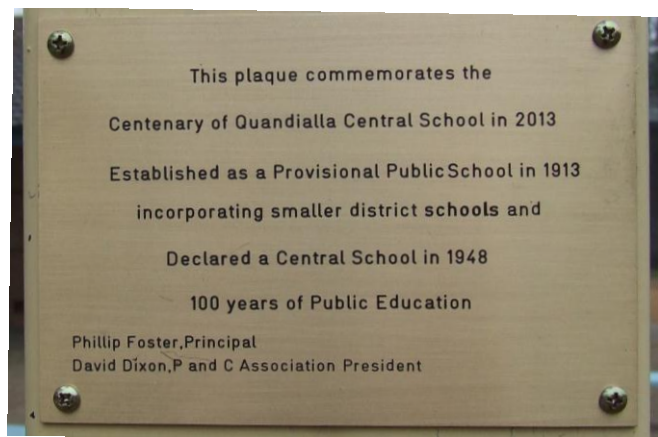
Quandialla Central School – School Centenary

on

Saturday, 27th July, 2013

1 Earring – found in the school library.

May be collected from the front office, during school hours.



Quandialla Central School

Centenary Plaque

This plaque was unveiled on Saturday, 27th July, 2013, by Mr Peter Snowden (Director Public Schools, Lachlan) along with QCS students, Emma, Sarah, Natasha and Caitlin.

The Centenary Plaque is attached to the school bell post in the playground.

“Tell Them From Me” Student Survey

I am delighted that our school has been selected to participate in a Department of Education and Communities pilot of the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW pilot project is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://www.cese.nsw.gov.au/surveys/ttfm-parents>

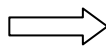
The survey will provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is anonymous and students cannot be identified by their responses. The survey is conducted online and will take around 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 19 August and 6 September.

An information sheet and consent form about the survey is being sent home with students today. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 9th August.

Recollections of Quandialla Central School by past students and staff:

Mr Donald Pollock spoke about his memories during the 1940's.





STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

I would like to thank the P&C for the working bee in the kitchen garden and surrounds last Wednesday. The group managed to clear some OH&S hazards from the area and cleared the way for further garden beds. It is a huge task to establish the garden and there are many jobs that require parents' help. Our next working bee will be to fox proof the chook yard so we can once again house chooks.

DONATIONS OF MATERIALS NEEDED URGENTLY

We are ready to build some more garden beds and require donations of the following:

- Manure (sheep, horse, pig, cow)
- Lucerne hay, pea straw
- Newspapers

Many of our spring/summer seeds have arrived from Green Harvest and we will begin propagating some of these this week in order to have them ready to plant out next term hence need to prepare more beds.

LAST WEEK IN THE GARDEN we watered, weeded and mulched. Some students sowed seeds.



ASPIRE EXCURSION 'Beyond the Gate'

Year 8 student, Natasha is pictured learning how to rock climb on her recent excursion to Sydney.

Quandialla Central School Centenary Celebrations

Saturday, 27th July, 2013



Centenary Ceremony – Special Presentation to Students

Back Row: (Left to right) Caitlin Verde, Maryanne Wright, Zach Broomby, William Dixon, Natasha Bridger, Brendan Bridger, Emma Dixon, Sarah Penfold and Mr Phillip Foster

Middle Row: (Left to right) Haylee Bridger, Hadyden Bridger, Angus Kelly and Billy Bridger

Front Row: (Left to right) Dana Yerbury, Hugh Nowlan, Emily Amey, Laura Vonthien, Reuben Ryan and Lucas McAlister.



Unveiling of the Centenary Plaque and Restored School Bell

Left to right: Mr Phillip Foster, Caitlin Verde, Natasha Bridger, Sarah Penfold, Emma Dixon and Mr Peter Snowden.

'The Maypole Dance'

Performed by Students from Quandialla Central School.



Recollections of QCS by Past Students

Dr Dennis Kerr spoke about his time as a student from the 1950's.



Family and Community members are invited to join us at
Quandialla Central School for

EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY

Thursday 1st August 2013



Program

With a focus on our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

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| 11.20 am | Education Week Assembly |
| 12.00 pm | Fruit tree planting in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and activities in the garden |
| 1.10 pm | Lunch prepared by the secondary students under the supervision of of the Kitchen Specialist (soup and bread no charge) |

Bring your work boots, hats and gardening gloves and prepare to join in.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PROPOSED FIRST AID COURSE – QUANDIALLA, August, 2013:

If you are interested in attending a First Aid course in Quandialla, could you please contact N.Gault on 6347 1294 a.h. It is hoped to run this course sometime during August.

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

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 HOSPITAL AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING and AGM:

The next General Meeting of the Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday, 13th August in the Quandialla Health Centre. This will be followed by the AGM at 11:00 am where our guest speaker will be Robyn Nowlan. Everyone is invited to come along to one or both meetings and then join us for a delicious finger food luncheon.

M Keir (Hon Sec)

QUANDIALLA RURAL FIRE SERVICE AGM:

The Annual General meeting of the Quandialla Rural Fire Service will be held on Monday 5th August at 7:30pm in the Quandialla Central School Library.

All welcome.