



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

Celebrating 100 years
of Education at QCS

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Diary Dates – Term 1

August :

Wed.	21 st Aug.	Bookweek Celebrations Parade / Bookfair
Thursday	22 nd Aug.	CWA International Day Lunch – 'Morocco' at QCS
Friday	23 rd Aug.	Mock Interviews – Year 10 students
Tuesday	27 th Aug.	Musica Viva Concert – Tigramuna at QCS – 9.30 am
Wed.	28 th Aug.	Life Education Van
Friday	30 th Aug.	Western Area PSSA Athletics

School Excursion

NSW Sport & Recreation Camp - Wellington NSW
'Kayaking at Lake Burrendong'



Gonski Review

The Gonski Review was a review of how schools are funded, and was commissioned by the Federal Government in 2010. The review was chaired by David Gonski AC, a renowned Australian public figure and businessman. He is a leading philanthropist and (among other services to our community) was Chancellor of the University of New South Wales.

The full report – *Review of Funding for Schooling, Final Report, December 2011* – is published on the Federal Government website at <http://foi.deewr.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/review-of-funding-for-schooling-final-report-dec-2011.pdf>

In essence, the Gonski Review found that Australia is investing far too little in education, particularly in public schools. As a result, the gap between the achievements of students from different backgrounds is widening.

I was very disappointed to see that someone had removed the green Gonski signs from the school fence. They may have mistakenly believed that Gonski is a “political issue”. However, now that each of the main parties have committed to implementing the recommendations of the Gonski Review, the only issue is the amount of funding that the main parties have committed to.

The signs were intended to show that we all understand each of the main parties’ positions on funding schools, and the differences between these positions. By understanding each position, we can make well informed decisions.

To encourage you to access this information, I have included an information sheet in this newsletter. Further detailed information is available at www.igiveagonski.com.au This website also lists the actual funding levels for each government school that was recommended by the Gonski Review.

I encourage parents and carers to become familiar with this information over the next three weeks. The phrase “I give a Gonski” has become a colloquialism that indicates “I **do** care” about funding our schools appropriately.

As always, I am happy to discuss points with parents, carers and community members, and to answer your questions. And, I give a Gonski.

Excursion

This week we welcome back our intrepid *excursioners*. All of the students have thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre. Their favourite activities included kayaking; grass skiing; rock climbing; archery; mountain bike riding; orienteering and problem solving exercises. The teacher evaluations of the excursion have been extremely positive, and I would like to make the excursion to Lake Burrendong an annual event.

Thanks are extended to the staff members who organised the excursion; accompanied the students and supervised them throughout the week.

Essay writing structure

Structuring an essay is easy when you know how. There are many different types of essays (or responses) and they can have many purposes, but the basic structure is the same. This fact sheet will let you in on the secret. Find out more at the following website:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4116.pdf>

Benefits of under-scheduling your child

With the very best of intentions, when you're rushing to fit in soccer training, swimming and music lessons, it can be hard to keep hold of the magic stare-into-space, muck-about moments in children's lives. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

Staying private on Facebook

Do you know how to **untag** photos and keep your Facebook page private? Read this information and share it with your children.

Find out more at: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/consumer-security/how-to-stay-private-on-facebook-20130730-2qvn1.html>

Reading to your child in your home language

Parents who have a language background other than English and who read to their children in their native tongue are giving them a valuable gift. Find out more at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/how-shopping-can-help-your-child-to-read/reading-to-your-child-in-your-home-language>

Helping out at exam time

You CAN help your child study for their exams (or complete their major works) even if you don't know much about the subject. Here is some practical advice on everything from writing an essay to helping the rest of the family stay supportive (and sane) while your teen works towards their final exams. Find out more at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english>

Using language to help with resilience

The Parenting Ideas website says resilient families have a language of their own. Read how your words can help a discouraged child cope, learn and persist. Find out more at: <http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Schools-Blog/June-2013/Language-of-resilient-schools---families>

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

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Life Education Van visit to QCS
Wednesday, 28th August, 2013

Please see Permission notes attached
to this week's Newsletter.

MUSICA VIVA CONCERT - TIGRAMUNA

Students and staff are looking forward to the upcoming performance by *Tigramuna*, a five piece band that plays South American inspired music. They will be performing in the Assembly room at Quandialla Central School on Tuesday 27th August at 9.30 am. Thanks to the generosity of the P&C, there will be no cost for students attending Musica Viva.

Interested parents and members of the community are welcome to join us.

Gonski Review

Important information for parents



What is the Gonski Review and why did we need one?

In 2010, the federal government commissioned a review of how schools are funded. They set up an expert panel, chaired by businessman David Gonski.

This review was established for a number of reasons, including:

- A growing gap between the students performing well, and those who are struggling
- Declining student performance across the board
- Current model lacks adequate co-ordination to address student needs
- The current funding system is unnecessarily complex and lacks transparency
- Imbalance of funding responsibilities between different levels of government

The panel received over 7000 submissions, visited 39 schools, and consulted 71 different education groups across the country.

What did the Gonski report recommend?

Gonski found Australia is investing far too little in education, especially in public schools.

As a result, too many students are missing out on the resources they need, and there are growing gaps in the achievements of students from different backgrounds.

Gonski recommended that we fund schools based on student *need*.

Under this new system, every school in Australia would receive consistent funding per student. Additional funding would be added to assist students with particular educational needs (e.g. low socio-economic backgrounds, low English language proficiency, Indigenous students, students with a disability) and for small, regional or remote schools.

Money would be invested to help students learn through various measures, including:

- Smaller class sizes
- Extra specialist teachers in areas such as literacy and numeracy
- Greater support for students with higher needs such as those with disabilities
- Additional training and classroom support for teachers

Read the Gonski Report in full [here](#).

Find out more at www.igiveagonski.com.au

Authorised by Angelo Gavrielatos, Federal President, Australian Education Union, 120 Clarendon Street, Southbank.



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

14 th	August	-	No Canteen – School Excursion
21 st	August	-	Jennifer Kelly
28 th	August	-	Kim Broomby
4 th	September	-	Leanne 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.

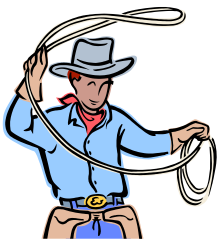
Please remember to bring lettuce and tomatoes. Buns and ham are purchased from the Quandialla Café.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

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



BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE & BOOK FAIR



On Wednesday, 21st August, all students at Quandialla Central School (K-Year 10) will be celebrating Book Week with a parade of book characters.

The Quandialla Pre-School have also been invited to be involved. All children are encouraged to dress as their favourite book characters and carry the book in a parade commencing at 2.10 p.m. in the sports shed.

This year we are having a special award for parents and staff members who dress up as a book character.

Book prizes will be awarded to students.

Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

A Book Fair will be held in the School Library from 1.00 until 2.00 p.m. and also after the parade.



Photo Gallery - Lake Burrendong Excursion



Problem Solving Challenge



High & Low Ropes



Grass Skiing



Wellington Caves



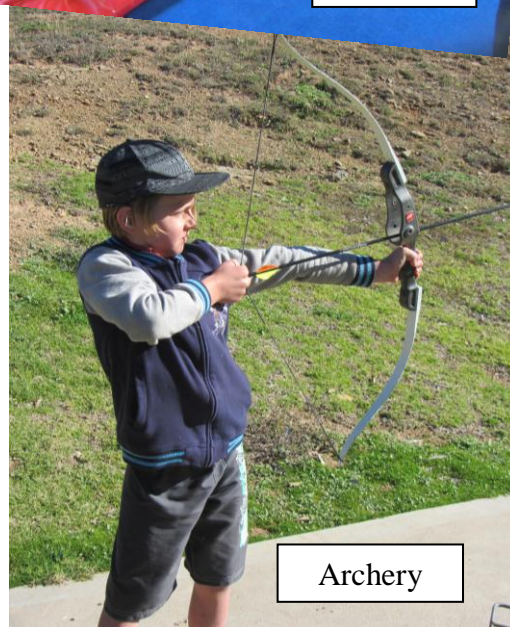
BMX Bike Riding



Rock Climbing Wall



Fencing



Archery

COMMUNITY NEWS

CWA EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS 2013

The following scholarships are available through the CWA. Forms are available from the school office.

Jopling Education Grant

Tenable by child or grandchild (boy and girl) of a member at any level of education from year 3.

The Irene Ashton memorial Education Grant

Tenable by a student to assist with secondary or tertiary education.

The Jean Martin Memorial Education Grant

To be awarded in the area of the Arts, to a boy or girl up to the age of 25 years with demonstrated artistic ability. This grant is available to members and non-members.

Students requiring any of these grant Application forms, please call into the Quandialla Central School Front Office to collect. Please return completed applications **no later than 3:00pm Friday 30th August, 2013 to Quandialla Central School office.**

No Late applications accepted. Thank you.

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:

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