



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

Celebrating 100 years
of Education at QCS

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Diary Dates – Term 3

September:

Wednesday	11 th Sept.	Primary Debate – against Mudgee Public School School via Video Conference – 10.00 a.m.
Thursday	19 th Sept.	Bland Sports Carnival – Bribbaree (Primary)
Friday	20 th Sept.	School Assembly – 2.30 p.m.

T20 Milo Cup Cricket School Cup

Friday, 6th September, 2013
West Wyalong



Milo cricket

The 3 – 6 students had been training on the oval during the week; the cricketing Dads had given them lots of advice and the benefit of their winning experience; they were very excited and keen to get going, and the bus left bright and early on Friday morning. The cool and overcast morning promised good conditions for our swing bowlers (line and length everyone) and no doubt the light dew made batting a challenge.

Unlike our test team's results, it was all positive for the Quandialla students – opportunities to participate in team sport, to do their best and show outstanding sportsmanship.

Volunteers required – reading program

Do you enjoy reading and helping children learn? We are seeking volunteers who are willing to spend about 30 minutes working with primary children each week on a reading program. Training is provided and you will need to complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration. Please contact the school on 6347 1207 to volunteer or obtain more information.

ASPIRE

The ASPIRE team from the University of New South Wales visited our school on Wednesday last week. The team worked with all of our students K – 10 and the pre-school children. Students from Caragabal and Bribbaree schools also joined in. Activities included introductory physics lessons (rocketry and kite making/flying) and simulated graduation ceremonies.

This is an important program, because it encourages young people to complete their school education and then to undertake tertiary education. There is a great deal of research to show that young people who complete tertiary education (university; higher level TAFE courses) achieve employment quickly after completing their courses and have significantly higher incomes.

Many of our students at Quandialla are capable of completing tertiary education, and this program will help them to make connections.

I encourage you to talk about the ASPIRE program and tertiary education with your children.

Many thanks to Mrs Varjavandi for liaising with the team and organising the very successful day.

Presentation Ceremony 2013

Our Presentation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 17 December at the Memorial Hall and it will be followed by a buffet dinner for students, staff, families and community members at school. The school will provide cold meats again this year, and ask families to bring a salad or sweets to share.

People are talking about our very special guest speaker – her story is a fascinating one, and is very relevant to our students and local families. No clues yet, but it's not Debbie Spillane.

Red day

There will be a *Red day* on the last day of the term – Friday 20 September. For *Red day*, there will be a hot dog and popper lunch – the cost is \$3 per child. Children will need to bring their \$3 and give it to their teacher before lunch.

School Assembly

There will also be a School Assembly on Friday 20 September, and this is always a pleasant way to end the term. The P&C will host an afternoon tea for parents and families before the assembly. Come along and catch up with folk.

P&C Meeting

Many thanks to parents for participating in the P&C meeting last Thursday. Topics discussed included P&C Insurance for students; school uniform for secondary students; class organisation for 2014; Lachlan Access Program; Presentation Ceremony and NAPLAN results.

We also discussed another working bee, and hopefully will fit this in soon.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Don't forget that all of the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) resources are available on our website. The PBL core values are *Respectful*, *Responsible* and *Learner*. The core values were developed with teachers, students and parents and are endorsed by our P&C Association.

Our students have regular lessons on PBL and this builds their understanding of how to be *Respectful*, *Responsible* and a *Learner*.

The *Echidna* awards are given to students when they demonstrate PBL behaviour. There are three levels in the *Echidna* awards – individual, class group and whole school levels.

We are near to achieving the target for a whole school award, so please keep discussing PBL and Echidna awards with your children.

I'm sure PBL is applicable at home as well as at school, so don't hesitate to download some PBL resources and use these at home. Go to the school website to access the resources.

School website

The school website has been updated, and now includes a photo gallery from the recent School Centenary Celebration, and an audio clip of the School Song. Check it out.

Late to school

A reminder that students are required to be at school by 8.55am each school day. Lateness is a partial absence and parents/carers are required to explain why their students are late to school. "We all slept in", "we were up late last night" and "we were getting organised" are not acceptable reasons for students being late to school. Parents are responsible for ensuring their children meet the school attendance guidelines. Students who are persistently late to school will be referred to the Home School Liaison Program.

Camp giveaway

As part of Sport and Recreation's outdoor education week you have the chance to win an adventure-packed family weekend away at a camp. Click on the link, watch the video and answer two easy questions to enter the competition. Good luck.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/index.asp>

Getting ready for school camp

School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it's also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. Read these tips for school camp confidence.

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

Creative thinking

Eleven-year-olds of the world rejoice. It seems MINECRAFT has "the potential to teach kids creative thinking, geometry, and even a little geology". Read the review to help you make an informed choice.

Find out more: <http://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews/minecraft>

Water safety tips

Beaches, lakes, rivers, creeks and pools are popular spots in summer for people young and old to cool off and have fun. Here are some easy steps you can take to make sure your child stays safe.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

Exam stress busters

The mere thought of an exam can make kids nervous. Help create the right study conditions for your child in the lead-up to exams and know the warning signs if it's all getting too much.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-exam-stress-busters>

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

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



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

11 th	September	-	Jodi Atkins
18 th	September	-	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.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT**

Active After School Sport has finished for Term 3, and will recommence in Term 4.

GRENFELL SHOW RESULTS

ART:

Year 4	Angus Kelly	- 1 st place
Year 6	Emma Dixon	- Highly Commended

HANDWRITING:

Year 1	Emily Amey	- Highly Commended
Year 2	Laura Vonthien	- Highly Commended
Year 4	Zachary Broomby	- 3 rd place
Year 4	Haylee Bridger	- Highly Commended
Year 5	Sarah Penfold	- 2 nd place
Year 6	Emma Dixon	- Highly Commended

PRE-SCHOOL - ART:

Pre-school	Liana Deery	- 1 st place
Pre-school	Ella Hueske	- Highly Commended
Pre-school	Montague Ryan	- Highly Commended

Photo Gallery

Aspire Visit – Wednesday, 4th September, 2013



ASPIRE helps students set a goal for their future.

'Because anything is possible'.



BLAND SPORTS CARNIVAL

Thursday, 19th September, 2013

at

Bribbaree Public School

HELPERS REQUIRED:

The carnival will commence at 9.00 a.m. with the March Past, however children will need to be at Bribbaree School by 8.50 a.m. The day will end at approximately 3.15 p.m.

To help cover the cost of the various awards, entry to the carnival will be \$1.00 per person with a maximum of \$4.00 per family. Pre-schoolers will be admitted free.

Events such as Bland Sports require a great deal of assistance to enable the day to run smoothly. It would therefore be appreciated if parents could complete the slip below to indicate if they can help out on the day and their job preference. **Please return this slip to school by FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2013.**

Parents are required to transport their own children to the carnival.

In the event of adverse weather a decision as to running the carnival will be announced on radio stations 1350 AM and 93.9 FM. Principals will also be notified prior to 7.30 a.m. on the day.

There will be no specified time for lunch. Canteen facilities will be available. A Canteen Menu has been sent home with all students.

If you are able to assist on the day, please complete the parent helpers slip and return to Quandialla Central School by 13/9/2013.

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BLAND SPORTS CARNIVAL 2013 - HELPERS

I am available to help at the Bland Sports Carnival on Thursday, 19th September, 2013 at Bribbaree Public School. My preferences are:

Time Keeper	_____	Long Jump	_____
High Jump	_____	Discus	_____
Shotput	_____	Infant Novelties	_____
Ball Games	_____		

Please number first 2 preferences ONLY, with 1 being first choice.

Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

QUANDIALLA SWIMMING POOL MEETING:

An Annual/General meeting for the Quandialla Swimming Pool will be held on Wednesday, 11th September at the Bland Hotel commencing at 7:30 pm.

All welcome, come and support your local pool and help plan for the 2013/14 season.

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

DONATIONS OF MATERIALS URGENTLY REQUIRED for the 'STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN' at Quandialla Central School:

If you are able to help with the following donations towards our Kitchen Garden, it would be greatly appreciated: Manure (sheep, horse, pig or cow) and Lucerne Hay/Pea Straw.

Please contact Quandialla Central School if you are able to help – 6347 1207. Thank you.

HOLIDAY / JUNIOR GOLF CLASS – YOUNG NSW: Tuesday, 1st October to Friday, 4th October.

The golf class is open to boys and girls aged between 9 and 17 years. Features: Qualified coaching, skill building and testing, play on some days, games and prizes.

Cost for the golf class is only \$16.00 per day or \$59.00 for the whole four days. This fee also provides free use of practice balls and equipment, includes GST, and allows the kids to play FREE after most days of the school. Fully accredited golf coach, and local P.G.A.

Golf Professional Phil Cartwright will be conducting the classes and can be contacted for bookings on 6382 1543 any day.

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