



Quandialla Central School

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Celebrating 100 years
of Education at QCS

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Diary Dates – Term 3

September:

Thursday 19th Sept. Bland Sports Carnival – Bribbaree (Primary)

Friday 20th Sept. School Assembly – 2.30 p.m.

October:

Monday 7th Oct. Public Holiday

Tuesday 8th Oct. All staff and students return today.

Tuesday 15th Oct. Kindergarten Orientation commences – 8.45 a.m.

Wed. 16th Oct. PSSA State Athletics Carnival – Sydney

Thursday 17th Oct. " " " "

Primary Debating Team



Left to right:

Zachary, Sarah, Emma and William

NAPLAN student reports

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following information on NAPLAN Student Reports for parents/carers.

“On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Year 5 and Year 7 NAPLAN Student reports for Language Conventions. Importantly, the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAA) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.”

Term dates

Term 3 concludes on Friday 20 September. The first day of student attendance for Term 4 is Tuesday 8 October. On behalf of the staff, I wish students, parents and families a relaxing and safe school holiday

There are 11 school weeks in Term 4 and the last day of student attendance is Wednesday 18 December.

Debating

On Wednesday last week, the primary debating team competed against Mudgee Public School in the Zone Final of the Western Challenge competition. The debate was conducted via video-conference in the school library. It was another very closely scored outcome, with the Quandialla team being awarded the win. Congratulations to both teams on the strong cases they presented.

Thanks are extended to Ms Natalie Howard for her work in coaching and assisting students to prepare for the debate. The only disappointment was that the team members ate *all* of the cup-cakes before I was able to join them for morning tea. I'm *told* they were very nice!

Bland Sports

What a difference the weather makes! Do you remember the years we couldn't run the Bland Sports because of the wet weather? This year's fine spring weather should make the day a real cracker. All of the primary students (K to 6) will be involved and this year we are travelling to Bribbaree Sports Ground. Quandialla, Caragabal and Bribbaree students are all joining in.

The date is Thursday 19 September and all parents, carers and family members are encouraged to come along. It promises to be a great day out for everyone.

Kindergarten orientation

Parents of our pre-school children have been posted a letter with the details of the Kindergarten orientation program. In a nutshell, the orientation program runs each Tuesday for 6 weeks. It starts on Tuesday 15 October and concludes on Tuesday 19 November with an information meeting for parents and families. Children are “in class” for the full day, from the 8.55am Assembly to the end of the school day at 3.10pm. Parents may pick up their children at 3.10pm, or children may travel home on the school buses.

The orientation program is coordinated by Mrs Anne Dixon. Please don't hesitate to speak with Anne if there are questions.

Also, if you know of other families who may be interested in our Kindergarten Orientation program, please pass this information on and ask them to contact the school. Enquiries about enrolling children in Kindergarten for 2014 are very welcome.

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. Training involves a brief discussion with the class teacher. Please contact the school on 6347 1207 to volunteer or obtain more information.

Presentation Ceremony 2013

Our annual 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. Parents and families may like to coordinate on the salad/sweet they will bring for the buffet dinner.

So far, there have been some close guesses at identity of our Guest speaker, but none correct. I'm sure you will be interested in her “story”.

Red day

Red day will be held on the last day of the term – Friday 20 September. There will be a hot dog and popper lunch – the cost is \$3 per child, and children are asked to give their \$3 to their teacher before lunch.

School Assemblies in Term 4

There is one School Assembly scheduled for Term 4 – Friday 8 November. The annual school Presentation Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday 17 December. The last day of attendance for students is Wednesday 18 December.

P&C Meetings in Term 4

The Parents and Citizens Association meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month during school terms. The meetings are held in the Staff Room, beginning at 7.30pm.

In Term 4, the P&C Meetings are scheduled for Thursday 7 November and Thursday 5 December. All parents and carers are encouraged to participate in P&C meetings. For further information, please contact David Dixon, President; Leanne Penfold, Secretary or Catia Nowlan, Treasurer.

Late to school

A number of students are frequently late to school. Parents and carers are reminded 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", "we were getting organised" and similar explanations are not acceptable reasons for students being late to school. Parents are responsible for ensuring their children meet the school attendance requirements. Students who are persistently late to school will be referred to the Home School Liaison Program.

Getting off the lounge

It's never been more important for children to get off the lounge and take a break in the great outdoors. You'll find the benefits aren't just health-related.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/why-your-child-may-learn-better>

Premier's Spelling Bee app

The app is free at Samsung Apps and features two categories for junior and senior primary school aged children, with a number of levels that increase in difficulty. Most adults would find the high levels in the senior category a challenge!

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/premier-s-spelling-bee>

Getting organised

Mid-way into the month, you may be in need of a planner; or if you're super-organised why not download October's?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Kids' holiday camps

Do your kids have technology overload? Challenging adventurous activities - like rock climbing, kayaking and archery - help children and teenagers develop independence, self-esteem and social skills. Watch the video for inspiration.

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=615882415134701>

Break the ice

Next time your child complains that Shakespeare is irrelevant, show them these eight well-known phrases that modern language owes to him.

Find out more: <http://www.grammar.net/shakespeare>

HSC survival guide

If your child is studying for the HSC, you're probably feeling the stress too. Many parents want to help but don't want to interfere.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/tips-for-surviving-the-hsc>

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

18th 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.

Year 7/8 Technology (Mandatory)

Secondary students are pictured, examining their mini cereal crops which are part of their Plant Production Unit.

The beds were planted with different varieties of cereal crops; Wheat, Oats, Barley and Lupins.

For the last two terms the students have been monitoring and assessing each variety for weeds, diseases, nutrients and growth. After eight weeks, the wheat crop measured 70cm and had a soil PH of 6.5-7.



BLAND SPORTS CARNIVAL

Thursday, 19th September, 2013

at

Bribbaree Public School

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.

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. All students have been given a Canteen Menu, please contact the school if you require another menu.

QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2013

Quandialla Central School Kindergarten Orientation program will commence on Tuesday, 15th October, 2013, and will run for 6 weeks.

Kindergarten Orientation Dates are as follows: Tuesday, 15/10/13, 22/10/13, 29/10/13, 5/11/13, 12/11/13 and 19/11/13.

The Parent Information session will be held on Tuesday, 19th November at 9.15 a.m. in the school library. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school for your information package.

Students may wear the Quandialla Central School uniform if they like, including a broad brimmed hat.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Quandialla Central School on 6347 1207.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.
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.

CWA of NSW QUANDIALLA BRANCH – SOUTH WEST GROUP

Phillip Group Scholarship

Application forms for the Phillip Group Scholarship are available from the Quandialla Central School Front Office. Please call in for an application form and **return completed form to the front office by 3:00pm Friday 12th October 2013.** No late entries will be accepted.

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ANTICIPATED KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

for

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

Please fill out the following slip if your child is going to commence
Kindergarten at Quandialla Central School
In the following years:-

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:
<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please return to Quandialla Central School