



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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President:
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Leanne Penfold

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Diary Dates – Term 1

February – 2014:

Wed./Thur. 12 th /13 th	Active After School
Monday 18 th Feb.	PBL Rewards Day – West Wyalong Swimming Pool
Wed./Thur. 19 th /20 th	Active After School
Wed./Thur. 26 th /27 th	Active After School
Friday 28 th Feb.	Schools Clean Up Australia Day
	Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival – Condobolin

Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival - 2014



Left to right:
Hugh, Zachary, Sarah, William and Angus

Forbes small schools swimming carnival

Quandialla Central School students competed in the Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival last Thursday. The students achieved some remarkable successes. Full report next week. Congratulations to all competitors and thanks are extended to parents for providing transport for the students.

Quandialla Central School swimming carnival

The QCS swimming carnival was held yesterday in very hot conditions. Caragabal Public School joined us for the carnival and it was excellent to see the additional numbers in the events. This made for a successful carnival.

Thanks are extended to Wendy Robinson for organising the carnival and to all staff members for making it work so well.

No canteen tomorrow

The P&C advises that the canteen will not operate tomorrow – Wednesday 12 February. Parents will need to pack recess and lunch for their children.

Evaluation – Presentation Ceremony

Last week's newsletter contained an evaluation for the 2013 Presentation Ceremony and it is important that everyone has an opportunity to express their views.

Please see the evaluation information and form attached to this Newsletter.

Please return your completed evaluation form to the school office by Monday 3 March.

P and C Meeting

The first meeting of the Quandialla Central School Parents and Citizens Association was held on Thursday 6 February, in the Staff Room. All parents and carers are encouraged to join the P&C, and to become involved in the work of the P&C. The P&C works to support and enhance our children's educational opportunities.

Contact David Dixon (President) or Leanne Penfold (Secretary) for further information.

P&C meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month during school terms. The dates for the 2014 P&C meetings are 6 February; 6 March; 3 April; 1 May; 5 June; 7 August; 4 September; 6 November and 4 December.

School office

The school office is open each school day. For 2014, office hours are **8.30am to 3.45pm**. When contacting the school, please telephone during office hours.

Communicating with your school

While it can be hard for busy parents, staying in contact with the school is important. Communication is one of the key parts of the relationship between the school and home. Watch this video to find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>

Series books to ignite summer reading

Series books can be a great way to get your kids hooked on reading. Reluctant readers and children who struggle with comprehension can also find series books easier to enjoy. Find out more at:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/series-books-to-ignite-summer-re>

Is your child in a new class without their friends?

At some stage in their school life your child is likely to find themselves in a class without their close friends. It's normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/new-class-without-their-friends>

Summer food safety

You can greatly reduce the risk of food poisoning during the summer period by chilling food in the fridge before packing your child's lunch and then putting a frozen drink into their lunchbox. The food will stay about 12 degrees cooler.

Have a look at more school food tips at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids>

Starting high school

Here are some resources to help you and your child adapt to high school. The information includes articles and videos on homework planning, dealing with maths and helping kids who are struggling with reading. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-high-school-soon>

Student conduct when travelling

When travelling on the bus or train between home and school your child must obey certain rules, such as giving up their seat to adults and disabled passengers. Find out more at:

<http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/content/student-conduct-when-travelling>

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

Breanna had a great day at the
2014 Quandialla Central School
Swimming Carnival.



CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER Term 1- 2014

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

12th	February	-	Kim Broobmy CANTEEN CLOSED
19 th	February	-	Tracy Penfold
26 th	February	-	Margaret Priestley
5 th	March	-	Jodi Atkins

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.

PBL Rewards Day West Wyalong Swimming Pool

Tuesday, 18th February, 2014

Venue: Holland Park Swimming Pool – West Wyalong

Permission Notes for this excursion, have been sent home today.

**Please return notes by
Friday, 14th February, 2014.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES – 2014

Mass 10:00 am 2nd Sunday of the month

Liturgy 10:00 am 4th Sunday of the month

Services held at St Mark's Anglican Church until further notice.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The Quandialla Community will be celebrating World Day of Prayer on **Monday 3rd March at 9:30 am in St Mark's Anglican Church**. This year's theme is "Streams in the Desert – Egypt" and our guest speaker will be Joan Smith. Morning tea will follow the service.

All Most Welcome

EXERCISE CLASSES:

Aqua Classes - 9.00 - 10.00 am Friday's at the Quandialla Swimming Pool.

\$7 / class, please bring water bottle, comfy clothing, and appropriate shoes.

Enquiries please phone: Kim 63472152

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS:

Applications are now open for the following Scholarships:

- * **Year 10 Scholarship** (for students going into Year 11);
- * **Quandialla District Further Studies Grant – TAFE Scholarship**
(Full time TAFE course);
- * **Quandialla District Further Studies Grant – TAFE Scholarship**
(Short term course);
- * **Quandialla District University Scholarship – No. 1**
(Applicants must be commencing their first year of study at a recognised University) and
- * **Quandialla District University Scholarship – No. 2**
(Applicants must be commencing their second or further year of study at a University).

Due date for all Scholarship Applications:

Monday, 24th February, 2014.

Please contact the Secretary (N.Gault on 6347 1294 a.h.) for application forms or for further information.

Many local community organisations and businesses, together with community members, are wonderful supporters of our Scholarship awards each year. Without this continued support we would not be able to offer our scholarships. We thank all donors for their generous support.

A Presentation Evening will be held (at a date to be decided), to present the above scholarships.

The Quandialla District Scholarship Committee has been running since 1967, and has helped many of our local students to further their education. We, as a Committee, will endeavour to continue this wonderful community program.

Garry Penfold (President), Narelle Gault (Secretary) and Marlene Taylor (Treasurer).

COWRA C.W.A. BRANCH \$4,000 MEDICAL EDUCATION GRANT:

The Cowra Branch of the Country Women's Association of NSW, South West Group, is looking for applicants for their Medical Educational Grant, to be taken up for 2014. This grant is open to those students who live in the South West Group area and are in their SECOND year or further, in any health-related tertiary studies.

Any student who desires to apply needs to obtain an Application Form from the Secretary of their local CWA Branch in the South West Group. Application forms are also available on the Cowra CWA website: www.cowracwa.com. Any queries may be directed to the Cowra CWA Branch Secretary, Kirsten Silman 6345 2328 6345 or email www.cowracwa.com or to Cowra CWA Branch PO Box 750, Cowra NSW 2794.

The grant is for \$4,000 and applications close on 15th January 2014, and must include the relevant documents. No late entries will be accepted.

Florence Laver – CWA Cowra Branch Publicity Officer

QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CENTRE:

Hours are Tuesday, Thursday 3.30-6.30pm
Wednesday, Friday 3.30-6.00pm
Saturday, Sunday 2.30-7.30pm

Family pass (dependents ONLY) \$150
Single pass \$60
Monthly pass \$60
Season pass does NOT cover school events or carnivals.

Please note; there has been NO CHANGE in our hours or our fee's this year.

Contact Robyn or Kim 63471204 for more information.

WIRRINYA AQUATIC CLUB - Invites members and friends to join us on Sunday, 2nd March, 2014: For 'A DAY ON THE DAM' Celebrating 50 years

Canteen will operate on the day-please support our club and buy your BBQ lunch and drinks!

There are lots of fun activities throughout the day for all ages including:

- Biscuit Rides
- Knee boarding
- Skiing
- Canoe Relay
- Iron-man Race
- Tennis Balls into a Biscuit for prizes
- Slip'n'slide for the littlies!!

All boat rides will cost \$2.00
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Please bring a shade shelter (if you have one) and a chair.

Hope to see you there from 10.30am. Any enquiries, please phone Hannah 0421888601

Evaluation – Annual Presentation Ceremony

Introduction

The format and program for the Presentation Ceremony originated in the mid 1970's. At that time, there were about 240 students enrolled at the school. Classes were much larger. In 2014, the largest Stage group (Years 5 – 6) has five students.

Many of the academic awards relate to Syllabuses that were current during the 70's, 80's and 90's. The Syllabuses have since been replaced or updated. Some academic awards were more relevant to the larger class groups.

Many of the sports awards relate to periods when much larger cohorts resulted in stronger competition. House, team and some individual awards were valid and more relevant to the larger numbers of students and larger numbers in each age group. There were many more students competing in each event.

As a result of the very small cohorts in 2013-14, some students receive numerous (too many?) awards. Also, it is now difficult to compare "Dux" and "Champion" and awards with similar awards in other schools.

For 2014 and beyond, some awards may not be valid or relevant to our small school and may need to be retired.

The Presentation Ceremony is held in late December – during harvest and the hot weather. The ceremony begins at 5.30pm and the program runs for about 2 ½ hours. Previous feedback from families is that they would like this to change and that the venue may need to change.

This evaluation seeks the views of Parents and Citizens Association and families; school staff and students. It is an opportunity for each person to express their views and preferences about our annual Presentation Ceremony. You may prefer to have a completely different style of event. For example, you may prefer to have an informal event and not a "ceremony".

The evaluation will be collated by the school executive. The executive team will then make decisions about the format and program for the presentation event in 2014 and beyond.

Please complete the attached sheet (add extra pages if you need to) and **return** it to the school Office by **Monday 3 March 2014**.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Phillip Foster, Principal.

Evaluation – Annual Presentation Ceremony. Return to Office by Monday 3 March 2014

What needs to change? Attach more pages if you need additional space

- Awards

- Program

- Times

- Venue

- Other

Your name and contact number (we will only contact you if we need more information on your suggestions)

Name:

Phone number: