



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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Diary Dates – Term 1

February:

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

March:

Wed./Thur. 5 th /6 th	Active After School
Friday 7 th Mar.	School Assembly – 2.30 p.m.



Left to right: Hamish, Angus, Halle (Caragabal Public School), Angus, Sarah and Hugh (Quandialla Central School),
were all Age Champions from the combined 2014 Swimming Carnival.

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.

From the Director General

I received the following information from the Director General. It clarifies the situation about the Commonwealth Government's proposal on "independent public schools". I think it is important to share this information with parents.

Dear Principal

You may have heard about the Commonwealth Government's Independent Public Schools initiative. You may be approached about this by your local Federal Member of Parliament.

NSW public schools operate as part of a school system. Individual schools are therefore unable to enter into any such arrangement with the Commonwealth Government.

Any discussions about Independent Public Schools will be conducted at a Departmental level.

Under Local Schools, Local Decisions we are already in the process of delivering a considered program of reform, developed in consultation with the teaching profession, to provide all NSW public schools with greater authority and flexibility to meet the needs of students.

Local Schools, Local Decisions harnesses the benefits of being part of a state-wide system of public schools, while recognising that all schools require the flexibility and capacity to meet local needs.

Kind regards

Dr Michele Bruniges AM

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES

Lachlan Access Program (LAP)

Ms Varjavandi and I are attending the Term 1 meeting of the LAP Management Group today.

LAP is a very important part of our school – LAP enables our Stage 6 students to study the full pattern of Preliminary and Higher School Certificate courses at Quandialla Central School. Our students use the LAP link facilities (connected classrooms) to form classes made up of students from five other schools. Each course is taught by a specialist teacher, who may be located in any of the five schools.

Lessons are typically a mix of videoconferences, coursework which is hosted on the LAP Moodle and students interacting with class members via VC or digital means. Students submit their course tasks via email to the course coordinator.

This is very similar to the mixed mode of study used in universities and TAFE. On the basis of their LAP studies, our students will be well prepared for further education and training.

Sport – swimming

All students in years 3 to 10 are participating in swimming for sport during Term 1. A reply from a Year 5 boy to my question – "How was sport today?"

Answer – "It was actually very nice and really enjoyable". Top marks all round.

Sleep is important

Ask your child's class teacher and they will tell you there is a direct relationship between tiredness and student performance. Put simply, if children do not get enough good quality sleep, then they do not perform well in class. And, they may well be grumpy and misbehave.

Please ensure that you develop a good dinner-bath-bed routine for your children. Children need about 8 hours sleep each night. Children should not be "up late" during the school week. This is particularly important for young children.

Homework and study planning

Most children find planning easier to understand when they have a visual representation of their day or week in front of them. Help your child learn to manage their daily tasks and responsibilities with this weekly schedule template. Weekly schedule template:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/weekly-schedule-template>

Jargon busters

Wanting to start the school year with clarity and wondering about the meaning of some of the school terminology? Here's a list of common abbreviations or terms to make the world inside the school gates seem a little more familiar.

School jargon buster: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

School's back

Life seems to go from zero to 100 during the first few weeks of school. These parents have pooled their years of experience to bring you some suggestions to make the rest of the year run more smoothly. Good luck! Back to school checklist: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-checklist>

Learning to read

Learning to read is hard work and can be frustrating at times for parents and their kids. Watch the video to hear what these public school teachers have to say to help, with quick tips on how to make it easier. Learning to read: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5Om77mluKU&feature=share>

Planning for success in high school

Each year in high school brings new academic and personal challenges for parents and their teens. For example, if your child is commencing Year 8 or 10, they'll need to start thinking now about the electives they want to choose later in the year. This year-by-year guide will help you navigate the challenges and decisions your child will face as they commence Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Year-by-year tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/tips-for-starting-years-7-12>

Staying in touch with the school

As a parent it's much easier to have difficult conversations about your child's behaviour with the teacher if you've established a relationship with them at the start of the year. Read this article or watch the video to hear teachers talk about the importance of staying in touch with your child's school. Communicating with your school:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>

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

Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Thursday, 6th February, 2014

Congratulations to Hugh Nowlan – Sub-Junior Boys Champion, Angus Kelly – Senior Boys Champion and the Senior Relay Champions, Sarah, Angus, Zach and William.

Sarah, Angus, Zach, William and Reuben have all been selected to join the Forbes Small Schools Team at the Lachlan District Carnival at Condobolin on Friday, 28th February, 2014. Best wishes to all our students as they compete in this carnival.

A big thank you to all the parents who transported and supported our students on the day, and a special thank you to David Dixon, Sarah Ryan, Hannah and Kim Broomby for competing in the parents relay.

Congratulations to all Quandialla students on their excellent results and fine sportsmanship at the 2014 Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival.



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- A. Angus Kelly – Senior Boys Champion
- B. Angus, William and Zach
- C. Reuben preparing for his race

- D. Senior Relay Champions (left to right) Angus, Sarah and William (absent from photo Zach).
- E. Hugh and Summer getting ready for their race.
- F. Monty and Hugh had a fun day at the carnival.



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Quandialla Central School – Results

<u>Event / Name</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Girls 100 LC Meter Freestyle		
Sarah Penfold	1:40.47	2 nd
Boys 100 LC Meter Freestyle		
Angus Kelly	1:41.43	2 nd
Zachary Broomby	2:04.72	7 th
William Dixon	2:21.06	10 th
Boys 8 Year Olds 50 LC Meter Freestyle		
Reuben Ryan	1:20.78	1 st
Boys 11 Year Olds 50 LC Meter Freestyle		
Angus Kelly	44.84	1 st
Zachary Broomby	55.81	4 th
William Dixon	1:03.06	7 th
Girls 12 Year Olds 50 LC Meter Freestyle		
Sarah Penfold	43.87	1 st
Boys 11 Year Olds 50 LC Meter Breaststroke		
Angus Kelly	1:08.97	1 st
Zachary Broomby	1:11.13	2 nd
Girls 12-13 50 LC Meter Breaststroke		
Sarah Penfold	1:06.66	1 st
Girls 11-13 200 LC Meter IM		
Sarah Penfold	4:40.00	2 nd
Boys 11-13 200 LC Meter IM		
Angus Kelly	4:54.78	1 st
Zachary Broomby	5:52.83	2 nd
Boys 11 Year Olds 50 LC Meter Backstroke		
Angus Kelly	1:05.33	1 st
Zachary Broomby	1:18.22	2 nd
William Dixon	1:30.28	5 th
Girls 12-13 50 LC Meter Backstroke		
Sarah Penfold	1:02.75	2 nd
Girls 12-13 50 LC Meter Butterfly		
Sarah Penfold	59.98	1 st
Mixed 200 LC Meter Freestyle Earl Magee P6 Relay		
Angus Kelly, Zachary Broomby, William Dixon and Sarah Penfold		
Girls 11-13 200 LC Meter Freestyle Relay		
(Forbes Small Schools)	3:10.50	
Sarah Penfold, Jacinta McManus, Jasmine Pritchett and Rochelle Isbester		
Boys 11-13 200 LC Meter Freestyle Relay		
(Forbes Small Schools)	3:20.45	
Angus Kelly, Tom Ray, Hamish Napier and Aaron Mickan		

Quandialla Central School – Annual Swimming Carnival

Monday, 10th February, 2014

Thank you to everyone who assisted and supported our 2014 Swimming Carnival. Even though it was a very hot day, students participated in races and novelty events with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the carnival.

It was great to have Caragabal Public School join us for the day.

Champions:

Juvenile Primary Boy Champions:

- 1st: Hugh Nowlan
2nd: Monty Ryan

Junior Primary Girl Champions:

- 1st: Emily Amey
2nd: Bonnie Newhan
3rd: Ellie Kessey-Francis

Junior Primary Boy Champions:

- 1st: Reuben Ryan
2nd: Jarrod Lahay

11 years Primary Boys Champions:

- 1st: Angus Kelly
2nd: Zachary Broomby
3rd: William Dixon

Senior Primary Girl Champions:

- 1st: Sarah Penfold
2nd: Breanna Daley

The 2014 Swimming Carnival was won by
Blue House.

Congratulations to both Blue and Gold houses,
for their sportsmanship and participation.

Thank you to the Quandialla Central School
P.&C. Association for providing a delicious
barbeque.



Photo Gallery

- A. Blue House Mascot
- B. Gold House Cake
- C. Blue House Cake
- D. Gold House Mascot
- E. Sarah, preparing for the 'floaties' race.



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

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS – (YEARS 5 & 6) PRIMARY EXCURSION TO SYDNEY: SUNDAY, 30th MARCH & MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 2014:

Year 5 and Year 6 students have all been given permission notes to attend the above excursion.

Please return permission notes by Wednesday, 19th February, 2014, so bookings can be finalised.

If parents require further information on this excursion, please contact the front office during school hours – 6347 1207.

School Assembly

Our first Assembly for 2014 will be held on

Friday, 7th March, 2014

commencing at 2.30 p.m. in the assembly room.

All Most Welcome

SCHOOL CALENDARS – PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

School Calendars have been included with this week's newsletter. Please keep for future reference and dates.

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).

QUANDIALLA SWIMMING POOL NEWS:

Morning Lap Swimming at the pool will finish for the season on Tuesday 25th February.

The Pool will not be opened on Saturday 1st of March, we apologies for any inconvenience.

From the 2nd March weekend opening hours will be 3:30 pm – 7pm, all week day opening remain as usual.

The pool will close for the season on Sunday 16th March 7pm.

NEEDED URGENTLY: Pool Committee Secretary, no experience necessary. Please consider helping out, the pool is an important part of our community and we need help to keep it that way.

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

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



QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY:

Our first Assembly for 2014 will be held on **Friday, 7th March, 2014**, commencing at 2.30 p.m. in the school assembly room.

All Most Welcome