



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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President:
David Dixon

Secretary:
Leanne Penfold

Treasurer:
Catia Nowlan

Diary Dates – Term 1

February:

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.
Friday	21 st Mar.	Harmony Day



Left to right: Brendan, William, Zach and Angus all enjoyed preparing a meal in the Hospitality room as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

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.

School assembly

Our first school assembly for 2014 will be held on Friday 28 February, beginning at 2.30pm, in the assembly room. Parents and families are invited to join us for the assembly.

Assemblies provide the opportunity to acknowledge our students' achievements and this is made more meaningful when parents are also present.

Homework help

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z>

Homework and multi-tasking

Somewhere along the line we seemed to have absorbed the idea that teenagers can multi-task perfectly because they're digital natives. Can kids really do their homework and multi-task?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/homework-and-multitasking-can-it-be-done>

Primary school

When lunch comes home again – uneaten

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain>

Help with English

Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.

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

Maths

Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child.

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

High school

Helping your daughter say no to peer pressure

Your daughter's school friends are her closest confidants and her meanest critics. Experts on teen girl angst share their wisdom on taking the heat out of peer pressure.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/helping-your-daughter-say-no-to-peer-pressure>

Managing risk-taking in teen boys

Today's 'Nintendo' generation of teen boys get to save the world every day on the computer. In the real world, they can be forbidden from going down the road alone.

It's a conundrum parents need to be aware of because without the chance to take part in real adventures, things can become a bit dull – teen boys' desire to explore life can get out of hand if they're not given some space to do it safely.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/managing-risk-taking-with-teen-boys>

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

NEW CALENDAR DATES

Parents Please Note:

Forbes Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Term 2 – Week 1, Friday, 2nd May, 2014

NAPLAN

13th, 14th and 15th May, for Year 3, 5 and 9 students.

GOOD LUCK PSSA SWIMMERS

PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL – FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 2014

Good Luck to Sarah Penfold, Angus Kelly, William Dixon, Zachary Broomby and Reuben Ryan as they compete in the 2014 Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival at Condobolin on Friday.

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

26 th	February	-	Margaret Priestley
5 th	March	-	Jodi Atkins
12 th	March	-	Jennifer Kelly

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.

SCHOOLS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Schools Clean Up Australia Day will be held on Friday, 28th February, 2014

9.00 a.m. start

K-2 Students	-	will clean up the School grounds.
3-11 Students	-	will be cleaning up around the streets of Quandialla

Please send gloves and some shopping bags or larger if you have them for your child to use on the day. Thank you.

Any questions please contact Mrs Rowland.

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

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

WEST WYALONG JUNIOR RUGBY UNION:

Registration Day: Saturday 1st March, 12.00 pm at Barnado Park.

Price: \$50.00 per player or no more than \$150.00 per family.

West Wyalong Pirates Registration Day

When: Saturday 1st March 2014.

Where: Barnado Park, West Wyalong.

Time: 12pm for a free sausage sizzle and drinks.

Other: New registrations receive a bag, shorts and socks. New registrations must also bring birth certificate. Continuing registrations will all receive a pair of playing shorts.

For more information or enquiries please call:

Suzie Maslin: 0420 364 355 or Guy Marchant: 0408 643 053

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 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



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

Students recently enjoyed preparing a meal from the Kitchen Garden.

MINUTES OF THE QUANDIALLA P & C GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2014
OPENED AT 7.40PM

- Present** : David Dixon, Phillip Foster, Wendy Robinson, Sarah Ryan, and Leanne Penfold.
- Apologies** : Aime Dixon, Catia Nowlan, Trevor Ryan, Kim Humphrey, Jennifer Kelly and David Robinson.
 Moved apologies be accepted, Leanne Penfold,
 Seconded Sarah Ryan.
- Minutes** : Moved by Leanne Penfold that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as circulated.
 Seconded David Dixon.
- Business Arising** : - Chef's Toolbox was successful and we have a Procuree Cooker to raffle.
- Principal's Report** : See attached. Phillip Foster also requested that the P & C hold a working bee.
 Leanne Penfold nominated David Dixon to be on the panel with the Executive staff to discuss the Presentation evening.
 Seconded by Sarah Ryan.
- Treasurer's Report** : No Report.
- Canteen Treasurer's Report** : Balance of account \$2,326.70
- Correspondance** : Moved that the correspondence be dealt with as read Leanne Penfold.
 Seconded Sarah Ryan.
- Bank Statement - Handed to Catia Nowlan.
 - Numerous fundraising catalogues - Tabled.
- General Business** : - Air conditioner in the Canteen needs to be replaced asap.
 Phillip Foster to check with Paul Harris re the split system in the shed.
- Sue Priestly requests the P & C to cater for lunch on the Sunday on the Long Weekend being the Town Centenary. It was decided that we will work something out. More details to be decided next meeting, one option is to do Sandwiches and slice on a plate with tea and coffee available.
- Phillip Foster would like to note that he requests the P & C to leave the grounds as found like they have done previously.
- P & C to co-ordinate a BBQ at the School Swim Carnival.
- Young Leaders - Tickets to be ordered - children \$48 adult \$20.
 Accommodation - YHA Central \$48.50 Includes breakfast.
- Wendy Robinson will be contacting sporting organisations to Visit Quandialla Central.
- Quandialla to host Island sports.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm. Next Meeting AGM 6th March, 2014


 L M Penfold Secretary

Quandialla Central School

Principal's Report for Parents & Citizens Association Meeting

Thursday 6 February – Week 2 Term 1, 2014

- **Excellent start**

Students returned on 28-1-14. The school had a very smooth start to the year. Thank are extended to Wendy Robinson AP and Lisa Varjavandi for their excellent planning and organisation. New Kindergarten students have started exceptionally well.

- **Enrolments**

Enrolments are as anticipated at the end of 2013. There are 8 students in K 1 – 2; 12 in 3 – 6; 3 in 8 – 9 and 3 in Year 11. Total is 26. A warm welcome is extended to our new students and families.

- **Staffing**

Max Hofman employed one day per week (Mondays) replacing Hollie Forde. 3 – 6 and 7 – 9 integrated sport on Monday afternoons – swimming Term 1.

SASS changes – Robin Dowsett SAM to Caragabal 0.5 EFT; Kathy Smith SAO to Young PS 0.8 EFT; Farm Assistant 0.4 EFT position vacant; Regina Ray temporary/casual 0.9 EFT SAM/SAO.

- **Kitchen Garden**

A request to P&C for assistance and working bee(s) to ensure Kitchen Garden is sustainable. Urgently need assistance and working bees to sustain this project.

- **Key documents**

Key documents are accessible on the school website – the 2014 School Plan; Low SES School Communities National Partnership *Final Report*; 2013 Annual School Report; 2012 Yearbook. The 2013 Yearbook will be available for purchase from the Office.

- **Director Public Schools Lachlan**

The new Director Public Schools Lachlan is Mr Glenn Stewart. Contact Glenn at the Orange Schools Office on 63928400. Quandialla CS is included in the Lachlan network of schools. Glenn was previously the acting Director PS for the Macquarie network.

- **School grounds**

The adjacent dam is empty. It is not be feasible to irrigate the grounds using town water – high cost. Hoping for drenching rain soon.

- **Presentation Ceremony**

Some feedback has been forwarded. An evaluation has been distributed via the newsletter and to all staff. P&C invited to submit a group response. The school is happy to make changes where appropriate.

- **School development day**

The SDD scheduled for Term 2 is Monday 28-4-14. Program to be finalised.

Phillip Foster
Principal
Thursday 6-2-14