



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

Newsletter Tuesday, 4th February, 2014 (Week B No. 2)

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President:
David Dixon

Secretary:
Leanne Penfold

Treasurer:
Catia Nowlan

Diary Dates – Term 1

February – 2014:

Wed.	5 th Feb.	Active After School
Thursday	6 th Feb.	Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival (K-Year 6)
Thursday	6 th Feb.	P.&C. Meeting – 7.30 pm, staffroom
Monday	10 th Feb.	Quandialla Central School – Swimming Carnival
Friday	21 st Feb.	Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival – Condobolin



Left to right: Caitlin, Theresa and Maryanne

Attendance

We all know that regular attendance at school (all day, every day) is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Students need to be at school by 8.55am for the morning assembly. School finishes at 3.10pm for Primary and 3.20pm for Secondary students. Primary students are supervised until they move to the buses and leave the school.

The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure their children attend school regularly; to explain any absence promptly, and to resolve attendance issues involving their children.

Parents should apply for leave in advance. Acceptable reasons for leave include the illness or medical reasons (Sick) or unforeseen event; participation in special events not related to the school; family necessity or illness of a family member and attendance at funerals (Leave).

Lateness to school is a partial absence. Reasons such as “slept in”; “looking for the dog”; “waiting for others” and “waiting for breakfast” are not acceptable reasons. Parents are responsible for ensuring their children are at school before 8.55am, and for explaining all partial absences.

Where there is a pattern of poor attendance, the student and parents are referred to the Home School Liaison Program.

Please contact the school if you have a question about attendance.

School uniform

I'm sure you will have noticed that **all** of our students are proudly wearing their new school uniforms. At assemblies last week, **every** student was wearing full school uniform. They all looked absolutely fantastic and I am sure they really like their new uniforms.

School uniform does have a very positive effect on students' self-esteem. It does have a positive effect on the school “climate”.

Congratulations everyone!

Swimming carnival

The QCS swimming carnival will be held on Monday 10 February, starting at 10.00am. Students from Caragabal PS will join us for the swimming carnival. Students may leave with their parents at the end of the carnival.

Evaluation – Presentation Ceremony

The school aims to continually improve in all areas. There has been some feedback about 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 is scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 6 February, in the Staff Room. All parents and carers are invited to attend, and to become involved in the work of the P&C.

Contact David Dixon (President) or Leanne Penfold (Secretary) if you have an item for the agenda. 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.

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.

Kitchen garden

As you know, there have been changes in the Farm Assistant position. This means we need parent assistance to maintain the Kitchen Garden. After a very hot and dry summer holiday, the garden really needs some urgent attention. The garden needs a thorough weeding; removal of old plants and the beds prepared for new plantings.

Wendy Robinson placed a call for assistance in last week's newsletter, but there was no response. I will ask the P&C for assistance, and we may be able to organise a "working bee" in the garden. We could do this early on a morning to avoid the heat. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter for details of the working bee and come along and lend a hand.

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

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival – K-Year 6:

The Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday, 6th February, 2014, at the Forbes Swimming Pool, starting at 9.00 a.m.

Parents will be required to provide transport to this carnival for their children.

Quandialla Central School – Annual Swimming Carnival:

Our school carnival will be held on Monday, 10th February, 2014, starting at 10.00 a.m. at the Quandialla Swimming Pool. Caragabal Public School will also be competing at our 2014 carnival.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden – HELPERS REQUIRED:

After a very hot summer, our kitchen garden needs to be tidied up. If you are able to assist in anyway, could you please contact Wendy Robinson, during school hours.

Telephone: 6347 1207.

Thanking you

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 Broomby
19th	February	-	Tracy Penfold
26 th	February	-	Margaret Priestley

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.

QUANDIALLA P.&C. ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 6th February, 2014
7.30 p.m. in the Staffroom

All most welcome



Presentation Evening Performance
titled - 'Keep On'
(From Music: Count Us in 2013)

Quandialla Central School

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2014

HELPERS REQUIRED:

It would be appreciated if all interested parent helpers could please fill out the form below and return to the school by **WEDNESDAY, 5th February, 2014**. Any assistance on the day would be greatly appreciated.

All parents and friends are very welcome.

PLEASE NOTE:

It is required by the Department that a Prohibited Employment Declaration be completed prior to assisting on the day. (If you have not completed one before).

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QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Monday, 10th February, 2014

Starting Time: 10.00 a.m.

I am able to help at the Swimming Carnival and would prefer to assist with:
(please tick)

Timing

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Judging

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Novelties

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Comments:

I require a 'Prohibited Employment Declaration' form

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST WYALONG MOBILE PLAYGROUP:

Playgroup will recommence at the Quandialla C.W.A. rooms on Tuesday, 11th February, 2014, between the hours of 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. All most welcome.

For further information, please contact Tessa on 6972 2795.

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

MINUTES OF THE QUANDIALLA P & C GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE SCHOOL STAFF ROOM ON THE 7TH NOVEMBER, 2013
OPENED AT 7.35PM

- Present** : Tracey Penfold, Phillip Foster, Anne Noble, Sarah Ryan, and Leanne Penfold.
- Apologies** : Anne Dixon, David Dixon, Catia Nowlan, Nathan & Jodie Vonthien, Kasey Cattle, Wendy Robinson, Trevor Ryan and Kim Broomby.
Moved apologies be accepted, Leanne Penfold,
Seconded Phillip Foster.
- Minutes** : Moved by Leanne Penfold that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as circulated.
Seconded Tracey Penfold.
- Business Arising** :
- Afternoon Tea before assembly's - No afternoon tea will be held on 8th November, 2013 due to everyone's busy schedule.
- Red Day was enjoyed by all, thank you to Tracey Penfold for organising this.
- Principal's Report** : No Report.
- Treasurer's Report** : No Report.
- Canteen Treasurer's Report** : No Report
- Correspondence** : Moved that the correspondence be dealt with as read Leanne Penfold.
Seconded Tracey Penfold.

- Invoice to pay for K/1/2 Excursion \$250. Leanne Penfold Moved
Seconded Sarah Ryan.
- P & C Journals - Distributed.
- Australian Fundraising - Tabled.
- Coco Cola Catalogue - Tabled.
- Fresh for Kids Catalogue - Tabled.
- Fundraising Diaries Catalogue - Tabled.
- Canteen information Booklet - Tabled.
- Receipt from Lake Burrandong for Bus expenditure.
- General Business** :
- Anne Noble would like to hold a Chefs Toolbox party in conjunction with the P & C - All agreed
Possible dates 2nd, 4th and 9th December to be checked out.

Trevor and Sarah Ryan thanked the P & C for their catering for the Ram sale.

Phillip Foster thanked the P & C for their full support throughout 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next Meeting 6th February, 2014


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L M Penfold Secretary

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: