



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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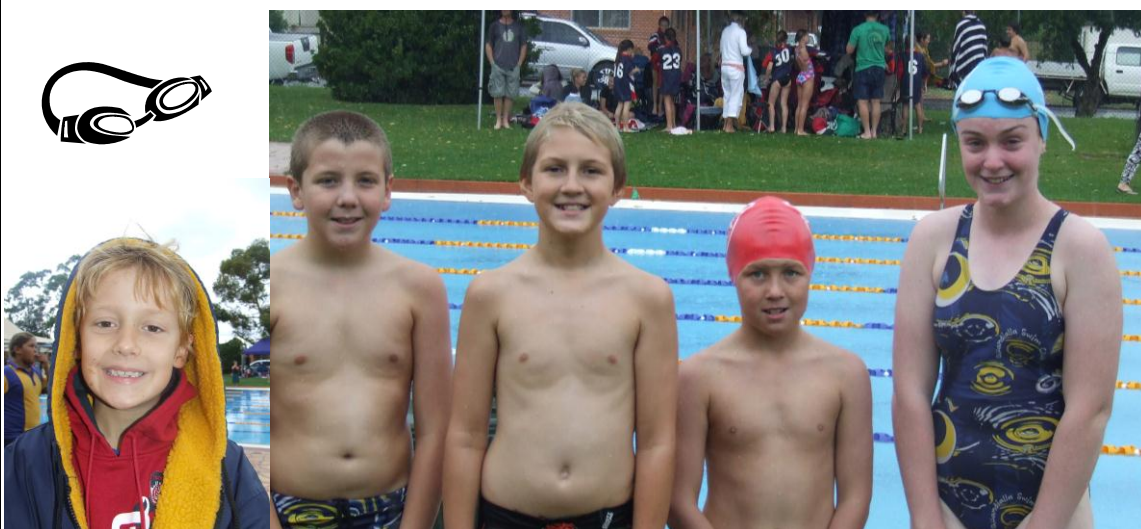
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Diary Dates – Term 1

March:

Wed./Thur.	5 th /6 th	Active After School
Friday	7 th Mar.	PSSA Swimming Carnival - Dubbo
Friday	7th Mar.	School Assembly – 2.30 p.m. POSTPONED
Tuesday	11th Mar.	P.&C. General Meeting – 7.30 p.m.
Wed./Thur.	12 th /13 th	Active After School
Friday	14 th Mar.	School Assembly – 2.30 p.m. (Note: Change of Date)
Monday	17 th Mar.	Funky Hair Day

Lachlan PSSA Swimming Carnival Success



Congratulations to Reuben, Zachary, William, Angus and Sarah for their wonderful sportsmanship at the Lachlan PSSA 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.

School assembly

Please note the change of date for the first school assembly for 2014. This will be held on Friday 14 March, beginning at 2.30pm, in the assembly room. Parents and families are invited to join us for the assembly. The change of date is to avoid a clash with the Regional PSSA Swimming Carnival which is scheduled for 7-3-14 in Dubbo.

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

P&C meeting

The P&C meeting set for Thursday 6 March (this week) has been postponed until next Tuesday, 11th March, commencing at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. This will avoid a clash with the Regional PSSA Swimming Carnival.

Clean up Australia Day

I'm sure you will notice that the streets and area surrounding the school are tidier than they were last week. This is because our students participated in the annual Clean-up Australia day on Friday last week.

Mrs Cathy Rowland organised the activity. Students wore protective gloves and collected three large bags of litter, which was then disposed of correctly.

Congratulations to our students, who happily made this contribution to their community. Top job all round.

Swimming team

The members of the school swimming team participated in the Lachlan District PSSA swimming carnival, which was held at Condobolin last Friday. Each of the students performed very well. Please see the results which appear separately in this newsletter. Congratulations to Sarah Penfold, Angus Kelly, Zachary Broomby, William Dixon and Reuben Ryan on their top efforts and sportsmanship.

Health and wellbeing seminars

On Wednesday last week our Year 8 and 9 students travelled to The Henry Lawson High School to join other students for the Health and wellbeing seminars. The seminars were organised by Mrs Libby Noble, our Student Welfare Officer.

The seminars were presented by HSW Health and Community Health staff. The seminars covered information on physical changes through puberty; body image; boys' health; girls' health and life as an early teenager.

The students will be invited to participate in the second series of seminars to be held later this term. While the seminars do cover the basics for boys and girls, the intention is to provide our young people with accurate information and to encourage them to make responsible decisions and choices. In this way, the seminars encourage them to grow up to be fine young men and fine young women. Please contact Libby Noble at the school if you have questions.

NAPLAN tests

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted over the three days of Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May this year. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will in all government and non-government schools will complete the tests.

The NAPLAN tests provide information about students' learning to parents and schools.

Please make sure your children attend school on these dates so that they complete the NAPLAN tests. The tests cover Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

Please see the separate *Letter to Parents* in this newsletter.

2014 homework planner

The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.

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

Maths A to Z

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z>

Great books for tweens to read

Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/helping-tweens-to-love-reading/ideal-books-for-tweens-to-read>

Science assignment starters

Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-project-starters>

Developing resilience

We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. **Teachers talk** about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-child>

When older kids struggle with reading

If your child is struggling with reading, it's important to act on it immediately. Find out what you can do to help.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

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:

P.&C. Meeting

Please note 'Change of Date':

Tuesday, 11th March, 2014

School Assembly

Please note 'Change of Date':

Friday, 14th March, 2014

Funky Hair Day

Monday, 17th March, 2014

Harmony Day

Please note 'Change of Date':

Friday, 4th April, 2014

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

TUESDAY 13 MAY	WEDNESDAY 14 MAY	THURSDAY 15 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading	Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)
Writing		

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 16 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

LACHLAN PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 2014

Congratulations to Reuben Ryan for taking 16 seconds off his Personal Best in the 50m Freestyle event at the Condobolin swimming carnival.

Congratulations also to Sarah Penfold, Angus Kelly, William Dixon and Zachary Broomby for trying so hard in their events. Sarah, Angus, William and Zachary will now all travel to Dubbo to compete in the Western Area PSSA Swimming carnival on Friday, 7th March, 2013.

They will be competing in the following events:

Sarah Penfold	- 50m Butterfly
Angus Kelly	- 50m Breaststroke
Sarah, Angus, Zachary and William	- 200m Earl Magee P6 Relay

*Good Luck from the Staff & Students
at
Quandialla Central School.*

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

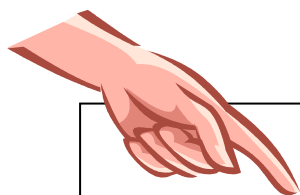
Roster

5 th	March	-	Margaret Priestley
12 th	March	-	Jennifer Kelly
19 th	March	-	Leanne 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.



Please Note: Change of Date

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first Assembly for 2014 will be held on
Friday, 14th March, 2014
commencing at 2.30 p.m. in the assembly room.

All Most Welcome

COMMUNITY NEWS

SENIOR CITIZEN'S AFTERNOON: The Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting an "I Remember When" afternoon at the Bland Hotel on Tuesday 11th March. Join us for lunch at 12:00 pm followed by stories from yesteryear and finishing with complimentary afternoon tea. Come and share your special memories from days gone by as we celebrate Senior Citizen's Week in the year of Quandialla's centenary. All welcome.

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.

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:

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.

PANCAKE
DAY
at
Quandialla
Central School

Tuesday,
4th March, 2014



Left to right:

Dustin, Breanna, Hayden,
William and Angus.

Barley to Beer

Invitation: Food and beer matching evening.



GrainCorp



Grain Corp, Australia's leading agribusiness and Central West Farming Systems, invites you to our exclusive *Plan Before You Plant* – Barley to Beer night. It's your chance to learn how to correctly match beer with food, malsters preferred varieties, segregation planning, outcomes of co-funded GRDC & NSW Department of Primary Industry barley trials and agronomic information.

Event Detail:

Location: Quandialla Bowling Club

Date: 25th of March

Time: 6 pm start

Price: \$20 per person.

Rsvp: 18th of March

Bookings essential

Get more from your beer

Throughout the evening you'll hear exclusive insights on the coming harvest while enjoying a variety of boutique and different beer styles, each matched to your food.

Discover:

- Preferred malting barley varieties – GrainCorp (with input by domestic maltsters and brewers)
- Barley trial information – NSW Department of Primary Industries.
- Pre-season assessments and considerations (soils and nutrients) – Central West Farming Systems.

Contact: Central West Farming Systems on: 02 6895 1015 or email:
cwfs@industry.nsw.gov.au for bookings

GrainCorp supports safe
drinking. Enjoy Responsibly



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Grains
Research &
Development
Corporation
your GRDC working with you



Department of
Primary Industries

Please Note: If anyone can't attend the dinner but is interested in listening to the presentations you do not need to book. Presentations will commence at around 6.00 p.m. after everyone has arrived and is seated and will take approximately 1 – 1.5 hours. Presentations conclude around 7.00 - 7.30 pm. and serving of the meal commences.