



# Quandialla Central School

*"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"*

## NEWSLETTER

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ISSUE 30 TERM 4 WEEK 2

### 'Good Luck' Maryanne & Theresa



Quandialla Central School wishes Theresa and Maryanne all the best as they commence their HSC Examinations.

#### Welcome

Welcome back for Term 4. It was lovely to see everyone bright and cheery on Tuesday morning last week. Everyone had a top story about their holiday and everyone was in full school uniform – fantastic. I'm sure Hugh has grown a couple of centimetres over the holidays. Everyone was very happy to be back at school and we all had a very good week in class.

#### Term dates

There are 11 weeks in Term 4. We have a School Assembly on Friday 6 November. Our Presentation Ceremony will be held in the morning on Tuesday 15 December and we'll have

a morning tea after the ceremony. The last day of attendance for students is Wednesday 16 December. The school staff then has two School Development Days, on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December. Please pencil these dates into your calendar.

#### Kindergarten Transition Program

Our Kindergarten Transition Program starts on Thursday 29 October (Week 4) and runs each Thursday for six weeks. It will be a staged program – for two weeks children attend from 8.55am to 11.00am; then two weeks from 8.55am to 1.00pm; then two weeks from 8.55am to the

end of the school day. The program ends on Thursday 3 December (Week 9). Anne Dixon is coordinating the program – please contact Anne if there are questions.

### **School uniform**

The new school uniform has been organised by our P&C – students look fantastic in the new uniform. A supply of girl's uniforms has arrived and these are available for purchase from the school office. Please contact the office for a fitting and purchase.

### **Maxi Kids program**

The first session of the Maxi Kids program, provided by Marathon Health, was conducted last Wednesday. Marathon Health will run the Maxi Kids program at Quandialla Central School, including the pre-school. This is a health promotion program developed by occupational therapists for children aged from 3 to 7 years. The program will be delivered by Zelda De Wet, who is a trainee allied health assistant, with groups of 4 students.

The program will run each Wednesday and finishes on Wednesday 18 November. An information brochure and referral/permission form was sent home with students eligible to participate. Please complete this and return it to the school office. Anne Dixon is the contact person for this program.

### **Year 7 transition**

The Henry Lawson High School is offering a transition program for our Year 6 students who will move into Year 7 at THLHS in 2016. The program will run on three days in Term 4. The dates are Wednesday 14 October, Wednesday 4 November and Wednesday 18 November. We will provide further information in Term 4.

### **QILT website**

This is a new website introduced by the Australian Government. The QILT (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) website will help secondary students to make informed choices about tertiary education options. The website provides information from all Australian universities about students' experience at

university and about graduates' job outcomes. The QILT website is located at [www.qilt.edu.au](http://www.qilt.edu.au). You can contact the federal Department of Education and Training via email at [qilt@education.gov.au](mailto:qilt@education.gov.au) if there are questions.

### **HSC students**

The HSC examinations began on Monday 12 October with the English paper. Maryanne Wright and Theresa Kessey will finish the HSC exam program on Friday 30 October with the Human Services VET paper that afternoon. The very last day at school for Maryanne and Theresa was Friday 9 October – William Dixon, Primary vice-captain, extended “best wishes” to them on behalf of the school. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing Maryanne and Theresa every success for the HSC examinations and let them know we are supporting them in their endeavours.

The Graduation Dinner is set for Friday 6 November at the Quandialla Bowling Club, starting at 6.30pm.

### **P&C meeting**

We had another productive P&C meeting on Thursday night last week. P&C meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month during school terms. The minutes of the meetings will be placed on the school website, under the P&C tab. The school website is located at <http://www.quandialla-c.schools.nsw.edu.au>

One of the things discussed was the recruitment of the new Principal – this will be completed by the end of Week 6 this term, and we are working on arranging a “welcome and introductions” morning tea with the principal later this term.

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5 November, at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. Everyone is usually flat out in November, so we will keep you posted on this.

### **Emblem and name**

You might soon notice a small change to the school emblem. The name of the school will change to Quandialla Public School and the initials on the emblem will change to QPS as a result. Keep your eyes peeled.

## Weather

We really do live in a land of droughts and flooding rains. We're now overdue for a drop of the wet stuff, because the gauges around the district have been empty for too long. Here's hoping.

## Enrolling children at school

*Quandialla Central School is a 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 6 at Quandialla Public School for the 2016 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, and have a coffee with you.

Kind Regards  
Phillip Foster – Principal

## School News:

### PBL REWARDS DAY – Weddin Mountains Gap Trail Trip Cancelled

At the last P&C Meeting the Trip over the Gap Trail on the Weddin Mountains was discussed and it was decided that we needed to organise the day quickly before all the dads got too busy. Unfortunately, we could only round up a few four wheel drives at late notice. Not enough to get 24 children up the mountain. Apologies, but we have to cancel this activity.

### YEAR 6 ORIENTATION at The Henry Lawson High School

Students who are attending THLHS next year will have the opportunity to take part in an orientation program on the following days.

Day 1 - Wednesday 14 October  
Day 2 - Wednesday 4 November  
Day 3 - Wednesday 18 November

## STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

Spring has arrived and the garden is looking great. We have had a tough year battling the slugs, caterpillars, bugs and cockatoos but finally everything is coming together and the garden is productive once more.

Mrs Dixon has chickens producing eggs, keeping the kitchen supplied and our chicken population continues to grow.

**COMPOST NEEDED:** We do need some compost to fill our new garden beds. We have been making it but just cannot make it quickly enough.

We have been given \$1000 to establish a **Bush Tucker Garden**. Anyone in the community who has a particular interest in this is invited to come forward and get involved. At the moment we do not know much about "bush tucker" at all. We need to plan where to put this garden.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN Years 3 – 6?

The class is learning about the Super Six Comprehension Strategies in English. This week we have been "predicting" what the text is going to be about and what vocabulary might be in the text.

In Maths the students are studying multiplication. Year 6 is looking at long multiplication and order of operations, Year 3 is looking at products. The focus multiplication table this week is 7x.

In the Science unit 'Our Solar System', the students have been learning about the sun and making a model of the solar system.

Wendy Robinson – AP.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Canteen operates each Wednesday.**

### CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 4 - 2015

7 <sup>th</sup> October	Tracy Penfold
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Sarah Ryan
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Catia Nowlan
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Kim Broomby
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Danielle McAlister
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Tracy Penfold
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Sarah Ran
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Catia Nowlan
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Kim Broomby
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Margaret Priestley
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Tracy Penfold

### BELL TIMES

8.55am	Roll Call
9.00am	Period 1
10.00am	Period 2
11.00am	RECESS
11.20am	Period 3
12.20pm	Period 4
1.00pm	PRIMARY LUNCH
1.20pm	SECONDARY LUNCH
2.00pm	DEAR
2.20pm	Period 5
3.20pm	SCHOOL FINISHES

## COMMUNITY HEALTH

Drop in Clinic – 9.00 am to 10.30 am or by Appointment. All other services as usual.

**Phone: 6347 1200**

## DIARY DATES – TERM 3

### WEEK 2

Monday, Oct., 12th	<b>HSC Exams Commence</b>
Wednesday, Oct., 14th	CANTEEN  Year 6 Transition day at T.H.L.H.S. (Day 1)
Thursday, Oct., 15th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden <b>Years K, 1 - 2 (Kitchen)</b> <b>Years 3 - 6 (Garden)</b>

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## EARN & LEARN STICKERS

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in Earn & Learn stickers. We sent off 119 sheets of stickers, so a grand total of 7,140 stickers.

A BIG thank you once again to everyone for supporting Quandialla Central School.



# School Assembly - 17th September, 2015



Student Merit Awards



## ‘Thank You’ – Year 12 students

Year 12 student, Maryanne Wright, spoke about being a student at Quandialla Central School and thanked the staff and school for the opportunities that she has received over the years.



Left to right: Theresa Kessey and Maryanne Wright are pictured holding their Year 12 Graduation Certificates.



Theresa and Maryanne are pictured cutting the ribbons to let their ‘Farewell Balloons’ fly away.

*‘Reach for the stars and follow your dreams’*

**YOU ARE INVITED to our:**

**“PINK MORNING TEA”**  
(Supporting the NSW Cancer Council)

at  
Quandialla Central School

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**  
**11.00 am – School Staffroom**

Please R.S.V.P. – by Monday, 19/10/15  
Thank You

