



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

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Jarrod enjoying himself at the Swimming Carnival.

Swimming carnival

The swimming carnival was thoroughly enjoyable, with perfect weather and excellent organisation. It was great to have so many parents and family members join us and to have the students, teachers and parents from Caragabal Public School join us for the day as well.

I noticed there were a number of students who participated in every event in their age group – a top effort. And, every student arrived at school bright and bubbly on Thursday – also a top effort. A special mention must go to kindergarten student Ted Curry, who swam his first 25 metres at the carnival.

Thanks to Wendy Robinson, Reggie Ray and Jennifer Kelly for their work in organising the carnival, to all our parent volunteers who assisted with tasks on the day, and to each family member who came along and supported the children.

A special thanks to Bryson Troy for acting as referee on the day. It was great to catch up with Bryson and to see him looking so well and fit.

The Forbes Small Schools swimming carnival will be conducted on Friday this week, with all K – 6 students participating. Please contact the class teacher if you have questions or need to coordinate travel.

NAPLAN test dates

The NAPLAN tests – Literacy and Numeracy – will take place on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. Our Year 3 students will participate in the tests (there are no Year 5, 7 or 9 students enrolled at QCS this year). Friday 15 May is a catch up day. Please see the letter to parents, attached to this newsletter.

Weather

Last week I was talking with a weather wise dad, who is a long term resident and farmer in the district. I mentioned how good the "mild start to the year" is. His answer was "Ah yes Phil, but there is still plenty of time for it to get properly hot". How very true, given the weekend weather and the forecast for this week.

Jargon buster

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Find out more:

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

Avoiding injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy>

Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Technology talks

Find out about all the technologies your child could be using at school, at home and on the go. Scan the A-Z list for overall knowledge, find out how gadgets work, what their good points are and other usages you may need to be aware of.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology>

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 6 at Quandialla Central School for the 2015 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

P&C

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 5th March, 2015.

DIARY DATES – TERM 1

WEEK 1

Tuesday, January 27th	Staff Return
Wednesday, January 28th	Students Return

WEEK 2

Monday, February 2nd	Library
Wednesday, February 4th	Swimming Carnival @ Quandialla Swimming Pool. Starts 9.30am. Whole school.
Thursday, February 5th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden K-2

WEEK 3

Monday, February 9th	Library
Tuesday, February 10th	Police visit with K, 1 & 2 @ 12pm.
Wednesday, February 11th	CANTEEN
Thursday, February 12th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden 3-6
Friday, February 13th	Forbes Small Schools Carnival @ Forbes Swimming Pool Starts 9.00am. Yrs. K-6

WEEK 4

Monday, February 16th	Library K-6
Wednesday, February 18th	CANTEEN
Thursday, February 19th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. K-2
Friday, February 20th	Lachlan PSSA Swimming Carnival @ Condobolin Starts 9.00am

WEEK 5

Monday, February 23rd	Library K-6
Wednesday, February 25th	CANTEEN
Thursday, February 26th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden 3-6

School News

School Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated so enthusiastically in the School Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. It was wonderful to see also many of our young students willing to take on the 25m races. Our new sports captains did a wonderful job organising their houses for the war cry and the house cakes were awesome as always.

While Caragabal School won the carnival and took out most of the Champions, our Blue House won the competition between the Quandialla houses.

A big thank you to the Quandialla P&C for the delicious sausage sizzle they provided on the day at short notice and to all the parents from both Quandialla and Caragabal who helped with the running of the carnival on the day.

A special thank you goes to Bryson Troy, John Curry and Janette Dixon for judging on the day.

Forbes Small School Swimming Carnival

Friday 13th February 9.00am – 2.30pm

Thank you everyone who has returned their permission notes for the Forbes Small Schools Carnival. A list of rules and the program will be sent home today. The novelties are for K12 students only and are usually very well organized.

Parents are encouraged to bring a chair and picnic lunch. The pool canteen will operate throughout the day.

Wet Weather: The carnival will be on rain, hail or shine. The only reason it will be cancelled will be if there is lightning. A decision will be made at 7.30am if carnival is to be cancelled. Contact Wendy Robinson 0429 000330 if in doubt.

Library

All K-6 have Library on Monday and are encouraged to borrow from the school library. Could parents please ensure students have an appropriate bag to transport books in. Mrs Dixon will have the library open at lunchtime on Tuesday for students providing another opportunity for students to borrow books.

Tissues

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in tissues for the class stores. At this point all students were asked to bring in two boxes each. Tissues are highly consumable and life is more pleasant for all with a handy supply.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

This Thursday 12th February, from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm the 3456 class will be having their first cooking class for the year. Parents are invited to come in and join us – you will be working with one or two students. Our gardens require a lot of work to get them back up and running. The soil needs building up with new compost and there is much weeding to be done. Donations of manure and pea straw or Lucerne hay would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone has any time please contact Wendy Robinson 0429000330 or at school on 63471207.

Scripture

Mrs Norma Parker from Bribbaree, has kindly offered to teach scripture classes for our Kindergarten to Year 6 students. She will be conducting classes every Friday morning commencing next week. Should you have any concerns about your child's/children's involvement in these classes please contact the school.

Have a great week,

Wendy Robinson
Assistant Principal



Constable Bryden speaking to K/1/2

K/1/2 News

K/1/2 have been very busy settling into class. We had our first Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden lesson this week. Thank you to Mr Dixon for coming in to help. We spent some time raking the sticks in the chook yard and cleaning up.

We then went to the kitchen where Mrs Noble taught us some kitchen rules and explained what we would be doing each week.

In Science we are looking at what we need to stay alive. As part of this unit the children will be bringing home a booklet to record observations about a pet. Please start discussing with them which pet they might like to observe.

Today we had a visit from Constable Bryden. She came to talk about her job, how we can stay safe and how she can help us.

We are always busy in K/1/2.

Mrs Dixon

Book Club

The first issue of book club is now available. Please return orders by 18th of February. Correct money, cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia or credit card payments are all acceptable forms of payment.

Thank you
Anne Dixon



Theresa & Maryanne

Year 12 News

Theresa & Maryanne pictured with a salad which they had prepared and presented in the Hospitality Trade Training Centre. This is one of fifteen dishes which the girls must complete as part of their Kitchen Operations Course; in the unit "Produce dishes using basic methods of cookery – to produce appetisers and salads". The salad recipe "Braised Root Vegetable Salad" required the method of cookery "Braising"; a technique to maximise flavour and tenderness. A combination of root vegetables were braised in orange juice, balsamic vinegar and honey.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Canteen is on tomorrow!!!!

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 1 2015

11 th February	Tracy Penfold
18 th February	Margaret Priestly
25 th February	Sarah Ryan
4 th March	Catia Nowlan
11 th March	Kim Broomby
18 th March	Tracy Penfold
25 th March	Sarah Ryan
1 st April	Catia Nowlan

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Donna Middleton – Women's Health Nurse
will be @ the Health Centre on Tuesday 3rd March 2015
Please call Health Centre for an appointment.

Drop In Clinic – 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. or by appointment. All other services as usual.

Phone: 6347 1200

QUANDIALLA SWIMMING POOL

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 fees this year.

Contact Kim 63471204 for more information.