



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

NEWSLETTER

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Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival Team

Left to right: Reuben Ryan, Zach Broomby, William Dixon, Hugh Nowlan, Emily Amey and Dana Yerbury.

Forbes Small Schools swimming carnival

Our students performed exceptionally well at the recent Forbes Small Schools swimming carnival. Congratulations to Summer, Monty, Hugh, Dana, Emily, Reuben, Ellie, Zach and Will on their top performances. Many students qualified to progress to the Lachlan PSSA carnival. Congratulations also to all students who participated and thanks to parents and family members who provided transport and support. All our students showed the Quandialla way – participate, personal best effort and good sportsmanship.

Kitchen Garden with K, 1 – 2

I dropped in on K, 1 – 2 during their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden session in the kitchen on Thursday. Absolutely great to see parents also joining the students for this – a big thanks to all. Not only were we learning about using our produce to cook delicious pizzas, but lots of other things as well – how to work cooperatively, kitchen safety, kitchen hygiene, table manners. Top stuff.

NAPLAN test dates

The NAPLAN tests – Literacy and Numeracy – will take place on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. 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.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL

Quandialla Central is a PBL school. While we have a fantastic and very well behaved group of students at Quandialla, PBL gives us all a framework to talk about our expectations with our students. PBL is all about focussing on positive reinforcement of good behaviour (that is, what we expect of our students). There is nothing really complex or difficult about our expectations – we expect that our students will be *Respectful*, that they will be *Responsible* and that they will be a good *Learner* in each setting at school. Our students learn about PBL and this teaches them about our PBL expectations.

At school, we reward positive behaviour by using the Echidna awards and individual or whole school rewards. The PBL reward days are examples of this. The full description of our PBL expectations is available on the school website,

and I encourage parents and family members to look at this. It would be great if parents and family members could talk about PBL and being *Respectful*, *Responsible* and a *Learner* with children at home.

More on PBL in future newsletters.

Salad days

Congratulations to Theresa Kessey and Maryanne Wright, members of the LAP Stage 6 Hospitality course taught by Mrs Anne Noble. During their Thursday practical, they produced a *poached salmon and pear salad on a green salad bed, with lemon and special yoghurt dressing*. I am delighted to report that this salad was absolutely delicious.

I am also delighted to let you know that our Year 12 students are learning much, much more than Hospitality and food skills with Mrs Noble - they are wonderful young women.

A small world

We had a lovely, happy visit to the school by two wonderful ladies on Thursday morning. And, there is a fascinating story behind the visit.

Pat Hewen, a long-time member of Grenfell Probus and Dot Fitzpatrick, a long-time member of Ingleburn Probus, visited to take photos and gather information on the school.

At Ingleburn Probus meetings, Dot always shared a table with Mr Stanley Smith. This name should ring a bell with some of our long-term residents, because Stanley was Teacher in Charge of Quandialla Public School from 1947 to 1954. It was at Quandialla that Stanley met and married another teacher – Miss Laurette McAlister. They married at Bribbaree in December 1947 when they were both 21 years old. They became very strong and close friends of Gwen Roach, who was also a young teacher at Quandialla.

Stanley attended our school Centenary in October 2013 with his granddaughter Rosie Sheaffe and you may have caught up with them. It was a great pleasure for me to meet Stanley at the Centenary and to hear about Quandialla Public School in the late 40's and early 50's.

Back to the visit. It was at the Probus meetings

that Dot learned about Stanley's posting as TIC at Quandialla Public School. And to everyone's great sadness, Stanley passed away on September 15, 2014 aged well into his 90's. Dot contacted the Grenfell Probus group, and the result was the visit to our school.

The photos and the information Dot and Pat collected will be passed on to Stanley's family, so they can build a more detailed history of Stanley and Laurette.

Stanley had a long and distinguished career in public education in NSW, and his contribution to the lives of many of our young people is immeasurable.

Vale Stanley Smith, 28 March 1926 to 15 September 2014 and TIC at Quandialla Public School 1947-54.



Left to right: Dot, Phil and Pat.

School Assembly

The first School Assembly for 2015 is scheduled for Week 5 – Friday 27th February, beginning at 2.30 pm in the Assembly room. We look forward to seeing Parents and Community Members at our school assemblies.

Half way

This week sees us halfway through Term 1. The weeks have absolutely flown by. However, it is great to see that all of our students have settled into a very productive routine and that each class is working very well. Term 1 finishes on Friday 2 April.

Weddin mobile pre-school

The Weddin mobile pre-school runs at Quandialla school each Monday and Wednesday of school terms. A very happy group of pre-schoolers attend. Please contact the pre-school (phone 6343 1743) or our school for more information.

Weather

Are we having a warmish finish to summer? According to the calendar, autumn is only a week away, but temperatures have certainly been on the warm side over the past two weeks. Interestingly, most of the deciduous trees around Orange have started to turn, particularly the Chinese pistachios, golden robinias and some of the maples. The liquid ambers and ash trees will soon follow.

With the dam empty and the spell of warm weather, it has been a real challenge to keep water up to the school grounds. Not Robinson Crusoe on that one.

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 and 2016 school years.

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 AGM

The P&C AGM is set for Thursday 5 March.

School News

Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated at the Lachlan District PSSA Swimming Carnival at Condobolin last Friday. Thank you to the parents who supported the children on the day. The following students move onto the Western area Carnival at Dubbo on the 6th March.

Hugh Nowlan – 3rd 8 yr 50m Freestyle

Emily Amey, Zachary Broomby, Reuben Ryan, William Dixon - 1st PP6 Earl Magee 4x50m Relay

Clean Up Australia Day

Students from K-6 will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 27th February. K12 will walk around the school grounds and 3-6 will clean up around the town. Students may bring their own gloves in if they have them.

Mathletics

The School has registered all students K-6 and Year 12 for Mathletics for 2015. Students have an individual log in and password. Students in 3/4/5/6 complete set activities each week which complements the work they are currently studying or as revision of a topic recently completed. Students are encouraged to log on at home. Any set activities must be completed before they can go onto games, problem solving, Live Mathletics or other activities. Rainforest Maths is also accessed through this website. An independent study has proven that students who complete Mathletics activities regularly each week improve their mathematics scores.

Multicultural Perspectives public Speaking Competition

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition has two divisions: one for Years 3 & 4 students and one for Years 5 & 6 students. Entrants deliver a prepared speech selected from a list of topics provided by the competition organisers (The Arts Unit and the Multicultural Programs Unit). Entrants are also given limited

preparation time to deliver an impromptu speech on a topic provided by the adjudicators. Entries for this competition are due in by the 26th March. We can enter four students altogether. That is two in each division. Topics for speeches can be found at the *nsw arts unit* under public speaking competitions. Parents should encourage their children to speak to Mrs Robinson and collect the paper work if they are interested.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Thank you to all the mothers who came in to help with the garden and cooking last Thursday. By all accounts the K12 students enjoyed making the pizzas and most of them enjoyed eating them. **There will be no cooking this Thursday (26th) as Mrs Noble will be away.**

Our chooks will be starting to lay in the next few weeks and we require 20L plastic Roundup drums to make some nesting boxes. If anyone has some to donate they would be greatly appreciated.

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

Waste To Art

Could parents and community members please put their thinking caps on for the Waste to Art competition. We will be starting on this at school in the next week. Any materials would be greatly appreciated. Please refer to the attached page on Waste 2 Art.
Have a great week

Wendy Robinson
Assistant Principal

K/1/2 News

School Assembly – Friday 27th February, 2015, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

K/1/2 are rostered on for the first assembly item for 2015. Please come along and support your children.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

K/1/2 will not be having Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden lessons this week due to Mrs Noble being away.

Thank you
Anne Dixon

Hospitality Lessons



Photos of our Senior Hospitality students, Theresa and Maryanne working in the Kitchen TTC, presenting a dish called 'Poached Salmon and Pear salad with yoghurt dressing' during their practical lesson last Thursday.

This was a recipe that included the method of cookery 'Poaching' as part of the unit of study 'Produce Dishes Using Basic Methods of Cookery'.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden – Photo Gallery



Thank you to all our wonderful mothers who came in and helped in our garden and kitchen. We look forward to your next visit.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Canteen is on tomorrow!!!!

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 1 2015

11 th February	Tracy Penfold
18 th February	Margaret Priestley
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 fee's this year.

Contact Kim 63471204 for more information.

DIARY DATES – TERM 1

WEEK 5

Monday, February 23 rd	Library K-6
Wednesday, February 25 th	CANTEEN School Counsellor at QCS
Thursday, February 26 th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden CANCELLED THIS WEEK Year 12 - Ancient History Excursion to Dubbo
Friday, February 27 th	School Assembly 2.30 - 3.20 Clean Up Australia Day

WEEK 6

Monday, March 2 nd	Library K-6
Wednesday, March 4 th	CANTEEN
Thursday, March 5 th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden 3-6 P.&C. - AGM
Friday, March 6 th	Dubbo Western PSSA Swimming Carnival

WEEK 7

Monday, March 9 th	Library K-6
Wednesday, March 11 th	CANTEEN School Counsellor at QCS
Thursday, March 12 th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden K-2

WEEK 8

Monday, March 16 th	Library K-6
Wednesday, March 18 th	CANTEEN
Thursday, March 19 th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden 3-6

WEEK 9

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

2015 Quandialla Central School Jersey

The Year 12 girls are ordering QCS jerseys for 2015, and they are offering parents/staff/community the opportunity to also purchase a jersey as a memento of the final year of Quandialla Central School. *It will also help the girls because there is a minimum QTY of 10.*

The design of the jersey is shown on the right – with the addition of the QCS logo on the left chest. It is a quality Canterbury Jersey that will last years.

The girls' jersey will say "Seniors" under the QCS logo on the front, and the jerseys for other people will have the years of operation of QCS or something similar.



The name on the back will be changed for each person (you nominate the name).

Orders for these jumpers need to be in ASAP, because there is an 8-12 week turn-around and we want to have them in time for winter.

If you would like to order a jersey please fill in the form below and return it to the school by Wednesday 4th March 2015 (Next Wednesday). You will be required to send **FULL PAYMENT** for the Jersey with your form.

Name	Name on Jersey (12 Characters)	Size (See Charts)	Price
			\$90.00 each
			\$90.00 each
			\$90.00 each
			\$90.00 each

Total Payment included with order: \$ _____

GARMENT SIZE	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
GARMENT HALF CHEST MEASUREMENT	46	50	54	58	62	66	70	74	78
GARMENT LENGTH FROM HSP	68.5	71	71	76	78.5	80	81.5	81.5	88

** HSP means "High Shoulder Point"