



# Quandialla Central School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Celebrating Harmony Day



Left to right: Reuben Ryan and Lucas McAlister enjoyed creating their 'Harmony Day' artwork.

### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Sarah Ryan and Di Piefke completed the SAKG two day training course in Orange last week. This means we will be able to ensure the program is sustainable – with Sarah's strong interest in gardening and Di's strong interest in food and cooking, and the training on how to include this in the K – 6 curriculum.

As the school transitions to a public school structure, it is important that other trained people are available to take on the roles that Anne Noble performs in the SAKG program. Many thanks go to Sarah and Di for completing the training and for their interest in sustaining the program at our school.

Last Wednesday in SAKG lessons, 3 – 6 students produced *the* most delicious meatballs in spicy tomato sauce and pasta, and the highlight was Will Dixon's banana muffins and yoghurt for desert. Absolutely delicious – thank you 3 – 6 students for inviting me to lunch!

### Calendar

Week 9 already? Where does the term go? We are a small school, but a very, very busy one. I guess the weeks go quickly because we are so busy. On Monday this week William Dixon participated in the Young Leaders convention with students from Caragabal PS; the SAKG program continues with our primary students, and we have an Assembly on Friday. Also this week is the P&C AGM. On Friday last week, K – 6 students participated in the Multicultural Day celebrations at Wyalong PS – see their report later in this newsletter.

Back to the calendar – Term 1 finishes on Thursday 2 April. Term 2 begins on Monday 20 April with a School Development Day and students start on Tuesday 21 April. Term 2 finishes on Friday 26 June.

Because ANZAC Day falls on the Saturday, there is no public holiday this year. The school will conduct its' annual ANZAC Commemoration Service on Friday 24 April.

### Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

Our Year 12 students begin their half yearly exams on Monday this week. Year 12 students begin their HSC courses in Term 4 of 2014, so they are now at the half way point in completing these. They will sit for the HSC examinations in week 2 of Term 4 this year, and finish schooling shortly after.

Best wishes to Theresa Kessey and Mayanne Wright for the half yearly exams. I know they will do their very best.

### School attendance

You have probably seen the information in the newspapers and on TV about the new rules on extended leave from school. Some families travel or holiday during school time, and the new rules relate to this (extended leave). This is not really an issue. Without going into the fine details, if you are planning on travel or a holiday during school term, please contact the school and we will do the paperwork together. This will allow us to record this as approved leave on the Rolls.

### 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.

### P&C AGM

The P&C AGM was rescheduled to Thursday 26 March in the Staff Room at school. Please come along and join in – the work of the P&C is very important

Also, the incorrect school statement on the *MySchool* website will be changed on the first Wednesday of next month (someone's oversight from late last year).

### Parent-teacher meetings

The Primary parent-teacher meetings will be held on Monday of next week – 30 March. Please make a time to meet with your child's class teacher. It is very important to build good communication between school and home, and the meetings are a great way of doing this. Please phone the office for times.

### Easter disco

The Easter Disco will be held on Wednesday 1 April, in the Assembly room – all students invited to join in. Mrs Rob's selection of activities and music will ensure an enjoyable evening.

### School Assembly

We have a School Assembly this Friday, starting at 2.30pm in the Assembly room. 3 – 6 students will present an item and we will acknowledge students' achievements with awards. All parents and family members are invited to join us for this assembly.

### Antics

Oh boy, the spell of dry weather has interesting effects. The Residence was invaded by *lots* of little black ants – had to remove *everything* from the cupboards and spray and wash *every* surface. Not fun - worst of all, they got my nice Italian shortbread bikkies, even though these were in a good tin. It has taken a while, but finally got rid of them by using a certain product in white and red packaging. So nice to have a cuppa without the *essence de ant*.

### 2014 Annual School Report

This is now available on the school's website. As well as the usual items and reports, there are 10 pages of photos of students involved in school activities, and an outline of the discussions between the Director Public Schools Lachlan and students, parents and staff on the future of the Secondary faculty. Please take a few minutes to look at the 2014 ASR - the photos are great.

### 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

### School News

#### Harmony/Multicultural Day

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, the students in Kindergarten to Year 6 travelled by Priestley's bus to Wyalong Public School to participate in a Harmony/Multicultural Day. Students were split into year groups and rotated through a number of activities including, art, music, Aboriginal Lands, Philippine cooking, dance, multicultural stories and cultural sports. We all had a great day learning about other cultures and enjoyed mixing with the Wyalong students.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

The Primary Teachers will be providing an opportunity next Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March after school for parents to come in for interviews to discuss their children's progress. Please telephone the School Office to make an appointment. Interviews will be restricted to 10 minutes per child on this day. Should Monday not be suitable, let the ladies at the office know and an alternate time can be organized.

#### Easter Disco and Hat Parade

All Primary students are invited to the Easter Disco and Easter Hat Parade next Wednesday night 1<sup>st</sup> April at the School Assembly room. 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Please see further information in this newsletter.

#### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation Training

Sarah Ryan and Diane Piefke both attended a two day workshop in Orange last week for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Both of them have returned very inspired and with lots of terrific ideas to make our program even better.

On the weekend, four new zincalume garden beds, the materials for our new compost bays, a wheelbarrow, hoses and buckets were purchased with funds from the Local Land Services Grant.

#### Home Reading Journals and home Reading Rewards

Home Reading is an important aspect of homework for all our primary students. The K12 students are very good at bringing in their Home Readers to be exchanged and checked regularly but not all of our Years 3-6 students have the same dedication. Until the students achieve Reading Level 30 they benefit from reading aloud each night. Students in Years 3-6 can opt to continue taking home readers from school or they may prefer to read their library books or other personal books.

Home Reading Awards will be presented at the assembly on Friday for students who hit targets of 25 nights, 50 nights, 75 nights, 100 nights etc. Students need to ensure that they hand their Reading Journals in to their teachers for checking regularly. There are book prizes for students who read 150 plus nights over the year.

#### Waste to Art

This year the Waste to Art Project is to make something for the garden. We are looking for donations of old pallets, old spoons and forks, empty pep bottles and old hoses (they need to be flexible but maybe they are ruined because they are split or holed). Donations of any materials that could be considered useful would be appreciated.

Wendy Robinson

Assistant Principal

**K/1/2 News**

This week is K/1/2's turn for Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. We are all excited to see if our seeds have germinated.

In Science this week we created some interesting safe places using playdoh and paddle pop sticks. Mrs Dixon (also known as the 'big bad wolf') huffed and puffed and blew some down.

**Primary Easter Disco**

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015**

5.30 – 7.30 p.m.

In the Assembly Room

Cost: \$5.00

Finger Food Dinner will be provided.

Please bring along an Easter inspired Hat/Bonnet  
(to be made at home)  
for our Easter Bonnet Parade.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden – Cooking Lessons**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Ellie, Emily, Lucas and William cooked meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta, plus banana muffins.

To make the meatballs Lucas mixed mince, an egg, onion, breadcrumbs and spice together with his hands. Lucas and Ellie then rolled the mixture into small balls. The meatballs were fried in a pan.

The sauce was made by cutting up tomatoes and zucchini. Emily grated the lemon rind and squeezed the juice. This was cooked in a pan. The meatballs were then mixed into the sauce.

William did a wonderful job making the mixture for banana muffins. He then placed this into patty pans.

We all sat up to the table that had been set and decorated by Ellie and Emily. Mr Foster joined us to eat lunch and was very impressed with our cooking. Everything tasted delicious. Thank you Mrs Noble for your work in preparing for our cooking lesson.



Emily Amey worked very hard in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Emily's class prepared a delicious meal of meatballs in tomato sauce and pasta, followed by luscious banana muffins.



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Canteen is on tomorrow!!!!**

### CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 1 2015

11 <sup>th</sup> February	Tracy Penfold
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Margaret Priestley
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Sarah Ryan
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Catia Nowlan
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Kim Broomby
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Tracy Penfold
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Sarah Ryan
	Catia Nowlan



William Dixon, Year 6 student, enjoyed attending the 2015 Young Leaders Day at the Qantas Credit Union Arena (Sydney Entertainment Centre) on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015.

### DIARY DATES – TERM 1

#### WEEK 9

Monday, March 23rd	Library K-6
Wednesday, March 25th	CANTEEN
Thursday, March 26th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden K-2
	P.&C. - AGM - 7.30 pm at Quandialla Central School
Friday, March 27th	School Assembly - 2.30 pm

#### WEEK 10

Monday, March 30th	Library K-6
Wednesday, April 1st	CANTEEN
	Primary Easter Disco 5.30 - 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, April 2nd	Term 1 ends

### RESCHEDULED MEETING:

#### QUANDIALLA P.&C. ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL/GENERAL MEETING 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2015

The Annual/General Meeting of the Quandialla P.&C. Association will be held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Staffroom at Quandialla Central School.

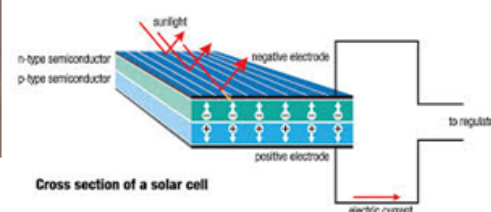
All most welcome to attend this meeting.

# behind the news

Each week, the 3-6 class will bring you up-to-date on a world news story... in their

## Story Outline:

Solar Impulse 2 is a new solar plane made by the English and is extremely expensive.



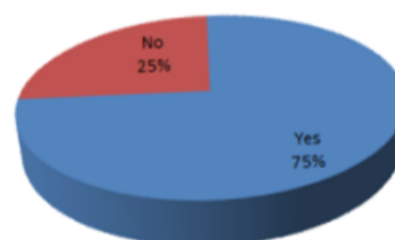
## The major points of the story:

The Solar Impulse 2 has a wingspan of a jumbo jet. It has 17000 solar panels and the electric motor starts the propellers. Even at night it has 4 charged batteries to power it when the sun's not up. But it probably won't go into mass production because it's expensive and useless but they may improve it in the next decade.

## Our opinion:

Our class thinks it is a revolutionary idea that could possibly change the way we travel for ever and who knows maybe next they will make a solar powered ship.

## How many people in 3/6 think solar planes should exist



## COMMUNITY HEALTH

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

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