



# Quandialla Central School

*"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"*

## NEWSLETTER

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### Forbes Small Schools Athletics Carnival "Marching Champions"



Quandialla Central School marched beautifully at the 2015 Forbes Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

Please see the attached *NAPLAN Letter to Parents*.

### Thanks

A huge "thank you" is extended to the Quandialla Centenary Organising Committee (a sub-committee of the Quandialla Progress Association). The committee has made a substantial donation to the school's Parents and Citizens Association. There were many groups, businesses and individuals involved in the Quandialla Centenary celebrations and the result was a highly successful event. The P&C provided a luncheon and assisted in many other ways. The Centenary Organising Committee made the donation to the P&C (and to other groups that contributed) to acknowledge their contribution and to thank them for this. The donation will be used to support students at our school – a great result all round. Thanks!

### School Documents

Don't forget that the 2014 ASR is available at [www.quandialla-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.quandialla-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/) under the *Annual School Report* tab. It contains lots of information and great photos from the 2014 school year – a good read.

The School Plan 2015-17 is also available at this website under the *School Management Plan* tab.

### NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will take place this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Year 3 students will sit the tests. Friday is a catch up day. There is very helpful information for parents at the NAPLAN website. This is located at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent\\_Carer\\_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html)

### Forbes Small Schools Sports

The FSS Sports Day was held last Friday and the weather made for a great day – bright and clear, with a very coolish breeze. In true Quandialla style each of our students participated in as many events as possible, put in their best efforts and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. There is a separate report later in this newsletter. Another huge "thank you" is extended to all our parents who transported and supported the children on the day – brilliant.

### Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2016

Applications for Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2016 are now open and close on Friday 15 May 2015. Parents wishing to apply for Year 5 OC placement for their children in 2016 need to complete an online application (*Intention to Apply* form) before the closing date. Students also need to complete the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

The application website is at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

Parents may phone 1300 880 367 if there are questions.

### ICAS tests

Just a reminder about our request for parent volunteers to help conduct the *International Competitions and Assessment for Schools* (ICAS) Tests. The dates for the tests are: Digital Technologies – 19 May; English – 28 July; Mathematics – 11 August. Please contact Wendy Robinson or the school office if you are able to assist with the ICAS Tests.

### Multi-Lit

Multi-Lit is a program that supports children in Years 3 to 6 to develop improved reading and literacy skills. A Multi-Lit training course for teachers, learning support staff and parents will be conducted at the school on Wednesday 20 May. The training will be provided by Louise Packer, AP Learning Support and starts at 9.30am.

By completing the training, parents will gain an understanding of how children learn to read and how they develop literacy skills. Parents will be able support their children with reading at home and to build their literacy skills.

We are also hoping that trained parents will be able to help us provide the Multi-Lit program for our students at school. Please contact Wendy Robinson for more information and please consider training in Multi-Lit to become a parent volunteer in this program.

### P&C meeting

We had an excellent P&C meeting on Thursday night. One of the items discussed was the annual **school athletics carnival**. In summary, the discussion was about whether we should continue to have a school athletics carnival because we now have very small numbers in the age categories; it is difficult to maintain competition standards with such small numbers of entrants, and the school will continue to participate in the annual Forbes Small Schools Sports Day and Bland Sports Carnival (with Caragabal PS and Bribbaree PS). The thinking is that we only continue with the FSS Sports Day and the Bland Sports Carnival.

Another part of this discussion was on the school sport “houses” – Blue and Gold. Because there are now about 10 students in each house, there might be a better way to do this.

Before we make decisions on this, I am interested in your feedback – on the school athletics carnival and on sports houses. Please phone me, email me at [quandialla-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:quandialla-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au), drop in and have a chat or send me a note.

The next P&C meeting is on Thursday 4 June – see you there. (Thanks for the chokkies, Tracey)

### Uniform

We also discussed uniforms at the P&C meeting. I mentioned how great our students look in their uniforms – we are very proud of the way our students look and I’m sure the students feel very special in their uniforms. A big “thank you” to parents for their work on school uniforms – fantastic.

### Year 12 students

Our Year 12 students had a great day at the Tertiary Awareness Day in Forbes last Tuesday – there was lots of information about career pathways, employment and options for learning after school. Thanks to Anne Noble for facilitating this work. Please see the separate report later in this newsletter.

## SAKG

Thursdays are a highlight at school, with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. We typically have several parents joining the K, 1 – 2 and 3 – 6 classes to work in the garden and then in the kitchen to cook (and eat) a delicious lunch. With the new garden beds and the recent work, the garden is looking wonderful. Our students really enjoy the gardening, cooking and eating. It makes learning very enjoyable. Come along and join our students – “from little things, big things grow”.

## 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

## Forbes Small Schools Athletics Carnival Champions



**Girls 5 years Age Champion**  
Matilda Penfold



**Girls 6 years Age Champion**  
Scarlett Nowlan

Congratulations Matilda and Scarlett.



### **Forbes Small Schools Sports Day**

Our students all deserve congratulations for their sportsmanship at the Forbes Sports Day last Friday. We took out the Marching Trophy for the second consecutive year. Mrs Dixon was very elated about that as evidenced by her rush to secure the trophy. Matilda Penfold was the 5 years Girls Champion and Scarlett Nowlan was the 6 years Girls Champion. Both girls received a Champion medal. Congratulations Matilda and Scarlett.

Eugowra won the overall point score for the day. We do not have the results as yet, however, any student who came first or second in the nominated events will have the opportunity to go on to the Lachlan District PSSA Carnival in Parkes early in Term 3.

Many thanks to all the parents who transported and supervised the children on the day.

### **School Cross Country**

This Friday our K-6 students are travelling to the Caragabal Golf Course for the annual Cross Country. The Caragabal PS teachers have planned a track around the golf course. We are travelling with Priestley's bus leaving school at 9.15 am ready to commence racing at 10.00 am. A sausage sizzle will follow for a cost after the race and we will be returning to school for the afternoon. Students who do not wish to buy lunch can bring a packed lunch. Permission notes were sent home with students on Monday and must be returned by Wednesday.

### **Premiers Sporting Challenge**

Once again all our K - 6 students have registered in the Premiers Sporting Challenge. The Challenge runs for a minimum of 10 weeks. Students monitor how much physical activity they do over the 10 weeks and record it in a diary. Diaries are kept at school so we can regularly update them. Weekend activity also counts. Years 3 - 6 students are able to record every 20 minute block of activity, while K, 1 - 2 can count 10 minute blocks.

### **Beginners Chess Webinars**

The second of the seven webinars was held yesterday. The focus was the importance of the Queen and we were taught an easy warm up game where students play with only a few pieces. Later at lunchtime it was good to see some of the pupils actually having a go at what they had learned in the webinar.

Wendy Robinson  
Assistant Principal

### **K, 1 - 2 News**

I hope everyone had a lovely Mothers Day. I hope you liked your gift and it made it home in one piece! (I know of one that didn't and we will make another).

For those wondering, the spaghetti is still stuck to the roof.

We have eggs pipping!!

We only have one Australorp rooster left at the bargain price of \$20.00.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden is changing a little. K, 1 - 2 will now cook week A and garden on Week B. So this week we are out in the garden. We will not be heading out till about 12.00 noon.

Don't forget Book Fair next week. More details on page 8.

## Tertiary Awareness Day

Last Tuesday our Year 12 students travelled across to Red Bend Catholic College at Forbes with Mrs Noble to attend a careers exhibition.

The day is designed to allow senior students an opportunity to investigate a number of careers and study pathways that could be suited to their individual needs.

The presentations on display for the day consisted of a number of different Universities, Independent Colleges, TAFE and specific careers - such as the Defence Forces, Nursing, Agriculture, Hospitality and Digital technology.

Both Maryanne and Theresa found that there are a number of different pathways they could choose to achieve their preferred career. This would depend on their individual HSC results, the opportunity to attain assistance such as traineeships or scholarships, the course content and practical skills required.



Theresa is currently studying Health Services at the Riverina Institute of TAFE as part of her HSC and on the day found that there are many openings to study nursing, especially as an Aboriginal Student. She has the choice of university with a scholarship – then she could undertake a pathway through the army as a paid graduate for the following 2-3 years and then work for an additional 3-4 years of service or continue at TAFE.



Maryanne, who is also studying Children's Services at the Riverina Institute of TAFE for her HSC discovered that she also has a variety of tertiary options available to her for her future career as an infant's/preschool teacher. She either completes her Certificate III at TAFE and then continues and completes her teaching diploma at a nominated university.

While attending the Tertiary Awareness Day both Theresa and Maryanne utilised every minute of their two hours to investigate and discuss as many options for their future as they could. Well done Theresa and Maryanne and "thank you" Mrs Noble.



Mrs Dixon proudly displays the Marching trophy from the Forbes Small Schools Athletics Carnival.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Canteen operates each Wednesday.**

### CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 2 - 2015

22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Kim Broomby
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Tracy Penfold
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Catia Nowlan
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Sarah Ryan
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Danielle McAlister
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Kim Broomby
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Margaret Priestley
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Sarah Ryan
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Catia Nowlan
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Tracy Penfold

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

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

**Phone: 6347 1200**

### SCHOOL JACKETS

Quandialla Central School currently has a limited number of School Jackets for sale.

Sizes 10,12, 14 & 16 = \$32.00  
 Sizes 16M, 16L, 18L & 24 = \$35.00

Please call at the front office during school hours.

### DIARY DATES – TERM 2

#### WEEK 4

Tuesday, May 12th	NAPLAN Tests
Wednesday, May 13th	NAPLAN Tests CANTEEN
Thursday, May 14th	NAPLAN Tests  Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Years 3 - 6
Friday, May 15th	NAPLAN catch up tests Cross Country at Caragabal PS
Saturday, May 16th	P.&C. Trivia Night

#### WEEK 5

Tuesday, May 19th	ICAS - Digital Technologies
Wednesday, May 20th	CANTEEN Bookfair in School Library
Thursday, May 21st	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Years K, 1 - 2
Friday, May 22nd	School Assembly - 2.30 p.m. Bookfair in School Library (after Assembly)

#### WEEK 6

Tuesday, May 26th	Australia's BIGGEST Morning Tea at Quandialla Central School
Wednesday, May 27th	CANTEEN
Thursday, May 28th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Years 3 - 6





Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 enjoy working in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Students have been working hard in the strawberry patch, watering plants with Seasol and spreading compost on garden beds.



## P.&C. Trivia Night – 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

### HELLO PARENTS:

The P&C is asking for your help for the trivia night being held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Could each family please donate one small “kitchen” or “garden” item to be used as part of our prize pool.

Examples are: a whisk, gardening gloves, seeds, cup measures etc.

Please give these to Sarah Ryan before 13<sup>th</sup> May.

QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# Book Fair

May is National Family Reading Month

Wednesday Morning, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 (Pre-school)  
&  
Friday Afternoon, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2015 (After School Assembly)

at

Quandialla Central School – School Library



**ALL MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND**

*Tips for starting the reading habit at home:*

- Be a reading role model and let your children see you enjoy reading.
- Assign a comfortable place in your home for regular reading.
- Set aside at least 10 minutes every day entirely for reading.



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

There is always plenty to do in the Kitchen Garden.

Students are pictured watering their tomato plants.



# **P & C FUNDRAISER FOR QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL'S STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN**

**(WE NEED SUPPLIES!)**

Have you got a head full of useless yet interesting facts?

Love doing the quiz in the newspaper?

Listen to the ABC quiz in the early hours and think "I know that!"?

Then come and join us for our

## **TRIVIA NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 6PM**

**QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB**

BYO basket supper, drinks available from the bar

\$10.00 per person

Maximum 8 people per table – bookings to

Sarah Ryan 63471166 or 0404153765

Heaps of great prizes .... e.g.

*Art of Espresso – Young, Mitre 10 – Young  
and The Old Gum Tree Nursery – West Wyalong*

Heaps of fun!



## National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

### LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2015 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.

Student 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 12-14 May 2015.

TUESDAY 12 MAY	WEDNESDAY 13 MAY	THURSDAY 14 MAY
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)  <b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b>

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 15 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
- 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 adjustments 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](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).