



Quandialla Central School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

NEWSLETTER

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Quandialla / Caragabal School Cross Country



Having a rest after the 2015 School Cross Country.

Left to right: Monty Ryan, Summer Dixon, Matilda Penfold and Emily Amey

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the cross country event at Caragabal last Friday, especially to Scarlett Nowlan, Tilly Morley, Reuben Ryan, Monty Ryan and Jarrod Lahay who all achieved places in their age groups. It was great to hear everyone say how much they enjoyed running on the golf course – they really did have an enjoyable day. Again, our students participated very well, gave their personal best efforts and showed top sportsmanship – the Quandialla way.

We extend a big "thankyou" to Caragabal PS for hosting the event. Thanks also to parents for providing transport and support. Thanks also to

Tom Priestley for driving our students to the Caragabal golf course on his bus. Please see the results later in this newsletter.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests were complete by our Year 3 students last week. Each one deserves congratulations for the very positive way they approached the tests and for their top efforts in completing the tests. The students sat the national tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. The NAPLAN tests are like a photograph taken at a single point in time – they provide a "snapshot" of the student's performance at that point in time. It's worth remembering that we can get a much more complete overview of a student's performance by looking at a range of measures – their assessment results and school reports; discussions with their class teachers; their achievements in school and co-curricular activities, and by using our own knowledge of the students as parents

ICAS tests

The first of the ICAS tests (Digital Technologies) was conducted this morning (Tuesday). 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: 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

The Multi-Lit training course will be conducted at the school on Wednesday 20 May starting 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 or the school for more information and please consider training in Multi-Lit to become a parent volunteer in this program.

Please Note: It is not too late to be part of this training course on Wednesday.

Feedback on the school athletics carnival and houses

There is still time to let us know your thoughts on the proposal about the school athletics carnival and sport houses. Please phone, send an email to quandialla-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au , drop in and have a chat or send a note.

Education reforms

2015 sees many of the State government's education reforms implemented in our schools. There is a wealth of information about the reforms on the Department of Education's website at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms> and it is well worth looking at this.

One of the reforms requires that **all** teachers are accredited with the *Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW* (BOSTES) by 2017. This ensures that every teacher achieves the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers*, which in turn means that our students are being taught by nationally accredited teachers.

The Principals Network Meeting on Thursday will provide Lachlan Principals with training on their role in the *Teacher Accreditation Authority* process. The Deputy Secretary of the Department

of Education, Mr Greg Prior will also address principals on this and other education reforms.

School Assembly

A school assembly will be held on Friday this week, 22nd May, beginning at 2.30 pm. K, 1 – 2 is presenting the performance item at the assembly. Parents and family members are invited to join us for the assembly.

Caring and thoughtful

I was reminded how caring and thoughtful our students are when I received a hand drawn "Get well soon Mr Foster" card from a student this morning. Anne Dixon also mentioned that every K, 1 – 2 student "knows what a sternum is". We really are fortunate to have wonderful students.

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

Caragabal / Quandialla Cross Country Friday, 15th May, 2015

Results:

Sub Junior Girls

- Scarlett Nowlan - 1st Place
- Tilly Morley - 3rd Place

Sub Junior Boys

- Monty Ryan - 1st Place

Junior Boys

- Reuben Ryan - 2nd Place

Senior Boys

- Jarrold Lahay - 3rd Place

Sydney Puppet Theatre

Next Tuesday, 26th May, our K – 6 students will be travelling to Grenfell to attend a free puppet performance by the Sydney Puppet Theatre. The performance will be held at the conference room at the Community Hub.

The title of the performance is 'Once Upon a Time Cafe'.

Permission notes have been sent home, please return notes by Monday, 25th.

K, 1 – 2 News

This week we are in the kitchen for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

Everyone received a note about the Puppet Play in Grenfell. Please return to school.

We have started practice for our K – 6 play for this year. For those parents new to the school, every second year we attend a play day at The Henry Lawson High School, which is part of the Henry Lawson Festival. This year's play day will be held on Thursday, 4th June. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Don't worry about costumes, they are all school students.

This week we are finishing off our art entries for the Henry Lawson Festival. If you are in Grenfell keep an eye on the shop front windows for our entries.



Left to right: Hugh Nowlan and Jake Lahay enjoyed participating at the Caragabal / Quandialla Cross Country last Friday.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Canteen operates each Wednesday.

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 2 - 2015

22 nd April	Kim Broomby
29 th April	Tracy Penfold
6 th May	Catia Nowlan
13 th May	Sarah Ryan
20 th May	Danielle McAlister
27 th May	Kim Broomby
3 rd June	Margaret Priestley
10 th June	Sarah Ryan
17 th June	Catia Nowlan
24 th 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, 14 & 16y	=	\$32.00
Sizes	16M & 18L	=	\$35.00

Please call at the front office during school hours.

DIARY DATES – TERM 2

WEEK 5

Tuesday, May 19th	ICAS - Digital Technologies
Wednesday, May 20th	CANTEEN Book Fair in School Library (Morning - Pre-school)
Thursday, May 21st	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Years K, 1 - 2 (Garden) Years 3 - 6 (Kitchen)
Friday, May 22nd	School Assembly - 2.30 p.m. Book Fair in School Library (after Assembly)

WEEK 6

Tuesday, May, 26th	K - 6 visit to Grenfell Public Library
Wednesday, May 27th	CANTEEN
Thursday, May 28th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Years 3 - 6 Years K, 1 - 2 (Kitchen) Years 3 - 6 (Garden)

WEEK 7

Tuesday, June 2nd	Australia's BIGGEST Morning Tea at Quandialla Central
Wednesday, June 3rd	CANTEEN ICAS - Science
Thursday, June 4th	HSC Enrichment Day - Dubbo (LAP Study Days) Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Years K, 1 - 2 (Garden) Years 3 - 6 (Kitchen) P.&C. Meeting - 7.30 pm School Staffroom
Friday, June 5th	HSC Enrichment Day - Dubbo (LAP - Study Days)

QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL

Book Fair

May is National Family Reading Month

Wednesday Morning, 20th May, 2015 (Pre-school)
&
Friday Afternoon, 22nd 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.



A Special Visitor to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Students were surprised and excited, to find a blue tongue lizard in the compost heap during their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden lessons last Thursday. Our friendly visitor has now been moved to the wood chip heap.

Left to right: Monty Ryan and Tyson Lahay.

