



Quandialla Central School

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NEWSLETTER

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Pyjama Day at Quandialla Central



Students in K, 1 – 2, had a 'Pyjama Day' to celebrate collecting 20 Echidna charts in the PBL Rewards program.

Winter school holidays

Term 2 finishes on Friday 26 June. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday and hope the weather is kind to you as well – whether you are having a quiet time at home, holidaying, building or farming. Term 3 begins with a School Development Day on Monday 13 July for staff and students return to school on Tuesday 14 July.

School assembly

I want to thank Anne Dixon, Kathy Harvey and Narelle Gault for organising the school assembly and our student leaders – William Dixon, Theresa Kessey and Maryanne Wright – for chairing the assembly last Friday. I know you will have thoroughly enjoyed the students' play and public speaking presentations. I've had a couple of comments that it was an excellent assembly. My apologies to everyone for being "absent".

Semester one reports

K – 6 Semester one (Term 1 and Term 2) reports for will be sent home with students on Monday afternoon. The reports will be in a large envelope, addressed to parents. Please look for your child's/children's' reports and enjoy reading about their wonderful progress during Semester one. I was absolutely thrilled to read each report and to see the teachers' comments about all of the great progress they have each made. K – 6 students at Quandialla Central School have always achieved great results and matched the progress of students in all other schools – Congratulations K – 6 students, very well done.

Parent - teacher meetings

Parents are invited to discuss their child's/children's progress and reports with class teachers. The meetings will be held on Wednesday afternoon (24 June). Wendy Robinson (3 – 6) is available from 2.00pm and Anne Dixon (K, 1 – 2) is available from 3.10pm. Please phone the school to make a time for your meeting.

Year 12 and the HSC

Our Year 12 students (Theresa Kessey and Maryanne Wright) are well into the home straight and have one school term to complete – their HSC courses conclude at the end of Term 3 and the HSC examinations start in Week 2 of Term 4. Secondary teachers have offered to provide additional study and revision sessions for Theresa and Maryanne after school – with Anne Noble on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Karen Pollock on Mondays and Wednesdays. This will support Theresa and Maryanne to complete assessment tasks and to develop a study/revision program leading up to the examinations. Most

HSC students follow a study and revision program leading up to the examinations.

The Trial HSC examinations are set for Weeks 5 – 6 of Term 3 and the Year 12 Yearly Reports will be available in Week 9 of Term 3.

We are all continuing to be as encouraging and supportive of Theresa and Maryanne as they work towards completing the HSC.

Home School Liaison program

Gary Smith is our Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) and he works with a number of schools including Quandialla CS and The Henry Lawson HS. Gary's job is to work with schools and families to ensure every student attends school regularly and punctually and that parents are meeting their legal obligation to ensure their children attend school each day. Gary is a regular and welcome visitor to our school.

On his visits, Gary checks our Rolls; checks on students' attendance and punctuality to school each day, and discusses ways of improving student attendance with me as Principal.

I am happy to report that the majority of our students attend school every day and that their parents are fantastic in ensuring their children attend school. They are also fantastic at letting us know when their children are absent (Sick leave or Leave for sport or family reasons, for example). I want to really thank our parents for this because children's progress at school is reduced if they are absent. It is important our children attend school all day, every day.

When we have a concern about a student's absences from school or persistent lateness to school, then we refer the student and family to the Home School Liaison program. This is where Gary comes in and the idea is that we work together to improve attendance and punctuality. More on how we actually do this in a later newsletter.

PBL awards

Our *Positive Behaviour for Learning* (PBL) framework has a number of awards to reward students who demonstrate our PBL expectations – Respectful, Responsible and Learner. The most frequently issued award is the *Echidna* token or stamp. These are issued whenever a student

demonstrates our PBL expectations. Some students receive a number of *Echidnas* each day. There is no limit on the number of *Echidnas* issued – they are used as an immediate and frequent reward.

The next "level" is an individual award (an award negotiated with or chosen by the student, when the student achieves a set number of *Echidnas*); class awards (an award negotiated with or chosen by the class group, when the class group achieves a set number of *Echidnas*), and whole school awards (a major award for the whole school for achieving a significant number of *Echidnas*).

On Monday, our K, 1 – 2 students enjoyed their class PBL award – a pyjama day! We had some fantastic pyjamas – a "ninja turtle" (guess who); a very pretty "cow" (guess who); a fantastic "spider web" dressing gown (guess who); a pretty pink and white "rabbit" (guess who); a "rugby striped" set (guess who); a very well-mannered little "dinosaur" (guess who); lots of pink pyjama sets, and of course, the world's fastest green sneakers (guess who). Everyone enjoyed wearing their pyjamas to school!

The pyjama day was the PBL class award the K, 1 – 2 students requested for reaching the class target of PBL *Echidnas*. Congratulations K, 1 – 2 on your fantastic PBL behaviour over Term 2 – brilliant!

PS – Mum, please check their pockets and bags for the hidden *Echidna* tokens – these should be handed to Anne Dixon or Wendy Robinson to be recorded on the students' tally sheets.

Red nose day

Dig out all the red clothes and accessories because Friday this week will be a "red day" for our students and staff – wear something really red. This is our school's *Red Nose Day* activity and funds raised will go towards SIDS and Kids – a very important organisation.

Yoga

Yoga is a fantastic approach to developing the mind *and* the body. Narelle Hunter will conduct a Yoga class and workshop each month, at Quandialla Central School. The class will be held in the Pre-school/Assembly room, starting at 6.00pm and finishing at about 8.00pm. The first session is on Tuesday 24 June. You are cordially invited to join the group. If there is strong interest, Narelle may even run two sessions per month. Contact Narelle on 0427822844 if you need more information.

Rain

Yes, it's positively guaranteed to rain *again* this week because someone has washed the black Prado *again* over the weekend.

Enrolling children at school

Quandialla Central School is a 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

K, 1 – 2 News

A great free app to try is Word Mania. This is an app that next term will be a statewide competition, but at the moment students can practice using it. The aim is to make as many words as possible using the 15 letters on the page.

I will be away Week 1, Term 3 and Mrs Harvey will be on my class.

Anne Dixon – K, 1 – 2 Teacher

Lake Cowal Conservation Centre visit to Quandialla Central School

Sally Russell (Education Officer) from the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre will be visiting our school on Thursday, 25th June. Sally will be conducting Science Workshops with hands on activities.

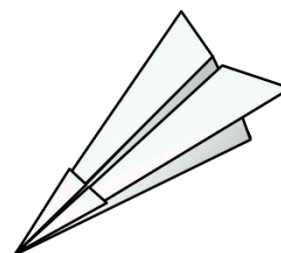
Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in this day.

The day will commence at 9.00 am and conclude around 3.00 pm. Three separate sessions will be held throughout the day.

The workshops will include:

- ♦ Looking at flight and how paper planes fly,
- ♦ Water and land bugs
- and
- ♦ Science behind toys.

The day will be riveting, exciting and engaging!



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

DIARY DATES – TERM 2

WEEK 10

Wednesday, June 24th	CANTEEN
Thursday, June 25th	Lake Cowal Conservation Centre visit to Quandialla Central School for students in K - 6. Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Please Note: There will be no S.A.K.G. this week due to the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre Visit.
Friday, June 26th	TERM 2 ends.

WEEK 1 - TERM 3

Monday, July 13th	S.D.D. - 'Pupil Free Day'
Tuesday, July 14th	<u>All Students</u> return for Term 3
Wednesday, July 15th	CANTEEN
Thursday, July 16th	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Years K, 1 - 2 (Kitchen) Years 3 - 6 (Garden)

WEEK 2 - TERM 3

Wednesday, July 22nd	CANTEEN
Thursday, July 23rd	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Years K, 1 - 2 (Garden) Years 3 - 6 (Kitchen)
Thursday, July 24th	Schools Tree Day

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Drop in Clinic – 9.00 am to 10.30 am or by Appointment. All other services as usual.

Phone: 6347 1200

HEAD LICE

There are a number of cases of head lice throughout the school at the moment.

Please ensure that you check your child's/ren's hair on a regular basis. If there is any sign of head lice treat immediately to stop them spreading to other students and staff.

'Pyjama Day' Fun



PYJAMAS

Monday, 22nd June, 2015

