Dear Quandialla Community,

As you are probably aware, there has been considerable consultation about the future of the secondary section of Quandialla Central School.

Following the public meeting held at the school on 7 August 2014, I recommended to Mr Greg Prior, Deputy Secretary Department of Education and Communities, that Years 7 to 11 of Quandialla Central School be placed into recess from the beginning of 2015 and maintain provision for current Year 11 students to complete their Higher School Certificate in 2015, pending closure of the secondary section in 2016.

This recommendation has been approved by Mr Prior and also noted by the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, which means that there will be no future enrolments accepted into the secondary section of the school and only those currently in Year 11 will remain in 2015 to complete their Higher School Certificate.

All students and their parents affected by this change were consulted and arrangements have been made for their future education.

There will be staff reductions, which will be managed by Mrs Lisa Varjavandi, Principal of Quandialla Central School in consultation with each staff member and our Department of Education and Communities Human Resources Directorate.

I thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding during this sensitive time.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this with me please call me on 6392 8400.

Yours sincerely,

Glenn Stewart
Director Public Schools NSW
Lachlan Network
13 October 2014
Diary Dates – Term 4

October:
Tues. 15th Oct. Lachlan District PSSA Athletics (State Carnival – at Homebush, Sydney)
Wed. 16th Oct. Lachlan District PSSA Athletics
Wed. 22nd Oct. Enviro Champions Leadership Prog. – Day 3 at Coolamon Central School (Primary).

Learning about Composting at Quandialla Central School

Students from 3/4/5/6 are pictured learning about composting.
Back Row: (Left to right) Sarah Penfold, Mrs Wendy Robinson and Breanna Daley. Front Row: (left to right) Billy Bridger, Ellie Kessey-Francis, Haylee Bridger, William Dixon and Zachary Broomby.

Principal’s Report – Week 2

Transitions
Now is the time of year that a number of our community are becoming involved in transitions for 2015. Our new kindergarten students begin their exciting start to ‘big school’ this Thursday, our current Years 6 – 11 will be transitioning to different schools for their secondary education next year, our Year 11 students have already started Year 12 work and a number of staff will also be transitioning to other schools/ positions. We wish everyone ‘all the best’ as they are involved in their personal transitions.
The term has already started with a flurry of activities. Last week we had visits from NetWaste (on composting and worm farms) and Senior Constable Camilleri from Cootamundra on Road Safety.

**Riding Bicycles to and from School**

Helmets must be worn at all times when riding. Cyclists, just as other road users, must comply with all road rules. The NSW Centre for Road Safety, RTA, recommends that until children are at least 10 years old, they should be accompanied by someone older. Children aged between 10 and 12 years old should avoid cycling on roads. The Department of Education and Training supports the RTA in this recommendation. By law, bicycles must be fitted with a working brake and bell. This is a parent and carer responsibility. Schools are obliged to notify parents and carers when a student is seen to be not wearing or incorrectly wearing a bicycle helmet when riding to or from school.

**State Athletics**

Good luck to Sarah Penfold for tomorrow and her participation in the State Athletics Carnival.

**Contacting the school**

Please contact the school for further information. I am available to meet with parents/guardians.

Thank you,

Lisa Varjavandi
Relieving Principal

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**GOOD LUCK SARAH**

The students and staff of Quandialla Central School wish Sarah Penfold all the best as she competes in the 2014 State PSSA Athletics Carnival in Sydney on Wednesday, 15th & Thursday, 16th October.

Quandialla Central School is very proud of Sarah's achievements.
Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in 2016
14 Oct 2014

Applications open

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014.

Multiple copies of an application information booklet will be sent to public schools around 14 October 2014 for distribution to parents along with a template letter to parents that can be used by schools to ask parents to express their interest in applying for selective high school placement for their children.

The application information booklet will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Parents without internet access or who cannot use a computer have been told they can apply at a public library but it would be greatly appreciated if schools could make their facilities available at a specific time to assist the small minority of parents without internet access. Parents with disabilities that preclude the use of a computer are told to contact the High Performing Students Unit for assistance.

It is very important to note that late applications will not be accepted so principals are asked to be vigilant in advising parents about the closing date.

Principals will be updated regularly about applications from students at their schools as they are received by the High Performing Students Unit so they can prepare their school assessment scores. Principals or their delegates will enter school assessment scores for the students from their school from 24 November 2014 to 9 December 2014.

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2016 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015.

There are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and one virtual selective high school offering selective placement in Year 7 in NSW.

Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Parents can apply for up to three selective high schools. Placement in the virtual selective high school is restricted to students intending to enrol in a government high school in a country area far from a city.

A map showing where the selective high schools are is available on the Unit’s website and a complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Parents are told to email the High Performing Students Unit: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone: 1300 880 367 if they have enquiries not covered in the application information booklet. Principals can ring 9244 5669 if they have enquiries.
SARAH PENFOLD IS OFF TO COMPETE AT STATE PSSA ATHLETICS
Sarah heads off to Sydney this week to compete in the State Athletics Carnival as a member of the Western PSSA Team. Sarah qualified in both the shot put and the discus. It is a massive effort to get to State and we wish her all the best in the competition.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL 2014
Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission notes for the Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival. They were due in today. Paul Harris is going to take our school tent and set it up for us next to Bribbaree’s and Caragabal’s. We will be situated behind the canteen in the middle of the field near the netball courts. Parents attending are reminded to bring a chair.

ENVIRO CHAMPIONS FINALE
Our Enviro Champions are putting the final touches on their presentation on the Egg Project which they will be presenting to other teams at Junee next Wednesday 22nd October. Sally Russell from the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre has worked with the team to assist them in developing their presentation. The plan to expand the chookyard, increase the number of layers and hatch out some chickens has been delayed because most of our workers have been busy with cropping and the Town Centenary. However, the chickens are due to hatch in about a week and the Chookyard job roster has commenced. Notes for this excursion went out on Monday and need to be back by Wednesday.

K-6 SYDNEY EXCURSION 27th - 30th October 2014
Just twelve more sleeps to go before this excursion! I am writing this because a few excited students are asking me daily, “How long before we go on the excursion?” We are going to have a great time. Remember to get all those permission notes back into school.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION STARTS NEXT WEEK
Students preparing to commence school in 2015 are invited to attend Kindergarten Orientation which commences this Thursday 16th October 2014 and operates for six full Thursdays. Other days include, 23/10/14, 6/11/14, 13/11/14, 20/11/14, 27/11/14. Please Note that there will be no Kindergarten Orientation on the 30/10/14 due to the Primary Excursion.

There will be a Parent Information Session for Kindergarten Parents on the 20/11/14 commencing 9.15am. Parents who require further information about the orientation could contact the school by phone on 63471207.

TISSUES
The K12 and 3456 classes are out of tissues and with the hay fever season this is serious. If you think your child requires tissues could please send in a box of tissues.

Wendy Robinson
QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2014
Starts This Week

Quandialla Central School Kindergarten Orientation program will commence on Thursday, 16th October, 2014, and will run for 6 weeks.

Kindergarten Orientation Dates are as follows: Thursday, 16/10/14, 23/10/14, 6/11/14, 13/11/14, 20/11/14 and 27/11/14. Please note there is a break for a week after the second week as the all the Quandialla Primary School students will be away on the Sydney excursion.

The Parent Information session will be held on Thursday, 20th November at 9.15 a.m. in the school library. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school for your information package.

Students may wear the Quandialla Central School uniform if they like, including a broad brimmed hat.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Quandialla Central School on 6347 1207.

Woolworth’s
Jamie Oliver ‘Simply Beautiful’ Dinnerware Promotion

If you have any stickers that you do not require for the above promotion, Quandialla Central School would greatly appreciate them.

Our School is looking at assisting another school with this promotion. Stickers may be left at Quandialla Central School during school hours.

Thank you.
CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER

Term 4 – 2014
Our School Canteen is open on Wednesday

Time of Arrival is 10.00 a.m.
President: David Dixon – 6347 1271 / Secretary: Leanne Penfold – 6347 2119
Treasurer: Anne Dixon – 6347 1271

Roster:

15th Oct. - Tracy Penfold
22nd Oct. - Kim Broomby
29th Oct. - NO CANTEEN – due to Excursion.

Please Note:
If your name is not on the roster and you would like to have a turn on canteen, please contact Leanne Penfold and we will put you on the roster either with somebody this term or next.

Please remember to bring lettuce and tomatoes. Buns and ham are purchased from the Quandialla Café.

BLAND DISTRICT SPORTS CARNIVAL
NEW RECORD for 2014:

On Friday, 5th September, 2014, a new record was broken for the Mixed Teams (Boys & Girls) Relay – Juvenile 4 x 40 m event

Congratulations to
Caragabal Public School for breaking the 2011 record of 39.44 with a new time of 37.09. Well done Caragabal.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL – TERM 4

Active After School will recommence in Term 4, Week 3 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at Quandialla Central School.

Active After School is available for all primary aged students at Quandialla Central School.
Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Quandialla Central School Kindergarten Orientation program commences on Thursday, 16th October, 2014. The program will run for 6 weeks.

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Students may wear our school uniform if they like, including a broad brimmed hat.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

This will be an opportunity for teachers to meet the children and for them to develop an understanding of the routines of the Stage 1 classroom.

Regards,

Lisa Varjavandi,  Wendy Robinson,
Relieving Principal  Assistant Principal
COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. MARK’S ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES:
St. Mark’s services will be held on the first Sunday of the month at 5.00 pm or 6.00 pm daylight saving time.
All Most Welcome.

EXERCISE CLASSES:
Exercise Classes - 9.00 - 10.00 am Friday’s at the Quandialla Memorial Hall.
$7 / class, please bring water bottle, comfy clothing, and appropriate shoes.
Enquiries please phone: Kim 63472152.

ST. BRIGID’S CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES – 2014:
Please note: Quandialla and Bribbaree Masses will be held on the Second Sunday of each month alternatively as of July 2014

Mass at Bribbaree 10:00 am November 9th
Mass at Quandialla 10:00 am October 12th and December 14th
Liturgy at Quandialla 10:00 am 4th Sunday of each month

CWA of NSW QUANDIALLA BRANCH – SOUTH WEST GROUP:

Phillip Group Scholarship:
Application forms for the Phillip Group Scholarship are available from the front office at Quandialla Central School, during school hours.
Please call in for an application form and return completed to the front office by 3.00 p.m. Friday, 17th October, 2014.

No late entries will be accepted. Thank you.

HEARTKIDS RUGBY CUP – ORANGE:

Venue: Emus Rugby Club, Woodward Street, Orange

The HeartKids Rugby Cup will be on Saturday, 25th October, 2014 and will consist of a Rugby Clinic from 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. The Clinic is suitable for children aged 5 – 15 years and of all abilities. There will also be a Rugby match at 3.30 p.m. This will be between Deadwood Rugby Club and Central West Invitational Players. A BBQ will be held on the day.

All money raised from the day will be going towards children that are born with heart disease “HeartKids”. All money that is raised will stay in the country and help families during difficult times both financially and mentally.

For further information or registration forms, please contact Samantha Nicholls on 0431 266 123 or email samantha@life-studio.com.au.
GRENFELL LITTLE ATHLETICS IS BACK FOR THE 2014/2015 SEASON

Want to learn how to do athletics?
Improve your techniques to run that little bit faster or throw a little further.
Grenfell Little Athletics will be holding their Registration / Come and have a go Afternoons on the 7th and 14th October at 4-30pm at the HLHS oval.

Little A’s is opened and accommodating for children from Tiny Tots right through to 17 year olds.

If you have energy to burn, want to have heaps of fun, meet new friends, than Grenfell Little Athletics is the place to be.

Opportunities are endless from learning new skills and having fun each week, to representing your town, zone or maybe even your state.

Come and check it out. Further information please contact Laraine on 0448432400 or Martina on 0427431999.

2015 QUANDI CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE .......

A4 WALL: $25.00 each or 2 for $45.00
DESK CALENDAR: $12.00 each or 2 for $20.00.

Calendars are available at the Post Office, The Quandi Café or contact Ruth Penfold on 6347 2130 or 0408 381380.

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – TAFE SCHOLARSHIPS 2014 (Full Time or Short Term Courses):

The Quandialla District Scholarship Committee would like to remind interested applicants that they may apply for the above Scholarships. Applicants must be 21 years of age or under.

Resume to be submitted to the Scholarship Committee comprising:-

- Course Name and outline;
- Duration of Course;
- Written Submission outlining why you are an appropriate candidate; for this Scholarship and
- Proof of Enrolment.

For further information and application forms, please contact the Secretary, Mrs Narelle Gault on 6347 1294 a.h.
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

IT’S FREE!

Dental treatment for children under 18 years of age is free at NSW Public Dental Health Clinics.

Clinic Locations:
PARKES | FORBES | COWRA | CONDOBOLIN
TRUNDEL | TOTTENHAM
PHONE: 1300 552 626
TALL POPPIES SPRING MEETING – QUANDIALLA:

Tall Poppies are having a Morning Tea to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer and will be having a spring meeting at Donna & Bruce Slade’s Garden, “Ostenleigh”, Quandialla, on Saturday, 18th October, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

There will be a raffle and garden viewing and quick meeting. The Slade Family will be providing morning tea, please just support the raffle instead of bringing a plate. Hope you can make it.

WEST WYALONG GARDEN & FLORAL ART CLUB – “Festival of Mexico in the West”, FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, commencing at 1.00 p.m. at the S.&C. Club, with special guest speaker Brooke Daniels from ABC Orange. Please contact Marg Wilson for further details on 6972 2949.
The October selection of books was sent out last week along with three copies of the latest Library Newsletter. Newsletters are very useful because as well as general information about events happening in and around the library since publication of the previous newsletter there is a listing of all the new acquisitions. So you can keep abreast of new titles from your favourite author/s and request titles from the library.

Tim Winton has long been recognised as one of Australia’s foremost writers and his latest, “Eyrie”, has been included in the selection. Kate Atkinson’s “Life after Life” was shortlisted for a major international novel award. “A Walk across the Sun” by Corban Addison deals with the topic of child trafficking in India – has been well-received in Grenfell. For devotees of the Outback romance, a very popular genre at the moment, there are three books, and there are also mysteries by Patricia Cornwell, J.D. Robb and Laura Lippman.

Nonfiction books include three biographies and books on historic Israel, coping with depression, cooking for those with allergies, technology and gardening.
Circle of Security Parenting Group
A Relationship Based Parenting Program

Have you ever wondered why children do some of the things they do? Circle of Security provides easy to understand and common sense information to help parents really understand and respond to the needs and behaviour of their children.

This group is a must for all parents.

What: 7 x 2 hour sessions
Where: Quandi Cafe, Second Street Quandialla
When: Wednesdays, 10:00am to 12:00noon
22nd & 29th October, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November
& 3rd December - Celebration

Cost: FREE! Morning tea & Child Care Provided*
*child must be over 2½ years old

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
(Places are limited)

To book a place call:
Kirstin Stevenson - Home-Start Cowra, Canowindra & Weddin
Ph: 02 6342 6887 or 0428450 399