16th February, 2015

Important Dates

FEBRUARY
- Monday 16th—
  P&C Meeting, 3:15
- Wednesday 18th,
  Zone Swimming
  Carnival, Coonamble
- 19th-20th—
  Principals
  Conference
- Friday 20th—
  Moorambilla
  Workshop, Coonam-
  ble Public School,
  9-11am

MARCH
- Monday 2nd
  March—
  P&C AGM, 3:15
- 22nd-24th—
  Young Leaders
  Camp, Sydney
- 23rd-27th—
  Super
  Camp, Nyngan

Quambone Public School

Term 1 Week 4, 2015

QPS News

Message from the Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The combined Quambone/Carinda Swimming Carnival was held last Friday 13th February. After a drizzly start we got underway and had a great day! All students who attended swam their best and we saw some great results throughout the day. Thanks to Katrina Shelton for training us in the lead up to the carnival. There are few schools who are able to receive this sort of service! Thanks to all the parents who helped out with jobs on the day. We wouldn’t be able to run a carnival without your support. Congratulations to Carinda who won the carnival on the day by less than a point! A HUGE Congratulations to all our students for a great day and good luck to all those who made it through to the Zone Carnival in Coonamble on Wednesday!

ZONE SWIMMING
Congratulations to all who made it through to the Zone Swimming Carnival. This carnival will be held in Coonamble this Wednesday 18th February. Miss Lummis will be attending the carnival to support our students but students will be the responsibility of their parents on this day as Miss Lummis will most likely be required to help with the running of the day. Parents will need to transport their children to and from this event. Students need to be at the Pool by 9.45am for a 10am start.

HOMEWORK
As discussed at the Meet and Greet last week, homework for both classrooms will consist of students weekly spelling words, a page from their Go Maths Unit from the previous week and a home reader. Primary will also be given a project each term that will be optional. Homework begins this week. It will be sent home on Mondays and needs to be returned to school completed on Fridays.

PERSONALISED LEARNING PLANS (PLPS)
PLP meetings will take place next week (Week 5). Please return the notes that were sent home last week and any remarks on times that you would be available to come in and meet with your child.

MOORAMBILLA WORKSHOP
There will be a workshop for any students wishing to participate in Moorambilla this year, this Friday at Coonamble Public School from 9-11. Parents will need to transport their child to Coonamble if you are wanting to be involved.

EXCURSIONS
Don’t forget to keep you eye out for notes being sent home soon for upcoming excursions—particularly the Young Leaders for Year 6 and Nyngan Super Camp for everyone in Week 9 (22nd-27th March) which are happening this term.

ABSENTEE / CHANGE OF ROUTINE
It is Department of Education’s Policy that parents must notify the school of any absences (partial as well as full day) or change of routine, a written note is preferred. Thanks to everyone who has done so already.

KIDS COUNCIL
The Kids Council representatives for Semester One are:
Yr 1: Ethan Swindle
Yr 2: Ebony Taylor
Yr 3: Aaliyah Swindle and Daniel McNamara
Yr 5: Brooke Hansen
Yr 6: Lane Dewson

As school captains, Lara and Levi will also be on this council. Students have already had their first meeting and I know are planning some fun days to raise money for the council. Students will vote again at the beginning of Term 3 to elect a new council for Semester Two.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fisher

Our Age Champions
Welcome to Week 4 – the term is flying by and the students have been trying really hard to complete their tasks and learn new things.

**Literacy:** Our sound that we will be focusing on for this week is ‘a’. Kindergarten in particular will be focusing on lots of ‘a’ activities and starting with simple sight words such as “I am” to start identifying words and form sentences. Our writing this week will be linked in with other KLA’s but will still be focused around sentence structure.

**Numeracy:** This week our units are:
- K: Exploring numbers 4 and 5
- 1: Solving Addition Problems
- 2: Solving Addition and Subtraction Problems

**Science & Technology:** We will keep exploring Earth and Space and this week we will look at pictures of the sky at different parts of the day, as well as the moon, people and plants. We will talk about what we do at daytime and night time and students will have to draw/write about these activities.

**History:** This week the students will identify one place within the school and students will have to illustrate this place and write a sentence about the people you would find there.

**PDHPE:** This week we will look at and discuss ways we can work together to solve problems.

**CAPA:** This term the whole school will be focusing on the Coonamble Show Displays.

~ Friday Fun Day ~

This week the students will begin with their CAPA and will complete their spelling and math’s tests for the week. We will also have swimming for sport again this week so please remember to bring swimmers, a towel and goggles! Have a great week.

**Miss Lummis**

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**Friday Fun Day Messages**

**SPORT**

**Week 4**

Swimming – please remember to bring swimmers, a towel and goggles!

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**3-6 News**

Welcome to Week 4! We are quickly getting into the swing of things and students are working hard to achieve all tasks set for them!

**Literacy:** We have started our book studies on Pippi Longstocking or Anne of Green Gables that we are completing with Carinda, Hermitage and Gwabegar. Students have been focusing on the main character, learning to use descriptive language to create and image of who she is. The grapheme that we will be focusing on in spelling this week is ‘ur’.

**Numeracy:**
- 3: Using Mental and Written Addition Strategies
- 4: Extending Mental and Written Addition Strategies
- 5: Extending Mental Computation Strategies for Addition
- 6: Using Mental Strategies for Addition and Subtraction

**Science & Technology:** We have begun our science unit by looking at our solar system and discussing what we already know about it. This week we will be looking more closely at specific planets.

**History:** Last week we looked at some pictures of animals and the landscape of Macquarie Island which is between New Zealand and Antarctica which were taken by a friend of mine who is currently a Parks and Wildlife Ranger there. We will hopefully be able to contact her later in the term. This week we will be looking at the physical features of Antarctica.

**PDHPE:** Small group work brainstorming ways to get along well with other.

**CAPA:** Students will be working on art for the Coonamble Show. This will be a variety of mediums including paint, drawing and computer technology.

Have a great week everyone!

**Mrs F**
Quambone Public School 2015
Term 1 School Monitors

Sport — Hayley Hopkins & Maddie Ryan
Library — Ethan Swindle & Tamika Eldridge
Flag — Clare Hopkins & Phoebe Bucknell
Bell — Ebony Taylor

Crazy DAY

On Wednesday 25th Kids Council are holding a Crazy Day where students can come dressed up crazily but with something about them that is still their normal selves e.g. clothes, hair, socks. Students will be able to participate in:

- The Ridiculous Run
- The Dramatic Dance
- The Crazy Competition

It is a gold coin donation to come dressed up and an extra 20¢ for each activity. There will be prizes!
Quambone P and C Association meeting dates

Next meeting

Monday February 16th 2015 at 3.15pm

Annual General Meeting

Monday 2nd of March 2015 at 3.15 pm

Membership is payable at this meeting

Both meetings will be held at the Quambone Public School