Message from the Principal

Parent Information Afternoon
Thankyou to the parents who attended our school information afternoon last Thursday. We covered a range of topics, and were able to talk through a range of questions and concerns about different aspects of learning and programs in our school. We will attach relevant handouts from the information session for parents that were unable to attend. Following is some further information from the session.

Positive Behaviour & Rewards
This year our school has relooked at our behaviour systems and rewards. The process involved evaluating what we already had—what was working and what needed to be modified. We identified the strengths of the Goldie system, then modified the purpose of Goldies to align them with our school’s positive behaviour. Both staff and students were actively involved in the process of identifying a set of Positive Behaviours for students to follow - they are

The Three B’s: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner

The positive behaviours are about students making good choices and being proud to be a student from Quambone Public School. Goldies will reflect consistent positive behaviours displayed by students. Please refer to the Positive Behaviour chart in the newsletter.

Attendance
Attendance will continue to be a focus throughout 2013 - attendance and success in learning go hand-in-hand. The following is quoted directly from the Student Attendance in Government Schools policy:

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children.

We will be supporting student attendance through a reward system. Students will receive an attendance ticket for each day that they are at school, and the tickets will be drawn at the end of each week. Students will also go in a draw at the end of each term if their attendance has been 100%. They will still be included in this draw if they have had absences explained (eg. sickness) and these have been approved by the principal. Please refer to the above policy for further information on accepted reasons for absence.

Super Camp
At the end of this term, our school will join with the Bourke Region small schools at a Super Camp in Nyngan. The purpose of the camp is to allow students to come together and participate in a wider range of activities and experiences that are more difficult to cover in a small school. Students and staff will camp together at the Nyngan showgrounds and will have five fun-filled days. More information to follow.

Please enjoy a safe and relaxing mid-term break!
See you back at school on Tuesday 5th March.

Kind Regards,

Kim Watt
Relieving Principal
Quambone Public School

News from the 3-6 Class

Last week was a busy week, and it was great to have a full week at school to get stuck into our classroom routines and topics of learning.

In writing, this week we will continue to look at persuasive writing, in particular the Exposition text type. We will take out the key words from the text we have been working with, and work together to create a new version of the text. Students will then start working on their own exposition with a similar topic, which will allow them to use similar arguments and language choices. This will support their development of quality writing skills.

Addition and subtraction is our Mathematics focus this week—in particular we will be honing in on **Mental Strategies**!! Students from Yrs 3-6 need to be using mental strategies regularly to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will revise a range of mental strategies and put them into practice. An important take home message for students is that there are always several ways to work out a problem - use the strategy that works for you!! (As long as it is not using your fingers and toes!)

Our Health unit has commenced with Safe Living being our focus. We will spend three weeks breaking down our school Positive Behaviours with the infants class to learn the importance of being and feeling safe at school. The lessons include brainstorming how each behaviour looks in the classroom and on the playground, and putting together short role plays to demonstrate the behaviours. This week our focus is Be Respectful, so our lesson will break down the behaviours within this area. This will also be our focus for Goldies this week.

Well done to all students working hard on their homework tasks - I am very pleased with your efforts and look forward to reading your work at the end of each week!

Enjoy your mid-term break, be sure to have a rest!

Have a good week!

Miss Watt

News from the K/1/2 Class

It has been a very busy start to the term and I can’t believe we are in week 5 already!

Today I am away at the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney with our school Captain and Vice-Captain. I have promised K/1/2 that I will take lots of pictures of the different types of transport in Sydney to share with them when I get back. This will add to our transport unit of work nicely.

Thank you to the infants parents that came to the Parent Information afternoon last Thursday. It is wonderful to see how supportive you are of your child’s learning.

Have a safe and restful Mid Term Break!

Miss Reid
Quambone Public School

Zone Swimming Carnival Results 2013

We had a number of students travel to Coonamble last Thursday to compete in the Zone Swimming Carnival. All the students tried very hard and swam their best. The results are as follows:

- **Lachlan Coleman** - 2nd 8yr boys 50m Freestyle
- **Harriet O’Brien** - 2nd Snr Girls 50m Butterfly
  1st Snr Girls 50m Breaststroke
- **PP6 Relay** -
  1st
  Holly Turnbull
  Sarah McNama
  Lara O’Brien
  Harriet O’Brien

These students have qualified for the District Swimming Carnival to be held in Armidale on Tuesday 5th March. Congratulations.

Quambone Public School Kids Council News

We had our first Kids Council meeting today and held elections with the following results: **President**—Harriet O’Brien, **Secretary**—Sarah McNama, **Treasurer**—Levi Hayden, **Committee**—Aiden O’Brien, Lachlan Coleman & Mathew O’Brien.

The Kids Council will be holding a Paper Plane competition on **Thursday 28th Feb.** So bring your one Paper Plane to school from home and we will also have a **MUFTI Day** on Thursday. Mrs Fisher will buy lollies for prizes. Cost—Gold coin.

Quambone General Store

We have been supplying lunches for the Quambone Public School students for the past 2 weeks and everything is going well. If parents have any suggestions for the lunches or any problems please contact us at the shop.

Don’t forget to call in and pick up your fresh bread, milk and veggies. We have our shelves full of a variety of food items which you might need, so come in and check out our Store and enjoy a nice cup of coffee or an ice cream while you are here.
QUAMBOLE P&C

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Quambone P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting on

Monday 11th March 2013
At
3.15 PM SHARP!!

at Quambone Public School

Just a reminder that Memberships will be due and all parents are invited to join! Your membership gives you the ability to vote at meetings and covers you for insurance at P&C Functions and working bees. Membership will be approx. $5.00 and is paid on the day of the AGM.

AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Election of Office Bearers

GENERAL MEETING

If you have an item you would like to add to the agenda please don’t hesitate to contact myself or one of the P&C Office Bearers. Looking forward to seeing you all there on the 11th of March!!

Cheers
Justine Bucknell
Marra Fleece n Field Day

****MARRA HALL****

**FREE ENTRY**

Saturday 2nd March 2013 Starting at 10:30 am

Guest Speakers: Fiona Simson (NSW Farmers), Zoe Read (CMA), Don Macdonald & Co and Furneys CRT

Fashion Parade: By Ewe Two Fashions

Major Sponsors: Central West CMA & Furneys CRT Dubbo

Exhibitors:
- Coonamble Veterinary Surgery
- Menzies Pumps & Irrigation
- Mr Nuts & Bolts
- Charlie Burns Saddlery
- Paul McNamara Security
- GMR Welding & Fabrication
- Elders Insurance
- Frank DeMarco Building
- Edgerton Nursery
- Rural Fire Service
- Nygian Toyota
- A & B Plastic Welding
- Tony Walsh Scanning
- Shearing Supplies
- NPWS
- Furneys CRT Dubbo
- Western Farm Machinery
- Robert Handsaker Ford
- ReaScreamin Fishing Charters
- Gallagher Electric Fencing
- Phil Waterford Plunge Dipping
- Atlex Stockyards
- Mathews Motorcycles & Marine

Competitions

Sheep
- Pen of 3 merino ewe hoggets or younger, 0-6 or 6-12 months wool
- Pen of 3 x/breed lambs

Fleeces
- Kids (1 to 3pm)
- Best Dressed push bike
- Whip cracking
- Many other activities

Novelty Events
- For Kids & Adults
- Inaugural Marra Pig Races

Innovations
- Any new invention or innovation up to the value of $1000

Free Jumping Castle

Stud Sheep Displays

BAR & BBQ ALL DAY & EVENING MEAL AT NIGHT (evening entertainment)

Raffles, Prizes & Auctions throughout the day

Sponsors
- Rabo Bank
- Blue Gum Clothing
- Uncle Pete’s Toys
- Novartis
- Cattleman’s Motel
- A Touch of Beauty
- Elders Nyngan
- Richardson & Sinclair

*Don Macdonald & Co Wool Brokers
*Brennans Mitre Ten Dubbo
*Outback Multi Purpose Merinos
*Lemon Grove Merino Stud
*Regional Auto Suppliers
*James Newton Transport
*Landmark Nyngan

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A Great Day Out For The Whole Family

Campers Welcome