Quandialla Public School

"Together we provide opportunities to succeed"

NEWSLETTER

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ISSUE 1 TERM 1 WEEK 3

Relieving Principal's Report

Welcome back

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating break, ready to tackle new challenges and embrace all the wonderful opportunities ahead. It's been fantastic to see all our students returning with big smiles, and staff are eagerly looking forward to a productive term together.

Welcome new students!

A special welcome goes out to our two new Kindergarten students, Bray and Jackson, joining our school community for the first time. We are also delighted to introduce new students, Mindi-Lee and Madden in Year 3 and 4—welcome to all! We hope you settle in quickly and make plenty of new friends.

School Bytes

A reminder to all families to please check School Bytes regularly for the latest school calendar updates and permission notes. Keeping informed ensures that you won't miss any important events or activities, and helps us streamline communication across the school.

Uniform

Please remember that students must wear school hats every day for sun safety. New Kindergarten students have received one hat free of charge. Hats are currently on sale from the school office for just $5 (usually $12.50) until the end of February—so if you need a replacement or want a spare, now's the time to grab a bargain. Don't forget to clearly label all items of clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles to help us return lost property quickly.

Friday Bland School Collaboration

Our collaboration with Bland schools continues on Fridays. Until February 27th, we will be at Quandialla to make the most of our pool facilities for swimming lessons. For the rest of Term 1, Fridays will be spent at Bribbaree Public School, taking advantage of their new tennis court with coaching provided by Gecko Sports. Students will work in stage groups for English and Science, and will be in 2 groups for Sport (K12 and 3-6).

Groupings and staffing is as follows:-

Kindergarten - Ms. Bradley (QPS)

Years 1/2 - Mrs. Haub (CPS)

Years 3/4 - Mrs. Anderson (BPS)

Years 5/6 - Mr. Peter (BPS)

Mr. Pudya has flexible working arrangements on Friday.

Bell times

Due to the combining of bus routes, our end-of-school bell time will be moved forward by 5 minutes to allow the bus to complete its route and meet the high school bus at Bimbi. **The school day will now finish at 3:05pm**. Thank you for your understanding as we make this adjustment to ensure safe and efficient travel for all our students.

School Counsellor

Our zoning for school counselling and psychology services has changed this year. With that, we have been assigned a new school counsellor, Jacqui Hodges. For any students with active referrals, we will require new consent forms. If parents had any academic, mental or emotional concerns please contact myself, the office or the class teacher and advice/referrals can be made. Jacqui was on site today and right at work speaking with teachers and parents. Welcome to the team Jacqui!

FSS Swimming Carnival at Forbes

We have the Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival on next Friday (20th February). We will be taking the school bus on the day if parents are unable to attend/transport their children. Please ensure students have appropriate swimwear, towel, a hat, sunscreen, water and food for the day. There is also the always competitive, parent/teacher relay race, so we will need two mums or dads to suit up and swim a leg with Ms Bradley and Mr Pudya on the day.

Kind regards,
Brady Pudya,
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

TERM 1 - 2026

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Our Canteen operates fortnightly on a Wednesday

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 1 2026

28th Jan	NO CANTEEN	Week 1
4th Feb	NO CANTEEN	Week 2
11th Feb	NO CANTEEN	Week 3
18th Feb	Kacie Cattle	Week 4
25th Feb	NO CANTEEN	Week 5
4th March	Kayla Stokes	Week 6
11th March	NO CANTEEN	Week 7
18th March	Kacie Cattle	Week 8
25th March	NO CANTEEN	Week 9
1st April	Kayla Stokes	Week 10

BELL TIMES

9.00 am – 11.00 am	Morning session
11.00 am – 11.25 am	RECESS
11.25 am – 1.00 pm	Mid session
1.00 pm – 1.50 pm	K – 6 LUNCH
1.50 pm – 3.05 pm	Afternoon session
3.05 pm	SCHOOL FINISHES

WEEK 3

Monday, Feb. 9th

Tuesday, Feb. 10th

Wednesday, Feb. 11th

Thursday, Feb. 12th

Friday, Feb. 13th — Swimming at QPS today Bribbaree Public & Caragabal Public here today.

WEEK 4

Monday, Feb. 16th

Tuesday, Feb. 17th — **'Tim Tam' Day at QPS**
Year 6 Fundraiser at recess.
$2.00 for Tim Tams and Milo.

Wednesday, Feb. 18th

Thursday, Feb. 19th

Friday, Feb. 20th — **Forbes Small School Swimming Carnival at Forbes (Whole School)**

WEEK 5

Monday, Feb. 23rd

Tuesday, Feb. 24th

Wednesday, Feb. 25th

Thursday, Feb. 26th

Friday, Feb. 27th — Swimming at QPS today Bribbaree Public & Caragabal Public here today

'Tim Tam Day'

at

Quandialla Public School

Tuesday, 17th February, 2026 - 11.00 a.m.

This special day is a Year 6 Fundraising Day.

For $2.00 you will receive 2 x Tim Tams and a cup of Milo.

Operation Art News

ART EXHIBITION

We are very excited for our upcoming exhibitions!

Please see below the exhibition location and dates for this years' round of Operation Art exhibitions. **All students' artworks submitted last year will be exhibited at this location.**

Invitations to the exhibition opening celebrations will be emailed to schools and families **at least one month prior to the exhibition start dates**.

Schools in the Western NSW and Riverina Regions

Leeton Museum and Art Gallery

Exhibition: 19 December 2026 to 21 February 2027

Address: 27–33 Chelmsford Place, Leeton

Telephone: 02 6953 0993 **Opening times**: Monday to Saturday 10 am to 3 pm

Transport for NSW

Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian,

We're writing to share an important update from Transport for NSW (Transport) regarding the bus service your child currently uses.

Thomas and Margaret Priestly have advised Transport that from 31 December 2025 they will no longer be providing the S897 (Quandialla to Quandialla Public) bus service.

However, we're pleased to let you know that Transport for NSW has approved a variation of route S216 (Quandialla to Quandialla Public via Bimbi) operated by Wayne & Kath Holz Pty Ltd, to provide a service to Quandialla Public School.

We understand this change may cause inconvenience for some families and on behalf of Transport for NSW and the Operator, we sincerely apologise for any disruption this may cause.

This service may operate a slightly different timetable to the current service. **Please plan your journey** at transportnsw.info/trip (available from the start of the 2026 school year).

Alternatively, you can contact Wayne Holz to discuss the S216 service timetable:

- Email: kmholz@bigpond.com
- Phone: 0466 800 394

If your current **school travel pass** needs to be updated to reflect transport with the new operator, you can do so by visiting the Transport for NSW website – transportnsw.info – and navigating to the school student travel page.

If you have any questions about the current service, please contact Wayne Holz at kmholz@bigpond.com . Transport also welcomes your feedback via transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/bus-feedback.

Thank you for your understanding.

Regards

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OFFICIAL

Quandialla Public School

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Fresh Eggs and Vegetables from our School Poultry & Gardens!

Left to right: Bray and Luke

Did you know children consume around a THIRD of their daily food intake at school?
Lunchbox food plays a crucial role towards childrens ability to concentrate, learn and play.
Our quick link fact sheets provide plenty of tips and guidance on healthy lunchboxes that will ensure your children are well nourished and in tip top shape for learning whilst at school.

Muesli Slice

National Lunch box Week

Ingredients — Makes 24

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup wholemeal flour
- ½ cup desiccated coconut
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ¾ cup sultanas or other mixed dried fruit
- 2 bananas
- ½ cup canola oil
- ½ cup honey

1 LINE

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a slice tray with non-stick baking paper.

2 MIX

In a mixing bowl, add the dry ingredients and mix through.

3 MASH

Place bananas in a separate bowl and mash well.

4 COMBINE

Add bananas to the dry mix with oil and honey. Mix until well combined.

5 BAKE

Place mixture into the lned slice tray and press down firmly. Bake for 30 minutes until golden.

6 CUT

Allow to cool before cutting into squares. Store in air tight container for up to 1 week.

Nutrition Australia

lunchboxweek.org

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National Lunch box Week