On Monday 14th September the year 8 debating team travelled to Uralla with the debating coach Mr Owen. The aim was to compete in the final debate of the Premier’s Shield Debating Competition. The team consisted of Grace Pezzuto, Lilly Nicholls, Lia Robertson and Josie Saunders. This was an important debate, as a win would place the team as Zone champions, having previously beaten Farrer and Oxley in 2 home debates. Upon arrival at Uralla Central School, the team only had 1 hour to prepare the debate from the time they were given the topic, so it was a very high pressure competition. The Topic was “That Poker machines should be banned” and Quirindi were given the negative case.

Despite the Uralla team presenting some good arguments, they were no match for the Quirindi team, who were declared winners of the debate. The main argument by the Quirindi side was that gambling is an integral part of Australian culture and that banning poker machines is taking away our rights. This was hard for the Uralla team to counter. It was a long day of travel, and intellectual challenge, but the students from Quirindi High again demonstrated that they are up to the task!

As Zone Champions the team, also consisting of Beau Mullholland, now progress to the sudden-death round of the competition. Quirindi are preparing to challenge Peel high school in the second week of term 4.
Term 4 has begun smoothly with all students returning safely and presenting well and ready to work on Tuesday morning. It was great to see all students in full summer school uniform, clearly demonstrating that they were proud members of our school community.

We have had a number of Year 12 students coming into the school to access study sessions with their peers and their teachers. Effort and application is the best way forward now, remember it is never too late to start some extra work. All students are wished the best of luck for the examinations, which will begin on Monday the 12th of October. Students and families are reminded that if there is an emergency situation that impacts on a student’s ability to complete an exam, the school should be contacted immediately.

This term we have secured an increased amount of time with our school based Youth Outreach worker Austin Corcoran. Austin is available within the school 5 days a week and is accessible to all students. You can read further about Austin and his role later in our newsletter.

This month’s P&C meeting will be held at Willow Tree Inn on the 27th of October at 6pm. This year we are attempting to hold a number of the P&C meetings in our surrounding communities as we realise travelling into Quirindi is not always possible for everyone. Please feel free to come and join us for the meeting at 6pm and then stay for a meal at the restaurant. We will be taking the 12 seater school bus to transport parents from Quirindi to Willow tree. The bus will depart from the bus stop in Hill St at 5.45pm on the 27th and return once we have finished dinner. If you would like a lift to Willow Tree please contact Sally Chad at the school by Monday the 26th of October.

As always if you have any questions or queries regarding your son or daughter’s educational experience at Quirindi High School please contact the school for an appointment.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal

Introducing Austin Corcoran our new Youth Outreach Worker

A bit about my history and my new role
While working in Youth Mental Health with Hunter New England Health I worked in schools across the New England area delivering education sessions to students and teachers. These sessions focussed on many aspects of supporting and maintaining wellbeing. During this time I also worked at Headspace Tamworth.

When I heard that Quirindi High School was looking for a social worker to be based in the school working with students, parents/carers and the community I was excited by the opportunities that this new role offered and I was lucky enough to get the position. I am now working full time in the school and can be contacted through the front office.

The role aims to build connections between students and their families with other staff, services and/or community activities and support agencies. A lot of this work is with individual students or small groups helping them develop better coping and problem solving skills.

As part of this new Youth Outreach role the school is partnering with Hunter New England Health to provide support and education sessions to parents, carers, teachers and friends of young people who may be having a tough time. This free event will be at Quirindi RSL starting at 6pm on Tuesday 20th October.

I hope I get to meet a lot of you there but please feel free to get in contact with me any time

Regards
Austin Corcoran
Science Examination Schedule

All Yearly Science Examinations will be held WEEK 4.

- Year 10 - Thursday 29th October Period 1
- Year 9 - Wednesday 28th October Period 1
- Year 7 & 8 - In class time Week 4

Students will need: blue/black pen, pencil/eraser, ruler and calculator.

Mrs Batho
Acting Head Teacher Science

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Was I ever like that?
A support and education session for parents, carers, teachers and friends of young people who may be having a tough time. Find out how to help your young person and yourself through challenges and meet others who may be feeling the same way as you!

TUESDAY 20TH October
Quirindi RSL Club @ 6pm Hot Finger Food
Topics Include: Sexual Health and Healthy Relationships, Drug and Alcohol Use, Young People and the Law / Cyber Safety, Anxiety & Self-Harm

Proudly presented by:

Support by:
Quirindi High School Year 12 Class of 2015 Goes Out in Song!

Quirindi High School’s Year 12 2015 Graduation Assembly has been described as an awesome event!

Friday 18th September, 2015 marked the last time Year 12 would sit together as a year group at a formal assembly at Quirindi High School. After 6 years of education, it was time to farewell the 44 students as they prepared to sit their HSC exams and then move out into the world of further education, employment, travel or wherever their next journey takes them.

The highlight of the graduation assembly was the incredible performance by their Year Advisor, Chris Owen, where he had the audience in raptures with his tribute to Year 12 performed in song. His rendition of *We Didn’t Start the Learning* to the music of the well-known song by Billy Joel, *We Didn’t Start the Fire*, brought the house down with his witty lyrics which highlighted each of the 44 students in the Class of 2015!

This was followed by Craig Patton’s address on behalf of the parents of Year 12. His speech was a heartfelt congratulations to the both the students and parents for making it to the end of 6 years of schooling. Humorous anecdotes about students and how they have grown to become an amazing bunch of young adults were conveyed through Mr Patton’s speech.

Sally Chad, Relieving Principal, in her address to the assembly, described Year 12 as an outstanding group of students and thanked their year Advisor, Chris Owen, for his work over the past 6 years, stating that they were a reflection of his dedication to their wellbeing at Quirindi High School.

Ms Chad described the unique position the Year 12 students are in as they are all “cuspians”! Being at the end of Gen Y and the beginning of Gen Z, they are on the cusp of both generational groups and that means that they can decide “which generation sounds better and stick with the winning team”. However, Ms Chad stated that no matter which generation they choose, they will always be a member of our group, the community of Quirindi High School.

More surprises were in store during this graduation, with Danielle Lawlor, on behalf of Year 12, presenting their Year Advisor with a very fitting gift, a handcrafted chair made from a 44 gallon drum in his favourite V8 supercar team colours of blue and white – the mighty Fords! Mr Owen was blown away by this unique gift and the appreciation shown to him by his students.

This graduation assembly’s upbeat tone was concluded with the departure of Year 12 and their Year Advisor to the song “Stole the Show” by Kygo, where they bowed and waved to the crowd as they walked out of the Hall as a year group for the last time.

Year 12, 2015 and their Year Advisor, Chris Owen, certainly did “steal the show”.

Article written by Lindi Owen
Photos supplied by Lindi Owen & Karen O’Brien

Gift from year 12 to Mr Owen
Uniform changes at Quirindi High School in 2016.

The school uniform will be different from the start of Term 1 2016. As of 2016 the girl’s skirt for both summer and winter will be made from the winter skirt material. It will be a short skirt with three box pleats at the front and a single panel at the back. Girls will still require a long skirt in winter for formal assemblies and when representing the school. Navy trousers will also be available for girls to wear as part of the school uniform. The trousers are to be purchased through the school and should be available at the end of Term 4 2015 or early Term 1 2016. The skirts will also be available from the school or through the local business Uniforms R Us in Quirindi. All students will now wear white buttoned cotton shirts with embroidered school crest; the shirts will also be available at the school. Boy’s grey shorts and long pants remain unchanged. Shoes for all students remain black leather fully enclosed as guided by WH&S rulings.

We are anticipating that Term 1 2016 will be a change over period for uniform. Should students still fit into their current summer uniform and families have no need to buy new uniform at this stage we are happy for the current uniform to be worn. It is requested that when students do require new uniform that the updated uniform be purchased.

Incoming students for Year 7 are asked not to purchase current summer uniform, rather to wait for the new uniform to be available at the end of Term 4 or the beginning of Term 1 in 2016. If the summer skirts and shirts not be ready for day 1 of 2016 students should wear their uniform from their Primary school until they are able to access our new uniform.

The sport uniform remains the gold polo t-shirt and black shorts. As always the school has a student assistant plan that can be accessed to provide uniform for students if need be. Please contact the school and speak with Ms Chad for further information regarding this resource.
Library Happenings!

Pick up a book and you just might
“Discover or rediscover the joy of reading”!

Need a book to read?
Come and browse the shelves and try out
our Reading Chair!

Welcome back to Term 4!

TWO NEW PICTURE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The Gestapo called her The White Mouse -- and they wanted her, dead or alive. Nancy Wake was an Australian who joined the French Resistance during World War II and became the most wanted woman in France. Parachuting behind enemy lines, blowing up bridges and smuggling refugees across borders, Nancy fought fiercely against the enemy and became the most decorated Australian woman in any war. (Back cover)

Based on the true story of a quilt made by convict women on board the Rajah, bound for Australia. Lizzie Flynn has nothing but her name when she boards the Rajah, which is bound for the penal colony of Australia. On board the Rajah the convict women were given a “useful bag” containing among other things fabric and needle and thread. The women were taught to sew and together they made the Rajah quilt which is currently housed in the National Library. (From publisher)
**Revision Strategy to Try This Week**

**Diagrams**

**Especially useful for:**
- To see patterns over time / over the plot of a novel or play / within data.

**What to do:**
Depending on what you’re studying, create:
- Timelines
- Graphs
- Charts
- etc.

This is a circles diagram. It shows who was responsible for the break with Rome in 1533. The centre, black, circle is the concept of ‘the break’. There is a red circle for each person involved.

The size of the red circle shows how **influential** the individual was (i.e. how much their opinion mattered). The distance of the red circle from the black circle shows how **instrumental** the person was (i.e. how much they actually did).

This is a timeline of Henry VIII’s reign. The sticky notes argue that the break with Rome was/was not planned. The fact some of the timeline is higher than other bits shows how protestant England was at any point. The blue and white sticky notes explain why we made those decisions. It shows a lot!!
These are little graphs showing trends in particular areas of politics over the four chancellors of Wilhelm II’s reign.

This is a huge graph showing the fortunes of various political parties whilst Bismarck was Chancellor of Germany.

**Why does it work?**

- Because it visualises your thinking, so it utilises your visual memory and is quick to review when you repeat your revision.
- Because you have had to process the information properly to create the diagram.
- Because it forces you to commit your thoughts to paper; it gives you a tangible product for what might otherwise just be vague ideas.


**Need Help?**

Make sure you ask us for help.

Happy Reading and Studying!

*Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian & Mrs Sweep – SAS Library*
Quirindi Junior Cricket Association Inc

Weet-Bix MyCricket

Registration Day

Boys and Girls from 5 to 16 years are invited to register for our 2015-16 Cricket Season

10AM - SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER
CRICKET SHED, NO 1 OVAL,
HENRY STREET QUIRINDI

$60 per player, special family deals (3 or more children)
For more information contact Peter Forsyth on 02 6746 5546

Quirindi
Swimming Club

The weather's warming up...
Swimming season is about to begin...

Training Starts October 19th

Registration Days
Saturday 10th October,
10am - noon
Outside Quirindi IGA

Saturday 17th October,
*Time Change* Noon - 2pm
QSC Clubhouse, Town Pool

For more information
Contact qascinc@hotmail.com
# Dates to put on your Calendar

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## Little Athletics NSW

**Quirindi Little Athletics Centre**

- Come along and take part in this interesting and fun-filled activity for children and families.
- The primary aim of Little Athletics is the development of children with positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle through family involvement in athletics based activities.
- A wide range of running, jumping, throwing and walking events are conducted.
- Children compete with others of similar age, with the emphasis placed on participation and personal improvement rather than winning.

**WHEN**
- Monday 12th October 5:30pm
- Monday 19th October 5:30pm
- Friday 23rd October 5:30pm
- Friday 30th October 5:30pm
- Monday 6th November 5:30pm
- Monday 13th November 5:30pm
- Monday 20th November 5:30pm

**WHERE**
- Quirindi Sports Field

**Fees**
- $20 per family

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## 2015 Melbourne Cup Race Day Runway

**Quirindi Airport Hangar**

- **November 3, 11:30 - 5PM**
- **Local charity Farming For Kids Inc.**
- **Enjoy delicious lunch by the fabulous Hunter Gourmet team.**
- **Take Part** in the online silent auction with opportunities to bid on fabulous prizes.
- **Watch** the Melbourne Cup projected live.
- **Dress up** for a fabulous day out and a chance to win our fantastic Prizes.
- **Tickets** $20 per person.
- Tickets are available from RUILING MULTIMEDIA 0417 963 336, 938 882 991 or by metabolic for kids. Note: All proceeds go to the Quirindi Community centre. For more information, please visit the website.
QUIRINDI WOMEN’S BOWLING CLUB

TRIVIA
Eat • Drink • Think

24 OCTOBER 2015
At the QUIRINDI BOWLING CLUB

6.30PM FOR 7.00PM

$10.00 PER PERSON
TEAMS TO CONSIST OF EIGHT PLAYERS
RAFFLES AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES
BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES
OR YOU CAN ORDER FINGER FOOD FROM THE RESTAURANT
TEST YOUR BRAIN MATTER AND HAVE SOME FUN

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
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