“For children, diversity needs to be real and not merely relegated to learning the names of the usual suspects”
   – John Ridley

The above quote reflects the educational philosophy that drives the practice of all staff at Quirindi High School. We strive to make learning a real experience and we work hard to ensure many quality learning activities occur outside the structure of our four walls.

This week students of Quirindi High School participated in our inaugural historical and cultural Enlightenment Day. This day is a perfect example of learning outside the classroom. The day organised by Mrs Megan Outerbridge and her support team provided every student at Quirindi High School the opportunity to experience and gain greater knowledge about the diversity of our community. All students travelled to a number of locations within our local area to learn from experts about the area’s geography, land use, historical and cultural characteristics. This exposure to information about our area allows our students to have a greater understanding about their place and how they belong to the area. It is hoped students will use their learning to enhance their participation within the community and to build strong partnerships with all local people.

A big thank you to Mrs Outerbridge for all of the time committed and work completed to make the day a reality. A thank you also to community members Mr Andrew Wright, Mrs Tania Hartigan, Mrs Helen Hope, Mr Simon Taylor, Mr Tom Taylor, Mr Shannon Taylor and the Gomeroi Dance Company for providing their time and sharing their knowledge and expertise with our students.

During week 1 we again had the opportunity to celebrate students who have achieved various levels within our Merit System. Thank you to Mr Chambers and his team for organising the BBQ for our very deserving students. It is great to know that the majority of our students have all achieved the right to attend their end of year Merit Excursions. We believe it is important for all students to be rewarded for their great work and have the opportunity to participate in these excursions. If families require financial assistance to ensure their children are able to go on excursion please contact the school.

As always should you have any question or queries regarding your son or daughter’s educational experience at the school please call us to make an appointment to come and speak with us.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal
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
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 Stitches 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.

Amendment and apology

In last week’s newsletter I included the above information regarding the change to the school’s uniform as of 2016. In that information I stated uniform could be purchased from Uniforms R Us Quirindi. This business does not in fact exist. Our new uniform for 2016 will be available at the school and girl’s skirts can also be purchased from Stitches R Us in Quirindi, not at Uniforms R Us Tamworth.

I apologise for this mistake and hope the above information clarifies and corrects misinformation previously distributed.

Sincerely,
Sally Chad
Relieving Principal
As part of the assessment procedure students in Year 7 – 10 will sit a yearly examination in Mathematics. The examinations will give students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of all concepts taught during the year. All students in a year group will sit the same examination.

The examination schedule will be as follows:

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All students will require pens, a lead pencil and a ruler for the exam.

All students will need to bring their school calculator to the exam. Any student who feels they are unable to have a calculator on the day should see Mrs Holmes.

If students have any questions about the yearly exam they should ask their class teacher or come and speak to Mrs Holmes in the Maths Staffroom. Parents and guardians are welcome to contact Mrs Holmes if they have any queries.
End of Year Excursions are fast approaching

REMINDER

Outstanding Elective Fees

Students will be denied the privilege of attending non-compulsory excursions as per the Quirindi High School policy if there has been no effort in the payment of elective fees over the year. Any fees owing from the previous year will have to be paid in full.

We would be grateful if you could settle your account as soon as possible.

A student assistance scheme is available through a government funded subsidy whereby, anyone who is having financial difficulty is encouraged to contact the Principal requesting assistance with payment for excursions or elective fees.

This will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Rotary Club of Quirindi

Quirindi Conversations

Wednesday 11th November 2015 - 6.30pm
Royal Theatre, Quirindi

Join your host Jennifer Ingall for an evening of conversations with special guests
Catriona Rosenthal, David Carter,
Sandy Macdonald and
Captain Colin Day CSC RAN.
Enjoy entertainment from
Tassie Cone (Romanda) and
The Blackvillains, together with canapes and drinks throughout the evening.

Jennifer Ingall

Gillian Rosenthal
David Carter
Sandy Macdonald
Captain Colin Day CSC RAN

Tickets now available from Gympie Moot Jewellers 02 6746 2287
$65pp or $5pp for groups of 10 people or more.
### 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 & walking events are conducted.

Children compete with others of similar age, with the emphasis placed on participation and personal enjoyment rather than winning.

WHO: Children aged between 3 and 16 years

WHEN: Come and try days -
- Monday 12th October 5.30pm
- Monday 19th October 5.30pm

Be registered to start by:
- Monday 26th October 2015 5.30pm-7pm

WHERE: GOLLAND FIELDS QUIRINDI

TIME: Mondays 5.30pm-7pm

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
CONTACT
SUZ KENT – 67463375
FAY AUSTIN – 67463202

2015 MELBOURNE CUP RACE DAY AT RUNWAY

QUIRINDI AIRPORT HANGAR
NOVEMBER 3, 11.30 - 5PM

Local charity Farming For Kids Inc is holding a Melbourne Cup lunch at the Quirindi Airport Hangar.

Enjoy a delicious lunch by the fabulous Hunterd Gourmet team.

Take part in the online silent auction with opportunities to bid on fabulous prizes.

Watch the Melbourne Cup projected live. Call the office and reserve your tickets.

Dress up for a fabulous day out and a chance to win our fashions in the fields.

Tickets $15.00 each. Tickets are available from Shop 4, 134 The Parwell, Quirindi.

Farming For Kids is an organisation run by volunteer farmers in the Liverpool Plains to promote the health and wellbeing of our children. For more information visit Farmingforkids.com.au.

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

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