INTRODUCING OUR SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2016

Congratulations to
Jake Douglas – Captain
Hollie Sampson – Captain
Brittany Beveridge – Vice Captain
Daniel Rea – Vice Captain

on their election by the school community to their School Leadership Roles for 2016.
Message from the Relieving Principal

This week Quirindi High School parents and community members were invited to an information evening about challenges faced by young people today. The evening included guest speakers who work in the areas of drug and alcohol use, sexual health, mental health and cyber safety. The evening was well supported with a number of parents attending. Feedback indicated that parents felt the presenters were worthwhile listening to and had useful strategies and ideas to help parents support their children. Due to the success of the evening we are hoping to run the information session again later in the term and we are endeavouring to hold the event in Werris Creek so that people can access the night. Thank you to Mr Austin Corcoran for organising the evening.

During the night a number of helpful strategies and support structures were highlighted for parents, one important one being the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner. We have previously published information regarding this Federal Government service but the importance of the Commissioner’s role was again highlighted. Parents were given the URL www.esafety.gov.au as the site to go to when seeking assistance with cyberbullying issues. Steps that you should take when your child discloses an incident of cyber bullying include;

1. Report the cyberbullying to the social media service
2. Collect evidence- copy URLs or take screenshots of the material

If the content is not removed within 48hrs
4. Block the person

At Quirindi High School we take all incidents of bullying and harassment seriously and deal with all cases brought to our attention following Department of Education policies and procedures. We seek to ensure that our school environment is a safe and nurturing environment and we endeavour to take all necessary steps to ensure this is reality.

On Tuesday the 27th of October our P&C will be meeting in Willow Tree at the Willow Tree Hotel with dinner after the meeting at Graze. I will be driving the school’s minibus to Willow Tree to transport parents from Quirindi. If you would like to attend the evening please contact Kim Lawlor the P&C president. The bus will depart from the Hill Street school entrance at 5.45pm.

As always should you have any questions or queries regarding your son or daughter’s educational experience at Quirindi High School please contact us to make a time to come and speak with staff at school.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal
October 16th 2015 our school participated in the first ever Enlightenment Day. Our school travelled to various locations around the Liverpool Plains Shire to experience what our area has to offer.

9 buses transported students to the following locations – Werris Creek Coal Mine, Wallabadah Memorial First Fleet Gardens, Willow Tree Information Centre and Pine Ridge. All students were able to listen to facilitators inform them on the area and show them interesting facts regarding the sites.

At Pine Ridge students participated in a Smoking Ceremony performed by the Gomeroi Dance Company. This was a very powerful experience that everyone enjoyed. Students also were able to watch the Gomeroi Dance Company perform dances and listen to stories passed down for generations. Staff and students also participated in some dances.

Everyone enjoyed this learning experience. Thank you to everyone who supported the day. We look forward to planning another Enlightenment Day for next year.
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!

Need a laugh? Jump into the Treehouse series!
Available in the Library now!

www.aneverydaystory.com
**HYERLE’S THINKING MAPS**

Useful for nearly everything.

Choose the right kind of map for the type of thinking you are doing – see below.

You can draw/write these maps on paper or create ‘3D’ versions on a board. This is a L6 example of a double-bubble map, comparing the strengths and weaknesses of Germany in 1890.

It is also colour coded; different colours for:

- The political system
- The economy
- The army
- Social stability.

Why does it work?

- Because you are using a specific shape of map for specific types of thinking, so it helps you to organise your thoughts, rather than just having lists of random information in your head.
- Because it creates a visual structure for thoughts you have written out, so it’s more than one type of memory.

Because if you use the frame it can help you to plan essays, making sure your ideas are backed up with specific facts, examples or quotations.
Around any map can be placed a frame, which is a metacognitive tool for showing where ideas come from, e.g. historical facts which gave you certain ideas, or quotations from books which reveal certain techniques of the author. For example:

These are just four examples of maps – there are lots of others styles of maps. If you would like some other ideas, just come and see me in the Library.


Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.
Happy reading and studying!

Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian & Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
**Mathematics Yearly Exams**

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.

Messages/Books/Money Left at Office for Students

At school we have a Year 8 runner available periods 1 and 4 to assist office staff with the running of messages and delivering of absentee notices etc.

Outside this time frame, we cannot guarantee that messages/books etc will be delivered to students as staff may not always be available to leave the office. Obviously this does not apply to emergency situations. Please be aware that on Thursday afternoon, students are at sport and this involves many different locations, both inside and outside the school grounds.

If you know that you will be collecting students for appointments etc, please ensure that you send a note to school requesting a leave pass (through the normal channels as outlined in the school handbook) or if you are unsure of the time, please ask students to check for messages at the front office at each break.

Likewise, if you are leaving books, clothes, money at the office, please ensure that students are aware that you will be dropping items and ask them to keep checking during breaks to see if items have been left.

Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.
Quirindi Conversations.
Wednesday 11 November, 6.30pm, Quirindi Royal Theatre.

- Many remarkable and fascinating individuals have called Werris Creek and Quirindi home over the years. **Captain Colin (Nicky) Dagg RAN, CSC, ex Werris Creek PS and Quirindi HS student** is one of these.
- Colin left school for an apprenticeship in the Navy, went to University, obtained a degree in Engineering, was Chief Engineer on the HMAS Melbourne, has been Chief Engineer of the Royal Australian Navy’s Fleet, has served in the Gulf, East Timor and across the world and is now in a very high ranking naval position in Canberra.
- Colin recently received the Conspicuous Service Cross from the Governor General in the 2015 Australian Honours List.
- To recognise the achievements of these noteworthy people, Quirindi Rotary Club is again organising ‘Quirindi Conversations’. The evening will present audience members with a unique opportunity to learn about the captivating success stories of four significant former and current Liverpool Plains Shire residents.
- Quirindi Conversations is all about showing how characteristics such as persistence, ambition and determination, coinciding with an individual’s unique skills and abilities, have enabled locals to achieve great things.
- The event is also about promoting the ideals of the Rotary Club organisation and will serve as a fundraiser for local charities and groups.
- The line-up of ‘personalities’ for the night includes **David Carter**, ex “Hard As Nails” Wallaby; **Sandy Macdonald**, previously Federal Senator; Captain **Colin Dagg** RAN, CSC; and **Catriona Rowntree** from Channel 9’s Travel Show “Getaway”.
- Guests will be interviewed by **Jennifer Ingall**, the current Regional Content Manager for ABC Radio in the area.
- In 2014 Conversations raised over $10,000 for local organisations, schools and charities together with funding playground equipment for an orphanage in Tanzania.
- Complimentary drinks and canapés will be available upon arrival. Musical entertainment from **Jackie Cone** (Ranclaud) and “Drama” from the **Blackvillains** will also feature during the evening.
- **Tickets** are $40 per head or $35 per head for groups of 10 or more. Tickets can be purchased from **Quirindi Gypsy Moth Jewellers** or contact them on 0267462287 or 0422377207.

So get a group together, join a group or come as an individual or couple, to listen to and celebrate the achievements of one of our own and a product of public education.
### Dates to put on your Calendar

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### School Office Hours

Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm
**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 healthy lifestyles 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.

**QUIRINDI LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE**
For more information please call Sarah on 0447 700 880

**WHO:** Children aged between 3 and 16 years

**WHEN:** Come and try days -
- Monday 12th October 5:30pm
- Monday 18th October 5:30pm

Be registered to start by:
- Monday 25th October 2015 5:30pm-7pm

**WHERE:** GOLLAND FIELDS QUIRINDI

**TIME:** Mondays 5.30pm-7pm

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**2015 MELBOURNE CUP**

**RACE DAY AT THE RUNWAY**

**QUIRINDI AIRPORT HANGAR**

**NOVEMBER 3, 11.30 - 5PM**

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

Enjoy a delicious lunch by the fabulous Hunkled Gourmet Team.

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

Watch the Melbourne Cup projected live.

Table & Drink spreads will be operating on the day.

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

Tickets are available to purchase from 0814754945 or by contacting Farming for Kids Inc on 938 062 084 or 16047564 on mobile.

Tickets are $5 per person. On sale until October 29th. Entrance will be available from 11am.

Farming for Kids Inc is an organisation run by volunteers based in Liverpool Plains that promotes the health and wellbeing of our children. For more information visit www.farmingforkidsinc.com.au

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**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 HIBBIES

OR YOU CAN ORDER FINGER FOOD FROM THE RESTAURANT

TEST YOUR BRAIN MATTER AND HAVE SOME FUN

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

CONTACT

SUE KENT – 67463375

FAY AUSTIN – 67463620
Friends of Children with Special Needs Quirindi Group
ABN 84 344 320 073

Are commencing a major raffle

**Hamilton Island Holiday Raffle**

We hope many parents and families support this fundraiser. All monies raised will be assisting Friends of Children With Special Needs Group and supporting children in our community.

**Tickets are $2 each**

1<sup>st</sup> **prize** is for five (5) nights at the Reef View Hotel, Hamilton Island for 2 adults and 2 children (0-12 Years) in a Garden View Room including a $1,000 Virgin Australia Voucher. Also included is a full buffet breakfast daily, return airport/marina transfers, use of paddle skis, windsurfers, catamarans, snorkelling equipment, use of Island shuttle, use of gym, spa, sauna and tennis court hire. Kids eat free at participating restaurants.

**Valued at $2,730**

2<sup>nd</sup> **Prize** 2GB IPod Shuffle. **Valued at $60**
Raffle drawn 5.3.16 at the Quirindi Music Festival

**Tickets available from Quantum X George Street Quirindi**
Contact Jodie Sevil 0429 463 103
Maryellen Scanlon 0427 456 400