Week 4 of Term 4 2015 was a memorable one in the history of Quirindi High School. This week Quirindi High School signed a letter of intent for involvement in a sister school program with Cuiying High School, Jimo City China. The period of cooperation sees a partnership of three years, which can be extended by agreement of both parties. During this time students from both schools will benefit from possible inter school visits, communication via internet connection and access to educators for cultural and language programs.

The letter of intent was prepared within the context of the Liverpool Plains Shire Council and City of Jimo Sister City/Friendship agreement. The purpose of the program is to enable mutually advantageous communication and cooperation objectives in the cultural exchange program. The opportunities this partnership may provide for our students in exposing them to other cultures of the world is exciting and reflective of the importance we place on making learning real and active at Quirindi High School.

For the first time our P&C met outside the town limits of Quirindi. We took the meeting to Willow Tree where we had a positive and productive meeting of 14 parents and community members. At a time when most schools are struggling to host P&C meetings due to lack of support it is heartening to see that our school is strongly supported by parents who want to ensure the best educational experience for all of our children.

A number of points of interest were raised by parents at the meeting, these included access to EFTPOS facilities at the school and also clarification on uniform for 2016.

EFTPOS is the form of payment most people now utilise and we are investigating having a system put into operation in 2016. To this point we had been advised by the Department of Education to wait for the implementation of a state-wide financial program, this program is being rolled into all NSW Public Education schools gradually. It is hoped that early next year we will have a system in place in the school’s administration area to increase the number of options parents have for paying school accounts.

The introduction of the new uniform will include a phase-in period for all of 2016. While students wait for the new uniform it will be acceptable for students to wear items of the existing uniform and the sports uniform (this is unchanged). Incoming Year 7 students may also wear their Primary School uniform. Students will still be required to wear white socks and fully enclosed black leather shoes. The new summer skirts for girls will be able to be purchased from the school in 2016 or can be purchased at Stitches R Us. The white buttoned shirts with school crest will be available at the school when the order arrives as with the skirts.

One of our goals this year at Quirindi High School was to strengthen our community connections. Taking our P&C meetings to our surrounding communities is an important way in allowing us to realise our goal. The final P&C meeting for 2015 will be held in Murrurundi on the 24th of November. It would be wonderful to see more faces and hear your ideas about what you would like to see implemented to support the education of our students.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the students of the Cattle Club who travelled to Scone last weekend. These students achieved commendable results and represented our school in a magnificent manner. Thanks to Miss Lauren Hunt for all of her efforts with this group; it is wonderful to see we are developing a group who will be leaders in this area of agriculture.

As always should you have any questions or queries regarding your son or daughter’s educational experience at Quirindi High School please contact us for an appointment to come in and speak with us about the issue.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal
Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza 2015

On the Thursday 22nd of October 2015, ten students from the Quirindi high School Cattle Team travelled to Scone with five steers for the prestigious Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. Beau Mulholland, Casey Clarke, Chase Clarke, Sam Palmer, Thomas Young, Emma Elford, Sieanna Glover, Layne Boswell, Kaitlin Brabant and Cory Mackay competed in the three day competition which attracted over 750 competitors exhibiting over 300 head of cattle.

Friday the 23rd was the first day of competition and kicked off with the School Steers Challenge. To compete in this event schools had to apply to for a steer from Waverly station to feed and prepare for the show. The QHS cattle team had taken part in this challenge and been preparing their Waverly steer for the past four months. Thirty-six schools from across the state competed in this challenge and two students from each school had the opportunity to compete in a paraders’ class exclusively for Waverly steers. Layne Boswell and Sam Palmer both participated in this event. Layne placed first in her heat and Sam placed second in his heat – a huge achievement at such a high level of competition.

Saturday 24th was competition day for the steer classes. The smallest of the QHS steers, a Limousin x Shorthorn steer bred by R & M Cox, named ‘Speckle’ was entered into the Lightweight section of competition and was led by Chase Clarke. He was placed first in his class and then went on to be awarded Champion Lightweight steer of the whole competition, with the judge commenting on the exceptional quality of the steer from QHS. This is an enormous achievement at such a prestigious and well attended event.
The QHS cattle team were also fortunate to have the opportunity to prepare and show a Limousin steer ‘Kargo’ from Colin McGilchrist in the Middleweight section and two Angus steers ‘Kiwi’ and ‘Kobe’ from Scone Pastoral Company in the Heavyweight section of competition.

Saturday afternoon kicked off the paraders’ competition with Beau Mulholland competing in the 13 years age group against 150 other competitors. Beau did extremely well and made it through to the final ten – a huge achievement.

Chase Clarke, Casey Clarke, Sam Palmer and Thomas Young competed in the 14 years age group against 160 other competitors. All boys did extremely well, with Casey making it through to the final 20 of the age group – another huge effort!

Sunday kicked off with Junior Judging. All 10 students took part in the competition which included the judging of bulls, heifers and steers. All students did very well and gained valuable experience in the judging of cattle for specific markets and needs.

Sunday afternoon saw Sieanna Glover, Emma Elford and Kaitlin Brabant compete in the 15 years paraders’ competition and Cory Mackay and Layne Boswell also competed in the 16 years competition. Again both age groups were very large with over 150 competitors in each age division and all students did QHS proud by putting in an amazing effort.
The QHS Cattle Team had a great time at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza for 2015 bringing home ribbons, developing new skills and making new friends. We look forward to more exciting ventures and success in 2016.
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!


The Ranger’s Apprentice origin story fans have been waiting for.

Before they became the most famous Ranger in the land and the hard-working Ranger Commandant, Halt and Crowley were young friends determined to change the world.

The scheming Baron Morgarath is drawing other power-hungry knights and barons to his banner. King Oswald is wasting away and, if gossip can be believed, Prince Duncan is causing havoc in the north.

Halt and Crowley set out to find the prince, uncover the truth, and re-form the weakened Ranger Corps. Once-loyal Rangers are scattered across the country, and it will take determination, skill, and leadership if they’re to come together as one. Can the Rangers regain the trust of the Kingdom, or will the cunning Morgarath outwit them at every turn?


Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.
Happy reading and studying!
Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian &
Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
# Revision Strategy to Try This Week

## Collect Your Thinking

This table records different types of understanding of topics you are revising.

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<th>Summary of my thinking:</th>
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<td><strong>I'M STILL CURIOUS ABOUT...</strong></td>
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<td>[these are the things you still don't know and may need to check]</td>
<td>Why didn't anyone stop the Nazis?</td>
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<td><strong>I KNOW THAT...</strong></td>
<td>6 million Jews were killed in the Nazis</td>
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<td>[a list of everything you can remember about the topic]</td>
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<td>I know that they wore uniforms in the camps</td>
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<td>[how does this topic fit into bigger topics you've studied, for example, how does x poem link to any other poems you've studied in English]</td>
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Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night. Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

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.
# Dates to put on your Calendar

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## School Office Hours

Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm
2015 MELBOURNE CUP

RACE DAY 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 housed Gourmet team. Take part in the online silent auction with opportunities to bid on fabulous prizes. Watch the Melbourne Cup projected live. Cash Bar and sweeps 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 $150.00 each at Quirindi Rotary Club, 142 Railway Street Quirindi, and at the door on the day.

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 go to www.farmingforkids.org.au

Farming for Kids Inc.

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:

Carriene Franca, David Carter, Sandy Macdonald, Captain Colin Day CMC RNZN

Enjoy wine, nibbles, and the Blacketys together with concepts and drinks throughout the evening.

Tickets now available from Joyce Gough, 0416 027 976

4.00pm or $35.00 for groups of 10 people or more.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
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**

1st 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**

2nd 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