Message from the Principal

Thank you to all students who supported our green and purple mufti-day today. Our annual out-of-uniform day, held in fond memory of Arthur Bramley is very important to our students and to the Bramley family. This year, the day also coincided with Cancer Council ‘Relay for Life’ fundraising, which many of our students and families support. Students at our school are respectful, community-minded citizens and we are very proud of them.

Next week is our ‘Welcome Year 7’ school social. We hope to see good attendance for the event, and thank our teaching staff for volunteering their time to make sure our students can have events such as this.

I would like to acknowledge Mrs Rose Holland who has been a valuable member of our Science then HSIE faculties since 2011. Mrs Holland has taken on many extra roles in her time at QHS and we are very grateful for her support of our students. We wish Mrs Holland well in the future.

Have a great weekend!

Meghanne Clarke
Principal
On Tuesday 24th February the Quirindi High School Netball team travelled to Gunnedah High School for the first round of the CHS knockout competition. The girls contested the game with skill and grace but the Gunnedah side came out on top.

I would like to express how proud I was of the QHS girls. They displayed every aspect of sportsmanship throughout selections, training and the competition. I would also like to thank Gunnedah High School for a well-played game and to express what a great venue their gymnasium is for Netball. Also a big thank you needs to go to Gabby Rawson for coming with us and umpiring, they did a fantastic job.

Thanks again to all the girls for such an enjoyable competition.

Mrs Batho
Coach
The senior geography class had an extremely fun and informative excursion to Dorrigo National Park in Week 6. They experienced outdoor camping at its finest, with cricket, a classic Australian BBQ and bacon and eggs for breakfast being some of the highlights. The students learnt some great facts about rainforest ecosystems, all the while being surrounded the beauty of 300 year old trees and majestic waterfalls. The excursion was an outstanding success and could be the start of an important tradition at Quirindi High School.
On Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} March, 53 Year 10 students visited Whitehaven Coal’s site at Werris Creek and Quipolly Dam to conduct primary research and refine their geographical skills. The students had a tour of the mine site and were very surprised how deep the mine pit is – 160m currently. The Environmental Officer at Werris Creek mine was asked many questions by the pupils and valuable information was gained. The students will use data from the mine and Quipolly Dam studies to decide how they will rehabilitate an area of land at Werris Creek Mine. Thanks to Mr Owen for driving us to the mine and the dam. Also thank you to Andrew Wright, Environmental Officer – Werris Creek Coal and Rodney Batterham – Water Services Manager – Liverpool Plains Shire Council for giving up their time to talk to Year 10 through the day.
It’s Competition Time
Like a challenge?
Why don’t you enter the
English, Spelling or Writing Competitions!
The English and Writing Competitions are open to all students in Years 7-12.
The Spelling Competition is open to all Year 7 students only.
If you would like more information on these competitions, please see Mrs Owen in the Library.

QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL P&C AGM
When: Tuesday 31st March 2015
Where: Quirindi Bowling Club
Time: 6 pm

A normal meeting will follow at approximately 6.30pm
The Agenda will include a discussion on Uniforms

ALL WELCOME

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT
Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills

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Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student or call 1300 135 331 for more information
Library Happenings!

**Reading Challenge**
Have you challenged yourself to read a book each month yet?
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!

**Book of the Week**

**Adams Spencer’s**

**BIG BOOK of Numbers**

A hilarious, enlightening romp through the world of numbers with one of Australia’s best-loved broadcasters.

Why do people get freaked out by Friday the 13th? Where does a ‘dozen’ come from? Who was Erno Rubik? And how do you become a master at Sudoku?

In 100 bite-sized chapters, mathematician, broadcaster and comedian Adam Spencer unlocks more of the secrets of the world of numbers.

If you’ve ever wondered about the ‘fourth dimension’, why spider monkeys have so many bones in their hands, which numbers are truly narcissistic, or how on earth you play ‘Buckyball’, Adam Spencer’s Big Book of Numbers will set you straight.

**Mrs Owen** – “This is a great read, written in an entertaining and funny manner. I am learning lots about the numbers 1-100 that I never knew.”

It’s Time to Start Preparing for ASCA

Australian Speech Communication Association

The ASCA Exams will be held in Term 3, Week 4, 3 Aug-7 Aug 2015.

It’s time to start thinking and preparing for your ASCA Exams.

Participating in ASCA is a great way to promote your communication skills and a great certificate to include in your resume.

The ASCA communication program is open to ALL students at Quirindi High School, with the school subsidizing part of the fee costs.

ASCA offers a variety of exams in

- Communication
- Communication through Performance
- Musical Theatre

If you would like to participate in ASCA this year, come along to the ASCA Information meeting on Tuesday 17 March, Week 8, in the Library Annex.

YEAR 12

It’s Exam Time — Are you Prepared??????

Find out more about PREPARING FOR EXAMS by checking out the information in the online study skills handbook. There is a complete section on HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR STUDY which includes lots of information, tips and examples about:

- Summarising
- Active Studying
- Preparing for Exam Blocks
- Test-Taking Techniques

QHS students have direct access to the Online Study Skills handbook through the school’s Moodle site. They use their DET username and password to access QHS Moodle.

Your BRAIN is the world’s fastest computer ……
Make sure yours is PLUGGED in.

Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.
Happy Reading and Studying!
Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian
Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
Miss Lees’ Year 8 PDHPE class have been completing a Royal Life Saving Course to achieve their bronze lifesaving certificate. Some students have been using the iPads in the library to enhance their learning ability. They have been learning about the risks and personal safety involved in swimming and how dangerous peer pressure is around water. They have also been learning about how to respond to emergencies around water. Students have found this course interesting, informative and it has made them feel more confident around water.

Ruby Richardson and Angus Nicholls—Yr8 SRC
Quirindi High School students were privileged to be of service to provide yummy canapés, main course and dessert to a fantastic crowd at this year’s Westpac Ball Fundraiser. We had students from our Year 11 and Year 12 Hospitality classes as well as students from Year 9 & Year 10 Food Technology classes help out with the food preparation and service. A massive thank you is deserved for everyone and every business involved that sponsored, supplied, transported and assisted us to provide our services this year. All our students were professional in their roles and had a wonderful exposure to the Hospitality industry.

Mrs Cowan & Mrs Lawson thank each and every one of you!!
Party on the Green

Quirindi Tennis Club
(Opposite the Pool)

Friday 27 March – 6 pm to 8 pm

Children’s Disco, Games and Face Painting

Easter Eggs from the Easter Fairy and Easter Bunny

Easter Hat Parade

BBQ and Food Stalls

Lucky Draws – Meat Trays, Seafood Trays etc

Enjoy a Fantastic Family Night

HAPPY EASTER
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* Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 (Stage 1)
* Year 3 to 6 (Stage 2 & 3)
* Years 7 & 8 (Stage 4)
* Years 9 & 10 (Stage 5)
* Years 11 & 12 (Stage 6)
* Open Adult

Each section will be awarded 1st ribbon & $15.00, 2nd ribbon & $10.00 and 3rd ribbon & $5.00.
Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining their own gumboot to do their artwork on.
Entries can be one boot or a pair.
All entries are to have student’s name, school and section of entry on the sole of the gumboot.
All entries will be accepted at Quirindi Hospital Health One before Tuesday 14th April or between 3:00
and 5:00pm on Tuesday 14th April in the Quirindi Pharmacy and Emporium arcade. These entries will be
on display in the Quirindi Hospital Auxiliary Photo and Gumboot Art Exhibition.
Entries close on Tuesday 14th April at 5pm.

Quirindi Hospital Auxiliary
Photo and Gumboot Art Exhibition
WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 17TH APRIL
If you have any questions please contact Mrs Pam Tanner 0428463103
Exhibits can be collected on Friday 17th April at 5:00pm from the exhibition area.

IN THE QUIRINDI PHARMACY AND EMPORIUM ARCADE