SRC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Today, Friday 20 March 2015, we inducted the Student Representative Council members for 2015. Each year the SRC members generously donate their time and efforts to numerous charitable activities both within our school as well as the wider community of Quirindi. As future leaders our SRC act as representatives for the student body and work to build positive relationships throughout our school. They also work diligently to promote a positive school image and set an example for their fellow students. These outstanding young people have agreed to participate fully within the school and as ambassadors for Quirindi High School throughout the region.

Congratulations to the following students who have been inducted into the 2015 Student Representative Council:

Year 7 – Matilda Eade and Liam Faulkner
Year 8 – Ruby Richardson and Angus Nicholls
Year 9 – Abbey Lobsey and Nicholas Hamblin
Year 10 – Lucy Crane, Wade Clarke, Sari Hamblin and Ben Hope
Year 11 – Brittany Beveridge, Jake Douglas, Emily Simmonds and Tyler Porter
Year 12 Zara Constable, Wade Hope, Kaitlyn Hamson, Oliver Smith, Katie O’Brien, Tristan Wong, Ebony Turner and Nicholas Young

We would also like to congratulate the following SRC members who are taking on leadership roles within the council:
Sari Hamblin – SRC President
Ben Hope - SRC Treasurer
Lucy Crane – SRC Secretary

Story – Mrs Jessica Hinsley - SRC Coordinator
Photos – Mrs Lindi Owen – Teacher Librarian
Justin Scoggin’s Roping Success

Quirindi High School Year 12 student, Justin Scoggin, has achieved great success with his chosen sport of Team Roping.

He has been selected in the Australian High School Rodeo Association team to travel to this year’s finals in Rock Springs, Wyoming, USA, from the 12th to 18th July.

Justin will be representing Australia in the Senior Section for Team Roping.

This is a fantastic achievement for Justin and the Quirindi High School community wish him all the best in this competition.

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
Chess Report

On Monday 16th March, 8 of our students – Joshua Redgrove, Jake Aubeck, Lachlan Miller, Nathan Smith, Sean Partridge, Alex Smith, Stuart Davies and Corey Faulkner competed in the Interschool Chess Challenge at Farrer. Each student played 7 games and QHS finished 7th out of 11 high schools. Our best player was Joshua Redgrove who had 3 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses. This placed him 29th out of 66 competitors and he received a medal for being Quirindi’s top ranked player.

All the boys had a great day and would like to thank Mrs Redgrove and Mrs Partridge for taking them to Tamworth on the day.

The Postponed Year 7 Welcome Social Will now be held on

Thursday 23 April
7.00pm to 10.00pm
$6.00 per ticket

Tickets on sale Tuesday 21st April (if you have not already purchased one previously)
Need a Book to Read?
Come and browse the shelves and try out our Reading Chair!

**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”!

**Book of the Week**

**Hidden like Anne Frank**

by Marcel Prins and Peter Henk Steenhuis

Fourteen unforgettable true stories of children hidden away during World War II.

Jaap Sitters was only eight years old when his mother cut the yellow stars off his clothes and sent him, alone, on a fifteen-mile walk to hide with relatives. It was a terrifying night, one he would never forget. Before the end of the war, Jaap would hide in secret rooms and behind walls. He would suffer from hunger, sickness, and the looming threat of Nazi raids. But he would live.

This is just one of the incredible stories told in HIDDEN LIKE ANNE FRANK, a collection of eye-opening first-person accounts that share what it was like to go into hiding during World War II. Some children were only three or four years old when they were hidden; some were teenagers. Some hid with neighbors or family, while many were with complete strangers. But all know the pain of losing their homes, their families, even their own names. They describe the secret network of brave people who kept them safe. And they share the coincidences and close escapes that made all the difference.

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

Study Skills Tip for March

So you’ve got exams coming up?

Many students in the senior years have a block of exams starting at the end of Week 9. What should you be doing now to be prepared for your examinations?

Between now and the end of term you need to focus on the following:

1. **CLASSTIME**: Use every moment of every lesson to the full. Every moment you waste in class is time you will have to make up later. (Plus it is not fair to others in the class.)
2. **STUDY NOTES**: Work on (and finish) study notes. The more you can complete before the end of term the better, it will give you more time to learn the notes and do lots of practice for the exams.
3. **ASK FOR HELP**: Ask your teachers about difficult areas (reviewing the things you find hardest) and starting topic by topic revision. Do this now while you have good access to your teachers and can ask lots of questions.
4. **MAJOR WORKS**: Work on major works or projects or large assessments.
5. **PLAN FOR HOLIDAYS**: Put together a plan for the holidays. Get hold of past examination papers, study guides, essay questions, revision sheets. Ensure you have everything you need before the holidays start and you are clear on what you will be doing for your study. The best way to make this happen is every Sunday night make a plan in your diary for what work you want to get done that week. If you make a plan it is much more likely to happen.

What do you do in the holidays to prepare for the exams?

1. **TIME**: How much time do you spend studying for the exams in the holidays? It will depend on many factors: how much work you did during the term, how confident you are with the work, how soon your exams are after the holidays, and what sort of marks you are aiming for. Most students in Year 12 would try and do a normal school day if it is a major block of exams, around 6 hours of study a day.
2. **STRUCTURE**: How should you structure your study during the holidays? Don’t start too late in the day; try and keep your sleep patterns fairly similar to how they will be in the exam time. The best way to structure your day is first do an hour reviewing your study from the previous day. That will help to cement the information in your memory. Then have a break. Then do 2-3 hours on one subject. Have a break. Then 2-3 hours on another subject. Then you can have the rest of the night off! It is better for retention of information to spread your study for each subject out rather than just spend a whole day on one subject.
WHAT SORT OF STUDY SHOULD YOU BE DOING?
STEP 1 - ASAP Create some STUDY NOTES for each subject:
The first stage is making your own study notes. This forces you to work through all the topics, find the areas you don’t understand and spend time working through them. You organise the information in ways to make it easier to learn it and you reduce what you need to go through to study. Purchased study guides are great to help you structure your own study notes, but don’t let them replace the process of making your own notes – it is in the creation of your study notes that massive learning leaps take place. If you have left it a bit late, consider going to a bookshop this week for a Study Guide to form the basis of your study notes. Use the information your teacher has given you about each specific exam and its content to help you keep adding to and improving your study notes.

STEP 2 – ACTIVELY REVIEW the things you need to learn:
Once you have some decent notes time to move into the next phase: LEARNING AND PRACTICE!!!! You have to learn, understand and sometimes memorise the content, then you have to practise applying what you have learnt by practising the skills of the subject. Keep alternating between learning and practising. At first you may spend more time learning than practising, but as you start to move info to your long-term memory you’ll spend less time reviewing your notes and more time practising under exam conditions (especially doing past papers for 3 hours).

STEP 3 - Do as many PAST EXAMINATION PAPERS as possible:
- Do all papers UNDER EXAM CONDITIONS (time limits and without looking at notes).
- Mark/correct your work at the end or ask your teacher to check it.
- Ask for help on things you could not work out or don’t understand.
- Add notes to your summaries about things you need to remember.
- After completing a past exam paper, do targeted revision to review areas you did not know.
- Improve your examination techniques.

Final thoughts:
LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES AND FIX THEM
GET YOUR NOTES AND STUDY MATERIAL ORGANISED AND COMPLETE
START STUDYING ASAP AS YOU CAN SEE HOW QUICKLY TIME GETS AWAY
MAKE YOUR STUDY ACTIVE! DON’T JUST SIT THERE READING
GET UP-TO-DATE IN YOUR WORK AND NOTES AND STAY THERE
USE EVERY AVAILABLE BIT OF TIME – LIKE STUDY PERIODS!
CONCENTRATE ON PAST PAPERS UNDER EXAMINATION CONDITIONS
MAKE A FIRM DECISION AS TO HOW MUCH TIME YOU WILL ALLOCATE TO STUDY & STICK TO IT
Source:  http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

To find out more about improving how you study, log in to the Online Study Skills Handbook and check out the section on “After Tests and Exams” for some great tips on improving your results.

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

It’s Time to Start Preparing for ASCA
Australian Speech Communication Association
The ASCA Exams will be held in Term 3, Week 4, 3-7 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, see Mrs Owen in the Library.

Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.
Happy Reading and Studying!
Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian
Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
On Wednesday the 18th March, 9 girls travelled to Coonabarabran to play open girls basketball against the local high school. The Quirindi High School team is made up of Brittany Beveridge, Isobel Robinson, Hollie Sampson, Tanika Darcy, Dayna Porter, Zara Constable, Danielle Lawlor, Katie O’Brien and Georja Rumbel. It was an eventful day, with no major injuries. Both teams played fair and it was a good game between the two. Fortunately, Quirindi High School went on to win 48 to 19, which sends us through to the gala day, which will be held in Tamworth in the near future. Thank you to Mr Field for coaching and taking us to Coonabarabran to compete in the CHS Basketball knockouts.

Brittany Beveridge – Year 11 SRC
CHS Open Boys Basketball

Quirindi High and Gunnedah High faced off in the second round this past Thursday the 19th of March in the CHS Open Boys Basketball knockout competition. Quirindi players were confident of success due to the easy win against the same school in the 2014 competition. This year was to be no different with our boys putting on an impressive display of teamwork and individual skill. Quirindi comfortably won the game 72 – 16. The game was played at the Tamworth Sports Dome and our team was coached by Nick Young and Terry Beresford. Again this event was an example of the high quality and calibre of our fantastic students at Quirindi High School. Bring on round 3!

Adam Field
Sports Coordinator
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THE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Your Shire, Your Town, Your Say, Your future

Many different communities, both small and large make up our great shire. What represents the diversity of our LPSC geographical area to you? (Show a combination of shots that represent this to you (max three photos per entrant)

Key points:

• Judging will be in two groups- first group year 7, 8, 9, second group year 10, 11 & 12.

Prizes!

Year 7, 8 and 9: First prize $100 second prize $50
Year 10, 11 and 12: First Prize $150 second prize $75

Entries to the front office with full name and contact details.

Closing date: 2nd April

Announcement. The winning entrants will be contacted on the 6th of April via phone. Presentations will be conducted on the 18th of April at the commencement of youth week.
THE WRITING COMPETITION

Your Shire, Your Town, Your Say, Your future

How would you improve not only your community, but the shire you live in to become more sustainable now and into the future?

Key points:

• The work will be judged on substance and quality of ideas.
• Choose your own format i.e., essay, dot points, etc.
• No more than 300 words.
• Judging will be in two groups - first group year 7, 8, 9, second group year 10, 11 & 12.

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LIVERPOOL PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

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