Message from the Principal

This week we welcomed 60 students from Wallabadah and Willow Tree Public Schools to participate in a fabulous Science Expo. It was wonderful to see fully engaged, deep learning happening across K-6, taught by Primary Teachers in our labs. I was assured by our visitors that they had a fantastic time and learned a lot about Science and would like to thank Mr Andrew Harries, the Science staff and our senior students for their leadership in the coordination of such a fabulous day. I would also like to sincerely thank Mr Chris Jackson and Mr John Ireland and their respective teaching staff for their commitment to the development of our joint school strategic direction of “Building Teacher Capacity”. We had a great day celebrating the strength of our local school networks!

On Tuesday we were presented with a very generous cheque for $8000.00 by our local ‘Farming for Kids’ organisation. This money will support the implementation of the very effective “Mental Health First Aid” program for senior students at our school. This program aligns with another of our school strategic directions, “Developing Community Congruence”, which is focused on providing initiatives based on community identified need. As you would be aware, adolescent mental health is on national agendas and many schools are responding to this with positive, enabling programs. On behalf of the students of our school, I would like to thank Miss Sally Chad for her submission work and Mr Charles Hill, Mr Ian Carter and Mr Les Brown for visiting our school on behalf of the ‘Farming for Kids’ organisation, to generously donate this funding.

Today we held Year Assemblies and our Rewards Barbeque. I am proud to report that 145 students received Bronze Awards and 7 students achieved the prestigious Silver Level. This is an outstanding snapshot of the positive behavior of our students at school, as well as the success of our revised Merit Level structures. Congratulations to all students who enjoyed the barbeque lunch and thanks to Mr Greg Chambers for his ongoing support in the administration of this positive, important structure.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Meghanne Clarke
Principal

Miss Sally Chad and Ms Meghanne Clarke with Mr Charles Hill, Mr Ian Carter and Mr Les Brown from ‘Farming for Kids’
**Volleyball News**

During the month of February, volleyball has been a Quirindi High School sport priority with our boys and girls open teams travelling to Armidale for CHS Knockout competition. Both teams attended rigorous training sessions in the MPC in the lead up to their respective Gala Days on Friday 6th and 13th of this month. As usual, the format of the competition was a round-robin tournament with the highest placed teams moving through to the finals. The day also acted as trials for North West representation.

The open boys performed remarkably well and despite results, in many ways, looked the form team on the day. Their efforts were extremely athletic and had the other teams on the back foot for much of play. Some simple errors cost us winning all three games in the end and therefore a place in the finals. Their results were as follows:

- **QHS v Tamworth High**: Set 1, 25 - 23. Set 2, 25 - 19. (Win)

Team - Bailey Beresford, Tyler Porter, James Patton, Justin Scoggin, George Cudmore, Joshua Hamblin and Nikkea Kelly.

The girls similarly performed very well, improving significantly with each game. Interestingly in all three games, we led for part of nearly every set. With four reserves we rotated regularly and this probably paid a part in the girls losing continuity at times. Special mention to Paige Ryan (Year 7) who played against girls up to 5 years older than her!!! The girls results included:

- **QHS v Glen Innes High**: Set 1, 13 - 21. Set 2, 8 – 21. (Loss)
- **QHS v Armidale High**: Set 1, 10 – 21. Set 2, 5 – 21. (Loss)

Team - Zara Constable, Sophie Anderson, Petria Slade, Lydia Smith, Gabby Rawson, Montanna Allan, Issy Robinson, Holly Sampson, Danielle Lawlor and Paige Ryan

Despite missing the finals on both days, a number of players were looked at for North West representation. The girls can consider themselves unlucky to have no one chosen at the next level, whilst in the boys, Justin Scoggin and Tyler Porter gained selection. This is a wonderful result and carries on a fine tradition in this sport at Quirindi over the years.

Thanks to Mrs Saunders and Mr Chadwick for helping out with transportation duties. A big thank you to teachers back at school who took extra lessons to accommodate the excursion – your goodwill is greatly appreciated. Well done to all and we look forward to future success in volleyball as Bellingen approaches and into next year.

Mr Chambers
Boys Volleyball Team

CONCESSION CARDS

All concession cards expired on the 31st March 2015. Students wishing to update to the 2015 concession card or any students requiring a concession card for the Easter holiday break are asked to complete an application form available from the front office and return it as soon as possible.

Please don’t leave it until the last minute.
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"!

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**Need a Book to Read?**
Come and browse the shelves and try out our Reading Chair!

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**Book of the Week**

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**I Have a Bad Feeling About This**
By Jeff Strand

Would you like a laugh? Try this book!

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**Wilderness Survival Tip #1**

Drinking your own sweat will not save your life. Somebody might have told you that, but they were trying to find out if you'd really do it. Henry Lambert would rather play video games than spend time in the great outdoors—but that doesn't make him a wuss. Skinny nerd? Fine. But wuss is a little harsh. Sadly, his dad doesn't agree. Which is why Henry is being shipped off to Strongwoods Survival Camp. Strongwoods isn't exactly as advertised. It looks like the victim of a zombie apocalypse, the "camp director" is a psycho drill sergeant, and Henry's sure he saw a sign written in blood...

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**Wilderness Survival Tip #2**

In case of an avalanche, don't despair. You're doomed, but that's a wicked cool death.

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**Wilderness Survival Tip #3**

If you're relying on this book for actual survival tips, you're dead already.

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Source: [https://jeffstrand.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/i-have-a-bad-feeling-about-this-cover.jpg](https://jeffstrand.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/i-have-a-bad-feeling-about-this-cover.jpg)

Source: [https://books.google.com.au/books?id=5nNwBwAAQBAJ&dq=I+have+a+bad+feeling+about+this&source=gbsnavlinks_s](https://books.google.com.au/books?id=5nNwBwAAQBAJ&dq=I+have+a+bad+feeling+about+this&source=gbsnavlinks_s)
Interesting facts about Students in the Library

Jay-Dee Craft – the Quiet Achiever

We have discovered that one of our regular Library Lunchtime users has been keeping his amazing horsemanship achievements to himself.

Jay-Dee Craft, in Year 8, has achieved fantastic results in his chosen sport of Team Roping. He regularly travels around NSW and parts of Queensland to compete in Team Roping events. Jay-Dee has been Team Roping since he was 5 years old.

In 2014 Jay-Dee became the Australian Champion for 1D Junior Team Roping Header, competing at Capella in Queensland.

He has also achieved the following success in his sport:
2014 Northern New South Wales Junior Champion for Team Roping Header
2014 Northern New South Wales Junior Champion for Team Roping Heeler
2013 Australian Junior Champion for 1D Dummy Roping Heeler
2013 Northern New South Wales Junior Champion for Team Roping Heeler
2012 Northern New South Wales Junior Champion for Team Roping Heeler

These are fantastic achievements for Jay-Dee, and just shows what a diverse range of extraordinary talents we have at Quirindi High School.

Congratulations Jay-Dee.
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.

ASCA – TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR!
Are you interested in developing your communication skills?
Give ASCA a try this year!
Australian Speech Communication Association
ASCA promotes competence, rewards effort and encourages excellence.
ASCA PROMOTES COMPETENCE, REWARDS EFFORT AND ENCOURAGES EXCELLENCE
Participating in ASCA is a great way to promote your communication skills and a great certificate to include in your resume.

ASAC Examinations will be taking place later in the year. See Mrs Owen in the Library for more information.

Get involved – it is well worth the effort!

Bring back unused Textbooks & Library Books
If you have received an Overdue Notice for Textbooks and Library Books in Rollcall, please return these books to the Library ASAP.

Good Luck Year 12 with your Exams

Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.
Happy Reading and Studying!
Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian
Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
Mufti Day

On Friday the 13\textsuperscript{th} of March the SRC held a mufti day. The theme of the mufti day was green for Arthur’s Green Day and purple and white for Relay 4 Life.

The day was a huge success, with Quirindi High raising over $600! This money was then divided between both charities, raising money for Westmead Children’s Hospital and the Cancer Council respectively. We would like to say a massive thank you for the enthusiasm and generosity shown by all members of our school community.

Sari Hamblin and Wade Hope - Year 10 SRC
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

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)
## Dates to put on your Calendar

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Quirindi Junior Basketball

Final Registrations

Tuesday the 24th and Thursday 26th March
Tuesday the 31st and Thursday 2nd April

5pm to 6pm
Quirindi High School Hall

$75 High School Students
$60 Primary Students

4 Divisions:
Years 1 & 2 (Mini Ball)
Years 3, 4 & 5
Years 6 & 7
Years 8, 9 & 10

Note: There will be a change of format for the 2015 Season with the Mini Ball and the years 3, 4 & 5 Competition to be played on THURSDAY nights at the High School Hall. The year 6,7 Division and 8,9 & 10 Division will remain on Friday nights.

Enquiries: Terry Beresford 0149476660

www.quirindibasketball.com.au
A rotary program for students in years 9, 10 & 11 who have an interest in marine science. Commencing Thursday 8th October 2015 through to Sunday 11th October 2015.

This popular weekend is designed for students who have an interest in marine science and aims to offer:
- A hands on experience in dealing with marine animals and plants
- An introduction to rewarding careers
- Shows students huge diversity and incredible beauty of fragile marine environment
- Provides an opportunity to develop a special interest in marine biology and related sciences technologies

This Youth Marine Experience program has ongoing support and participation from:
- Australian marine Science Centre and Southern Cross University
- Solitary Island Marine Park Authority
- Coffs Harbour Dive Centre
- Australian Customs Service
- Dolphin Marine Magic
- NSW Water Police
- Solitary Islands Underwater Research Group
- Marine Rescue, Coffs Harbour
- National Parks and Wildlife

Cost is $450.00 per student which includes all accommodation, meals, and travel to various venues. Numbers will be restricted to 21 so that all students can be involved in practical work and participate in marine activities. Applications close Mon 31st August 2015

Applications to: The Rotary Club of Coffs harbour Daybreak
Website: http://www.coffsharbourdaybreak.org Email: info@coffsharbourdaybreak.org Contact: Ingrid Gardiner 0409 860 637

Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak, PO Box 58, Coffs Harbour 2450
# Events in the Liverpool Plains

**March - May 2015**

For more information check www.visitquirindi.com.au

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<td>Showjumping, Show &amp; Brauch Trophy Day</td>
<td>Contact Simon 0429 485 309, Simon rate for young and old from 10.00am to 3pm. Other days and birthday party bookings by arrangement with Roger on 6747 1264</td>
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# Hope Lives in Relay For Life

Liverpool Plains Relay For Life
Quirindi Showground Pavillion Field
28-29 March, 2014
2.00 pm - Saturday – 18:00am Sunday