Message from the Deputy Principal

Year 11 students completed their half yearly examinations this week. For most this was the first time they had sat a formal style examination, apart from NAPLAN in Yr 9, a new daunting experience for some. All exams were completed well and with little fuss or concern. Students will get their results in the coming week. They are asked to reflect on these and to also think about how much study and preparation time was carried out in the lead up to the exams. All Yr 11 students will have a Senior Study panel review meeting with Mr Langston and Ms Chad this term. During these meetings students will need to present their results and their logs of study. These pieces of evidence of student's application and progress will be used to plan improvement for individuals to ensure they reach their potential in the HSC year. Notification of meeting times will be sent home with students shortly. Parents and Guardians are welcome to attend the interviews if they wish.

Term 2 sees cold weather and a movement to winter uniform. Some students continue to be out of uniform and provide no explanation from home. These students will be placed on uniform detention from next week on and could eventually be placed on behaviour levels. Please ensure this does not happen to your child. The correct uniform has been set out in the 2015 student hand book. Please refer to this if you are unsure about the suitability of some clothing items or contact the school. Don't forget we have a clothing pool and can access student assistance to help ensure your child is in correct warm uniform this term.

Friday night Rugby Union in Tamworth begins next Friday. This is a great activity for students to participate in. Thank you to Mr Harries and Mr Packer for organising this regular activity for our students. Students participating in the games are reminded that mouth guards are required to play and head gear is strongly recommended for your safety on the field. Ensure that permission notes are returned to the front office by Thursday Week 3.

As always if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s education at Quirindi high School please contact the school to make an appointment to come in and see us.

Sally Chad
Deputy Principal
Students in Year 7 and 9 who have a disability that affects their learning, or have an adjusted learning program in place in the classroom, can be eligible for assistance when they sit the NAPLAN tests. To access special provisions, parents need to make an appointment to discuss their child’s needs with the Principal or Deputy and complete a consent form.

While it is expected that all Year 7 and 9 students should compete the NAPLAN exam, students who have a severe disability can be eligible for exemption or withdrawal from the NAPLAN tests. To exempt or withdraw their child, parents need to make an appointment to discuss their child’s needs with the Principal or Deputy and complete a consent form.
Quirindi High School Students Commemorate ANZAC Day

Over 90 students from Quirindi High School commemorated ANZAC Day at the various services in our area on Saturday 25 April 2015.

QHS students marched and played various roles at services in Quirindi, Werris Creek, Willow Tree and Murrurundi. Students laid wreaths on behalf of the QHS community at each service.

At the Quirindi Dawn service Lucy Crane and Kaitlyn Hamson sang the National Anthem with poise and dignity.
During the Quirindi ANZAC Day service QHS Captains, Kaitlyn Hamson and Tristan Wong, offered prayers and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Lia Robertson and Ben Hope, who were a part of the Cadet Unit, under the leadership of Tom Robertson, performed the catafalque during the service.

Tavish Gillepsie and Jayden Barr played in the band that performed at the ANZAC Day service.

The Director of Schools, Mr Mark Young, marched with Quirindi High School and was amazed at the effort students made to acknowledge the sacrifices made by people past and present to ensure we are able to enjoy the freedoms of our community as we know it today.

Congratulations to all students who participated and attended the ANZAC Day services in our communities and for honouring the memory of the ANZACs. These students were a credit to their school and the community.
QHS Representatives at the Willow Tree ANZAC Day march
L-R: Gabby Rawson, Joshua Redgrove, Lydia Smith, Zara McCarthy, Sam Avard, Oliver Smith, Lexi Bernard, Jack Avard.
*Photo courtesy of Kathy Redgrove*

QHS Representatives at the Murrurundi ANZAC March.
*Photo courtesy of Jacqui Smith*
QHS Representatives at the Werris Creek ANZAC March.
*Photo courtesy of Jason Smith*

Some of the QHS Representatives at the Werris Creek ANZAC Day March.
*Photo courtesy of Anne Dellar*
Anzac Day Assembly

On the 24th of April, Quirindi High School held a special assembly to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

Veterans from the Quirindi RSL club sub branch attended, and speeches were made by Andrew Droos, Zara Constable, Thomas Robertson, Danielle Lawlor and Tristan Wong. They spoke about what it was like when they visited the battlefields of the western front.

There were also three prayers read out by Angus Nicholls, Benjamin Hope and Emily Simmonds.

Lucy Crane and Kaitlin Hamson beautifully sang, Advance Australia Fair.

After the assembly, the veterans of the RSL and the student representative council had some afternoon tea. The SRC learnt a lot about the veterans and their time in service.

Mr Hawkins also took the opportunity to present the QHS Captains with a book, A History of War in 100 Battles, to be housed in the QHS Library. Mr Pengilley also provided the school library with a number of war related resources on behalf of the Quirindi RSL Sub Branch.

Thank you to the members of the Quirindi RSL Sub Branch for attending our ANZAC Day Assembly. Thanks also to the QHS P&C – Kim Lawlor, Kathy Redgrove, Natel Bradfield, Christine Clarke, Belinda Porter, along with the QHS Canteen staff – Dave Cowan, Megan Medway and Robyn Ingall, and QHS staff member, Lindi Owen, for providing a delicious morning tea.
Recently the Quirindi Rotary Club generously donated two cheques of $250 to Quirindi High School Principal, Meghanne Clarke, and Quirindi Public School Principal, Kerry Kurtz, in support of each school’s participation in the Science and Engineering challenge held in Tamworth.

The Science and Engineering Challenge is an initiative organised by the Rotary clubs of Tamworth in conjunction with the University of Newcastle. It is an annual event held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Centre.

Students from Quirindi High School travelled to Tamworth to compete in the University of Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge, which ran over two days. Students had the opportunity to engage in a number of problem solving tasks, simulating real world engineering problems.

The first day was attended by students from year 7 and year 8, and teams of students completed tasks involving water distribution, designing a vehicle to navigate harsh terrain, and constructing a miniature catapult. The students honed their knowledge and planning skills, and had a great time doing so.

The second day was attended by students from year 9 and year 10, and these students completed similar challenges, including the construction of a bridge, a simulation of electricity distribution, and the construction of an eco-friendly house.
The Quirindi High School students were very successful in their endeavours, achieving first place in the design of a vehicle suitable for Mars exploration, and achieving several other excellent results in other tasks.

The students and staff of Quirindi High School would like to express their gratitude to the Rotary club of Quirindi for their generous support, as well as the Rotary Clubs of Tamworth and the University of Newcastle for hosting the event.

Quirindi Rotary Club offers some valuable programs for students including:
MUNA – Mock United Nations Assembly to be held in May
RY Marine Course – to be held in Coffs harbour
Rotary/Honeywell Engineering School
Summer Science Camps
Public Speaking competitions
Short Exchange Program to New Zealand
Full Year Exchange Program to Europe

If you would like further information on these fantastic opportunities for students, please contact Robert Lewis, Quirindi Rotary President, on 0447 627 695.
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!

Try something different to Read!
New magazine subscription in the Library – Science Illustrated – a picture filled, fact filled magazine on all things science. A great read, so come and relax in the reading chair, and have a flip through this new magazine.
LOVE TO READ!

Check out the
Scholastic Book Club
Brochures
in the Library.
Orders due in to the
Front Office by

Friday 1 May 2015.

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!

Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.
Happy Reading and Studying!
Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian
Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
Netball is in full swing at QHS at the moment. CHS Open girls trials have been completed and we are now in full training mode. A big welcome to Miss Amy Rawson who is assisting in coaching. Also thank you to Mrs Rebecca Tarrant for organising and coaching the Saturday netball teams.

We also have new equipment including magnificent maroon and gold post protectors and fantastic portable benches. A huge thank you needs to go to the QHS P&C for purchasing our new benches.

Photos
Above: Sophie Dunbar and Phoebe Green having a break on the new benches.
Side: Tanika Darcy defending Bryce James.

Yours in netball,
Mrs Rebecca Batho
Year 6 Taster Day
On Wednesday the 1st of April Quirindi High school hosted 80 Year 6 students from across the area. Students were invited to participate in classes from across the curriculum to introduce them to life at High School.

Students from Quirindi Public, Willow Tree, Walhallow, Werris Creek, Spring Ridge, Currabubula, Murrurundi, Braefield and St Joseph’s Primary schools completed activities in Agriculture, Music, Visual Art, Food Technology, Science and Metal work. Students rotated through two 75 minute periods of the subjects and then enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch. Year 9 students assisted on the day by guiding the students around the school and assisting with the work in classes.

This is a great opportunity for students in Year 6 to prepare themselves for the expectations of High School and to become aware of the safety procedures associated with practical subjects offered within the school.

Another Taster day will be held in Term 3 so that students will be able to have experienced all subjects in the rotation. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for this day. Thank you to all Primary school staff who organised for their students to attend the day and for the parents who transported students to and from the school.
## Dates to put on your Calendar

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It’s Not Waste!
Organic Waste Recycling

Organic (food and garden) waste is becoming a very serious issue in Australia, with millions of dollars of food ending up at landfill every year. Did you know, the contents of the average household rubbish bin is filled more than a third of the way with wasted food each week. When organic waste ends up at landfill it continues to make more waste in the form of liquid and gas when it begins to decompose (break down). There are a wide range of things we can do with organic waste to avoid sending it off to landfill and reduce the impact of excess liquid and gas pollution on the environment altogether.

Decomposition is the term used to describe the break down of materials. It involves important factors such as oxygen, warm temperatures, water and very small animals and microbes. The rate at which organic material decomposes depends on the amount of heat, air and water available. This process can take anywhere from a few weeks to thousands of years at a landfill site as most landfills are covered with layers of soil to prevent pollution.

Did you know...?
In NSW an average of 1.1 million tonnes of food is wasted each year. This is equivalent to $2.5 billion dollars worth or $1036 per household.

What can you do?
Compost, Bokashi or Worm farm; which is the best for you?

Compost bin

A compost bin is filled with hundreds of different critters. These little critters will love left over fruit/vegetable and garden scraps and transform them into a nutrient rich soil that can be put on your garden as a source of fertiliser.

To keep a compost healthy remember the ADAM principle:
A = Aliveness
D = Diversity
A = Aeration
M = Moisture

Remember, your compost is a living system and likes a variety of ‘brown’ and ‘green’ material.

Bokashi bin

A Bokashi bin will accept all food scraps including fruit and vegetables, meat and even dairy products. This natural recycling system creates a liquid for use as fertiliser and a “lump” of material after anaerobic (no oxygen) digestion which must be buried in the ground to be further broken down.

To maintain a Bokashi bin you need to add small granules which help an aerobic digestion. Keeping it wet and in a shady area will also help with odour that may be produced.

Worm farm

A worm farm is a must have for any household. This little treasure will accept all fruit, vegetable scraps along with small plant-based scraps including flowers, leaves even small twigs. However, avoid adding citrus, chili, garlic, and onion as these are too potent for the little worms. Worms also like eggshells, flowers, weeds, hair and vacuum dust. They will happily turn your leftovers into ‘worm tea’ or ‘castings’ which can provide your garden with an inexpensive nutrient rich fertiliser.

Wait... there’s still more!
Try these helpful hints to help reduce organic waste in the first place

Plan it!
Plan your weekly meals ahead of time, make a shopping list and challenge yourself to stick to it.

Soup it!
Don't throw out leftovers, blend it into a soup and make two meals out of one.

Rethink it!
Look for food with minimal or no packaging at least buy items with recyclable materials for their packaging.

Reuse it!
Avoid disposable products like serviettes and plastic bags, buy reusable things which will last longer.

Landfill is our last option!
FREE Practical Parenting

- Are you tired of repeating everything 4 times to get your children to listen?
- Do you give into your children to stop the whining?
- Do you ever feel guilty or embarrassed because your children won’t behave?
- When you punish your children do you feel punished yourself?

WHEN: Wednesday 6th May 2015
TIME: 11:30AM to 2:30pm
WHERE: Hunter New England Health
50 Nowland St, Quirindi

Registrations are essential.
This course is subject to numbers.

For more information or to register, contact the Family Relationship Centre through Centacare NENW
6762 9200
1800 372 826
Become a Volunteer Host Family this July!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our exchange students from Belgium, Denmark, Ecuador, Chile, Italy and the USA are young people like Estelle and Riccardo, who look forward to experiencing a different culture and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

**Estelle (18) from French-speaking Belgium** tells us that she loves music. She plays the guitar and loves to sing! Estelle also likes skiing, traveling and photography, and can’t wait to discover and learn about the Australian culture and environment.

**Riccardo D (16) from Italy describes himself as always being cheerful and happy.** He loves sport in general but in particular basketball, in Italy he plays for a team called the ‘Dukes’. Riccardo is passionate about seeing the world and feels very lucky to spend a semester in Australia. He tells us that he is looking forward to living like an Aussie guy!

Request a Full Information Pack Now!
Contact WEP Australia to request detailed program information and student profiles.
Sylvia Kelly
www.wep.org.au
info@wep.org.au
1300 884 733

A not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in QLD, NSW and VIC.
FOSTER & KINSHIP CARER FORUM

Tuesday 5th May  10:00- 12:00pm

- Elisabeth Akioka - Developmental Psychologist
  - Sexualised behaviour – when to be concerned
  - When is it not a tantrum?
- Julie Somerville - Child & Family Health Nurse
  - Importance of Blue Book checks & Important Milestones

RSVP
Friday 1st May

Sarah McMurtrie – Out of Home Care Coordinator
Dept of Education  Ph: 67 555 000
sarah.mcmurtrie@det.nsw.edu.au
The Rotary Club of Tamworth West conducts a Rotary Aviation Careers Expo (RACE) aimed at school students in Years 9-11 around the last Sunday to Tuesday of May each year. This year, it will be held from Sunday, 31 May to Tuesday, 2 June 2015.

The Expo covers a wide range of the careers that are available in the aviation industry, however, there is not any flying, and it does not cover cabin crew careers.

The venue, Tamworth Regional Airport, is an ideal venue for this program as it is the base for many of the available aviation industries that will be visited. We aim to provide to the participants with a thorough exposure to the careers in aviation related fields by showing them working activities.

The students have “hands-on” site visits to the following businesses: BAE Systems Flight Training; QantasLink Heavy Maintenance (Dash 8 overhaul); Sigma Aerospace (Engine and light to medium aircraft maintenance, including instrument overhaul); Air Services Australia (air traffic control) and Aviskills – the base for TAFE Aeroskills and aircraft maintenance training. Additionally, students see presentations from Australian Defence Force (Basic flying training, plus aviation careers in the three arms of the ADF); a civilian helicopter pilot, long-haul international pilot and other aviation associated careers.

Accommodation and meals are supplied by BAE Systems. The accommodation is motel style single rooms with private facilities. Meals are self-service buffet style in the BAE cafeteria. These are superb facilities and we also have the use of their lecture rooms.

Activities are fully supervised by the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Tamworth West, and supervisors are resident in the accommodation facilities. The Expo is a residential activity.

The Expo Fee is $120 per student, which includes all meals, accommodation and the expo itself. District Rotary Clubs are encouraged to become involved with this programme to assist participants with the expo fee and travel arrangements, if the need arises. It is the student’s responsibility to make their own travel arrangements to and from Tamworth.

Available positions are allocated on a “first come first filled” basis for year 10-11 students, followed by year 9 students after applications are opened in April each year.

If you would like some insight as to what you can expect to experience during this program, you can watch a short YouTube video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hue2QkCqgCo.

For any further information in relation to the Expo, contact Greg Thomas, RACE Committee Chairman on 6761 3333 (BH), 0425 262 223 (AH) or by email at tamworth@ords.com.au.
# Events in the Liverpool Plains

**May – July 2025**

For more information check www.visitquirindi.com.au

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