Message from the Deputy Principal

“To cope with the demands of the 21st century, people need to know more than core subjects. They need to know how to use their knowledge and skills by thinking critically, applying knowledge to new situations, analyzing information, comprehending new ideas, communicating, collaborating, solving problems and making decisions.” At Quirindi High School we recognise the changing nature of the world which our students will be living and working in once they leave our structures. No longer is a full time permanent job spanning a lifetime a reality. Instead young people are facing transient work that ebbs and flows based on the economic need of multinational corporations. More than ever before, regardless of where an individual lives, globalisation is shaping the employment and lifestyle opportunities that are open to people; thus development of 21st century skills is far more important than content retention.

The focus of staff and student development within our context is ensuring we are developing and refining the skills that are now so crucial. Students in Years 11 and 12 have been exposed to theories of metacognition; focusing on thinking about their thinking. This exposure allows them to gain an understanding of how their brain works so they can reflect on their learning and ensure they are maximising their time in class. If students have not yet participated in these discussions in their classes they will be over the coming weeks. If you as a parent would like more information regarding these skills and how we intend to implement them into our practice please contact the school.

As of Monday 11th May Ms Chad will be supervising a study session for Year 11 and 12 students in the Library. The sessions will be every Monday afternoon 3.30 until 5pm and open to all students who wish to access a quiet space to study. The use of the Library gives students access to the internet and other research facilities. Students are encouraged to make use of this opportunity and to speak with their class teachers about specific study activities for their courses.

As always should you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s educational experience at Quirindi High School please contact us to make an appointment to come and speak with staff at the school.

Sally Chad
Deputy Principal
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!

**If you loved The Hunger Games, try this**

**The Maze Runner Series**

by James Dashner

**Book 1 – The Maze Runner**
When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his first name. His memory is blank. But he’s not alone. When the lift’s doors open, Thomas finds himself surrounded by kids who welcome him to the Glade—a large, open expanse surrounded by stone walls. Just like Thomas, the Gladers don’t know why or how they got to the Glade. All they know is that every morning the stone doors to the maze that surrounds them have opened. Every night they’ve closed tight and every 30 days a new boy has been delivered in the lift. Thomas was expected. But the next day, a girl is sent up—the first girl to ever arrive in the Glade. And more surprising yet is the message she delivers. Thomas might be more important than he could ever guess. If only he could unlock the dark secrets buried within his mind.

**Book 2 – The Scorch Trials**
The Scorch Trials picks up where The Maze Runner left off. The Gladers have escaped the Maze, but now they face an even more treacherous challenge on the open roads of a devastated planet. Wicked has made sure to adjust the variables and stack the odds against them. Can Thomas survive in such a violent world?

**Book 3 – The Death Cure**
Thomas knows that Wicked can’t be trusted, but they say the time for lies is over, that they’ve collected all they can from the Trials and now must rely on the Gladers, with full memories restored, to help them with their ultimate mission. It’s up to the Gladers to complete the blueprint for the cure to the Flare with a final voluntary test. What Wicked doesn’t know is that something’s happened that no Trial or Variable could have foreseen. Thomas has remembered far more than they think. And he knows that he can’t believe a word of what Wicked says. The time for lies is over. But the truth is more dangerous than Thomas could ever imagine. Will anyone survive the Death Cure?

Source: Http://www.kidzworl d.com
Prequel – The Kill Order

Before Wicked was formed, before the Glade was built, before Thomas entered the Maze, sun flares hit the earth and mankind fell to disease. The Kill Order is the story of that fall. A prequel to the Maze Runner trilogy, The Kill Order has been in the works since the completion of The Maze Runner. The story of civilization’s fall was kept under wraps and is the explication of the events that began this bestselling series.

(Book Trailers available at this website – worth checking out!)

Study Tip for May

It’s All About Attitude

When students start secondary school, they are usually very positive and optimistic about school. Then things can start to get harder, a bit more challenging, maybe they get a bad mark and become discouraged, or maybe their friends start to influence their attitude. Some students are able to overcome these challenges, while others let it affect their attitude and application to school.

Take the time to determine reasons to put in effort into your schoolwork.

**Think about which of the following reasons might be motivating for you:**

- To achieve the best mark you are capable of at school.
- To give you lots of options for what subjects you can choose in the senior years.
- To give you lots of options of what you can choose to do when you leave school.
- To have a personal sense of satisfaction about doing your best.
- To show your gratitude to your parents for giving you an education.
- To avoid getting in trouble from your teachers.
- To avoid getting in trouble from your parents.
- To avoid getting a detention or other negative consequences from not working.
- To avoid disappointing your parents.
- So you don’t feel bad about wasting your parent’s time and money giving you an education.

We often talk about ‘carrot’ and ‘stick’ people. If you want a donkey to move forward, you can either lead it forward with a carrot (a reward) or whack it with a stick (punishment).

Some students are motivated by working towards rewards, positive consequences of doing the right thing, while others are motivated to avoid negative consequences. Which do you think you are?

Understanding what motivates you and what affects your attitude can make it easier for you to make positive changes. Learn more this year about how to motivate yourself and deal with distractions and procrastination by working through the units on [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au).

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.

Visit the ‘Things to print’ page to download the latest help guide: ‘Mastering Middle School’.
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.
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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

The Friends of Children with Special Needs
The Friends of Children with Special Needs Committee will be holding a cake and book stall in Quirindi on Saturday 16th May. If you are able to contribute any cooking or donate books that are in good condition could you please let Mrs Widdis know by calling 67461177.
Thank you.
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 complete 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.
Joint Schools Recipe Book Fundraiser

Quirindi High School is very excited to be developing a beautiful recipe book in conjunction with Quirindi Preschool Kindergarten and Quirindi Public School.
If you have a favourite recipe that you would like to be included, please email it to our team (email address below) or contact Mrs Lindi Owen at Quirindi High School, our school's representative on this team.
We are looking for any type of recipe, family favourites, quick and easy meals, gluten free - something that you love to cook. It is important that when you submit the recipe the method is written in your own words, to abide by copyright laws.

If you, or your business, would like to contribute to the production of the recipe book, you can do so by buying advertising space.
If you would like more information about the different levels of advertising or sponsorship available please contact the "Plains on a Plate" team - plainsonaplate@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.

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2015 SCHOOL FEES

Accounts for school fees have now been posted. Payments can be made at the front office.
In 2015, excursions must be paid for in full before a student will be permitted to attend.
A student assistance scheme is available through a government funded subsidy whereby anyone who is experiencing financial difficulty is encouraged to send a letter to the Principal requesting assistance with payment for excursions or elective fees. This will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Please keep in mind that payments, no matter how small, are always welcomed.
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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=hu2QkCqgCo.

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.
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<td>This annual event features tractors, engines, steam engines, cars, motorbikes, operating blacksmiths, wood chopping competitions and rally dinner. For information contact Beryl on 6746 1479.</td>
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<td>Check out the revamped markets at Rose-Lee Park, Loder Street Quirindi!</td>
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