Message from the Deputy Principal

“The only way for students to use and retain academic vocabulary is if they have multiple opportunities to talk, argue, problem solve and listen to their peers use new words in different contexts.” Katie Brown in Education Week Teacher.

Vocabulary is an essential part in strengthening academic achievement. Staff at Quirindi High School recognises the importance of developing this skill in all of our students. The ability to use academic and industry specific language beyond the classroom will equip students to reach the success they desire post school. As part of our focus all teachers are including two specific learning strategies that will encourage student learning conversations in their classrooms. Students sharing their experience with each other, brainstorming to solve problems, students teaching students, students providing quality feedback for improvement to each other and students questioning the status quo are all strategies being implemented to strengthen the level of vocabulary used.

When you look into the work book of your son or daughter you may not see page after page of notes, in the manner in which you learnt when at school. This is because teachers are actively moving away from “talk and chalk” and focussing on developing deep understanding within students that can be demonstrated in discussion and response in assessments. The best way to assess your child's level of achievement is to look at the results they gain in their reports, speak with them about what they have learnt, not what they have done, and to make contact with the classroom teacher.

The Senior Review Panel meetings have been moved to Tuesday the 9th of June through to Thursday the 11th June due to the change of Athletic Carnival dates. If you would like to attend this meeting with your son or daughter please do. Each student in Year 11 and 12 will be given an updated interview sheet to reflect the change of dates, ask them to see it.

As always should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education at Quirindi High School please contact us to make an appointment to come and see us.

Sally Chad
Deputy Principal

Lenovo Battery Recall

Lenovo has contacted the school to inform us of a battery recall. All students and staff with Lenovo laptops (either purchased privately, supplied by the school, or DER project) should check http://www.lenovo.com/batteryprogram2014 for a list of defective batteries.

There is a risk of fire and burn hazard to consumers.

Remove the battery and only power the laptop with the AC powercord attached until you organise a free replacement from the Lenovo website.
M.U.N.A 2015

MUNA stands for the Model United Nations Assembly and is a youth competition hosted by Rotary clubs. Schools send one or more teams to represent various nations in a ‘mock session’ of a United Nations Assembly. Each team must research their country, and attend a weekend where delegates speak on behalf of their nation, and vote on many resolutions proposed. As well as a unique learning experience, the weekend is always great fun and an opportunity to meet students from other schools.

This year MUNA was held at Macintyre High School in Inverell over the weekend of the 15th – 17th May, and Quirindi High was able to send one team. Ryan Beresford and Hanna Davis, from Yr 10, represented The United States of America. This was a great nation to be assigned as it gave the team a chance to be very vocal on most of the issues being discussed. The team travelled to Inverell with Mr and Mrs Mackie on Friday and were billeted with a Rotary family. After sorting out the accommodation, a BBQ and theatre sports night was held for students to get to know each other before the serious business of MUNA started the next day.

Team Counsellor, Mr Owen, arrived on Saturday morning to help coach the team during the two days of debate. Saturday saw all nations turn up in national costume, and the day started with a flag parade. Ryan and Hanna were dressed as C.I.A Agents, and looked very intimidating in their black suits. Each nation had to move and second a proposal, and the topics varied from world poverty, national security, technology and even that modern passenger planes be fitted with ejector seats. Ryan and Hanna spoke very well, and were even able to ‘bribe’ other nations with lollies to support their motions. After a long day of debates, voting and declaring war on each other, the delegates all got the chance to socialise on Saturday evening with a meal and social get-together.

Sunday morning concluded the voting, and Hanna was imprisoned by the nations of Russia, North Korea and Syria, who all disagreed with what the United States was proposing. Delegates then got the chance to select which team had the best costume and speakers. After a final swap of mobile numbers and email addresses it was time to head home. Hannah and Ryan both agree it was a great experience and encourage current year 9 and 10 students to consider nominating for a team next year. Special thanks must go to Mr Rob Lewis and the Quirindi Rotary club for sponsoring the team this year.

Pictures – The USA table, complete with a signed photo of Barak Obama
- Ryan and Hanna at the flag parade of Nations
- Ryan addressing The United Nations assembly
- Hanna waiting with other nations at the united nations assembly
- Hannah and Ryan at the Embassy table
Personalised 2015 HSC timetables available online

Students can now access their personal 2015 HSC timetables in Students Online by logging in to their personal account via My Details.

Students are reminded to check their timetables for accuracy. If a student expects to sit a VET exam, it should be listed in their personal timetable, even if they are taking the VET course at TAFE.

Students should also check that all their personal details are correct, including their email address and mobile number. It is best for students to use their personal email address so BOSTES can contact them after they have left school.

Students have recently been sent an email with this information. If a student did not receive the email, their contact details in Students Online may not be correct and should be updated as soon as possible.

If you have concerns regarding accessing Students Online please make contact with Miss Kerri Saunders at school.

Recipe request

**Quirindi High School** is proud to announce that this year we are producing a beautiful cookbook to be published in November of this year. The proceeds from this book are to go towards the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen program.

We want your most loved recipes, your signature dish and that recipe that never fails which everyone loves or asks for. We need recipes from as many families as possible. Please feel free to submit as many recipes as you like.

All that we ask is you let us know where the recipe came from even if it’s from a much loved recipe book or magazine. Feel free to add a comment on why this recipe is special to you and your tips about the recipe. Please note that recipes may be edited for the purpose of consistency and not all recipes may be used. Should any recipe have already been submitted we will contact you to request another.

Please email plainsonaplate@gmail.com or, alternatively, you can submit a hand written copy at school. Please make sure you include the recipe title, comments, serving size, ingredients, method and your name. Please ensure that all recipes are submitted no later than 5th June.

Kind regards

Lindi Owen and Natasha Cowan
Quirindi High School
On Thursday 14th May 2015, Quirindi High School held the first round in the Premier’s Debating Challenge against Farrer High School. The topic for the debate was “That school uniforms should be banned”. Quirindi High School took the negative stance in this debate.

It was a close debate with Quirindi winning by just two points. Quirindi High School’s third speaker, Josephine Saunders, brought the win home with a smashing final speech, rebutting each of Farrer’s arguments.

The QHS Sub Junior Debating team consisted of Lia Robertson, Lilly Nicholls, Josephine Saunders and Grace Pezzuto. Farrer’s team consisted of Jesiah Cooper, Adrian Bickerstaff, Andy Wang and Bailey Reid.

The Debating Team would like to thank the adjudicator Mr Lewis, time keeper Ruby Richardson, chairperson Angus Nicholls, our debating coach Mr Owen and the canteen for providing a delicious lunch.

We would also like to thank the Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School debating team for a great debate.

By Angus Nicholls Lia Robertson Josephine Saunders and Grace Pezzuto
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!

**Delve into the world of Paper Planes!**
Glide into the pages of this new book we have in the Library

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*One paper plane flies straight and fast and true. Dylan’s.*

Twelve-year-old Dylan Webber lives in outback Western Australia in a small country town. When he discovers he has a talent for folding and flying paper planes, Dylan begins a journey to reach the World Junior Paper Plane Championships in Japan.

Along the way he makes unlikely new friends, clashes with powerful rivals and comes to terms with his family’s past before facing his greatest challenge – to create a paper plane that will compete with the best in the world.

Steve Worland brings you the exciting, heartwarming story of *Paper Planes*, adapted from the award-winning family film that features a cast of Australia’s finest actors, including Sam Worthington, Deborah Mailman, David Wenham and Ed Oxenbould.

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Source:
General tips for revision:

1. **Start early.** Do not try and cram everything the night before. Plan a revision timetable that spaces out what you have to learn and allows enough time for each subject. It is best to work backwards from the exam week itself – planning last minute recap revision the night before named exams, with another session for that subject a few days earlier and another a few days before that etc. Recap at the start of a new session to see what you remember about this subject from the previous session of revision.

2. Pay attention to how you learn, not just what you have to learn:
   - **Position:** notice how changing position affects your concentration: sitting upright at a desk, lying on the floor, sitting on the bed?
   - **Food:** do you study best before dinner? After eating? Whilst snacking? What kind of food helps you concentrate (regardless of when it is eaten)? Don’t have sugary snacks for ‘energy’ – you will get a short burst of energy but then become more tired.
   - **Exercise:** are you doing the right amount to stimulate concentration or so much you’re tired?
     - Time of day: do you study better at night; in the morning?
     - Location: do you prefer to study in your room; at a library; in school?
     - **Company:** do you work better alone or with a partner?

3. **Doing something with the material we want to learn is 100% more effective than just reading it, because it actually forces us to check that we understand it.** Some things need to be **practised** not just read or discussed or explained to someone e.g. maths questions, diagrams in lots of subjects, language vocabulary etc

4. **Get plenty of sleep – starting before midnight and getting up by 10!**

5. **Revise in short bursts** – generally your age plus 2 = the number of minutes you can realistically concentrate effectively. Have a stretch break at least once every 20 mins. Do something active in your break – don’t just switch to facebook whilst sitting still! Run up and down the stairs repeating what you’ve learned. Then take a 5-10 minute break.

6. Research also shows that **variety is better** than spending too long on one subject (even with breaks) – spend 40/45 mins (or two short sessions) on one subject, then a break, then a different subject.
7. **Don’t work with the TV on.** Your brain will be confused by trying to process what you are learning with the interference of input from the TV: you are overloading your working memory and dividing your capacity for paying attention. If you are listening to music (and some people do find that it helps block out other noises in the house) choose QUIET instrumental music, not lyrics, as lyrics will interfere with the words you are trying to learn. Listening to different pieces of music for different topics may help you link a particular piece of music to particular learning, making it easier to recall (‘I know that, it was when I was listening to xyz’).

8. **Study different subjects in different rooms, using different pens, different music etc – create a mood per subject.**

9. **Revise the same material in different ways, so your ‘repetition’ isn’t just doing the same thing again.** This makes sure that you have used a variety of techniques so it’s more likely to stick.

10. **Use both the left and right halves of your brain** (broadly: the left stores ‘detail’ and the right stores ‘big ideas’). So, mix it up:
   a. Create a ‘big picture’ general overview first and learn it, then study different parts in detail
   b. Learn the component parts individually first and then use these to create a big picture
   c. Compound parts – learn the first part, then the second, go back to revise the first and second, then learn the third, revise first, second and third …and so on.

Online Study Skills Handbook has a new home!

QHS students have direct access to the **Online Study Skills Handbook** through the **Quirindi High School Library Blog**.

This Blog is available to all students through their **Student Portal**.

**Follow these steps to start using the Online Study Skills Program:**

- Login to your **Student Portal**
- Click on the **LEARNING TAB** – scroll down to **blogED** and click
- In My Blog Roll click **Quirindi High School Library**.

**Click the Study Skills Login link** as shown on the home page below. This will take you straight to the site.

Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.
Happy Reading and Studying!
*Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian*  
*Mrs Sweep – SAS Library*
QHS Girls’ Rugby On Fire At Gala Day!

On Friday 15 May 2015, Sophie Anderson and Danielle Lawlor travelled to the University of New England, Armidale to compete in a Rugby Gala Day. They participated in some training drills with representative Rugby players, before the rugby games started. The girls were part of a combined team with St. Mary’s College, Gunnedah. The combined team played two very tough games, and while they were not victorious, the experience and skills gained during the games were invaluable. Danielle and Sophie both said that it was a fantastic day and they enjoyed learning some new rugby skills.

Article by Danielle Lawlor
Photos by Kim Lawlor
The second round of Friday night Rugby in Tamworth proved to be very successful for our QHS teams. The QHS Open Girls team combined with St Mary’s College to play two games of action packed rugby. The team came away with a win against Oxley High School, and after a tough game against Tamworth, the result was a 2 all draw. The girls proved they are a competitive team in this competition.

The QHS Open Boys team proved victorious in a tough battle against Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School, coming away with a very close win of 23-22.

The QHS under 16 years Boys combined with Barraba Central to smash Farrer in a great game of Rugby.

It is great to see QHS students getting involved in this fantastic Friday Night Rugby Competition.

Thanks must go to the QHS Teachers - Mr Owen, Mr Packer, Mr Harries, Ms Chad, Mr Chadwick and also to Nathaniel Slater, who give up their Friday nights so our students can be a part of this fantastic opportunity.

Article – Danielle Lawlor
Photos by Tristan Wong/Nicholas Young and Kim Lawlor
The NAPLAN tests are conducted over three days in May. Most students sit for the tests in their own schools.

The NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide data on the achievements of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 for reporting to parents/carers and schools and for systematic reporting.

At Quirindi high school Year 7 and 9 sat for their NAPLAN tests last week. Thank you to Mrs Saville for her great organisation of the tests over the three days.

Nicholas Hamblin and Abbey Lobsey - Yr9 SRC Representatives
The annual Beau Valley Shield will be held in Week 10 from the 23rd to 25th June.

The goal of the visit is to provide the pupils with the sporting, social and cultural experience of competing and living in a different community. This goal should be achieved by participation in an excursion in which as many pupils as possible compete in a variety of activities, both of a sporting and social nature.

While pupils are encouraged to compete to the best of their ability, the emphasis of the visit should be on the participation and interaction of the pupils from both schools. This year the event will be held in Bellingen. Selected students will be billeted out to host families for two nights.

In Week 5/6 (all week) students will be able to put their names down for teams. Team selections will be based on students who currently play for school KO teams. Students who took billets last year will also be given consideration.

At this stage the cost of the excursion will be $110

More information will be provided and updated in the lead up to the event.

Please contact Ms Saunders or Ms Lees for more information.
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Insight on UNE college life for Quirindi High students

Year 12 students from Quirindi High School (QHS) quizzed former student Carissa Ryan about life on campus when they called at Austin College during the recent University of New England (UNE) Open Day.

Carissa, who graduated from QHS in 2013 and welcomed the visitors, is in her first year of a Bachelor of Media & Communications degree and is enthusiastic about college life.

“It’s a big step to move away from home for the first time and I have to say I was a bit nervous about how I’d fit in and whether I’d like it,” she said.

“But it turned out to be the best decision of my life. Austin is a home away from home. It’s fun being with other students at the college and you can get involved in so many activities that help you make new friends and take on new interests.

“Not only is it a great place to live but Austin has an amazing support network for my studies and I enjoy being involved in fundraising for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and Camp Quality.”

College Head Andrea Gledhill said the residential college experience was particularly helpful for school leavers.

“It’s a big step for kids to leave home and all the support mechanisms that are familiar to them,” she said. “They are still young and inexperienced and have to learn how to develop self-discipline about their studies, how to make new friends and how to become involved in the extra curricula activities on campus.

“This is where college can help enormously. We become a family our students can rely on and which helps them to adjust and enjoy themselves with like-minded others. Austin encourages a culture of inclusiveness, friendliness and looking out for each other along with strong academic support and developing a strong sense of social responsibility.”

The visit and mixing with Austin students impressed Year 12 QHS student Georja Rumble. “I thought Austin was very good both socially and academically,” she said. “It was a great experience just to visit and I am really considering applying there.”

Fellow QHS student, Katie O’Brien also commented positively on her experience “I really liked how the campus was spread out and I liked the room sizes (Common Rooms and Study Rooms),” she said.

Ms Gledhill said it was always a joy to meet students from the New England North West considering the possibility of tertiary education. During Open Day Austin students welcomed visitors by putting on a barbecue, hot milo, musical items and introducing them to the College Rescue Dog, Max.

Further Information
Andrea Gledhill 123456789
Maree Rogers (Austin Office) 123456789
Georja Rumble, Holly McNamara, Carissa Ryan (former QHS student), Zara Constable and Katie O’Brien from Quirindi High School during their visit to Austin College, UNE.

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**Was I ever like that?**

A support and education session for parents, carers, teachers and friends of young people who may be having a tough time. Find out how to help your young person and yourself through challenges and meet others who may be feeling the same way as you!

**TUESDAY 9TH JUNE**

Quirindi RSL Club 6pm till 9pm (FREE finger food)

Topics Include:

- Sexual Health and Promiscuity
- Drug and Alcohol Use
- Young People and the Law
- Cyber Safety
- Depression & Anxiety
- Self-Harm & Suicide
- Suicide

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NSW Health
Hunter New England Local Health District

headspace Rockhampton
2015 Joan Carpenter Award Scholarship

Total Prize Money $1,000.00

The Joan Carpenter Award Scholarships will be held in the Quirindi High School Hall commencing at 1.00 pm on Sunday 14th June 2015. This year Quirindi Rotary Club is pleased to welcome the support of Julie Green Real Estate in these scholarships.

The Quirindi Rotary Club is seeking young musicians to apply for and participate in the 2015 Joan Carpenter Award.

There will be three age categories judged with First, Second and Third prize money in each age group, with the major prize, The Joan Carpenter Award being selected from any one of the performers, irrespective of age. Total prize money for the afternoon of $1,000.00 will be allocated over 3 different age groups. Importantly the function creates a forum for children to perform in public, which in turn will lift their self-confidence.

The Competition is sponsored by the Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Julie Green Real Estate as well as the Quirindi Rotary Club.

All children attending local schools or those up to 18 yrs. of age residing in the Liverpool Plains Shire Council area are eligible to compete. Please phone David Wallis on 6746 2064 for an application form.

An open invitation is extended to all district residents to attend the concert which is a wonderful showcase of the Shire’s young musical talent.

Application forms to participate in the awards are available from your local school, Julie Green Real Estate, Quirindi Library or by contacting Manuka Chaff on 0267462064
ELIGIBILITY-

- Students who sing or play a musical instrument
- Students who live in the Liverpool Plains Shire
- Students who attend Shire Schools

DATE - SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2015

VENUE - Quirindi High School Hall

12.30 pm for 1.00 pm start.

AGE GROUPS -

1) Children 8 years to 11 years on the day
2) 12 years to 15 years on the day
3) 16 years to 18 years on the day

PRIZES -

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each age group

OTHER -

- Joan Carpenter Award to be selected from any age group
- Written applications required

The organisers reserve the right to reduce the numbers in each age group to 10 based on the written applications, or a total of 30 children for the afternoon.

Any contestant can only be a winner of the major award for a maximum number of three times.

Please arrive at 12.30 pm

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES - Friday 12th June 2015

Please send application form to: David Wallis 1681 Kamilaroi Highway Quirindi 2343 or fax on 6746 2082.

PLEASE ASK AT THE FRONT OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION FORM
**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESCHEDULED**

The Athletics Carnival will now run next Wednesday 27th May weather permitting.

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**School Jumpers / Jackets**

Please check that all jumpers / jackets are named as the colder weather approaches. The front office inevitably ends up with a lot of these items handed in during term two and three. As you are aware, these items are not cheap to replace and we would really like to return them to their rightful owner.

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**School Office Hours**

*Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm*
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<td>This year’s theme is MEXICAN! Lots of prizes and fun. To book a table for you and your friends, call Tanya Green on 0428 299 174</td>
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<td>Currabubula Public School displays the work of local talented junior artists. Contact: 0746 9010</td>
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