Message from the Deputy Principal

In previous newsletters we have discussed aspects of 21st Century Learning and the teaching strategies our staff are focussing on in their classes with your children. During today’s formal assembly we discussed with the students the reality of the world they will face in 2028; a year when they will be well and truly entrenched in the world of work. The discussion highlighted the fact that many of the job opportunities that exist today will be no more and that for our students to have the quality of life we aspire for them to have they will need to ensure that their problem solving, creative, communication and technological skills are world class.

To ensure we, as educators at Quirindi High School, are doing everything we can to meet these needs for your children we continue to focus on areas that are very different to the learning strategies of our time as students. One such area is that of ensuring students know about and understand the role of metacognition in their learning.

Metacognition is one’s ability to use prior knowledge to plan a strategy for approaching a learning task, take necessary steps to problem solve, reflect on and evaluate results, and modify one’s approach as needed. It helps learners choose the right cognitive tool for the task and plays a critical role in successful learning.

Metacognition is vital in understanding the learning process and being able to apply these skills in the world when school is over. Learning is a lifelong and continuous process and developing this understanding in students is crucial and at the core of our business.

If you would like to know more about the changing face of learning at Quirindi High School please contact us to come and speak with staff about our whole school focus.

Sally Chad
Deputy Principal

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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](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.
Congratulations to Quirindi High School’s Open Boys Basketball team who have been crowned the North West Regional Champions of 2015. The boys have played through five knockout rounds of competition this year to work their way to the finals which were played against Armidale High School. Armidale played a tough game against our squad and were the leading side throughout the majority of the game. Quirindi had struggled at times though stayed with their competitors and took the lead in the fourth quarter. Armidale came back and fought to level the score 54-54 with a three pointer in the last seconds of the game. Five minutes extra time was played and Quirindi came back with renewed energy and took the lead again against Armidale and this time held on to win the Finals 59-57 and be named North West Regional Champions.

The North West Champions are now in the final sixteen teams of New South Wales and will now play a knockout round to advance to the final eight team tournament held at the Central Coast. Quirindi High has been drawn against the Hunter Regional Champions Hunter Sports High from Gateshead near Newcastle. Quirindi High will travel to Newcastle on Wednesday 3rd of June to play this game. The players of our team are aware of the tough competition that this team will bring and all are eager to have their shot at defeating the best of the Hunter to advance to the tournament.

We at Quirindi High are very proud of these individuals who have represented us with honour and a true competitive spirit. Our thoughts will be with them as they battle to advance further along this path to being named the best in the state. Good luck boys.

Photo caption:
Quirindi High School Open Boys Basketball Team 2015 – (left to right) Will Roxborough, Bailey Beresford, Ryan Beresford, James Patton, Jamie Green, Andrew de Roos, Tristan Wong, George Cudmore, Nick Young and Tyler Porter.
On Thursday 21st May 2015, four representatives of the Quirindi High Chess Team travelled to St Mary's Catholic College in Gunnedah for an inter school chess challenge. Joshua Redgrove, Corey Faulkner, Jake Aubeck and Sean Partridge found it was a tough and challenging day. Although we were unsuccessful in gaining a win, we didn't just give in to them. All four players gave their opposition plenty of full combat strategies to defend. Corey took his game to a whopping 45 minutes!

Thank you to Mr McGuirk and Mrs Holmes for organising this opportunity and to Mrs Redgrove, my mum, for transporting the team to the chess battle ground and back to Quirindi via a post battle visit to Maccas!

By Joshua Redgrove
Photos – Courtesy of Kathy Redgrove
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!

**Walk in someone else’s shoes – read this!**
**My Life as an Alphabet** by Barry Jonsberg

Candice Phee wants to bring light and laughter to those around her, and somehow she succeeds despite the bizarre mix-ups and the confusion she effortlessly creates. An uplifting comedy-drama from award-winning author, Barry Jonsberg.

*This isn’t just about me. It’s also about the other people in my life - my mother, my father, my dead sister Sky, my penpal Denille, Rich Uncle Brian, Earth-Pig Fish and Douglas Benson From Another Dimension. These are people [with the exception of Earth-Pig Fish, who is a fish] who have shaped me, made me what I am. I cannot recount my life without recounting elements of theirs. This is a big task, but I am confident I am up to it.*

Introducing Candice Phee: twelve years old, hilariously honest and a little ... odd. But she has a big heart, the very best of intentions and an unwavering determination to ensure everyone is happy. So she sets about trying to ‘fix’ all the problems of all the people [and pets] in her life.

Laugh-out-loud funny and wonderfully touching, *My Life as an Alphabet* is a delightful novel about an unusual girl who goes to great lengths to bring love and laughter into the lives of everyone she cares about.

**Revision Strategy to try this week:**

**STEPPING STONES**

**Especially useful for:**

If you do the steps in the **same** order:
- Sequences
- Chronology

If you do the steps in a **different** order each time:
- Creating flexible understanding of big topics, where there are lots of links between ideas.

**What to do:**

- Write each part of what you want to remember on a big piece of paper and put them on the floor.
- Only write key words and draw diagrams too. Bright colours will help.
- Jump / hop / walk between them shouting out what is on them.

**Why does it work?**

- Because you’re reducing the topic to key words.
- If you add pictures you’re linking also to your visual memory.
- If you repeat in the same order each time you have repetition, which helps to move information from the working memory to the long-term memory.

If you repeat in a different order each time, forcing yourself to think of new connections, you are building a huge network of mental connections in your head, which means you’ll be able to retrieve the information from lots of different ‘pathways’.

http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/students/high-school
Click this link to take you straight to this fabulous site on the DEC website. Check it out today and get your studies firing along!

Snap a picture of yourself and family members (pets too!) in front of your favourite bookshelf and you could win a $100 Book Club Voucher! There are 10 vouchers to be won.

How to Enter:
Simply tell us in no more than 25 words what makes your bookshelf look so good. Email your answer and shelfie picture to competitions@scholastic.com.au with subject line 'Share a Shelfie Competition'. Include your first name, surname, age, school name and state.
To celebrate the launch of Emily Rodda’s new fantasy series, *Star of Deltora*, we have fabulous prizes up for grabs

3 lucky schools will WIN:

- A visit from Emily and Marc around the time of Book Week 2015 celebrations!

- An exclusive artwork created by Marc during the event for each school to keep.

- PLUS a signed class set of Emily Rodda’s first book *Star of Deltora: Shadows of the Master* in her new series.

5 runner-up schools will win:


How to enter:

- Place a school order on Issue 4 from all four student book clubs.

- In 25 words or less, tell us why you’d love to have author Emily Rodda and illustrator Marc McBride at your school.

- Email your response to competitions@scholastic.com.au.

- Click here for terms and conditions.

Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.
Happy reading and studying!

Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian
Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
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 plainsongplate@gmail.com or, alternatively, you can submit a handwritten 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 June 5th.

Kind regards

Lindi Owen and Natasha Cowan
Quirindi High School
P & C News

The Quirindi High School P & C committee was very fortunate this week to receive a generous donation of $2000 from Agracom. This was from funds raised at the 2014 charity golf day. Agracom shared the profits from the golf day with various Quirindi schools.

The staff and students of Quirindi High School would like to thank all who helped raise these funds and thank Agracom for donating to our P & C.

A discussion of what we will spend these funds on will be held at the next P & C meeting. If you would like to give suggestions for this please come along to our meeting.

The 2015 date has been set for the next charity golf day, so please support this day as Agracom support our local schools.
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.

School Photos

Quirindi High School photos will be taken on Wednesday 10th June 2015.

Photo forms are being distributed today and Monday via roll call to the students. Please see Mrs Squire after Tuesday 2nd June if you did not receive one.
For Ourホームメードヨーグルトクリップス.
(ブレッド、スマッシュ、フレッシュフルーツの種類は変化する。)

**Salads & Wraps**

- Caesar Salad with Chicken: $4.50
- Caesar Salad: $4.00
- Salad Bar: $3.00
- Salad Wraps: $4.00
- Salad Rolls: $4.00
- Salad: $4.00

**Sides & Spreads**

- Caesar dressing: $0.50
- Italian dressing: $0.50
- French dressing: $0.50
- Thousand Island dressing: $0.50
- Blue cheese dressing: $0.50
- American cheese: $0.50
- Ranch dressing: $0.50

**Sandwiches**

- Roast Turkey: $4.50
- Roast Chicken: $4.00
- Roast Turkey & Cheese: $4.00
- Roast Turkey & Lettuce: $4.00
- Roast Turkey & Tomato: $4.00
- Roast Turkey & Lettuce & Tomato: $4.00
- Roast Turkey & Lettuce & Tomato & Cheese: $4.00

**Drinks**

- Fruit Juice: $0.75
- Milk: $0.50
- Water: $0.50
- Soda: $0.50

**Desserts & Fruit**

- Banana Pudding: $0.75
- Apple Pie: $0.50
- Cheesecake: $0.75

**Daily Specials**

- Hot Dog: $0.75
- Chicken Sandwich: $1.00
- Pizza: $1.50

**Weekly Specials**

- Caesar Salad: $4.00
- Caesar Salad with Chicken: $4.00
- Caesar Dressing: $0.50
- Salad Bar: $3.00
# Dates to put on your Calendar

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**School Office Hours**

*Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm*