Message from the Deputy Principal

The continued drive for educational experiences that will optimise student learning has seen executive staff explore the concept of implementing “Genius Hour” at Quirindi High School.

Genius hour is a program that allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity, problem solving and communication.

The concept of Genius Hour was developed at Google and from the book Drive by best-selling author, Daniel Pink;

Each week, employees can take a Genius Hour — 60 minutes to work on new ideas or master new skills. They’ve used that precious sliver of autonomy well, coming up with a range of innovations including training tools for other branches. The idea is very simple. Allow people to work on something that interests them, and productivity will go up. Google’s policy has worked so well that it has been said that 50% of Google’s projects have been created during this creative time period.

http://www.geniushour.com/what-is-genius-hour/

Our focus on developing 21st Century skills in our students works perfectly with the concept of Genius Hour and we are currently devising a specific pilot program for the implementation of this in our school. Watch this space for further updates regarding this program and how your child can become involved.

As always if you have a question or queries regarding any aspect of schooling at Quirindi High School please call us to make an appointment time to discuss the matter.

Sally Chad
Deputy Principal
On Tuesday 2nd June the Year 12 Biology class went to Armidale to the University of New England for a HSC booster day. Throughout the day we attended three seminars on the main HSC topics. We are doing genetics, the blueprint of life and search for better health. The seminars were hands on and included a look at bacteria and fungi under powerful microscopes. Overall, the day was great and full of helpful information for the HSC, reinforcing the information Mrs Batho has taught us.

By Danielle Lawlor
Bringing news to life

Year 12 English Studies are currently studying Media and how news is constructed. To assist in developing the students’ understanding, class teacher Mr Owen arranged for a guest speaker to visit the class. Former Prime News reader, David Evans, volunteered his time to come and share his knowledge of working in the industry. Mr Evans shared his life experience, how he initially started in Advertising, but found moving into media more appealing. He moved to 2VM radio in Moree, and eventually ending up in the Prime newsroom at Tamworth. He gave tips on how to get into the industry and what skills the various roles required.

The journalists code of ethics was also discussed and the media’s obligation to report fair and accurate news. After a question and answer session with the class, David also shared some of the bloopers and funny mistakes that happened, as the broadcast was sent live to air with no time to do a second take.

Special thanks must go to David Evans, as his informative talk will help the Year 12 class with completing an upcoming assessment task on Media.

Pic 1 – Newsreader David Evans, with a sill from of him reading the news
This term in Science we have learnt about the function and purpose of the skeletal, muscular, urinary, nervous, reproductive, respiratory and digestive systems. We have discovered that if these systems do not work, we could become very sick or even die. In class we have made a life size model of the digestive system that is hanging in our room, a skeleton the size of a six year old child that we labelled with all the different parts and we’ve also looked at medical terms and root words. Instead of doing a written test we did an ‘edible test’ where we made visual representations of a system of our choice made on a cake. As you can see we can remember a lot about our bodies.

Written by Dylan Tyler, Cory Hession, Jordan Pitcher and Angus Eleveld

Photos – Courtesy of Lindi Owen
Our Athletics Carnival which was held last Wednesday 27 May 2015, was a massive hit. Participation levels rose by nearly half of last years, even with the weather being as cold as it was all day.

Records were broken, laughs were had and friendships were made.

A special thanks to Mr Field for organising the event and to all the teachers, helpers, P&C and parents for helping out on the day so it ran as smoothly as it did.

Congratulations to all the students who participated and to the students who made it through to the Zone Athletics carnival in Term 3.

By Emily Simmonds – Year 11 SRC Representative
Photos – Courtesy of Kim Lawlor
RECORDS TUMBLED
at Quirindi High School Athletics Carnival

Four long standing records tumbled at our recent Quirindi High School Athletics carnival.

16 years Boys Triple Jump Record Rolls
Ryan Beresford broke the 16 years Boys Triple Jump record held by A Hynes since 2002. Ryan’s record breaking jump of 11.53m was 33cm more than A Hyne’s jump of 11.20m in 2002.

15 years Boys 200m Track Record Tumbles
Jordan Allan broke the 200m track record by 0.03sec with an outstanding run of 24.47seconds. The previous joint record of 24.50seconds was held by G Arnold in 1979, with L Murphy equalling this time in 2000.

14 years Boys Discuss Record Smashed
Lachlan Tydings broke the 14 years Boys discuss record held by L Slade since 2003. Lachlan’s winning throw of 40.68m was 75cm more than L Slades’ throw of 39.93m.

12 years Girls 400m Track Record Blitzed
Georgie Auld broke Natel Bradfield’s (nee Green) 400m track record by 0.03sec with a quick dash down the track with a time of 1.16.87mins. Natel had held the record since 1983 with a time of 1.16.90mins. What was even more special about this record being broken, was that Natel was there to see Georgie break her record, as she was one of the wonderful QHS P&C parents helping in the canteen.

Congratulations to all these students on their record achieving results.

Article by Lindi Owen
Photo courtesy of Kim Lawlor
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**Time is Running Out to ENTER**

**It’s Competition Time**

Like a challenge?

Why don’t you enter the English

The English Competition is open to all students in Years 7-12.

If you would like more information on this competition, please see Mrs Owen in the Library.

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**ASCA**

Permission Notes and Payments are due in to the Front Office now.

Workshops will be taking place soon to help you prepare for your exams.
Last Week’s revision strategy was “Stepping Stones”.

**REVISION STRATEGY to try this week**

**DOMINOS**

Works like stepping stones in miniature.

This is like mini stepping stones. Write out the key words from a topic on strips of paper. Put your notes away and re-arrange the key words, in any way you like, so you can explain the topic (‘tell the story’).

You can write out the ‘dominos’ after you’ve thought them through, if you wish, as a different way of remembering it.

Why does it work?

- Because you’re reducing the topic to key words.
- 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’.


Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.
Happy Reading and Studying!
Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian
Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
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 have been distributed via roll call to the students.
Please see Mrs Squire if you did not receive one.

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.

We currently have some articles that are unnamed!
# Dates to put on your Calendar

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### School Office Hours

Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm