QHS Leaders attend Blacktown City Festival

On Friday 29th May Quirindi High School Captains - Tristan Wong, Kaitlyn Hamson, Oliver Smith and Zara Constable travelled to Blacktown with the Liverpool Plains Shire Council Councillors to attend the 40 Years of Blacktown City Festival celebrations.

The 2015 Blacktown City Council Streets Alive and Parade was a showcase of vibrant celebration and diversity. Special appearances included Marlisa Punzalan & Samantha Jade, both winners of X-Factor Australia, and NRL Footy Show identity Beau Ryan. The stars of Channel 9’s hit series Reno Rumble also made guest appearances on the day.

The Festival displayed spectacular colour and excitement with stalls, floats and marching bands operating throughout the day. It was an incredible experience to discover the region’s vivacious and energetic aura unfold over the day. We also had the pleasure of engaging with the special guests pictured left at the Council Chambers after the parade.

On behalf of the Captains, I’d like to thank the Liverpool Plains Shire Council Representatives and Councillors for involving us in the festival and travel arrangements, and the Blacktown City Council ambassadors and respective Councillors for their hospitality in ensuring our needs were met during the visit.

By Oliver Smith - QHS Vice Captain
Quirindi High School Basketballers Go Down Fighting

On Wednesday 3rd June the Opens Boys’ Basketball team travelled to Newcastle to play Hunter Sports High for a top 8 spot in the state. The QHS Boys’ Basketball Team were one of the top 16 teams in NSW and were looking for a win to make the State Carnival. In the lead up games the boys had played strongly to advance to the North West final against Armidale, where they won and were crowned North West champions.

The Hunter game was a very fast paced game with QHS taking their time to meet the pace. At the end of the first quarter Hunter Sports High had a commanding lead and were in control of the game. The second quarter didn’t help Quirindi out offensively, however, their defence was impenetrable which forced the Hunter side to play outside and lose their momentum heading in to half time.

In the second half the boys rallied not letting Hunter Sports High add any further points to the lead they already had. In the 3rd quarter the boys trimmed their opponent’s lead through hard defence and fast break offense. Again, in the fourth quarter Quirindi took control of the game and narrowed the gap even further, however, it was not enough to close the gap.

The end score was the Hunter’s 73 to Quirindi’s 42. Even though the boys went down it was an extremely outstanding effort for a small country school like Quirindi High School to play against a selective sports school.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank Mr Field, Terry Beresford and Simon Roxborough for taking us to Newcastle and coaching us.

By Tyler Porter – Year 11 SRC Representative
School Lockers…………………

The Quirindi High School P&C are having sets of lockers placed in each of the girls and boys bathrooms in the school MPC for students to use during their P E lessons and sports days. The lockers do not have a lock attached to them and it is up to the students to provide their own lock to attach to these so that they can lock their own personal belongings in them during sporting periods. These are not for long term use but for security purposes during sporting days/classes.

Sports Carnival…………………

The School Sports carnival was yet another successful P&C fundraiser with over $1500 been taken over the counter for the day. If any parents or students have ideas of what this money can go towards we would love you to come along to our next meeting and give your suggestion. This money is money that the students themselves have spent so we would love to put it back into something that they have requested.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day either by cooking cakes, helping serve, cooking on the BBQ or purchasing from the canteen. Without all our volunteers’ days like this would not happen.

Our next meeting is to be held at the school to have a look through our new canteen. This meeting will be on 21st July. We will be meeting on the school grounds at the canteen area at 6pm. All welcome to come and have a look and discuss the change in the school uniform surveys.
Aboriginal Dreaming Story Writing Competition 2015

To help us celebrate NAIDOC week on July 20th, 2015 all junior students are invited to submit entries for the Aboriginal Dreaming Story Writing Competition following the theme:

“We all stand on sacred ground”

This is the theme of NAIDOC week this year and it highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

Prizes:
1st prize: iPad Mini
2nd prize: $100 JB Hi-Fi Voucher
Achievement awards: certificate and lolly box

Competition guidelines:
1. The competition is open to all students from years 7-10
2. Entries should revolve around the theme: “We all stand on sacred ground.”
3. Entries should be at least one A4 page in length and submitted in hard copy to the English Staffroom.
4. Winners will be determined by teachers within the English Faculty.
5. Entries close 24th July, 2015 at 3.25pm.
“Don’t let it snowball - we all need to talk”

Centacare New England North West is listening when you need to talk - at your place, or ours. Drop in for a chat about how things are going for you, or give us a ring to make another time.

We'll be in town on the following dates

WHERE & WHEN

THURSDAYS
14th May
11th June
18th June
25th June
9.30am - 4.00pm
HealthOne Quirindi
50 Nowland St

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1800 372 826
facebook.com/centacarenw
www.centacarenw.com.au
UOW OPEN DAY

10am – 2pm
Saturday, August 29
Sydney CBD Campus, Circular Quay
Gateway Building, 1 Macquarie Place

uow.edu.au/sydney-open-day

Attend the Sydney CBD Open Day and explore three levels of modern teaching facilities overlooking Circular Quay and the Sydney CBD precinct.

You will have the opportunity to:
• Chat face-to-face with our academic staff
• Learn about our business courses
• Meet current students and industry partners
• Tour the campus

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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.

Postponed Social

The Social scheduled for Thursday 18th June has been postponed until next term!

Postponed

Quirindi High School P&C would like to advise that their scheduled meeting for 23rd June 2015 has been postponed until the 21st July 2015
## Dates to put on your Calendar

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### School Office Hours

Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm