Congratulations to everyone who participated in and supported Pi Day. On the 22nd of July the literacy and numeracy team held Pi Day. At lunch time, all students were encouraged to meet at the MPC to compete in competitions and receive a piece of pie for reciting Pi up to 10 decimal places.

Well done to the junior and senior winners:

Congratulations must go to the Pi Champion, Corey Faulkner, who recited Pi to 75 decimal places and to Mrs Owen for the teacher competition who recited Pi to 20 decimal places. Prizes for the most creative posters were awarded to the Library roll and Special Education Unit for best representations of Pi.

Other prizes will be announced at the Monday morning assembly for wearing your Pi badge with pride and being the most enthusiastic in your roll call.

It was a great lunch time of entertainment, with lots of students getting involved in the activities in the hall.

Congratulations to the QHS Literacy/Numeracy Team for the excellent organisation of Pi Day.

By Sari Hamblin Year 10 SRC Representative
Message from the Relieving Principal

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who attended Tuesday’s Parent/Teacher interviews, P&C and The Enrichment class information evening. It was a very full evening but a positive way to work together to ensure we are meeting each child’s individual needs. Students who have been highlighted to participate in the Enrichment Program will meet with Mr Harries and myself next week and bring further information and a permission note home for parents and guardians. Thank you also to the P&C who have very kindly agreed to fund the updating of the basketball rings and backboards in our quad area. This resource will be greatly appreciated and extensively used by our students.

Friday this week sees the beginning of the HSC Trial examination period. Staff wish all students the very best over this examination time. Students who have prepared well will see the benefits in their results. Students are reminded that they must have a doctor’s certificate or official documentation should they be unable to sit an exam in the time allocated in the timetable. To ensure optimal results in all exams students are encouraged to use all of the examination time and to check and recheck their responses.

Next Tuesday evening we will host the Stage 6 information evening for students and parents in Year 10. This evening will provide all the information needed to help students make informed decisions regarding their continued education into Year 11 in 2016. Parents are strongly urged to attend the night as this is a major time of change for students during their school career. Further information regarding details of the evening can be found later in the newsletter.

There are some changes to staffing that have occurred this term. We have welcomed Mrs Jacqualine Simpson as the Head Teacher of our Special Education Unit and Mrs Gemma Bruce into the Science department. Mrs Meghanne Clarke has been asked by State Office to work with Walgett High School for the term and as a result of this I will undertake the role of Relieving Principal for the term. Mr Andrew Harries will be taking the role of Relieving Deputy Principal and Mrs Rebecca Batho will be the Relieving Head Teacher Science. All staff welcomes the opportunity to be working with you and your children in these new roles and invite you to contact us with any questions or queries regarding the educational opportunities provided at Quirindi High School.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal
CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGIE AULD

State Cross Country 2015

Georgie Auld competed at State Cross Country on Friday the 17th July, 2015 at Eastern Creek Motorway in Sydney.

Despite the wet, cold and muddy conditions Georgie ran the 3km course for the 12 year old secondary girls.

Georgie ran extremely well and was placed 33rd out of 94 girls.

This is an excellent achievement for Georgie and Quirindi High School staff and students would like to congratulate Georgie on this fantastic run.
Dear parents and students of year 10 you are invited to:

**Senior Curriculum Evening**

**School MPC (Hall)– Tuesday 28th July, 2015**

**Commencing at 6.00pm**

Parents and caregivers of Year 10 students are invited to attend the Senior Curriculum Evening which aims to inform parents and carers about student elective choices for 2016.

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to talk to representatives from each of the School Subject Faculties, and the Careers Adviser in regards to Senior Subject Selection for 2016.

**Specific Focus areas for the night include:**

- The HSC in 2016 and 2017
- Requirements for the award of the HSC and RoSA
- Requirements for the calculation of an ATAR
- Why subject choices are important
- Who can help and how
- VET Subjects at Quirindi High
- Subjects Offered in 2016/2017
- School Based Apprenticeships & Trainees
- Life Skills Courses

Students will be given a subject selection booklet on the Friday so they have time to process information provided and can prepare questions for teachers regarding the subjects they may wish to choose. Students interested in going to University can also collect a UAC guide at this time.

For more information please contact Ms Jennifer Lees on 6746 1177.

Jennifer Lees
Head Teacher Administration
Curriculum Coordinator
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!

**NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY**

**Thirst**
by Lizzie Wilcock

Karanda Hooke doesn’t need anybody or anything.
On her way to her sixth foster home, a crash leaves her stranded in the outback with only a backpack, a bottle of water and a faded picture of the mother she hasn’t seen in years.

This is her chance to escape her old life.

There’s only one thing in her way ... eight-year-old Solomon.

Thirst is a survival story, set in the Central Australian desert, but it is a survival story with a difference, because the two lead characters, Karanda (14) and Solomon (8), don’t want to be found. They are runaways, trying to escape their future, but also running from their past.

Source: [https://lizziewilcock.wordpress.com/](https://lizziewilcock.wordpress.com/)

**Year 12 - It’s Trial HSC Exam Time**

**GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR EXAMS DURING WEEK 3**
Celebrating Book Week

In Week 7 we will be celebrating BOOK WEEK, Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2015

This year’s theme is Books Light up Our World

COMPETITION TIME
To help inspire you to celebrate Book Week, QHS Library will be running some competitions.

**Competition 1 - Colouring In Competition**
Colour in for mindfulness!
It's the hit new hobby for relaxation for 2015!
Grab a colouring in entry form and let your mind relax while you colour the time away!
  - Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places
  - Entries due in by Wednesday 26 August.
All entries will be displayed in the Library for judging.
WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY 31 AUGUST

**Competition 2 – What Book Lights Up Your World?**
Entries due by the 20 minute break Friday 28 August Week 7
In 25 words or less explain how your favourite book “Lights Up Your World”.
  - Grab an entry form from the Library and be in the winning for a prize.
  - The most entertaining entry will be the winner!

**Competition 3 – Create a Lantern Competition**
Friday 28 August Lunch 1
JOIN THE FUN AT LUNCHTIME AND CONSTRUCT A PAPER LANTERN.
ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU TO COMPLETE THIS COMPETITION.

**Competition 4 – Borrow a fiction book from the Library**
And you will receive an entry to win a Book Week Prize. Start borrowing from Week 4
  - Write a book review of your book and receive an extra entry.
  - Due in by Friday 28 August.
Lots of prizes to be won
So join the fun and help to show how
Books Light Up Our World
Revision Strategy to Try this Week

**SING IT / CHANT IT**

Useful for anything.

**What to do:**
Make up chants, rhymes, jokes, raps, songs, poems. Make sure you build in a physical activity such as clapping, stamping your feet or dance moves.

**CLAPPING CHANT** (Y7 Biology 2013: characteristics of all living things)

- Excretion, getting rid of waste
- Movement, go at your own pace
- Nutrition is good for you
- Respiration, breathing we all do
- Reproduction is making babies that cry
- Growth is when we reach the sky
- Sensitivity is feelings, feelings, feelings (echo to quiet)

**Rhymes:**

E.G “In fourteen hundred and ninety two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.”

E.G “Enzymes are in heaven at PH7”

Or try a **SONG**, like The Circle Song, for revising radius, diameter, area and circumference: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWDha0wqbeI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWDha0wqbeI) or [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvjJYje8LmE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvjJYje8LmE) for Y12 revision of Thomas Cromwell, to the tune of Ke$ha’s TiK ToK!

Or write a **POEM**, like this GCSE poem about the Spanish Civil War.

**Why does it work?**

- Because our brains like things which rhyme.
- Because our brains like things which make us smile.
- If you build in physical activity, it is auditory, kinaesthetic and emotionally resonant – 3 out of 4 factors which our memories like to work with.


**Need Help?**

Make sure you ask us for help. Happy Reading and Studying!

Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian & Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
BOOK WEEK COMPETITION 2 –
WHAT BOOK LIGHTS UP YOUR WORLD?
Entries due by the 20 minute break Friday 28 August Week 7

Name:
Title of Book:
Author:

In 25 words or less explain how your favourite book “Lights Up Your World”.
The most entertaining entry will be the winner!
OPEN DAYS

University of Newcastle
Port Macquarie Info Session (Panthers): Thursday 6 August, 3pm – 6pm
Central Coast Open Day: Saturday 15 August, 10am – 3pm
Newcastle Open Day: Saturday 22 August, 10am – 4pm

University of Wollongong
Saturday 15th August head to uow.edu.au/openday for more details

UTS University of Technology Sydney
UTS city campus- Saturday 29th August, 9:00am-4:00pm

University of Sydney
Saturday 29th August 9:00am-4:00pm

University of Canberra
Saturday 29th August 9:00am-4:00pm

*UAC opens Wednesday 5th, August for 2015–16 applications.

If you know of someone in your family/community or a friend who is Indigenous and would be interested in a traineeship as a Keeper at Taronga Zoo please send them this link. https://taronga.org.au/content/indigenous-keeper-traineeship
Applications close on Sunday 2nd of August.
# Dates to put on your Calendar

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## School Office Hours

**Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm**
Black & tan umbrella was left at the Royal Theatre after the Spamalot performance. Please see the Quirindi High School office to collect.