Message from the Relieving Principal

Students from across Year 7 to 10 have participated in the ASCA exams this week. They have been preparing and practicing during the term leading up to this event and could be successful further along the line in being invited to Sydney to receive recognition of their achievements. Thank you to Mrs Lindi Owen who has been instrumental in organising the students for the competition and liaising with the local primary schools to support their involvement in the program. Congratulations to the following students who participated in the competition: Emma Bridge, Jade Norvill, Matilda Eade, Lakara Martin, Lia Robertson, Josie Saunders, Emily Cronin, Wade Clarke and Hanna Davis.

Congratulations also go to Tanika Darcy, Montanna Allan and Dayna Porter of Year 10 and 11 who have been asked to play in the Australian Indigenous under 20's mixed Oz tag world cup team in Queensland in December this year. This is a wonderful achievement, and it is great to see such wonderful opportunities being offered to talented students in our area.

This week the school executive was able to confirm the Year Advisor roles for 2016. Congratulations to Mr Peter Roberts who will be the Year 7 advisor in 2016. Mr Roberts will be working with incoming students from local feeder schools over the next two terms in preparation for Year 7 next year. Sadly Mr John Chadwick will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a position at Woolgoolga High School on the North Coast of NSW. As a result of his move, Ms Leanne Cooper will be taking on the role of Year 7 Advisor for the remainder of 2015 and will continue with the year into 2016. We welcome both members of staff into these roles and thank them for being prepared to take on these extra roles.

As always should you have any queries or concerns regarding your child’s educational experiences at Quirindi High School please contact us and make an appointment to come in and speak with us.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal
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!

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. ALL competitions open to staff and students of QHS.

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 lunch time Thursday 27 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
Wednesday 26 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 LUNCH TIME THURSDAY 27 AUGUST.

ENTRY FORMS FOR COMPETITIONS 1 & 2 AVAILABLE FROM LIBRARY
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
Jigsaw

Especially useful for:

- Diagrams or pictures
  a) Photocopy a key diagram and then cut it into pieces, so each part of the diagram is on a separate piece.
  b) Put it back together or give it to a study partner to reassemble.
  c) N.B. you can make a variation of this jigsaw by copying different parts of a diagram onto different cards and then use these as the jigsaw pieces.

Why does it work?

- Because you are deconstructing it thoughtfully, by cutting it into pieces, then testing your memory by reconstructing it.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

All students involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge are reminded that you are heading into your last few weeks of reading.

The Challenge closes on Friday 21 August so make sure you are recording your books.

Good Luck with your reading.

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

Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian &
Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
Dental Assistant Traineeship 2016

Information Day

Please come and join us.

This is an information session for people who are interested in applying for the Dental Assistant Traineeship that will commence in 2016.

This is designed to give you all of the information you will need to know about a traineeship in Dental Assisting in the Western Sydney Local health District.

You will hear about what being a Dental Assisting Trainee involves, what a traineeship is and what you can expect during training.

Thursday 27th August 2015
9.30am until 12noon
Registration at 9.00am

Lecture Theatre 3
Westmead Hospital Education Block
(street parking is limited, paid parking on hospital campus, gold coins needed)

Please register your interest by Thursday 21st August 2015
Email: Suzanne.Aked@health.nsw.gov.au or Alison.Webb@health.nsw.gov.au
Or phone: 9845 7535
## Dates to put on your Calendar

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### School Office Hours

**Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm**
Who is ASSETS for?
If you are...
- in year 10
- interested in science and technology
- thinking about a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics
- someone seeking an introduction to their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage
Then ASSETS is for you!

What is ASSETS?
ASSETS—Aboriginal summer school for excellence in technology and science. The program for year 10 is designed to attract Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with an interest in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Participants will be selected from all over Australia, together with one from each of Australia’s capital cities. These participants will benefit from seeing the sights and opportunities of Australia’s capital cities.

Participants will be exposed to many possibilities for future study and career in science.

Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science

Important dates
Applications open: 5 July 2015
Applications close: 14 August 2015
ASSETS Adelaide: 14-22 December 2015
ASSETS Newcastle: 8-15 January 2016
ASSETS Townsville: 17-29 January 2016

For further information and to apply, please visit:
www.chn.gov.au/asset
E mail: assets@chn.org.au
A Australia Post Code: 4000

ASU RED WE SHINE THE FUTURE
We do this by using science to solve real issues. Our research makes a difference to industry, people and the planet.
We Ask, We Seek, We Solve

ASU is part of a broader Indigenous science, technology, engineering and mathematics education program managed by Cuss in partnership with the Guburr Foundation.

Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science

Rotary District 9650

Public Speaking Competition
If you are in year 10 or 11 and enjoy the challenge of Public Speaking, you could soon be winging your way to New Zealand as the winner of Rotary’s Public Speaking Competition, sponsored by Travel 195.

2014-2015 Finalists

195 travel & adventure

Be a gift to the world
SPRING RIDGE
BUSHFIRE BRIGADE

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
AND BONFIRE NIGHT

Highlights:
- Gates Open 5pm
- BBQ
- Bar Facilities
- Gate Charge $20
- Bring a Chair
- Entertainment by Dave Alexander
- Free Overnight Camping

When: New Date
8th August, 2015

Where:
Spring Ridge Country Club

Fireworks Display:
7pm