On Wednesday the 12th of August, Mrs Hinsley’s 9/10 elective dance class were privileged enough to travel to Tamworth to see the Australian Ballet’s dance class on stage. The student dancers gave an insight into how an everyday class would run at the Australian Ballet Dance School, based in Melbourne. The class was run by one of the teachers at the Australian Ballet Academy, and the music was performed by an on stage pianist.
The students are currently on a tour around Australia performing Swan Lake Act III, Paquita, and Rimbombo. At the end of the performances the audience had the opportunity to participate in a Q&A with some of the individual dancers.
It was an amazing experience for all students, and a big thankyou to Mrs Hinsley and Mrs Hird for giving us this opportunity.

By Courtney and Chelsea.
Message from the Relieving Principal

Week 6 leads up to and begins the final examination period for Year 11 students of 2015. Students have been encouraged to utilise the study program that can be accessed by students in our school via the internet during study periods. Each student had areas of development identified by their half yearly examinations and in their Senior Review Panel meetings and it is hoped they have used the feedback and support resources to assist in preparation for the examinations. The first examination is on Friday the 21st of August, if students do not have the examination timetable they are urged to rectify this immediately by seeing Mr McGuirk, the examination coordinator.

We held our first formal assembly for the term this week where we were able to recognise and congratulate the age champions from the Athletics Carnival held in Term 2. It was great to see a number of parents attend the assembly to support their children, we welcome and encourage more parents to attend our assemblies as this is the arena in which we showcase the achievements of all students at the school. Students who participated in our Naidoc Week writing competition were also recognised for their efforts, the two winners feature further in our newsletter and their stories are included for you to read. Our next Formal assembly will be Friday the 4th of September and will be the occasion when students nominated for School Captains in 2016 will deliver their speeches. Parents and family members are invited to come along and support the candidates.

Our students continued to represent Quirindi High School throughout the broader community this week with a number of sporting and educational activities occurring outside the school. Year 9 and 10 Commerce students visited Tamworth to explore the retail world and running of small businesses, Agriculture students and students in the Special Education Unit attended AgQuip and the Under 15 Girls Basketball team faced Peel High School in Tamworth. Thanks go to the staff that spent the time preparing for these extracurricular events and thank you also to the students who behaved in the commendable way which we expect from all students.

Mr Langston has begun a vocal group for students, which runs every Friday during lunch times in the music room. We encourage any interested students from across all year groups to take this opportunity to hone their vocal abilities. It is a great opportunity to get involved in the regional performance CAPERS which is happening later in the year and an excellent way in which to become involved in a whole school activity.

An important reminder for the health and safety of our students: parents are asked not to contact their child by mobile phone during the school day. If you need to have contact and get a message to your child please ring the front office of the school and our office staff will get the message to your child. If you are providing early leave for your son or daughter it is crucial that they sign out through the front office attendance system. When children leave school grounds without following the correct procedure they are at risk of harm as we are unaware of their departure and cannot ensure their safety. Students also run the risk of facing consequences for truancy. Should you wish to have further clarification on the partial leave process please contact the school.

As always should you have any concerns or queries please contact the office to make an appointment to come and speak with us.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal
Dear P & C Committee

30th June 2015

RE: AMPS COMMERCIAL PTY LTD – GENERAL GOODS REBATE SCHEME 2014/15

Amps Commercial Pty Ltd is often asked how we can make a financial contribution to the local community and in particular, the small country schools across the region. We support the concept that the rural kids of today are tomorrow’s farmers and community leaders.

We feel that one way of making a meaningful financial contribution to your school, is to give back a portion of the money paid to us via sales with farming families. For example Amps Commercial receives sales from a range of selected products of say $100,000.00 from farming parents of the school, then there might be a rebate of say 1% which represents $1,000.00 payable to the school.

We would hope that your P & C Committee see this offer as a way of putting much needed extra money into the School P & C budgets, and encourage farming families to nominate your school when next purchasing from AMPS. If you anyone would like to know more regarding how they can nominate a school when purchasing from Amps please contact me, Jenny Potter at any time on 0267474988, it will be as simple as ticking a box on their account and can be done over the phone for current account holders.

As in previous years, please find attached our cheque for $599.52 being this years rebate from parents and citizens who have nominated your school to receive the rebate from goods sold from July 2014 to June 2015.

If you have any queries please feel free to give me a call at any time convenient to you.

Kind Regards

[Signature]

Jennifer Potter
Amps Commercial Pty Ltd
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Aboriginal Dreaming Story Writing Competition 2015

All junior students years 7 to 10 were invited to submit and entry for the Aboriginal Dreaming Story Writing Competition following the theme:

We all stand on sacred ground

The competition was to highlight Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

Congratulations to Luke Fechner who came 2nd place receiving a $100 iTunes gift card.
Congratulations to Phoebe Roberts who came 1st place receiving a mini ipad.

Well done to everyone who participated.

Enjoy the stories!
The land’s best dancer

Long ago there was a very beautiful girl named Ibis. She belonged to the Kamberri tribe, who were located near Lake Burley, Canberra. She was the best dancer in the whole land as her dancing was so graceful and her movements so special. The reason everyone loved her dancing was because she told a story through her movements. When she danced she thought about her culture, her family, her land and how it was created, all of those things that were sacred to her. Ibis hadn’t always been such a great dancer. When she was very young, she would wake up early of a morning and sneak outside to practise. Ibis’s dances became so good that other tribes would come from far away just to watch her dance. She would dance around the campfire for hours as they watched the sunset. A girl from a nearby tribe called Nulla would come with her tribe to watch Ibis dance, she then became envious of Ibis as she was a much better dancer that Nulla.

One morning Ibis decided to go on her own into the nearby forest, her favourite place to dance was in front of a big coolabah tree. The tree was special to her because it was in the centre of her tribes sacred ground and when she was little she would always come to this tree with her mum and paint pictures on it. She danced here for hours each day but this time she wasn’t alone. Nulla began to watch Ibis dance. She stood there watching Ibis dance for a few moments, but as she watched on, she began to get angrier and angrier. Nulla decided to take action and defeat Ibis once and for all. Nulla approached Ibis and explained to her that she strongly believed it was unfair for Ibis to dance in front of all the tribes and that she would be better at performing in front of everyone. So both girls decided to have a dance battle and let the audience decide who they would prefer to watch.

The next day, was battle day. Ibis and Nulla spent hours on end practising their dances. All of the tribes gathered around and were ready to watch both of the girls perform. Ibis danced first and as usual her dance was about the land and how she believed it was created. She danced with passion. Then it was Nulla’s turn to dance, when she was dancing you could see the frustration and anger in her facial expressions, her dance was about beating Ibis and becoming the land’s best dancer. Once the performances were over the tribes congregated and discussed the situation. Their final decision was for Ibis to be the land’s greatest dancer, they enjoyed the way she danced so beautifully and could create a meaningful dance, so therefore she would be the lucky girl that performed. It meant a lot to her because where she danced was her family’s sacred ground and it wouldn’t be the same if Nulla danced there.

Written by Phoebe Roberts
Aboriginal dreamtime story

A long time ago in the aboriginal dreaming, there was a tribe called the gundawindi tribe. This tribe had been living peacefully at the top of Uluru until a terrible territory war broke out between several tribes. They started to fight for the territory Uluru.

When the sacred spirits of Uluru were awoken by the fighting they were furious with the tribes and so they had started to act. The spirits cursed all the men who had killed. This. The curse gave them the inability to walk. The other tribes had thought that the gundawindi tribe had cursed the men when the truth was that the gundawindi tribe had no one who could do that.

So the spirits of Uluru had planned to create a warrior or a pure man who would be able to fight off any man or bad spirit. The spirits transformed into their animal/Brolga and commenced a ceremony. The Ceremony took place at the tallest place of Uluru. They drew all their power that they could and struck it into a normal boy. When the boy woke up he remembered his name Yumbaga and then he set out to were the warriors were

When he got to the bottom of Uluru there were spears and boomerangs being thrown everywhere. It was a catastrophe dead body lay everywhere. Yumbaga hid behind a rock deciding what he should do. But meanwhile people were killing laying waste to the land they were supposed to look after look after. Yumbaga could take no more of it.

Yumbaga ran out behind the rock and screamed stop! Every no one stopped and looked at him. Tim yelled again so everyone could here but then out of nowhere a spear plotted through air and pieced Tim in the chest. He staggered forward and hit the ground that was covered with bodies. Yumbaga did but when Yumbaga died the powers he held were used to make territories. So the Gundawindi people got to keep their precious sacred land. The territories like the ones we see on maps today.

Written by Luke Fechner
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**
Have you enjoyed reading the Treehouse books? Here’s the next instalment from Andy and Terry! Their treehouse has grown to 65 stories! Find out what’s new in their treehouse by borrowing this new book from the library today!

Andy and Terry’s amazing 65-Storey Treehouse now has a pet-grooming salon, a birthday room where it’s always your birthday (even when it’s not), a room full of exploding eyeballs, a lollipop shop, a quicksand pit, an ant farm, a time machine and Tree-NN: a 24-hour-a-day TV news centre keeping you up to date with all the latest treehouse news, current events and gossip. Well, what are you waiting for? Come on up!

Celebrating Book Week
NEXT WEEK 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
Go join the fun and help to show how
books light up our world!
**Revision Strategy to Try This Week:**

**CROSSWORDS**

Especially useful for:

- key terms and definitions

**What to do:**

For learning key terms - make a crossword puzzle: the word you need to learn goes in the puzzle, the clue is the definition. Use different colours / fonts for different words / clues.

You can make one for free at https://crosswordlabs.com/

**Why does it work?**

- Because you're processing the words actively and then practising retrieving them by solving the crossword puzzle. You and a friend could do one each and then solve each other’s.


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**Revision Strategy Reminders**

Over past two terms I have outlined the following revision strategies. Check out the Library Newsletters on the Quirindi High School Website under the Library tab to refresh your memory on any of these strategies:

- General Revision Tips
- Stepping Stones
- Dominos
- Journey Pegging
- Teach It
- Record It
- Sing It/Chant It
- Dance It
- Jigsaw It
- Game It
- Crosswords

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**Young Australian Art and Writing Awards**

Have you created a fabulous artwork or piece of writing (short story or poem) this year and would like your work recognised nationwide?

Enter the Young Australian Art and Writing Awards.

See Mrs Owen for more details.

**Need Help?** Make sure you ask us for help.

Happy reading and studying!

Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian & Mrs Sweep – SAS Library
# Athletics Carnival Champions

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17years GIRLS

Champion   Sophie Anderson
Runner-up  Isobel Robinson

17years BOYS

Champion   Justin Scoggin
Champion   Charles Sherwood
Runner-up  Ben Douglas

Most Outstanding Sportsperson

Ryan Beresford

Final House Points Tally

1st Place – Cunningham – 1666 points
2nd Place – Oxley – 1044 points
3rd Place – Taylor – 979 points
4th Place – Liverpool – 780 points

2015 Records

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### School Office Hours

**Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm**

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### QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL P&C Meeting

- **When:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015
- **Where:** Quirindi Bowling Club
- **Time:** 6 pm
- **ALL WELCOME**
Quirindi Sporting Clay Target Club

11th Annual 100 Target Charity Shoot

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2015
STARTS: 8am

All proceeds to:
**Friends Of Children With Special Needs Quirindi Group**

GREAT PRIZES TO WIN

PRIZES FOR: 1st, 2nd AND 3rd - AA, A, B, C & OVERALL HIGH/GUN
(Graded on the day)

NOMINATION FEES:
- Open: $55.
- Vets (60+) & Ladies: $50.
- Juniors: $35

For squadding purposes pre nomination with payment by Friday 25th would be greatly appreciated but not essential.

CANTEEN:
Food, drinks and BBQ available 7.30am – 3.30pm

Please come along and help us support these beautiful children.

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