This week we heard from School Captain candidates for 2016: Brittany Beveridge, Isobel Robinson, Hollie Sampson, Emily Simmonds, Jake Douglas and Daniel Rea. All students spoke well representing themselves, their family and their schools in a respectable and admirable manner.

Congratulations to all of the nominees – it is not an easy task to stand before 400 people and deliver a speech. It is wonderful that you have been recognised by your peers as leaders within our community and regardless of the voting outcome you have all achieved a significant milestone within your school careers.

We had a number of interested parents and students attend an information evening on Tuesday night regarding our school trip to Vietnam in 2016. This trip will occur in September next year and promises to be a diverse and enriching visit. If you were unable to attend the evening and wish to know more about the opportunity for your son or daughter to travel internationally with the school next year please contact the school and we will get the information to you.

Year 11 and Year 10 students began the workshops for teen mental health first aid this week. These workshops will continue over the remaining Mondays of the term. We are able to provide such important learning and support for our students thanks to the generosity of our local community group Farming for Kids.

As we are nearing the end of term our schedules do not appear to be easing up or slowing down. Next Week Quirindi High school will be participating in a number of events to support the Quirindi Show throughout the two day program and on the Saturday we will be showcasing the great work of our students in our own show tent. Come along and see the great work produced by our kids and listen to some very talented musical students throughout the day. Thank you to Mrs Lindi Owen who has placed a great amount of effort into promoting our school and supporting our local community at this event.

As always should you have any questions or queries regarding your child’s educational experience at Quirindi High School please contact us to make an appointment to come in and discuss the matter.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal
Willow Tree Horse Sports

On Monday 31st of August, nineteen Quirindi High School students competed in the Willow Tree Public School Horse Sports at Quirindi Show Ground. The weather was beautiful and all the students had a fantastic day! Brodie Nankivelle, Nicole Rae and Zara McCarthy competed in the 13 years age group. Casey Clarke, Chase Clarke, Matthew Forsyth, Sam Palmer, Kate Murphy, Josie Saunders and Jordie Thompson competed in the 14 years age group. Alise Butler, Sieanna Glover, Sasha Mackay and Lachlan McMahon competed in the 15 years age group. Layne Boswell, JoBeth Taylor, Emma Murphy, Shaun Butler and Cory Mackay competed in the 16 plus age group.

Everyone rode very well and Quirindi High School came home with a number of Champion, Reserve Champion and Encouragement awards. To top off the day Quirindi High School students won the Highest Point Score High School receiving a trophy shield. Well done to all students who competed and represented our school in such a positive manner!
The Quirindi High School Horse Sports team with their prizes and the High School Point Score Shield

Congratulations!

**FRIENDLY REMINDER**

If you have recently moved or updated your contact details (i.e. new phone number or emergency contacts), please let the front office know.

This can be easily achieved by calling the school or your child collecting a change of contacts form from the front office to take home.
2nd September 2015

Dear Principal and Year 12 Coordinator,

The 2016 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships open on Monday 7th December and will close on Friday 8th January 2016.

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate and post-graduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to $45,000 over 3 years.

Information about the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at www.hawkerscholarship.org or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees in Adelaide on 08 8127 1654.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier, politician and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker. The Scholarship commemorates the achievements of one of Australia’s most respected statesmen.

“C.A.S. Hawker was a truly remarkable man and a great Australian. Our challenge as Trustees is to encourage young Australian students to apply. We are always interested to hear from students in regional Australia. Many are reluctant to participate in what is a simple process,” Mr Andrew Hawker, Scholarship Trustee and Hawker family member said.

C.A.S. Scholarships are available to all Australian students. The majority have been awarded to students entering their first year of university study. Since 1990, the Trustees have awarded 109 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships.

Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate and post-graduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions. Post-graduate Charles Hawker Scholars are also able to follow in Charles Hawker’s footsteps by enrolling at Trinity College and studying at Cambridge UK.

I’d respectfully request that you informing your year 12 students about the opening date of the 2016 Scholarships and direct them to the website.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Doyle B Ec. Dip. Ed
School Coordinator

www.hawkerscholarship.org

If you don’t wished to be faxed this information please contact me on dms@linet.net.au
ABN 18 097 364 746
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"!

CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK AT QHS
Book Week was celebrated last week in the QHS Library with a variety of competitions. Thank you to all the students and staff who participated in the Book Week activities.

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Winning Colouring-in Entries

Joshua Redgrove

Mary-Jane Abbott Blundell

Georgea Quayle

Mrs Craswell
**STRATEGY TO TRY THIS WEEK**

**MAKE IT STICK**

Especially useful for:

- Those odd facts that won’t stay in your head!

3 options:

a) **Splat** - Write the fact/date/equation on your hand and screw up your hand as if you are screwing up a piece of paper. Now ‘throw’ the fact at the wall as hard as you can. Imagine the fact now splattered across the wall. Visualise it carefully. Now make it grow out towards you and sink back towards the wall. Now imagine it spinning round and round on the wall and settling back to the start again. Now imagine it changing through each colour of the rainbow.

b) **Stamp** – write the fact/date/equation on a piece of paper and put it on the floor. Now jump onto it. Imagine it transferring in ink to the bottom of your shoe. Now imagine it spreading into the bottom of your feet and travelling up through your body – like Blackpool rock! Imagine it appearing on your hands (look at your hands as you do this and ‘see’ it appear). Shut your eyes and open them, and it is still there. Try and rub it off but you can still see it, like indelible ink.

c) **Billboard** – Imagine going home from school and passing a billboard, surrounded by bright lights. Into the billboard your face appears! You are holding up a sign with the equation/fact/date on it and pointing to it. You see yourself come to life in the billboard – like a Harry Potter newspaper! You are shouting out the fact and pointing to it like a crazy person.

Why does it work?

Because you’re using more than one learning path: visualising, doing something physical, and involving yourself ‘emotionally’.

**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.
All entries need to be in to me by Friday 11 September 2015 (Week 9)
See Mrs Owen for more details.

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**2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to **Joshua Redgrove and Fayth Etherington** for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year.
They both read 20 books in the allocated time frame.
Joshua and Fayth will be presented with their certificates when they have been issued. Well done, Joshua and Fayth.
It’s great to see students challenging themselves through their love of reading.

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

**Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian & Mrs Sweep – SAS Library**
2015 SCHOOL FEES

Reminder 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.

Incoming year 7 2016

Important Dates

Year 6 Taster Day – Wednesday 9th September 2015

Orientation Day and Parent Information Evening – Thursday 3rd December 2015

First Day of school in 2016 – Thursday 28th January 2016
The QHS Open Girls Netball team travelled to Scone Wednesday 2nd of September to participate in a Netball Gala Day. It was hosted by Scone Grammar School and we thank them for their invitation and organisation. Although we did not achieve a place on the day, the level of effort and improvement must be commended. The Girls are fantastic ambassadors for the school and are an absolute pleasure to coach. I would also like to farewell and thank our Yr 12 members Zara, Holly, Danielle and Sophie. We will miss you. Well done girls!
Mrs Batho
Coach

# Dates to put on your Calendar

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## School Office Hours

Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm
**Liverpool Plains Shire Council Calendar for September**

**Quirindi Polo Club Carnival** 5-6.9.2015  
Quirindi Polo Ground. Contact James Hockey on 0428 377 895

**Quirindi & District Historical Society History Week** 11-18.9.2015  
This year’s theme is “War, Nationalism and Identity”. The impressive display about war and the local impact is open on Wednesdays and Fridays 10am to 2pm.

**Quirindi Spring Show** 11-13.9.2015  
Team Penning, Show Jumping Ute Show, Poultry and Pavilion Exhibits, Demolition Derby, Wife Carrying Competition, Cook-up, Bull and Steer Ride and more – an action-packed weekend at Quirindi Showgrounds. The major events will take place on Saturday, for the full program go to [www.quirindishow.com.au](http://www.quirindishow.com.au).

**Liverpool Ranges Harness Club Fundraising Drive** 12-20.9.2015  
A fundraising Sulky ride through the Liverpool Plains, for more information go to [www.visitquirindi.com](http://www.visitquirindi.com).

**Quota Markets** 19.9.2015  
The Markets at Rose Lee Park are on the third weekend this month in order not to clash with the Show.

**Willow Tree Campdraft** 19-20.9.2015  
The program and entry form can be downloaded from the ACA website [www.campdraft.com.au](http://www.campdraft.com.au) or phone Debbie Sadler on 0427 461 163.

**Quirindi Pony Club Annual Camp** 20-26.9.2015  
At Quirindi Showground. For information call Simon on 0428 485 355.

**Wallabadah Flower Show** 24. 10 2015  
10am - Small local Show at the Wallabadah Hall in Martyn Street. This year’s theme is “100 years ANZAC”. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

**Royal Theatre Movie Weekend** 26-27.9.2015  
Saturday and Sunday, 1.30pm: Last Cab to Darwin  
Saturday and Sunday, 4.00pm: the Man From U.N.C.L.E.  
Adult tickets: $10.00, Children 12 years and under $7.00

**Quirindi Village Miniature Railway** 27.9.2015  
Take a scenic ride through the Rural Heritage Village and through the tunnel! Don’t forget to wear enclosed shoes. 10am – 3pm.

**Quirindi Sporting Clay Target Club Charity Shoot** 27.9.2015  
One Day Charity Shoot on Garspard Road between Wallabadah and Quirindi with all proceeds going to the Friends of Children with Special Needs Quirindi Group this year. 8am start, BBQ lunch tea, coffee and cakes available. Contact: John Hosking 6746 1187 or 0428 461 187. More information on the Facebook Page Quirindi Sporting Clay Target Club.