Congratulations to Josephine Saunders who has been short listed in the 2015 Young Australian Writer’s Awards for her poem, *Sustain Our World*.

Josephine’s literary work has been published in the August Edition 2015 of ‘*Oz Kids in Print*’, along with being posted on their internet site [www.ozkids.com.au](http://www.ozkids.com.au).

This is a nationally recognised competition with entries coming from many schools throughout Australia. Josephine’s impressive literary work was chosen to be published and is now eligible for the 2015 Young Australian Writer’s Awards.

This is a fantastic achievement for Josephine to have her poem recognised nationally and short listed for this competition.

Congratulations and good luck in the competition.

*Mrs Lindi Owen – Competition Coordinator*
“Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of a commitment to excellence, intelligent planning, and focused effort.”
- Paul J. Meyer

Message from the Relieving Principal

Students of Quirindi High School continue to be productive and active members within our school and wider community this week. They have undertaken a number of activities to demonstrate their commitment to their holistic development and to ensure they are developing skills that will ensure success in the wider world post school.

Our sporting teams continued onto second round events in Tamworth for the under 15’s Boys basketball and to Bingara for the Girls League Tag. All students were in full school uniform, behaving in a respectful manner and demonstrating good sportsmanship in both cases. Agriculture students and the cattle leading team were involved in pig judging and cattle leading at the Quirindi show and hospitality students helped in providing refreshments for show goers. The opportunity for our students to apply their learning outside of a classroom environment is wonderful and we would like to acknowledge and thank the local show committee for providing such great opportunities on a local stage.

Year 6 students from our feeder Primary schools came for their second Taster Day on Wednesday. During the day they were able to meet Mr Peter Roberts who will be their Year Advisor and also Year 10 students who could be potential buddies next year. The day went well and we are looking forward to having the students join us in 2016.

Year 12 students and SRC members hosted a BBQ and Red Day fundraiser for the “Walk for William” charity event. Students also walked through town to raise awareness for the Walk 4 William – 12 September 2015 event. The Where’s William? Campaign is the initiative of William’s family who are working with the support of Bravehearts Inc. in raising awareness of William so we can find him and bring him home. It is wonderful to know that our students are socially conscious and are actively participating in events to raise awareness of important social issues.

We continued to focus on academic excellence as we held a HSC Physics revision day for students on Monday. Year 12 students had the opportunity to spend time with the expert teacher Mr Hilmar Groschner to review and consolidate their learning. Thank you to Mr Groschner for returning to us and for your continued support of our students and their educational success.

As always should you have any questions or queries regarding the educational opportunities provided for your child at Quirindi High School please contact us for an appointment.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal
What’s Been Happening In Cattle Club?

There has been lots happening in Cattle Club this term with students working diligently to prepare steers for shows and attending excursions to expand their knowledge of the Agricultural industry.

Towards the end of Term 2 the school purchased two steers and also received two steers from Scone Pastoral Company to show. The school also took the opportunity to participate in the Waverly Steer Competition which involves preparing a steer from Waverly Station for the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza Show in October.

The students have been working very hard to prepare the steers for Quirindi Show on the 16th of September. This has included taking photos and weights of the steers each week to make journals of the steers’ progress. At the show students will compete in the Paraders Competitions and lead the steers in classes to be judged.

Have a look at what’s been happening at the school farm!

Emma Bridge brushing ‘Speckle’ the Limousin x Shorthorn Steer

Beau Mulholland & Jordie Thompson clipping ‘Kiwi’ a Black Angus steer

Layne Boswell teaching ‘Genie’ the Limousin heifer to lead

Lauren Wilson & Thomas Young brushing ‘Cargo’ the apricot Limousin steer
On the 7th of August the Cattle Club attended the Northern Breeders Association Limousin Sale at Scone saleyards. Quirindi High School offered two bulls for sale and achieved very pleasing sale prices for both animals. A cow and calf were also offered for sale and the cow was awarded Best Female Exhibit and was retained by the school following the sale. Students have now begun breaking in the heifer calf to show in the future. All students gained exposure to the cattle industry and insight into the operations of selling complexes.

In October the Quirindi High School Cattle Team will be attending the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza and look forward to more success and learning experiences to come.

Quirindi High School Students at the Scone Limousin Sale
Holding the Champion Ribbon for Best Female Exhibit of the sale

Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Friday, 18th September
10.00am in the MPC
Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend
Year 12 Farewell Social

7.00pm to 10.00pm
Thursday 17 September
$6.00 per ticket

Tickets on sale now!

QHS Student News:

QHS SRC Support Legacy Day

On Friday 4th September, the SRC participated in Legacy Day by selling Legacy Badges in the main street of Quirindi.

Students met legacy representatives in the main street, who provided them with badges to sell to the Quirindi Community.

It was a great success as many of the local community either donated money or bought a badge.

Thank you to the Quirindi Community for helping such a great charity and supporting Legacy.

For Quirindi High School SRC Representatives to support this charity and help so many families was a great feeling.

By Ruby Richardson – Year 8 SRC Representative
QHS’ POCKET ROCKET SHINES AT STATE ATHLETICS

Our pocket rocket, Georgie Auld, competed at the State Athletics Carnival in the 800 metres event on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September, 2015.

On Friday Georgie flew into 3rd place in her heat, qualifying her for the final of the 800m on Saturday.

Congratulations to Georgie who came 4th in the 800m finals on Saturday. Not only is she the 4th fastest 800m runner in the state, she also smashed her personal best time by 13 seconds.

Georgie Auld is definitely an athlete to watch in the future.

Congratulations on such a fantastic achievement!
Library Happenings!
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!

SAME
By Katrina Roe

Katrina Roe is a broadcaster and a writer. She writes children's picture books, adult fiction and non-fiction and a blog about the joys (and frustrations) of parenting. Her latest picture book, Same, is a touching true story about love, acceptance and finding common ground.

When Uncle Charlie comes to visit, Ivy keeps her distance. He seems different from other people she knows. Can Uncle Charlie find a way to show her that he is not so different after all? Visit this website to find out more about Katrina Roe and this heartwarming story.

Great News! We now subscribe to
WORLD BOOK ONLINE

Direct access for all students is available through the Library Home Page. You can find the Library Home page on your Student Portal Page.

Click this link to take you to a whole new world of resources.

STRATEGY TO TRY THIS WEEK

SPELL IT

Especially useful for: Spelling long words

What to do: Write the word out in big letters on a piece of paper. Look at the letters and see if you can make any other words from these letters. Now cut the word up into bits – about 3, 4 or 5 chunks, depending on the length of the word. Cut wherever you like. Put the pieces back together and say the word out loud as if the chunks you have cut are syllables – it will sound ridiculous – but you’ll remember it.

For example: WORCESTERSHIRE
I can make ‘trees’, ‘hire’, ‘rise’, cows’ (etc) WORC ESTER S HIRE (say this out loud)

Why does it work?

• Because breaking it down like this (rather than in syllables as you would normally) utilises the way you actually see the word.
• Because it sounds ridiculous, so it will stick in your head.
• Because you’re reminding yourself of the individual letters, by re-using the letters to make other words.

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.

Need Help?
Make sure you ask us for help.

Happy Reading and Studying!

Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian & Mrs Sweep – SAS Library

ROTARY CLUB OF QUIRINDI INC.
MEMBER CLUB No. 17942 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 9650

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

QUIRINDI CONVERSATIONS, WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2015

After the fantastic success of last year’s Quirindi Conversations we are holding this major event again on Wednesday 11 November 2015, commencing at 6.30pm at the Royal Theatre in Quirindi. The main purpose of our event is to demonstrate that with perseverance, ambition, talent and a dream, Quirindi residents and people with strong ties to the area have achieved great things and that we, as a community, should be proud of them and encourage others to "follow their dream".

We held Conversations in 2014, with Fiona Simpson (President of NSW Farmer's Association), Ray Kelly (internationally recognised physical fitness trainer), Jacqui Barnes (founder of an orphanage in Tanzania) and Sandy Thorne (Australia's favourite yarn spinner) as our guests, sold the Royal Theatre out with over 250 people attending and raised over $10,000.00 for the orphanage in Tanzania, the Quirindi VRA, the Royal Far West Program and programs in local schools. We also successfully promoted Quirindi's and Liverpool Plains’ achievements and the ideals of Rotary, as we obtained extensive media coverage. Additionally we attracted a number of sponsors including the ABC, Telstra Business Centre Tamworth, RuralCo; NuRural, Furniture One, Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Quirindi Tyre Service, Jobs Australia, Quirindi Newsagency, Quirindi Grain and Produce and a number of other local businesses, who were provided with extensive community and media coverage.

This year our host Jennifer Ingall (ABC New England and North West Manager) will interview guests Catriona Rowntree (Getaway Host), Dave Carter (ex Wallaby), Sandy MacDonald (ex Federal Senator) and one other guest. All our initial sponsors are back on board together with Graze Restaurant at the Willow Tree Inn, Helloworld Travel, Tamworth and Reilly’s Menswear.

The cost of the evening is $40 per head or $35 per head for a group of 10 or more and the evening starts with complimentary drinks and canapés accompanied by local musicians and followed by Conversations and additional entertainment. Tea/coffee and cakes will be provided at the intermission.
SUPPORT CLASS EXCURSION TO THE HERITAGE VILLAGE

On Tuesday the 25th August students from the Support Unit enjoyed a wonderful day at the Quirindi Heritage Village. The visit was organised by the CWA and was held to present students with the certificates and prizes they won in the recent poster competition. This year the country studied was Italy. The students worked extremely hard on researching and displaying their information in poster form. Congratulations to all students for applying themselves to this task. Award winners on the day were, Jodie Matheson (1st), Bryce Sutherland (2nd), Brittany Miles (3rd) with Highly Commended certificates going to Lachlan McMahon and Casey Cook.

The staff and students would like to thank the CWA, particularly Mrs Colleen Wills, for organising the day. We all enjoyed the tour of the museum, particularly as it linked in with recent HSIE studies on our local community. The lunch was delicious and we were lucky enough to enjoy a very interesting talk about Mrs Dent’s Italian experience and as usual the train rides were a huge hit. The posters will be displayed in the Quirindi Town Library for a limited time so pop in and have a look!

Tania Hartigan, Kristina Widdis, Marion Taylor, Gail Crane

Incoming year 7 2016

Important Dates

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

First Day of school in 2016 – Thursday 28th January 2016
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.

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2015

School vaccination clinics continue into term 4

Friday 9th October 2015

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinics at their school.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2015.

Any year 7 student with missed doses of vaccine can be caught up in 2016.

Additionally – any year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in year 7 and are yet to finish all 3 doses of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school.

Don’t forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

# Dates to put on your Calendar

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**School Office Hours**

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

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Phone: 02 67461177    Fax: 02 67462648    Email: quirindi-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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 Garopard 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.