

## 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 for a book and try out our Reading Chair!

## Thank you Quirindi High School P&C

# Welcome to Term 1

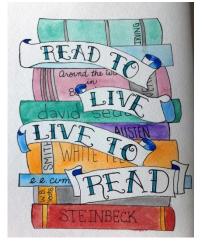
### **New Games in the Library**



The Quirindi High School P&C has kindly donated some new games for students to enjoy in the Library. These will be well used during lunch times in the Library.

#### Premier's Reading Challenge 2014

Open to all students in Years 7-9. Want to challenge yourself to read 25 books or more this year? Then this is the challenge for you. See Mrs Owen, in the Library, for more information.



## **Online Study Skills Handbook**

Great news! Our school has subscribed to the ELES Online Study Skills Handbook.

- The ELES Online Study Skills Handbook provides a comprehensive and interactive online guide for the school community (students, parents and teachers) as to the study skills needed for success in high school studies.
- This approach taps into students' affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve students' study skills.
- This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns and enable students to learn new ways to improve their results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as a large number of interactive activities.

Login to Quirindi High School Moodle - students should find a link on their student portal homepage or go to

http://web1.quirindi-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/ to get to QHS Moodle. Students use their DET internet username and password to login to QHS Moodle.



#### List of units:

at home	specific skills	extra 'general' mini-units
1. Home Study Environment	1. Reading Skills	1. Starting Secondary School
2. Organisation and Filing	2. Writing Skills	2. Becoming a Senior Student
3. Time Management Skills	3. Mathematical Skills	3. Bullying: Issues and
4. Managing Workload	4. Language Skills	Strategies
5. Dealing with Distractions	5. Research Skills	4. Managing Part-Time Jobs
6. Overcoming Procrastination	6. Presentation Skills	5. Your Brain and Memory
7. Developing Motivation	7. Science Skills	6. Live Your Best Life
8. Goal Setting	8. Assignment Skills	+ Educational Kinesiology
9. Lifestyle and Balance	tests and exams	+ Living Across 2 Houses
10. Managing Stress	1. Summarising	+ Travel: A Motivator to Learn
at school	2. Active Studying	+ Uni: Lecture Note-Making
1. Will we ever use this?	3. Preparing for Exam Blocks	extra 'technology' mini-units
2. Using Classtime	<ol><li>Test-Taking Techniques</li></ol>	1. Technology Tools
3. Asking for Help	5. After Tests & Exams	2. Basic Computer Skills
4. Dealing with Conflict		3. Be CyberSmart
5. Groupwork Skills		+ Useful Apps for iPads
		+ Microsoft OneNote

In addition to the huge amount of content, the systematic program for students to work through includes: online quizzes, summary sheets, worksheets, lots of FAQs answered, articles and links, online polls, facility to submit questions, helpful grids and planners, jokes and quotes, student thoughts, images and photos, students can submit ideas to win, competitions, audio and video files, streaming audio (to allow students the option to read or listen to the content)

- New content added regularly, new units added each year, new features added regularly.
- There is also a tracking system where students save the results of their end of unit quizzes and modules over the years.

We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students' study skills abilities through this online resource.

Need help with a Research Assignment?

Make sure you bring your assignment to the Library and we can help you locate the best information to get your assignment done.



### **Challenge Yourself This Year!**

### **Enter some Competitions**

Keep your eyes and ears open for

Spelling Competition (Year 7 only)

Writing Competition

#### **English Competition**

See Mrs Owen in the Library for more details.

# Love Books? Want to add to your collection at home?

Check out the Scholastic Book Club Brochures we have available in the Library for all students. ASCA - TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR! Are you interested in developing your communication skills? Give ASCA a try this year! Australian Speech Communication Association ASCA promotes competence, rewards effort and encourages excellence. ASCA PROMOTES COMPETENCE, REWARDS EFFORT AND ENCOURAGES EXCELLENCE Participating in ASCA is a great way to promote your communication skills and a great certificate to include in your resume. ASAC Examinations will be taking place later in the year, so keep your eyes and ears open for more information

or

SEE Mr Owen in HSIE staffroom Or

Mrs Owen in the Library for more information.

**Get involved – it is well worth the effort!** 



Need Help? Make sure you ask us for help. Happy Reading and Studying! Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian Mrs Sweep – SAS Library