



# Quirindi High School/ Weekly Newsletter

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## Message from the Deputy Principal

We were pleased to host Mr Garry Walsh, North West Participation Manager for Australian Rugby Union Ltd, on Thursday this week who ran a Rugby Viva 7's workshop with students from across Year 7 to 10. It is great to see our students get exposure to a variety of state and national based programs. You can read further about the program in this week's newsletter. Year 10 students will participate in work experience activities over the coming two weeks. A wide range of local businesses have agreed to take our students for what will prove to be an invaluable learning experience and a time that may cement or completely change future directions taken by students. Thank you to all who are involved in this process, Quirindi High School truly appreciates the strong level of support we receive from our local community in providing opportunities for our students.

There is two weeks to go for students to finalise payments for end of year excursions. Parents and guardians are reminded to contact the school should you need student assistance for your son or daughter. We relish the opportunity for students to be rewarded for their efforts over the year and do not wish to see anyone miss out due to financial restrictions. Parents and guardians are also reminded that for those students not attending the excursions school will run as normal with classes in all subjects running on an adjusted timetable.

As usual if there is an issue or concern you have regarding your son or daughter's educational experience at Quirindi High School, please contact us and make an appointment to come in and discuss the concern.

Sally Chad  
Deputy Principal

## Rugby Viva 7's workshop

Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November saw a number of students from Quirindi High School participate in a pilot session for Rugby Viva 7's during their sport afternoon. The session run by Garry Walsh, the North West Participation Manager for Australian Rugby Union Ltd, was a great opportunity to introduce our students to a new fast paced version of this sport.

Non-contact Sevens was created in response to research conducted by the Australian Sports Commission that highlighted a shift towards flexible, consumer-driven sport and recreation. It is a fast-paced, safe and accessible version of Rugby Sevens that can be played by men and women and boys and girls of all ages, no matter the sporting background. Non-contact Sevens also gives participants a safe, fun environment to have a high-intensity workout.

The students who participated loved the game, smiles on faces continued the day after the session when students were asked what they had enjoyed about the session. They felt it was much better to play than Oztag or Touch football because of the pace and flow allowed by the rules. Enthusiasm abounded with all of the students asking for Viva to become a permanent sport option within the school. They were excited about the prospect of participating in regional gala days and were asking about opportunities to play Viva outside of school. Comments from the students included;

"It was great"

"It was fun"

"When you get tagged you get to take two more steps and pass it so it is not a stop start game"

"Everyone got involved"

"Would love to see it back in school and out of school would be great"

"Reckon we should set up an after school team of kids so we can play it around the area"

"I loved it"

"It's really entertaining and I like how it is non-stop"

"Hopefully they can get it up and running I would love to play it"

"You have to be really fit to do it"

All of the students, who play in local area Touch and Oztag competitions, could see Viva 7's taking off as another activity within their communities. They were all going to spread the word with their friends and family to encourage them to participate in the new competition when it is established in the local areas.

It was a great opportunity for our students to be involved in and we look forward to continuing our relationship with NSW Rugby to provide further opportunities for students.

## English Extension 2 Excursion

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November Quirindi High School students Wade Hope and Ebony Campbell attended a study day at Sydney University for English Extension 2. The students listened to past students of the course talk about their experiences and were inspired by speakers who discussed the requirements of the course.



## CONCESSION CARDS

All concession cards expired on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Students wishing to update their concession card or any students requiring a concession card for the Christmas holiday break are asked to complete an application form available from the front office and return it as soon as possible.

Please don't leave it until the last minute.





# 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** ” !

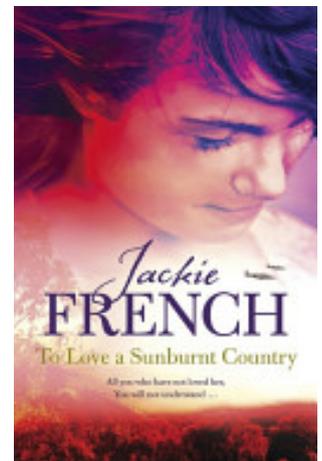


**Need a Book to Read?**

**Come and browse the shelves and try out our Reading Chair!**

## *Jackie French's To Love a Sunburnt Country*

Heartfelt, powerful and unforgettable. This extraordinary novel is set during WW2 and comes from one of Australia's best-loved storytellers. The year is 1942 and the world is at war. Nancy Clancy is 16 and left school to spend a year driving, just like her grandfather Clancy of the Overflow was famed for. Now Nancy's family has sent her to Malaya to bring home her sister-in-law Moira and baby Gavin. Moira is British and married to Nancy's brother Ben, who is now a soldier. Malaya is under threat from the Japanese, but despite the warnings Moira has resisted leaving as she wants to stay near her husband. When Malaya is invaded, Nancy, Moira and Gavin are fortunate to get out before Singapore falls. When their ship is bombed they end up stranded on an island where they, and some other colonial women, are captured. There begins the nightmare and horror of internment in a Japanese camp. Back home at Gibber's Creek families are doing their bit for the war. They worry constantly about their men who are fighting - and now those who are missing after Singapore falls. Written by one of Australia's most respected and admired authors, *To Love a Sunburnt Country* is powerful, compelling and confronting and a book that pulls no punches. Filled with emotional truth and heartfelt agony, this book is truly unforgettable. **LOCATED IN THE SENIOR FICTION SECTION – FOR YR11/12/STAFF**



### Source:

<http://books.google.com.au/books?id=eYo5BAAQBAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=to+love+a+sunburnt+country&hl=en&sa=X&ei=F-FrVL6KGSH4mAXt9YKIAg&ved=0CCcQ6AEwAA>

**Read every day. Lead a better life.**

### **Reading Quote for the Week**

**WALK IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES .....  
READ!**



# 10 good reasons why you should never trust Wikipedia as an accurate source of information

Many students seem to think that Wikipedia is a reliable and credible source of information. Below are some thought-provoking reasons why you should not quote Wikipedia for your assignments; however it is useful for background information or an overview of a topic, and it is useful to find higher quality sources.

10. You must never fully rely on *any* one source for important information
  9. You especially can't rely on something when you don't even know who wrote it
  8. The contributor with an agenda often prevails
  7. Individuals with agendas sometimes have significant editing authority
  6. Sometimes "vandals" create malicious entries that go uncorrected for month
  5. There is little diversity among editors
  4. The number of active Wikipedia editors has flat-lined
  3. It has become harder for casual participants to contribute
  2. Accurate contributors can be silenced
- And the number one reason:

## 1. It says so on Wikipedia

*"Wikipedia says, "[We do not expect you to trust us.](#)" It adds that it is "not a primary source" and that "because some articles may contain errors," you should "not use Wikipedia to make critical decisions."*

*Furthermore, Wikipedia notes in [its "About" section](#), "Users should be aware that not all articles are of encyclopedic quality from the start: they may contain false or debatable information."*

Read more details about each of these reasons, including good examples, at:

(E. Moran, Mark. "The Top 10 Reasons Students Cannot Cite or Rely on Wikipedia." [findingDulcinea](#). March 19, 2010)

### **Textbook Reminder**

**Students are reminded to return ALL textbooks to the Library, not to their classroom teachers.**



### **Need Help?**

Make sure you ask us for help.

Happy Reading and Searching!

**Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian**

**Mrs Sweep – SAS Library**

## TAX FILE NUMBERS TFN

*DO YOU HAVE A TAX FILE NUMBER?  
(TFN)*

*IF NOT and you are turning 15 years and older this year,  
you may need a TFN for the following reasons:*

- *Working part time after school or considering part time work.*
- *You are a School Based Traineeship/Apprenticeship*
- *You will be applying for either ABSTUDY or AUSTUDY*
- *To defer HECS or HELP you will need one*

*Don't leave it too late...*

*See Miss Saunders the Careers Adviser to help you apply*

*All you need is to bring a copy of either your Birth Certificate or Passport.*

## Dates to put on your Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
8 B	24 <sup>th</sup> November Year 10 Work Experience Commences	25 <sup>th</sup> November	26 <sup>th</sup> November	27 <sup>th</sup> November	28 <sup>th</sup> November Formal Assembly	29/30
9 A	1 <sup>st</sup> December Year 10 Work Experience Continues	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	3 <sup>rd</sup> December Year 7 <u>2015</u> Orientation Day  Year 7 <u>2015</u> Parent Information Evening	4 <sup>th</sup> December Year 5 Taster Day	5 <sup>th</sup> December	6/7
10 B	8 <sup>th</sup> December Excursion Week	9 <sup>th</sup> December	10 <sup>th</sup> December	11 <sup>th</sup> December	12 <sup>th</sup> December	13/14
11 A	15 <sup>th</sup> December	16 <sup>th</sup> December Presentation Day Starts at 10am	17 <sup>th</sup> December Students finish for the year	18 <sup>th</sup> December Staff Development Day	19 <sup>th</sup> December Staff Development Day	20/21

## Term 1, 2015

Year 7, 11 & 12 return Wednesday 28 January 2015  
 Year 8, 9 & 10 return Thursday 29 January 2015  
 to Thursday 2 April 2015

Party on the Village Green  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
Tennis Courts, Milner Parade  
Quirindi  
6 pm to 9 pm

Chocolate Wheel, Lions BBQ, Cupcake & Coffee, Fruit Salad & Ice Cream, Fruit Smoothies, Chicken Kebabs  
Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Children's Entertainer,  
Snow Cones, Pop Corn, Fairy Floss

The man in the red suit with treats

Children please come dressed in your favourite Christmas outfit: prizes will be given

There will be a bar operating in the Clubhouse

**Enjoy the spirit of Christmas at this  
fun family night**

**Don't forget your chair or blanket**

Proudly organised by Quirindi Chamber of  
Commerce