



Quirindi High School

Weekly Newsletter



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QUIRINDI HIGH COMMEMORATES REMEMBRANCE DAY

Representatives from Quirindi High attended the RSL Sub Branch Commemoration at the town clock. School captains Hollie Sampson and Jake Douglas and Vice Captains Brittany Beveridge and Daniel Rea delivered readings to acknowledge service and sacrifice in all wars. Year 10 student Lucy Crane also did a wonderful job singing the national anthem. All five students represented the school in a respectful way, and their participation in the ceremony was appreciated by community members in attendance.

The rest of the school observed a minutes silence at 11 am, and students were asked to reflect on the sacrifices made by service personnel which has allowed Australia to be a free and safe society.

Mr Owen
Anzac coordinator



Photo, Jake Douglas, Daniel Rae, Lucy Crane, Brittany Beveridge, Hollie Sampson at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day

Message from the Relieving Principal

On Thursday night we hosted a farewell dinner for the Year 12 Class of 2015. The event was organised by Mr Chris Owen and from all accounts it was an enjoyable evening that finalised the students' time with us in a stylish manner. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to commitments with an excursion to Sydney with the HSC cohort of 2016 but Mr Harries was able to step into the breach and deliver the Principal's Address.

This week we received exciting news that Joshua Hamblin and Mitchell Medway have been invited by the Institute of Industrial Arts Technology Education to nominate their major work pieces in Industrial Technology for inclusion in InTech 2016. This exhibition is run annually and displays the outstanding Major Design Projects developed by HSC Industrial Technology students. This is a great honour and we congratulate the boys on their hard work and efforts which are being recognised in such a significant manner. Thanks also to Mr Carl Harradine who supported the boys and provided his expertise in class and also spent time outside of the classroom to help the boys achieve this outstanding outcome.

We are currently trying to finalise numbers for end of year excursion for Years 7-10 students. If you have not already done so please make contact with the front office to let them know if your child will be attending the excursion. Parents are reminded that we do have access to a student support fund to assist families in getting their students onto the excursions. If we can help out please don't hesitate to contact us.

A reminder to parents that mobile phones are not to be used by students between 8.55 am and 3.25pm on school days, if you need to contact your child please do so through our front office on 67461177.

In a recent newsletter I included information about whooping cough; we have had a couple of reported cases at the school. Parents are asked not to send their children to school when they are unwell and in the contagious period of an illness. If your son or daughter is sick please notify the school and we will record it against their absence.

As always should you have any queries or concerns regarding the educational opportunities being provided at the school please contact us to make an appointment to come in and see us.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal

Building Resilience Workshop- Quirindi

Workshop Objective:

Resilience is all about our ability to recover from what life throws at us. We all face difficulties its part of life and we all respond differently. In this workshop we will look at what helps us bounce back. We will take a look a communication and work together to improve our skill as well as application of these skills to real life. Explore our own personality and understand better the personalities of our families' friends and work mates. This workshop will be fun and interactive, it will help you better understand yourself and build your resilience.

About the facilitator:

Jennifer Wendtman is a passionate woman who is motivated by 'Connecting. Jen's has a back ground as a Clinical Nurse Consultant and is a skilled educator and public speaker. For the past 8 years, Jen has Co-ordinating Macquarie Care Inc. and Community Chaplaincy;

This workshops will be very beneficial for those who are carers, educators and service providers who care for someone with a disability



DATE: 26th November 2015

TIME: 9.30am – 2.30pm

PLACE: Quirindi RSL Cub,
"Tony Caine Room"

COST: The workshop and lunch will be provided free of charge

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“Snake Tales” – A Reptile Show



The Olive Python and Domonic Patterson



Holly Austin with the Olive Python.

On Thursday 5th November QHS was visited by Bob, an expert from The Australian Reptile Park. He presented interested students with a lecture on misconceptions about reptiles that highlighted their importance to Australian ecosystems. It was an excellent presentation and all participants enjoyed it thoroughly.



Fayth Etherington and Joseph Trengrouse being kissed by a blue-tongue.



Jordon Etherington with the Olive Python



Emily Bramley “being a tree” for a bearded dragon.



Library Happenings!

Pick up a book and you just might
“**Discover or rediscover the joy of reading!**”



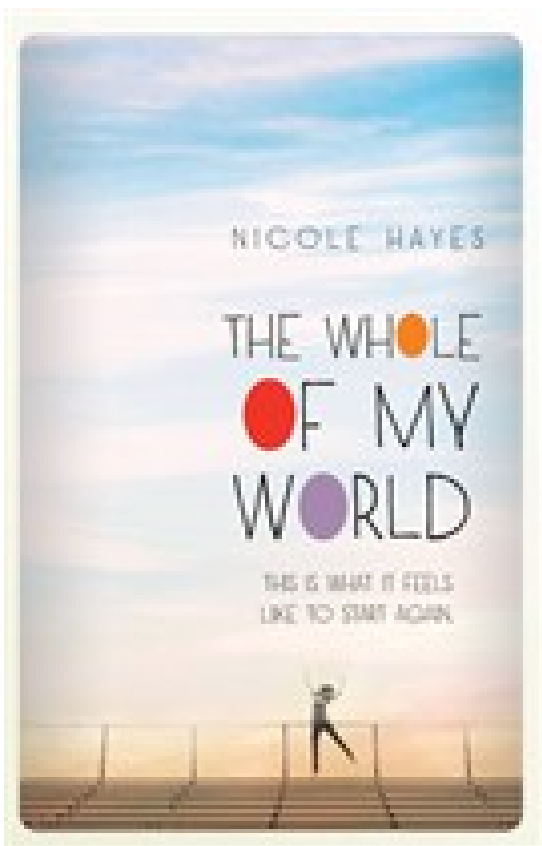
“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” -Dr Seuss



**Need a book to read?
Come and browse the shelves and try out
our Reading Chair!**

THE WHOLE OF MY WORLD

By Nicole Hayes



An unputdownable novel for anyone who's ever loved or lost, drawn a line between then and now, or kept a secret that wouldn't stay hidden . . .

'Today I am free. No guilt for who's missing, what's been left behind. My face aches from smiling in the wind and my voice rasps from all the screaming, and I know that it's been forever since I've felt so completely alive.'

Desperate to escape her grieving father and harbouring her own terrible secret, Shelley disappears into the intoxicating world of Aussie Rules football. Joining a motley crew of footy tragics - and, best of all, making friends with one of the star players - Shelley finds somewhere to belong. Finally she's winning.

So why don't her friends get it? Josh, who she's known all her life, but who she can barely look at anymore because of the memories of that fateful day. Tara, whose cold silences Shelley can't understand. Everyone thinks there's something more going on between Shelley and Mick. But there isn't - is there?

Source: <http://www.randomhouse.com.au/books/nicole-hayes/the-whole-of-my-world>

REVISION STRATEGY TO TRY THIS WEEK

HOW TO READ EFFECTIVELY

The strategy we are going to try is ABC. It is called ABC, because you don't want to note everything (the whole alphabet) you just want the summary hint (the ABC).

- A) Read the first sentence of the paragraph and stop to think: what do you expect to find out in this paragraph?
- B) Now read the whole paragraph, one sentence at a time. Don't worry about words you don't understand. Try to 'guess' what the word might mean, within the whole sentence.

For example, read this sentence: "At 9am the bell fjdsajfdldasjdksal and everyone went to assembly." Obviously, fjdsajfdldasjdksal isn't really a word, but reading that whole sentence, what do you think 'fjdsajfdldasjdksal' means?

- C) At the end of the paragraph, write about 5-10 words to summarise the key point. You can summarise in single key words or in sentences.

E.G:

Julius Caesar was born c.100BC in Rome. His family were noble but poor. We don't know much about Caesar's early life, except that his father died suddenly when Julius was 16, leaving him as head of the family.

Born 100BC. Poor but noble. Dad died when JC 16.

Caesar was an excellent soldier and soon became a General. He was appointed governor of Spain in 61BC, where he successfully crushed rebellions by the Spanish. The Romans were very proud of their army, so Caesar's military victories made him popular with Roman plebeians. Therefore, the following year, Caesar returned home to pursue a political career.

General in army. Governed Spain well. Returned home.

As part of his election campaign, Caesar spoke to the people about Rome's problems of high taxes, slave labour, unemployment and corruption in the Senate and promised to solve them. The people loved him and the Senate became afraid that the people would elect Caesar as Consul. Rich senators began campaigning to turn the plebeians against Caesar. However, Caesar made a deal with two important patricians: Pompey and Crassus. Pompey was the most famous Roman General and was adored by the public. Caesar married his daughter, Julia, to Pompey, to gain Pompey's support. Crassus was extremely rich and, therefore, very influential. Crassus hated the Senate because it had given credit to Pompey for crushing Spartacus' slave rebellion, when it had actually been Crassus who led the army. Caesar's promises to curb the Senate were attractive to Crassus. Although Pompey and Crassus hated each other, they were both prepared to support Caesar in his election campaign. As a result, Caesar was elected Consul in 59BC.

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This isn't the only way of summarising, it's just my example. You summarise in your own way. Pictures can work just as well as words, if you prefer. The important thing is not to spend ages – do it quickly!

Source: Jordan, A. (2013). Revision Strategies. Retrieved May 12, 2015, from <http://www.tesaustralia.com/teaching-resource/Revision-Strategies-6332265/>



OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS & TEXTBOOKS



The end of the school year is getting closer so don't forget to return overdue library books, textbooks and calculators to the library as soon as possible. Please check your emails for any overdue notices.

Need Help?

Make sure you ask us for help.



Happy reading and studying!

Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian & Mrs Sweep – SAS Library



Dates to put on your Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
7 A	16 th Nov	17 th Nov	18 th Nov	19 th Nov RSA Peer Buddy Training	20 th Nov RCG Peer Buddy Training	21/22
8 B	23 rd Nov Work Experience Week	24 th Nov	25 th Nov	26 th Nov	27 th Nov	28/29
9 A	30 th Nov	1 st Dec	2 nd Dec	3 rd Dec Year 7 2016 Orientation Day	4 th Dec	5/6
10 B	7 th Dec Excursion Week	8 th Dec	9 th Dec	10 th Dec	11 th Dec	12/13
11 A	14 th Dec	15 th Dec Awards Day 10am	16 th Dec Last day of school for students	17 th Dec	18 th Dec	19/20

Term 1, 2016

Year 7, 11 & 12 return Thursday 28 January 2016
 Year 8, 9 & 10 return Friday 29 January 2016
 to Friday 8th April 2016

School Office Hours

Office hours are
 8.30am to 3.30pm

Friends of Children with Special Needs Quirindi Group

ABN 84 344 320 073

Are commencing a major raffle

Hamilton Island Holiday Raffle

We hope many parents and families support this fundraiser.

All monies raised will be assisting Friends of Children With Special Needs Group and supporting children in our community.

Tickets are \$2 each

1st prize is for five (5) nights at the Reef View Hotel, Hamilton Island for 2 adults and 2 children (0-12 Years) in a Garden View Room including a \$1,000 Virgin Australia Voucher. Also included is a full buffet breakfast daily, return airport/marina transfers, use of paddle skis, windsurfers, catamarans, snorkelling equipment, use of Island shuttle, use of gym, spa, sauna and tennis court hire. Kids eat free at participating restaurants.

Valued at \$2,730

2nd Prize 2GB iPod Shuffle. **Valued at \$60**

Raffle drawn 5.3.16 at the Quirindi Music Festival



Tickets available from Quantum X George Street Quirindi

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