



Quirindi High School

Weekly Newsletter



11th December 2015 – Issue 38

Message from the Relieving Principal

This will be my final report for 2015, and as I sit to write this report we are in the midst of planning for 2016 – nothing ever eases.

Week 10 has been a great week for students at Quirindi High School with many students from Years 7-10 being able to participate in merit excursions to Broken Bay, Coffs Harbour, Tamworth and the Gold Coast. Reports coming back from students and teachers indicate that all trips went smoothly and were great fun. It is wonderful to be able to offer the students a reward for their efforts over the year. For the students who did not attend the excursions classes continued and remained focused on active learning.

Students at Quirindi High School received a substantial donation from the organisation Quirindi Special School INC this week. We were presented with a cheque for \$25,411 which is an extremely generous and most appreciated contribution. This money will be used to benefit students across the school to support projects to improve access to education and improved literacy and numeracy outcomes for those with need. We cannot thank the organisation enough for their generous gift to our students.

Next week is the final week of 2015. We will host our awards day on Tuesday the 15th of December at 12 pm. The time has been changed from the earlier time slot and parents and guests have been notified of the changes. We invite and welcome all parents and carers to attend the ceremony as this is our chance to formally recognise the wonderful achievements of our students for 2015.

All students will finish school on Wednesday the 16th of December and staff will finish on Thursday the 17th. The school can be contacted from January 27th 2016. Students in Year 7, 11 and 12 will return on Thursday the 28th while the remaining students will begin Friday the 29th of January.

Finally I would like to thank every member of our school community; students, parents, volunteer groups and staff. Without the support, good work and strong levels of effort displayed by all parties, our school would not be the positive and productive workplace and educational institution that it is. We are formed by our community and mirror its expectations and behaviours. 2015 has been a successful year and I am looking forward to continuing this trend in 2016.

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday period.

Sally Chad
Relieving Principal



Library Happenings!

Reading Challenge

Have you challenged yourself to read book each month yet?

Pick up a book and you just might

“ **Discover or rediscover the joy of reading**” !



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Surprise someone this Christmas with a homemade gift



Candy Cane Chocolate Hearts

1. Line tray with baking paper
2. Melt chocolate
3. Arrange 2 candy canes on baking paper to make a heart shape
4. Pour chocolate inside the heart shape to hold it together
5. Place tray in refrigerator
6. Once hearts are set, place in a gift bag and finish off with a ribbon

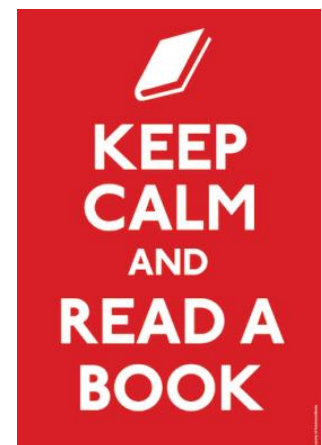
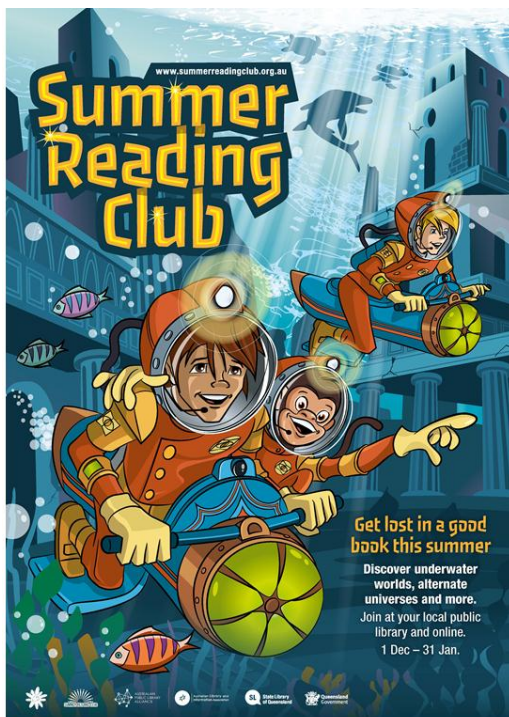
Ingredients

Packet of mini candy canes

Chocolate melts (white or milk)

Small plastic gift bags

Ribbon



Textbook Reminder

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





I am pleased to announce that the Summer Reading Club is taking place at Quirindi and Werris Creek Libraries these summer holidays.

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success!

- 41,589 children participated across Australia, and
- an estimated 267,919 books were read.

Celebrating its fifth year as a national program, the Summer Reading Club could be even bigger and better this year, with the help of your school!

The theme for the 2015 iteration of the Australian Summer Reading Club is **Lost Worlds** inviting young readers to explore lost worlds, alternate universes and mythical creatures depicted across science fiction, historical fiction and fantasy fiction.

At your local public library, Summer Reading Club will run from 15th December 2015 until 31st January 2015.

Registration is FREE! When participants register at our library they will receive a Summer Reading Club pack. Alternatively, they can also register through the Summer Reading Club website at www.summerreadingclub.org.au National prizes are also up for grabs for those who participate in the online writing activities.

To encourage participation in the 2015 Summer Reading Club, I invite teachers and library staff at your school to promote this program to students and parents as they enquire about holiday activities. Information about the Summer Reading Club could also be included in your school newsletter.

For more information on this year's Summer Reading Club, or if you would like me to send you poster templates or marketing materials for display in your school, please contact Katey Allwell at Tamworth Library on 6767 5224 or by email to k.allwell@tamworth.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We wish the QHS community a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

In 2016 the Library Staff will be:

Mrs Scott – Relieving Teacher Librarian while Mrs Owen is travelling Australia with her family.

**Mrs Sweep – SAS Library Assistant
Happy Reading during the holidays.**



Congratulations Ryan on being selected in the Northern Inland Bushrangers NSW Rugby under 15s Gold Cup.

THE STAFF AT QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING EVERYONE BACK IN 2016

December Events in the Liverpool Plains

Willow Tree Lions Club Chocolate Wheel - 11. December 2015

The Lion's Christmas Chocolate Wheel is turning from 6.30pm at the Willow Tree Bowling Club. The Bistro will be open from 6.00pm.

Quirindi Race Meeting and Christmas Party - 12. December 2015

Join us at our Christmas Party at the Races! Quirindi Showgrounds gates open at 11.00am

Quota Markets - 12. December 2015

Another great place to buy some Christmas pressies! Saturday morning at Rose Lee Park in Quirindi.

Premier Chocolate Wheel - 12. December 2015

Great night of entertainment in Premier.

Quirindi Sporting Clay Target Club Christmas Novelty Shoot - 13. December 2015

Great family Day at the Target Clay Club on Gaspard Road between Quirindi and Wallabadah. BBQ lunch available.

Christmas by Candlelight at the Heritage Village - 13. December 2015

Free Miniature Train Rides from 5pm, BBQ sizzle at 6.30pm with Carols starting at 7.30pm. Let the festive season begin!

Wallabadah P&C Christmas Tree - 15. December 2015

Santa finds his way to Wallabadah Public School - starting at 6pm.

Willow Tree Carols in the Park - 17. December 2015

Join the Willow Tree festive spirit for Carols in George V Park from 6.30pm. BBQ and supper available.

Quirindi Poultry Club Monster Christmas Raffle - 19. December 2015

Great night out at the Marshall McMahon Inn, Wallabadah with music entertainment from 7pm to 12pm and free sausage sizzle. Great prizes and goodies for the kids.

Spring Ridge Christmas Tree and Lion's Chocolate Wheel

19. December 2015

Santa is visiting Spring Ridge Hall - from 6pm, followed by a combined P&C BBQ and Lion's Chocolate Wheel at the Royal Hotel, starting at around 7pm.

Royal Theatre Movie Weekend 19. - 20. December 2015

Saturday and Sunday 1.30pm: The Dressmaker

Saturday and Sunday 4.00pm: Spectre

Warrah Christmas Tree 20. December 2015

6.30pm at Warrah Hall; bring your children, your own drinks, something to put on the BBQ as well as a salad and something sweet to share. Also bring a wrapped and labelled pressie for Santa to hand out!

Quirindi Boxing Day Races 26.12.2015

Champagne and Fashions on the field at the Quirindi Race Course from 11am.

Quirindi Village Miniature Railway 27.12.2015

A lovely day out with visiting friends and family! Open from 10am to 2pm - wear enclosed shoes and discover the grounds of the Rural Heritage Village on a scenic train ride.

For more information and contact details to each event, go

to www.visitquirindi.com.au

Dear Families

Quirindi Preschool Kindergarten, Quirindi Public School and Quirindi High School are very excited about the up and coming release of our combined schools cookbook. It is anticipated that the cookbooks will arrive in Quirindi in early December.

Many families have supported us by providing delicious recipes that are family favourites and photos of the local area. Local families and businesses have also supported us by placing advertisements found within the cookbook.

Books are able to be purchased for \$30.00 each. If you purchase three or more books the price is reduced to \$25.00 each. You will be notified via email when and where you are able to collect your books. Please note that all payments will be via Quirindi Public School.

If you have any further questions, or would like more information please contact the schools using the details on the order form.

We appreciate your support and look forward to sharing this book with you.

Many thanks

The Plains on a Plate Cookbook Team

Charmiane Frith, Shelley McInnes, Jane McKenzie, Natasha Cowan & Lindi Owen

Uniform Changes 2016

As of Term 1 2016 the new uniform of Quirindi High School will begin to be implemented. Following are the changes that have been made and where and when uniform items can be purchased.

Jnr Girls uniform

Short box pleated skirt in the winter uniform material
Navy trousers
White buttoned collared shirt with maroon piping and school crest
White socks
Black leather enclosed shoes

NB; girls will still require a long skirt in winter for formal occasions and when representing the school.

Jnr Boys uniform

Grey shorts
White buttoned shirt with navy piping and school crest
White socks
Black leather enclosed shoes

Sports uniform for all students is a gold polo shirt and black shorts, sports shoes have no colour restrictions but must be appropriate for active sport.

The uniform will be available from the school in March 2016. Skirts can also be ordered and purchased from Stiches r Us in Quirindi. Navy trousers are only to be purchased through the school so that the correct trousers are worn by students.

Alternatives that will be acceptable until the uniform pieces arrive in March are;

1. Continue to wear your Primary school uniform
2. Wear an old style school skirt
3. Purchase white buttoned shirts from Reilly's in town and wear
4. Wear the sports uniform

The uniform level and detention will not be applied, within reason, for Term 1 of 2016. This will provide families enough time to ensure correct uniform can be obtained. Student assistance funds are available to families who may require support for uniform.

Dates to put on your Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
11 A	14 th Dec	15 th Dec Awards Day 12pm Full school uniform required	16 th Dec Last day of school for students	17 th Dec	18 th Dec	19/20

End of Year Awards Day Assembly

Tuesday, 15th December 2015

12pm in MPC (Hall)

Parents/Caregivers are invited to attend

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***

Plains on a Plate, recipes from the Liverpool Plains & beyond.



Order form

Date: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone no: _____ Signature: _____

Recipe books cost \$30 each. When purchasing three or more books the cost is \$25 each.

I would like to secure/order quantity _____ cookbooks at \$ _____

Payment

Thank you for purchasing a cookbook(s) from Quirindi Preschool Kindergarten, Quirindi Public School and Quirindi High School. All profits are going to a great cause and we appreciate your support.

Cheques made payable to: **Quirindi Public School**

Total cost: _____

Online POP Go to - <http://www.quirindi-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> and click on \$ Make a payment.
payment: to: Enter fields marked with a green asterisk. Use your name and any date for the Student Details section.
For Payment Options click Other.
In Payment Description 1 type **Recipe book x** the number of books you require. eg Recipe book x 3

OR

Credit card (if applicable):

Expiry date: - Mastercard Visa CRN: _____

Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

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