



QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 1
Friday 14th October 2016

Welcome Back

The very first thing I need to do is congratulate Ms Leanne Cooper, Mr Blake Hamilton, Ms Lee Wall and Ms Emma Craswell on the absolutely fantastic job they did in taking 15 students from Quirindi High School to Vietnam during the holiday period. It is only through the dedication of such staff that programs and opportunities such as this exist for our students. Organising an overseas excursion is no easy task. Giving up personal time to accompany students shows the level of dedication.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate the students who took part in the excursion on their absolutely outstanding behaviour and representation of Quirindi High School, Quirindi and Australia. It was great to be able to keep up to date with what was happening through the Facebook page established for this excursion. I know, after speaking with staff and students, that this was in many ways a life changing experience for a number of the students. Often, it is not until we step outside of our comfortable and known existence that we realise how truly lucky we are to live in Australia and how even luckier we are to get to live in rural and regional Australia. The excursion doesn't end here. Students and staff who participated have a number of follow up events planned.

Congratulations also goes to Mr Andrew Harries who has been appointed as the substantive Head Teacher Agriculture. Many of you will know that Mr Harries has been working in this role for the past 6 years and doing an outstanding job in promoting Agriculture and Science within the school. This is a fantastic appointment for the school.



Mr Harries with some of his Science Staff
Mr Roberts, Mrs Batho, Mr Harries, Miss Eykamp & Miss Sozou

HSC students have started their examinations. It is a very tense time for students - and parents. From all of the staff at the school, we wish every student the best of luck in their examinations - keep calm and sit the exam.

The Year 12 graduation was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many supportive family and friends turn out to celebrate the achievements of students. The end of 13 years of schooling certainly comes around quickly. I would like to congratulate Year 12 for the positive manner in which they finished the year. Rather than a traditional 'muck up' day, students set an extremely positive example by involving the whole school in a variety of activities and raising funds for charitable purposes.

As Year 12 leave, Year 11 step up as the leaders of the school. I know that as a year group they will set an overwhelmingly positive example for the school as a whole. They will be our first year group to have access to a year set of Ipads and they will be establishing a new set of traditions throughout the school. I look forward to working with Wade Clarke, Sari Hamblin, Lucy Crane and Ben Hope as the new school leaders.

Every Monday, Mr Keith Garrett will be working with students who play a musical instrument to establish the Quirindi High School Stage Band. You will be seeing them perform at a variety of events. Mr Langston will be coordinating the Quirindi High School Vocal Ensemble and the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music will be starting lessons at Quirindi High School as of week 5.

This will be a busy term-as they all are. I look forward to working with everyone throughout the term.

Ian Worley
Principal

Quirindi High School Captains for 2017



Left to right: Captains - Sari Hamblin and Wade Clarke
Vice Captains - Ben Hope and Lucy Crane

Quirindi High School Takes on the World Vietnam Excursion 2016



On September 25th, 2016, fifteen students and four teachers from Quirindi High School embarked on a great adventure and took their learning far beyond the conventional classroom setting. For many of our group, this was their first time travelling overseas – never mind travelling to a country whose culture and customs are so very different from our own. We were eased into our experience by spending our first few days

soaking in the wondrous and almost otherworldly beauty of Halong Bay. Yet, even in this paradise we soon saw both students and staff challenging themselves and embracing experiences far beyond their comfort zones. From the very beginning, we started to see how this new adventure was starting to open our group's eyes and change our lives.

We returned to the bustling city streets of Hanoi and our tour continued at a rapid pace towards the south. Our group journeyed through Hue, Vietnam's former and ancient capital. We then traversed one of the most notorious mountain passes in central Vietnam to arrive in the comparatively quiet and beautiful city of lanterns, Hoi An. It was here that we learned about traditional Vietnamese rice farming methods, had some clothes tailor made and, most importantly, played in the mud with some water buffalo! Finally, we moved on to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh), the last destination on our itinerary. It was an appropriate and emotional ending for the powerful and transformative road we had travelled together. Here, we were confronted with some of the history and horrors of the Vietnam War. We learned from a Vietnamese veteran that the war had taught him about the importance of living in a spirit of love and forgiveness. We took this knowledge and insight to our own very special and private memorial at Long Tan and also to the Thien Phouc Centre for Disabled Children, which was a memorable experience that touched every single one of us. I would like to thank Ms Leanne Cooper for her fabulous leadership and organisation of this excursion, as well as my fellow staff members Blake Hamilton and Emma Craswell for their unwavering enthusiasm and support. Thank you also to our school and community who were with us every step of the way on Facebook, and of course thanks to our amazing guide Giang who became such a hero and mentor to all of our students.

Above all though, thank you to the students; you represented Quirindi High School with pride and showed that our kids can rise to any challenge, even on a global scale. It has been a joy and pleasure to share this experience with you. I have no doubt this will be the first of many experiences where your eyes and minds continue to be opened to the world that awaits you.

Miss L Wall

Combined High Schools athletics carnival

2016 saw one of the largest representative group of athletes from QHS attend the CHS athletics carnival in Homebush on the 7th to 9th of September. This included 2 relay teams which we have not had for quite some time. There were some outstanding results achieved with Lacie Quigley qualifying for the All Schools carnival later on this year.

The results were as follows: Ruby Richardson - 15yrs high jump – 5th

Lily McKenzie – 16yrs long jump

Caitlyn Etheridge – 13yrs long jump – 21st

Janie Gillies – 12yrs high jump – 25th

Isobel Robinson – 17yrs+ 400m

Lachlan Tydings- 15yrs Discus

RJ Cameron – 17yrs+ javelin

Jock Thompson – 16yrs High Jump 3rd

Lacie Quigley – 12yrs 800m 1st, 14yrs 1500m 6th, 14yrs 400m 8th

Relay members – 17+yrs boys – RJ Cameron, Jock Thompson, Ryan Beresford and Ben Douglas

- 13yrs girls – Lacey Newcombe, Sarah Bradfield, Lacie Quigley and Georgie Auld., this team made the final and came 8th in the final.

Congratulations to all the athletes for not only representing the school, but also the North West Region, displaying such talent and sportsmanship.



Combined High Schools Athletics photo

Front row left to right – Isobel Robinson, Georgie Auld, Lacey Newcombe, Sarah Bradfield, Ruby Richardson

Back row left to right – RJ Cameron, Caitlyn Etheridge, Janie Gillies, Lacie Quigley, Lily McKenzie, Lachlan Tydings and Ryan Beresford

Absent – Ben Douglas and Jock Thompson.

Journalism Club Workshop

On the 13th October 2016, we were fortunate to have Rebecca Belt come to QHS Library to conduct a workshop for members of the journalism club.

Rebecca used to work for the Northern Daily Leader but now she is a freelance journalist. Based on her 20 years of experience, Rebecca shared the 'golden techniques' about how to form a career in journalism, how to approach and plan for an interview and how to craft ideas during the writing process. We developed an action plan for the members to



follow so Wade Clarke, Josie Saunders, Lilly Nicholls, Zara McCarthy, Emma Bridge, Christine Garey, Josh Redgrove,

Lachlan Kollner and Emily Cronin will all be busy interviewing people around the school and

creating stories. We look forward to further workshops with Rebecca later this term.



By Josh Redgrove and Lachlan Kollner

Leave Passes

All applications for leave passes will be directed to the Principal or Deputy Principal unless a parent or guardian calls to collect their child in person.

QUIRINDI LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE



Do you want to make new friends and have some fun being active?

- Come along and take part in this interesting and fun-filled activity for children and families.
- The primary aim of Little Athletics is the development of children with positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle through family involvement in athletics based activities.
- A wide range of running, jumping, throwing & walking events are conducted.
- Children compete with others of similar age, with the emphasis placed on participation and personal improvement rather than winning.

BE YOUR BEST..

For more information please call Sarah Wren on 0447 798 889



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WHO:
Children aged between 3 and 16 years

WHEN:
10 October 2016 to 27 February 2017

WHERE:
Golland Fields, Quirindi



Werris Creek Swimming Club Inc.
PO Box 117
WERRIS CREEK NSW 2341

2016 - 2017 Season

2016 Registration/Information Day

Saturday, 15th October at 10am - 12.00pm

Monday, 31st October at 3.30pm - 6.00pm

at the Werris Creek Club House.

Swimming Assessments

will be held on

Wednesday Afternoon, 2nd November - 4.30pm

at the Werris Creek Swimming Pool

Season Commences on Monday afternoon

31st October

Please check our Facebook website for updates

For further enquiries, please contact our Werris Creek Swimming Club email on werriscreekswimclub@gmail.com or our Club Secretary Tammie Clark on 0428 474602.

Week A	Week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10
Week B	Week 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

October	
Thursday 13 th	HSC Starts
Tuesday 18 th	Year 7 & 8 Debating (Semi-finals)
Tuesday 25 th	Buddy Up program (various Primary Schools)
Monday 31 st to Friday 4 th November	Work placement
November	
Friday 4 th	HSC finishes
Tuesday 8 th	Year 12 Formal - 7pm
Friday 11 th	Naidoc Enlightenment Day
Wednesday 23 rd 3.30pm to 9.30pm	RSA & RCG Course for interested Year 11 & Year 12
Thursday 24 th 9am to 3pm	RSA & RCG Course for interested Year 11 & Year 12
Monday 28 th to Friday 9 th December	Year 10 Careers Week
December	
Monday 5 th to Wednesday 7 th	Year 7 excursion
Wednesday 7 th to Friday 9 th	Year 8 excursion
Monday 5 th to Thursday 8 th	Year 9 excursion
Monday 5 th to Friday 9 th	Year 10 excursion
Friday 16 th	Last day of school for 2016



WALLABADAH ANGLICAN GUILD FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY, 22nd OCTOBER, 2016
10:30am
Wallabadah Hall

MORNING TEA BARBEQUE LUNCH STALLS

DISPLAYS: Memorabilia from Quirindi & District Historical Society
Needlework and Handicraft
Wallabadah School

ENTERTAINMENT: 11:30 from
Miss Melissa's Music Group

ENTRIES 9.00 - 10.30
Entry fee \$2 adults, 50c children per section (unlimited entries)
First Prize - \$2
Trophies - Perpetual Rose Bowl for Most Successful Exhibitor
Champion Flower
Floral Arrangement

Stalls open at 10:30am.

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