

# QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 5  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Final Farewell-Year 12

Tuesday night saw us give the final send off to year 12 of 2016. Thank you to Mr Langston for his organisation of the dinner. It was wonderful to see so many staff, parents, family and friends at the dinner to celebrate with year 12.

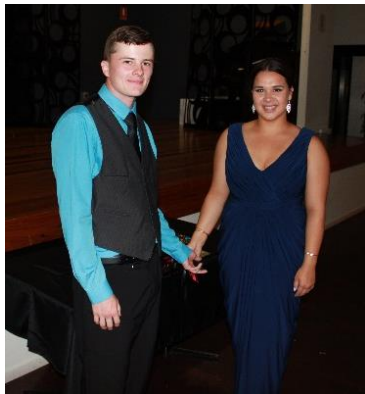


The nervous wait for some students has become less nervous as they have been receiving early entry offers to university. Congratulations to these students.

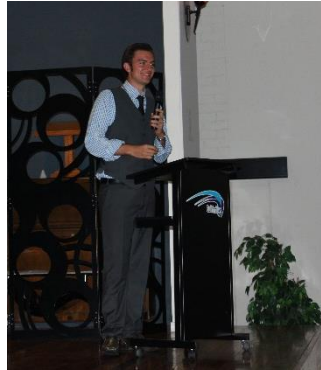


The beautiful table decorations at the Quirindi RSL Club

The 2016 outgoing Captains Jake Douglas and Hollie Sampson



The 2017 incoming Captains and Vice Captains: Lucy Crane, Sari Hamblin, Wade Clarke and Ben Hope



Wade Clarke giving a speech to the Year 12 's of 2016

Wednesday saw year 6 students coming along for another great day organised by Mr Harradine with assistance from a variety of students. This is a great opportunity for students to become more comfortable with high school and experience the variety of facilities available to them at Quirindi High School. 2017 will see us expand deepen our links with our partner schools. We are looking into an ongoing program to assist students with their move to high school. This program won't just be for year 6 students but will give many primary students the chance to see all the wonderful opportunities Quirindi High School has to offer.

Quirindi High School is lucky enough to have a number of our experienced staff involved in marking the HSC examinations. This is a great opportunity for our students in the fact that the teachers presenting to them know exactly what markers are looking for as they have done the job.

This week will see us on our enlightenment excursion. Megan Outerbridge has been very busy planning our day. This initiative has been running for some time at Quirindi High School. It is one of the first schools I have been in that immerses the whole school in such significant cultural experiences. The enlightenment day allows our school community to develop an ongoing appreciation of the long history and connection Aboriginal people have with our area.

Ian Worley  
Principal

### Blacktown Sister City Visit

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> October two students from Oakhill College and Glenwood High School visited our school with two students from Korea on an educational excursion, learning about rural Australia. The four Captains greeted and took them on a tour of our school. We showed them our school's Trade Training Centre as well as the science labs and our school library. We discussed and conversed about our daily school routines and what our schools have to offer. They were particularly interested by our agriculture and trade facilities. It was great to meet new people and broaden our perspectives on not only Australian schooling but also international approaches to education.

By Lucy Crane and Wade Clarke



Pictured at Quirindi High School left to right: Sari Hamblin, Ben Hope, Wade Clarke, Kieran Heggerty, Choi Jinhyuk, Lucy Crane, Mr Ian Worley, Kim Hyunrog, Patrick Gleeson and Baek'Seungchan

The students also enjoyed their visit to Quirindi High School and were amazed at the differences between their school and Quirindi High, namely the size. The High Schools in Korea have nowhere near the amount of technology that we have here. The group were taken to the Mackay Family farm in Wallabadah, where they were shown some sheep shearing, they got to pat horses and tried their hand at cracking a whip! Sasha and Corey



Mackay and their family were fabulous hosts and taught the city kids some rural skills. It was a lot of fun and I am so glad nobody got hurt!

### Curlewis Horse Sports

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Quirindi High School attended Curlewis Horse Sports. A fantastic day was had by all the students from Quirindi High School, who represented our school with pride and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship. Congratulations to Sarah Bradfield, Lacey Newcombe and Charlie Parsons. who all



came home with a number of ribbons.

Thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who assisted in the running of events throughout the day.

Mrs Simpson

### Irrigation Trolley Project

Quirindi High School was approached by Mr Peter Hird, a local farmer to build an Irrigation Trolley for his farm. Mr Hird was directed to Industrial Technology Metal teacher Mr Carl Harradine for suggestions. Two Year 11 Preliminary HSC Industrial Technology Metal students were asked to build the project as part of their individual project for Industrial Technology Metal. Build Requirements included supporting 7 metre Irrigation pipes and to be sturdy to cope with life on a farm. The project took two school terms to complete. Both students, William Roxborough and Robert Cameron, researched possible designs and steel sections to build the Irrigation Trolley from images from the Internet. Materials were sourced from a local Engineering steel supplier, Tamarang Engineering. William and Robert used metal working techniques such as: Packing wheel bearings, Mechanical Cutting, MIG welding processes and finishing techniques. The project was made from galvanised RHS and painted with an undercoat and finished with a two-pack John Deere paint to protect it from the elements. William and Robert gained a multitude of skills in all areas during constructing the Irrigation Trolley Project. Both students will use these skills when they create their Industrial Technology Major Projects in 2017.

By Carl Harradine



Pictured from Left to Right: Quirindi High School Industrial Technology Metals Teacher Mr Carl Harradine, Mr Peter Hird, Quirindi High School Industrial Technology Metal students - Robert Cameron and William Roxborough and Quirindi High School Principal Mr Ian Worley.



## P & C News.....

What a wonderful time the P & C and friends had on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> November. We boarded the Howards' bus at the school at 6:45 am and headed to Ettalong for a memorable weekend.



Our first stop was McDonalds Singleton where the driver needed to get away from 38 laughing women whose age range was from 19 to 78. Who would have thought that such a diverse group of ladies could have so much fun!

After leaving Singleton we headed to Erina Fair where it now was time to shop, shop and then do some more shopping. Some of the ladies

found some wonderful eateries, others spent the time shopping but one thing that they all had in common was they had fun.

After leaving Erina we were off to the Mantra. Well we all thought Kathy had photo-shopped the motel as there was no way for that cost could we be staying in such a wonderful motel! Well guess what? There was no photo-shopping done. It was amazing! All rooms had their own spa and a veranda and most had a wonderful water front view. So thank you Kathy for giving us 5 star treatment.

So once we sorted out the elevator system (with several of us getting stuck in these) we got to our rooms, had a quick outfit change then down to the pool for nibbles and drinks before heading into the restaurant for dinner.



The following morning, we all strolled down to the Ettalong beach markets and did a tad more shopping and drinking of coffee and just in case we were hungry, there were lots of cafés to have a little bite to eat. The bus then headed to Pokolbin and the Hunter gardens to do a bit more chocolate tasting, and shopping. We all got to enjoy a

very relaxing lunch at Harrigans Irish pub.

After leaving the Hunter area we travelled home. Must say the home trip was a lot quieter than the trip to Ettalong. But everyone had a fun time and enjoyed themselves. New friendships were made and I think for next year's trip we

already have 38 seats taken so there will not be many seats available for our annual trip.

A big thank you goes out to Tony Howard for putting up with all of us over the two days.

On November 29<sup>th</sup>

we will have the P & C Christmas party. We are going to head out to Nundle Pub to have this evening. We will be taking a bus so if you wish to come on the bus



please let Kim Lawlor or Kathy Redgrove know prior to 24<sup>th</sup> November so we know which bus to book. All parents/carers and staff are welcome to come along and join us. This is a good opportunity if you have not attended a P & C event to come along and meet us all.

The 4<sup>th</sup> December is the Currabubula Markets and the Quirindi High School P & C have been given the opportunity to hold their Christmas hamper raffle at these markets. Donations for this are starting to come in. If you would like to donate towards this that would be great. Donations can be left at the front office or with any P & C member. A big thank you goes out to those who have already offered donations:

- Gowings Toyota Quirindi
- The Retreat Day Spa
- Impact Café
- Dana Hawkins personal Donation
- Krystal Bowley personal Donation

Without support from local businesses and local families, things like this just don't happen so a big thank you to everyone that offers any help in any way. We are a P & C that focuses on the needs of all students within the school, so fundraisers like this help make the



students' life a more enjoyable one.

As the term is slowly winding down, I just would like to say a huge thank you to all parents, community members and staff members who have supported the P & C over the past 12 months. We are a fun group of parents and community members who meet once a month and discuss anything and everything to do with the school and the wellbeing of the students. So thank you for the fun and laughter, the ticket selling, the cooking and the general support you have all given the school.

"Volunteers are not paid –  
not because they're  
worthless, but because  
they're priceless."



## Olympic Gold Medalist visits Quirindi High School

With messages like 'Don't be afraid of change' and 'Give something a go!' our school's visit by Gemma Etheridge was very inspiring for our students. Gemma was chosen to represent Australia in Rio at the 2016 Olympics in the Rugby Sevens team.

Gemma was born in Tamworth and grew up in Coolah. After finishing school, she successfully attained a university degree in Science and became a radiologist. From there, she started playing Rugby at the age of twenty-five and played for four years.

Gemma herself will say that her life was pretty perfect at that stage as she was getting married and loved her chosen career. But just three months before getting picked to go to Rio she shattered her Anterior Crucial Ligament. This was devastating news to Gemma as the doctors said the ACL wouldn't heal for 9-12 months and she only had 3 months until she had to be ready for Rio. The doctors said her chances of recovery in that time period were very, very slim. Gemma said this was both mentally and physically challenging. She had to make the hard decision to quit her job and put her wedding



plans on hold. Through sheer determination and resilience, Gemma trained alone following strict diets and put all her focus on making it to Rio. Which she did.

We thank Gemma for coming to our school and visiting our students to share her amazing story of success through hardship.

By Josh Redgrove

### 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.

<b>Week A</b>	<b>Week 6, 8, 10</b>
<b>Week B</b>	<b>Week 5, 7, 9</b>

Tuesday, November 01, 2016

The Principal  
Quirindi High School  
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### School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) Applications for 2017

Thank you for your assistance in the transition to the online bus pass application for students.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) are now accepting applications for 2017. We encourage all students who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2017 to apply now. The link to apply for a bus pass is:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply>

To prepare all other students for 2017 can you please include the following paragraph in the school newsletter:

TfNSW have also advised that any student with an expiring bus pass at the end of 2016 should apply to update their details prior to 31 December 2016. This applies to all students who are:

currently in year 2 and year 6  
have changed address or school or  
have approval on special circumstances.

The link to update student details is:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

After 31 December 2016 students must apply for a new pass at:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply>

Completed forms must be printed, signed and dated and sent to the school for verification.

Thank you for your assistance and please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

  
Chris Lanham  
Manager

November	
Friday 11th	Naidoc Enlightenment Day
Wednesday 16th	Business Study Excursion to Hunter Valley
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 3.30pm to 9.30pm	RSA & RCG Course for interested Year 11 & Year 12
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> 9am to 3pm	RSA & RCG Course for interested Year 11 & Year 12
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 Careers Week
December	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 excursion
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 excursion
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 excursion
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 excursion
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	QHS Presentation Day 10am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school for 2016