



QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 9
FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2016

Heat and flies-Christmas is nearly here

This is the last newsletter for 2016. The last week has seen student offered fantastic opportunities in terms of excursions. Students have travelled around NSW and interstate for their end of year experiences. Thank you to all of the dedicated staff who have given up their personal time to make sure our students have the opportunity to take part in so many events.

Next week will see the Presentation Day held on Thursday 15.12.2016. Students will need to wear full school uniform on that day and bring their swimmers with them. Do not wear sport uniform. Students will be going to the pool after the event. If you are planning to take your child home after presentation day, please make sure you sign them out at the office. I am looking forward to being involved in my first QHS presentation.

We will also be farewelling a number of staff this year through new appointments and retirement. I will make special mention of them all at the presentation day. What this does mean though is there will be a number of new faces in the school for 2017. To maintain our focus on Visible Learning, Quirindi High will be working with a group to help us build a sustainable approach to professional learning around this particular pedagogy. Helping students develop the skills they need to become future focussed learners is vital.

We have been following up on our next overseas excursion to Canada and Ms Loughrey has been working on the itinerary with our travel agent. Hopefully this will soon be ready to hand out to students so decisions can be made about joining the trip.

2017 will see a number of structural changes within the school in both curriculum and the grounds. Painters and construction professionals will be working in the school during the holidays and throughout next year on improving the rooms and grounds for our students. The introduction of the Clontarf program will be a focus also for 2017 as will the promotion of the school band and musical groups throughout the community, along with a push to further

develop future focussed technology skills.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the whole school community for the wonderful support they have provided the school and myself over the past 2 terms and say that I am thoroughly looking forward to an exciting and dynamic 2017.

Ian Worley
Principal

Relationship, Change and Wellbeing Conference

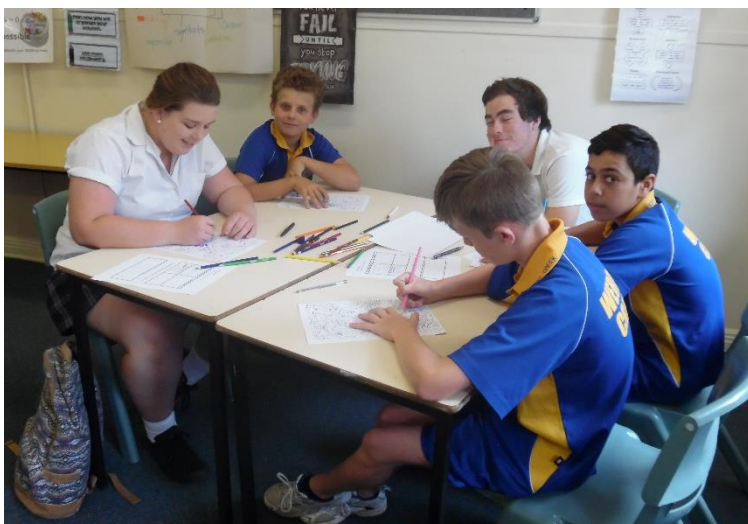
On Tuesday 6 December, staff from Quirindi High School and our surrounding community of schools were invited to participate in an afternoon of Professional Learning at the Quirindi Royal Theatre. The focus for staff was on relationships, change and wellbeing. Michael McQueen was the first guest speaker who engaged the audience with his entertaining and practical conference presentation. Michael is a leading specialist in demographic shifts, changing management and future trends.



The second speaker for the afternoon was Craig Hamilton who delivered a very personal account of his battle with mental health and his road to recovery. The afternoon was made possible from the wonderful support

provided by Quirindi High School P&C, Special Education Faculty, community donations and the Specialist Network Centre.

Taster day 2016



Quirindi High School Captains with the Minister for Veterans Affairs who presented a \$60k cheque to the RSL Club for repair of the Cenotaph in the main Street.



Year 9/10 music practising ensemble pieces with the new instruments

Thank you

On behalf of Brekky Club we would like to thank our sponsors for 2016. Carlos Super IGA for the sponsorship of the juice this year and the bread donated by Quirindi Bakery and all the support and help from Harvest Christian Church who make it possible for Brekky Club to function. Many thanks for the support from Quirindi High School Staff.

In Appreciation

Phyl, Fran, Miuki and Mia

Uniforms are available at the canteen between 8am - 2pm Monday to Friday on any school day. Also the canteen will be open for the sale of uniforms on the 27th of January 2017 for those last minute items.

Prices - All white shirts boys and girls	\$23.00
Yellow sports shirts	\$25.00
Girls Summer skirts	\$42.00
Long winter skirts sizes 8-18	\$55.00

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Girls navy pants	\$33.00
Unisex Sports Jacket	\$80.00
Bookpacks year 7	\$38.00
Calculators	\$25.00

no eftpos available. Cash or cheque only

School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) Applications for 2017



TfNSW have 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 6*
- Have changed address or school*
- 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.

Awards Day Assembly

Thursday, 15th December 2016

10.00am in MPC (Hall)

***Parents/Caregivers are
invited to attend***

Only 16 days
till
Christmas



*THE STAFF FROM
QUIRINDI HIGH
WOULD LIKE TO
WISH YOU ALL A
SAFE AND HAPPY
HOLIDAY*



www.summerreadingclub.org.au

December 2016

Dear Principal and Librarian,

I am pleased to announce that the Summer Reading Club is taking place at Quirindi Library these summer holidays.

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success!

- Over 48,000 children participated across Australia, and
- more than 333,000 books were read.

Celebrating its sixth 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 2016 Summer Reading Club is Heroes and Villains. Young readers will be encouraged to engage with a variety of traditional and non-traditional heroes and heroines as they explore the themes and conventions associated with super and everyday heroes, and their villainous counterparts.

Summer Reading Club activities will run from December 2016 until end of January 2017.

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 activities.

To encourage participation in the 2016 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 please contact Quirindi Library on 67462350, Quirindi Library's Facebook page or by email.

Yours sincerely,

Marcela Krasny

Senior Librarian
Quirindi Library

Week A	9
Week B	10
Week A	1 st week back 2017

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
Tuesday 6 th	Year 7, 2017 Orientation Day
Wednesday 13 th	SRC fundraiser – Shave off
Thursday 15 th	QHS Presentation Day – 10am
Friday 16 th	Last day of school for 2016
January 2017	
Monday 30 th	Year 7, 11 & 12 students return
Tuesday 31 st	Year 8, 9 & 10 students return