Newsletter

QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2017

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EGGS-ELLENT START

Golden Girl - Lacie Quigley

QHS Golden Girl Lacie Quigley competed at the NSW All Schools Competition held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre from Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th October 2017. The NSW All Schools brings together all sectors of the school system. Lacie gained a 3rd place in the 800m track event and took out a gold medal in her favourite track event, the 1500m. Lacie will now proceed to represent NSW at the National All-Schools Track and Field held in Adelaide from December 7-10. ***Well done Lacie - what a fantastic achievement! You have done yourself and Quirindi High proud!***

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The HSC started this week. This is the culmination of 13 years of schooling for students. It is a very stressful time for students, carers and teachers alike. Teachers are always available to support students and answer questions they may have in relation to their exam preparation. Many teachers spent vast amounts of time at school during the holiday period assisting students. Ultimately, the final result depends on the effort put in by the student. At Quirindi High School there is absolutely no impediment to success. The determining factor is the student and their dedication to work. I know that there will be great success experienced by many students when results are delivered. I also would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff for the huge amount of support they have given students. Nothing is ever too much trouble and they are always looking for ways to better support students. It is this level of dedication that makes QHS such a fantastic learning institution.

Year 11 have now started their HSC work. Everything from this point will count toward their final result. It is most important that students manage their time well and make study the highest priority. They have a long working life in front of them. The time they give to their studies now will benefit them much more in the future. I encourage families to look at the work/study balance students have and make sure the time set aside for school is given the greatest priority. I would encourage Year 11 to make regular use of the Study Centre in the Library. It is there to benefit students and give them the edge they need to succeed.

As we move through the term, reports will be written, Presentation Day organised, Year 12 Formal organised, excursions planned, new systems put in place to manage finance, a new school plan for the next 3 years developed, timetables developed for 2018 and staffing of the school finalised. The term does not slow down. To make payments easier, we will be installing EFTPOS machines in both the office and canteen over the next few weeks. The Department of Education has just implemented a new finance system across a number of schools. It will take us a little while to get used to so please be patient with us.

Congratulations to all of those who have experienced success. This newsletter and our Facebook page tell the story of how much is happening at QHS.

Ian Worley

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GREAT JOB JOSIE

Quirindi High School, Year 10 student, Josie Saunders elected to undertake her June work experience with the editorial team at New England Living magazine at their offices in Tamworth.

And now, the latest edition of the publication includes two and a half pages of her work and a listing of her as a contributor.

"My rodeo blog is popular and I wanted to connect with other professionals that are in the field for journalism to gain some wisdom and knowledge. I was recommended by a contact at the magazine, so when I approached them they were very receptive."

Josie said she was nervous on her first day of work experience, but the atmosphere was so great and staff at the magazine were so willing to help out.

"I was with them for the week – three days on site and two working remotely-

I learnt about writing and photography, and was given plenty of tasks."

Josie said her first tasks included taking photos of statues around Tamworth, organising the calendar for upcoming editions, delivering magazines, editing photos and coordinating contacts for upcoming articles."

The editors knew Josie was from Quirindi and asked her if she would contact the Quirindi Rural Heritage Village to do a story.

An opportunity the tenacious Year 10 student grabbed with both hands. So, with a camera on her shoulder headed off to meet with Bob McInnes, President of the Quirindi Rural Heritage Village.

"I coordinated a meeting on site and gained some background information, I then undertook a recorded interview with Bob McInnes, had a tour of the facilities, took photos and even got a train ride."

Josie stayed in contact with the staff at the magazine and sent work backwards and forward for feedback.

"There was a deadline for me to deliver the words and photos, which made me focus and stick to it. I've been waiting for what feels like ages for the magazine to it come out and now it's out, it feels terrific to be listed on the contributor's page and the magazine now forms part of my portfolio."

In Year 8, Josie created her first independent magazine of 30 pages – called Buck On Magazine, which morphed through last year's Quirindi High School Enrichment classes into Buck On Australia, a magazine of 40 plus pages and an online business selling rodeo apparel.

The entrepreneurial youngster, has now taken on a series of jobs after school including walking dogs and in the hospitality industry to help fund her business venture. Further expansion of their clothing apparel range in time for the warmer months is also planned.

"I'm in the process of rebranding and the website will be live again soon."

Josie says she gets joy from what she creates.

"I'm driven to continue to build my business to bring further happiness to others and to inspire people the peruse their own dreams."

Always interested in rodeo, a lot of Josie's fathers' friends competed in the professional rodeo circuit which gave her access as well as an interest in the rodeo industry.

"I encourage others to use their contacts and follow their passions, someone once said to me it's not what you know, it's who you know and how you act that counts. Sometimes all you have to do is ask for help because there are plenty of people who will give a hand."

Josie's words of wisdom for Year 9 students, when thinking about their work experience when heading into year 10 include:

"Don't limit yourself, don't let fear stop you from

making that call or talking to a professional in the field that you are interested in, be bold and believe in yourself."

From here, Josie will be head-down tail-up studying over the next few years at Quirindi High School, with the ultimate aim of undertaking a Double Degree at UNE in Business and Legal Studies, as well continuing to build her online apparel brand.

"I think I'm a bit obsessed with business and learning, but in a good fun way, it's also important to nurture your relationships and look after your health including mental health. Family has been a great support, they encourage me fully, but also keep it real by making me accountable for my business."

With her personal catchphrase, Just Do Your Thing, Josie says her goal is to always help other people along the way.

Good on you Josie, what an inspiration!

Step by Step

2017 Year 12 Captains on behalf of their class and in collaboration with the SRC and Quirindi High School Art Department have created a mural for the school grounds.

The mural was displayed for the first time in the grounds, marking the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony that was held in September.

Students have been working hard creating the mural, which highlights the cultural, community and landscape features of our region.

"The work encompasses the Plains to the Ranges and embraces the plants and animals and enterprise of the region. It also captures the achievements of the students in our school and the main focus is the Tree of Knowledge which is central to it all," commented School Captain, Sari Hamblin.

Students: Maddison Lewis, Taylor Heaver, Bec McKenzie and Sari Hamblin with Art Teacher Adam Field working on the 2017 Year 12 Mural.

A TASTE OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE

Year 8 student, Lacey Newcombe recently returned from a two week tour of the USA, hosted by Sports Travel Australia.

Lacey said she had a phenomenal experience competing and training in the field of Cross Country with some of the country's top trainers.

"I've returned a better runner thanks to all the great coaching," said and elated Lacey.

Twenty other athletes from Australia also qualified and were invited to attended the tour.

"I flew from Sydney to Los Angeles where I met up with the other members of the tour, I knew 2 members previously from competing against them at State Athletics and made some terrific friendships over the course of the two weeks."

Lacey's itinerary included time in Las Vegas where most of the competitions were held. Lacey and the team stayed only a block from the Mandalay Bay Hotel, where the recent devastating Las Vegas shootings took place.

During her time there, the team would run around the stadium block and past the hotel in their training runs.

"I have photos of the stage all set up. We left the day prior to the concert shootings and my team mates and I spent many hours talking about what could have happened if we had stayed there an extra night and how lucky we are. My heart goes out to the families who have lost loved ones."

From Vegas, Lacey and the team travelled four hours away to Williams for their final competition, a twilight run in the desert.

"It was a 5-kilometre run and it was 32 degrees at 9.00pm when we ran. I competed in the community run, which had over 800 people in it, coming 129th in the field."

The tour then headed to Phoenix to meet the Coach and back to Anaheim, Los Angeles to head home.

"The tour also included some life experiences and sightseeing including

Hoover Dam, Grand Canyon, the Strip of Vegas, Disney Land, Knotts Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Route 66 and plenty of cool places to eat."

Lacey and fellow tour members walked some 200 kilometres in two weeks and ran over 30 kilometres in competition and training in the two weeks.

"We participated in 4 competitions and 10 training runs."

Lacey said she would like to thank… "My family, friends, community and school for their support and belief. I met lots of other runners and now have contacts with great people in the USA that I will stay in touch with."

"I would also like to thank Mark and Debbie, Fiona and Troy Palmer for donating a service fee to their stallion to help fundraise and local charity group, Farming for Kids for also helping raise money for me to go and the many others who donated to support me."

Lacey has travelled previously to New Zealand, but said it was totally eye opening to see the USA and how big and vast it is. I can recommend this opportunity to others. I've had taste of what is possible and it's given me even more drive to achieve my goals not only in running but in life as a whole."

Lacey's results on the American tour: 74th out of 300 at the American Nationals at Vegas in the 5km run and 30th out of 150 at an American competion in Vegas. I met with a little school and my relay team comprising of 3 Aussies and 1 American came 2nd out of 15 teams at Williams. She also came 129th out of 800 in the Desert Twilight Big Festival run over 5kms at Cassa Grande – Williams.

Congratulations Lacey, you have embraced world tragedy with grace and humility and world opportunity with enthusiasm and dignity.

Cricket season begins

The QHS Boys OPEN cricket team battled it out on October 16th against Gunnedah - who lost after a brave fight against a very strong Gunnedah attack. Gunnedah were 7/187. Wickets went to Bayley McCrae, Ethan Curmi, Jake Chapple, Tyler Thistle, Billy Parsons and Lachie Bradfield plus a run out. Coach Greg Chambers commented, "It was a good day for experiencing some time out in the field under match conditions that will hold the boys in good stead into the future. The team consisted of; Lachlan Tydings, Tyler Thistle, Billy Parsons, Ethan Curmi, Lachlan Bradfield, Bayley McCrae, Riley Medway, Sam Palmer, Jake Chapple, Brodie Nankivell, Sam Avard and Lachlan Sevil.

Preparing for Beef Bonanza

Quirindi High School Primary Industry and Agriculture students were in for a treat today, when they had a visit from Sheree Johnson and Tara Jenkins.

Both Sheree and Tara - recipients of some of the top cattle parading and handling awards in the country – volunteered their time to help students prepare for the upcoming Beef Bonanza.

Student, Beau Mulholland found the cattle preparation (Sheree) and cattle handling (Tara) workshops very beneficial. "It's been a very interesting day with great advice and help we need before Scone Beef Bonanza in just over a week - where the school will be taking four cattle," said Beau.

Former QHS student, Sheree has shown cattle and won many times at Sydney and Brisbane Royal Shows including under her family stud DSK Angus and Charolias.

"Students have been confident and interested today and I'm sure they will do a great job on the day," said Sheree.

Tara Jenkins, now from Willow Tree attended Redbank Catholic College in Forbes, where she was the head of the cattle team for four years and has been showing cattle and winning awards for 8 years- including being an Associate Judge at the Canberra Royal Show.

"Students here are keen and eager to learn, which is terrific. It's been a great day investing into the up and coming future members of our Agricultural industry."

Primary Industries teacher, Holly Sozou thanked both Sheree and Tara on behalf of the school.

"Today our Year 8 and Year 11 classes have had lessons from two of the best in the industry and we thank them for their time, insight and energy. Fourteen students from Quirindi High School are looking forward to heading to Beef Bonanza and we now feel a lot more prepared thanks to the efforts of our volunteers today and fellow volunteer Col McGilchrist who has also spent many months assisting," said Miss Sozou.

Showcasing opportunities in Agriculture

Quirindi High School Agriculture and Primary Industries students headed to the Open Day at North West Farm Machinery today.

"We were very warmly welcomed by Roger Moylan and his team of experts. It was a very beneficial day for students to see first-hand the latest and greatest technology they may have to use when they go out into the agricultural industry," said Primary Industries Teacher, Holly Sozou on behalf of her Years 9/10 students.

The NWFM team presented to students and to gathered public on B-line and GPS technology in tractors and Drone technology.

"It was explained to students how drones operate and possible on farm applications of a drone including checking cattle, crops, water and more."

Andrew Harries, Head Teacher Agriculture also took his Year 11 Agriculture class to the Open Day.

"It was terrific to have representatives from some of the top tractor and farm supply companies on hand to answer any questions about the equipment. We were able to view over $3 million in farming equipment and the presentations from the NWFM staff were very relevant to the HSC syllabus on technology in Agriculture," said Mr Harries.

Principal, Ian Worley said the day proved very beneficial to the students. "Thank you to Roger Moylan and the team for hosting our students and congratulations to our students for conducting yourselves so well. We are all about embracing opportunities and opening doors for as many students as possible and today our Agricultural and Primary Industry students had the chance to rub shoulders with some of the best in the field as well as meet local producers at the Open Day," commented Mr Worley.

SUPREME RIDER

Quirindi High School student, Charlie Parsons is the 2017 Inter-Schools Horse Extravaganza, Supreme Rider.

The talented Year 8 student and his dynamic horse Lorson took the title at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre in Tamworth on Monday.

Charlie won Supreme Rider from 120 students from across NSW competing in the Show Riding events – competing against all age groups in the finals.

The event was judged on overall presentation and equipment as well as the horse's performance and Charlie's riding abilities.

"Mum and Nan were there to help out and cheer me on. It was stiff competition and it felt great to win. Lorson was awesome as usual," said an elated Charlie.

"Lorson's such a great horse that he can compete in most horse events including sporting and jumping, eventing and has been to Sydney before to compete in Show Riding."

From here the dynamic duo are heading to a stock horse event next month and if they qualify, they may head to Sydney Royal in Stock Horse events in 2018.

Charlie encourages every student to follow their passion and take advantage of opportunities presented to them.

"I really enjoy horse riding and competing. Lorson is a real character. I enjoy the freedom of riding, it's great to represent the school and I'm looking forward to our next event."

The only concern Charlie has is curbing Lorson's curiosity.

"He'd eat anything, I have to careful not to leave my plastic water bottle around or he will chew it, he's just an overall character who makes life fun."

Congratulations Charlie and Lorson, you have done yourselves, family, community and school proud.

FRESH PRODUCE GALORE

Kajsa Tretheway, Dallas Reefman-Moore and Katie Woods are just three of our Quirindi High School students, enjoying the fruits of their labour. The veggie patch is going crazy with fresh produce and the chickens are laying well at the school's Support Unit.

"Students really enjoy the tranquil and productive space they have created, it gives them some time out with nature and the produce they are growing is amazing," said Support teacher, Krissy Widdis.

BOUND FOR THE BEARS

Year 11 Quirindi High School student, Ronin Hadden is elated to have been selected into a squad of forty for the 2018 North Sydney Bears SG Ball Cup summer squad.

The Bears are the official feeder club to the South Sydney Rabbitohs NRL side.

North Sydney and South Sydney, two of Rugby League's foundation clubs with histories that date back to 1908, have been in partnership since 2007 with the Bears, feeding into the NRL-based Rabbitohs from the New South Wales second tier competition for over a decade.

The Rabbitohs logo will appear on the Bears' red and black jersey in a display of the tight bond between the two clubs celebrating their 110th anniversaries in 2018.

Ronin first pulled on his footy boots at the age of six for the Quirindi Grasshoppers.

"I just loved the sport of Rugby League right from word go, I knew it was what I wanted to do."

At the start of the Under Tens competition, Ronin headed to Werris Creek to play as his Coach - Geoff Hall - had a posting there, resulting in some Quirindi team members following him.

"Geoff was always good at tackling drills and fitness, things that have stuck with me the whole way through and things that I credit him with teaching me."

As Ronin and his team mates grew older the team split when the boys headed to high schools in different areas, so Ronin joined the Scone Thoroughbreds, where he has played for the past three years.

"Mum and Dad have done a lot of driving, including to different regional areas over the many years of my sport and, I really appreciate everything my family has done for me."

Tilly, Ronin's older sister is also a big supporter and Ronin says she continues to support him at a lot of matches.

Recently, Ronin attended the Open Trials for the North Sydney Bears SG Ball Cup summer squad at Ryde in Sydney and a week later they called him back for an invitational trial.

"Both times they put us into teams, we played a match, they reviewed the video footage and selections were made from there."

Ronin said his family were very excited with his selection.

The first week of the school holidays, a Tuesday, Dad texted me at 1.30 in the morning to say I had made the squad, he was so excited and he then he called me at 6.00am. It was terrific."

Ronin is now focussed on his health, fitness and training as he is heading to Ryde to the TG Milner Field on October 26 for gym testing and orientation. Ronin trains at his home gym and the Quirindi Rec centre.

"Mr Chambers, Ms Saunders and Mr Clark from Quirindi High School have all been great supporters and my school mates have congratulated me, but they are keeping me real."

Another main goal for the young athlete is to stay humble and focussed on each day.

"There are core values of the Quirindi High

School Clontarf Academy like respect and hard work and accountability that are also keeping me real."

Ronin continued he is keenly looking forward to the Orientation Day and to finding out more.

"I don't really know yet what happens next find out at the orientation."

While PE and English are his favourite subjects, Ronin says he is aware that he will have to continue to work hard at school to ensure him something to fall back on in life.

"I'm a Melbourne Storm supporter and I guess now I'll be changing to a Rabbitohs."

Photo supplied by Ronin Hadden.

ARTEXPRESS *excursion*

Year 11 students from the Visual Arts Preliminary HSC course travelled to Tamworth Regional Art Gallery at the end of Term 3 to view the 2017 ARTEXPRESS exhibition.

ARTEXPRESS is an annual series of exhibitions of exemplary artworks created by New South Wales Visual Arts students for the Higher School Certificate examination. The 2017 exhibition spans a broad range of expressive media forms including painting, photo-media, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, graphic design, documented forms, textiles and fabrics, ceramics and time-based forms.

The final selections for ARTEXPRESS reflect the candidature for the HSC Visual Arts course and include works from metropolitan and regional centres. Venues exhibit the students' bodies of work as submitted for examination, in part or as a complete submission depending on gallery space. Each venue has a unique combination of works.

What's on...

23 October 2017
Concert Band & Rock Band Camp Lake Keepit

24 October 2017
Clock Opening Ceremony Quirindi
Sasha Fierce Glamour Workshop
Clontarf Yr 12 Major Excursion

26 October 2017
Bandanna Day

26 October 2017
Scone Beef Bonza and Cattle Sale

28 October 2017
Quirindi Swimming Club Assessments for 2017

29 October 2017
The National Young Leaders Day

31 October 2017
Year 3-6 Small SchoolsTaster Day
P&C Special Meeting Regarding change of Sports Uniform

2 November 2017
Yr 11 English Discovery Lectures in Sydney

8 November 2017
Clontarf Junior Cricket Carnival (Yrs 7-9)

11 November 2017
Quirindi Primary School Fair

16 November 2017
Year 12 Formal-Royal Theatre

20 November 2017
Yr 10 Work Experience

28 November 2017
Band link Narrabri

30 November 2017
QHS Annual Presentation Day

1 December 2017
QHS Christmas Lights & Markets

Term 4 - 2017

Wk 1	**A = October 9-13**
Wk 2	B = October 16-20
Wk 3	**A = October 23-27**
Wk 4	B = Oct 30- Nov 3
Wk 5	**A = Nov 6-10**
Wk 6	B = Nov 13-17
Wk 7	**A = Nov 20-24**
Wk 8	B = Nov 27 - Dec 1
Wk 9	**A = Dec 4 -8**
Wk 10	B = Dec 11-15

METAL MEN

METAL MEN - Year 8 Metalwork Elective students Jayden Shields and Daniel Cox have been busy creating their own wrought iron sculptures. Made over 3 lessons the class has been learning how to use flat bar to create scrolls and other creative outcomes. "Students were encouraged to use their imaginations to produce a sculpture from flat bar while learning new techniques, all with successful outcomes," commented Metalwork teacher Mr Miggins.

SOUTHERN CROSS SCHOLARS 2018

To celebrate the launch of a new range of innovative degrees, Southern Cross University has an additional 40 new $2,500 scholarships. The new $100,000 scholarship program will not only help attract talented students to new programs, but also help create a cohort of student leaders ready to contribute to the university and the community.

Current Year 12 students commencing first year of university study in 2018 can apply for these new scholarships before 30 November at www.scu.edu.au/scholarships

The Creative Workplace AT TAFE NSW

The Creative Workplace at TAFE NSW are looking for creative individuals who wish to join our creative learning teams in Music, Media and Performing Arts.

There are over 20 + Creative courses on offer in 2018, there is bound to be one to suit everyone's interest.

We believe in delivering through experiential, hands on training, giving students an opportunity to redefine their skills in a practical environment where training is project-driven and employment focused.

The amazing benefits of training at The Creative Place at TAFE NSW:

• the training is subsidised by the NSW State Government

• Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses are VET LOAN approved (no fees upfront)
• you can access affordable education and gain a qualification PLUS industry 'credits'
• you work in small class sizes,

• you receive practical and interactive learning experiences

Our facilities include cutting edge, state of the art equipment and resources such as the famous SSL console, the AVID S6 Post produciton suite, VR technology, green screen studios, gymbals for filmmaking, and is the ONLY creative workplace in Australia to offer the experience of 360 degree immersive sound, post production work stations powered by satellite technology and the Rokoko Smart suit enabling performers to work creatively with digital motion using WiFi.

Whether you are a musician, a writer, an engineer, a performer, a dancer, a producer, an actor, a director, a singer - this is a call out to ALL creative students to register their interest.

Please find the link below:

https://www.creativeindustries.com.au/single-post/2017/10/11/Call-out-to-all-Creatives-Register-to-join-our-Creative-teams-in-2018

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rhiannon Paige Walters, Education Support Officer 02 4923 7972 | M +61 499 683 348 E Rhiannon.walters1@tafensw.edu.au

PAYMENT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Quirindi High School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on 16 October 2017.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. Cash and cheque payments: Between 11 October 2017 and 18 October 2017, we will not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before 11 October 2017. From 18 October 2017, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

2. Online payments (POP): As of 22 September 2017, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. You will not be able to use the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system until after Go Live on 18 October 2017.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Beresford or Anna Smith on 6746 1177.