

Newsletter

QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2017



Term 4 - Weeks



On Monday 30th October seven of our School's young leaders travelled to Sydney to attend The Halogen Young Leaders' Day at the Sydney Convention Centre; SRC Representatives Josephine Saunders, Joshua Redgrove, Angus Nicholls and 2018 Prefects Abbey Lobsey, Lachlan Tydings, Olivia Wadwell and Nicholas Hamblin.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Here we are half way through the term already. Year 12 have now finished their HSC examinations and will next week have their farewell dinner. The nervous wait for results will then be on. I would like to congratulate all of the students in year 12 for the effort they have put into their examinations. The HSC supervisors have given some very positive feedback in relation to the manner in which students have conducted themselves and how seriously they have taken their examinations.

Presentation day will be happening on Thursday 30th November. Students receiving awards should receive a letter in the mail letting the family know. There is a return slip on this letter. To help us with the catering and seating it would be much appreciated if this could be returned as soon as possible.

Mrs Kerri Saunders has been working with students to beautify one of the garden beds in the school as well as working on a school vegetable patch. The skills students are learning through this process will help them greatly when entering the workforce. Students have focused on WHS issues and being able to work as a team.

Throughout the newsletter and our Facebook page, you will see the many achievements students have

made in a variety of areas. Being able to publicly recognise students in this manner is made possible through the work of Sally Alden and Lauren Maybury. They have been working tirelessly catching up with students and reporting on what students are up to. I would encourage students to seek out these ladies and let them know if they have been involved in activities outside of the school arena.

As always, our focus is on student learning and the continual improvement of learning opportunities. Our aim is to provide the best possible learning opportunities for students and to create individual pathways. There are many ways we can assist students in achieving their goals. If you would like to talk more about your student's progress or pathway please do not hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment with a year advisor.

The additional good news is that we now have EFTPOS available in the office and in the canteen.

Ian Worley
Principal



KEEPIT BAND CAMP



ROAD SIDE ASSIST



BANDANNA BABES



QUIRINDI'S NEW CLOCK TOWER



BEEF BONANZA OR BUST

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Quirindi High School SRC hosted a fundraiser day at the school to help fight Cancer. Funds raised from the gold coin donation for the Loud Shirt day will be donated to a local Cancer Support service, with funds raised from Bandanna sales donated to CanTeen to help them continue to assist young people cope with cancer in their family. Through CanTeen, young people can learn to explore and deal with their feelings about cancer, connect with other young people in the same boat and if they've been diagnosed themselves CanTeen also provide specialist, youth-specific treatment teams. "When cancer strikes, support can make all the difference, we are very proud of all the students and participants in today's fundraiser event," said Teacher/Librarian Lindi Owen.



MOVE OVER HOGWARTS

QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL *has a Dragon!*



Yes, you read correctly, our lucky Support Unit students now have Bob the Bearded Dragon as a classroom pet and they are delighted.

Bob, may be tiny in stature, but he makes up for it in personality and as a native lizard is a much-loved addition to the support unit.

"Bearded Dragons are a very gentle lizard and make great pets, they cope well with being handled and Bob is very Zen and relaxed with being handled," said Teacher, Tania Hartigan, who is teaching Science.

"Our current education unit is titled 'Camping in the Aussie Bush' so Bob, being a native lizard fits in perfectly with the unit."

Year 9 student, Jordan Pitcher – pictured here with Bob- is a big fan of the Bearded Dragon and enjoys feeding and looking after Bob.

"Bob was gifted to the school, I had to hurriedly undertake my Reptile Handlers Licence and now he has fitted in perfectly. It's not every day you can say your school has their own dragon," conclude Teacher Tania Hartigan.



ACERPAT *testing*

Students in year's 7 to 10 will be undertaking round two of the Australian Council for Educational Research, Progressive Achievement Tests.

In week five and six of term four, every student will sit four online tests, in computers, maths, vocabulary and spelling.

"First round testing was held in term one, this is the second round of testing. It will be used to help identify where individual students are succeeding or struggling, enabling us as teachers to enhance individual outcomes," commented Emma Craswell.

Progressive Achievement Tests are a series of tests designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students' skills and understandings in a range of key areas.

All tests are automatically scored and reports generated in each school's Online Assessment and Reporting (OARS) account.

Quirindi High School undertakes the tests to ensure the school is having a positive impact on every student's growth and to ensure no one slips under the radar - and identify strengths and weakness.

"ACER's approach is informed by a growth mind-set – tailoring teaching to the needs of the individual learner to advance the progress of every student, regardless of their starting point."

If parents would like to discuss their child's results you can contact Emma Craswell from the end of week 7 for a more comprehensive report.

X-MAS MARKS THE SPOT



Teacher Wayne Miggins was pictured in the school grounds marking the spot for the Christmas Tree today. The Tree will be a feature at the eagerly anticipated Quirindi High School P&C Christmas Lights and Markets to be held at the school on December 1st.



Christmas Lights and Markets

MARKETS - FOOD STALLS - SANTA PHOTO BOOTH
SANTA VISITING - MUSICAL PERFORMANCE - SCHOOL CHOIR
LIGHTING OF THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE & LIGHT DISPLAY
JUMPING CASTLE - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - GLOW STICKS
GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
FRIDAY DECEMBER 1st - 5PM TILL LATE

INTERACT ROTARY

Members from the Quirindi Rotary Club met with Quirindi High School students to outline a project to assist the Eastside Preschool.

The junior arm of the organisation, called Interact Rotary is proposing to plant a grove of trees at the council run child care facility.

The proposed grove also meets the Early year's curriculum of embracing more natural environments.

"We are coining it the 'Interactive Grove' as we are in the process of selecting trees with sensory appeal, like rough bark, smooth leaves etc., so once grown it will offer a very sensory experience for the little kids," said Interact Coordinator Bec Bates who presented to the students.

Rotary will provide the trees, with Interact Rotary to plant the trees and the Preschool set to nurture the trees.

Interact members also spent time on Wednesday drawing up sketches and drawings on potential plans for the site. They hope to create a yarning circle with 30 to 60 trees surrounding the area.

"Interact is another link for High School aged children to be involved in the community, Quirindi Rotary has a lot of younger members now and is really proactive and a great organisation," said President and former Quirindi High School student and Captain, Angus Fraser.

Anyone interested in joining Rotary Interact can contact, Quirindi High School, Teacher, Chris Owen.



All in the composition

Year 7 Music students left the classroom as composers this morning, when Principal, Ian Worley stepped back into his role of teacher.

"It was wonderful to step back into teaching and inspire and educate the students. Whilst I truly enjoy my role as Principal, one of the things I miss as Principal is the day-to-day interaction of classrooms and students.

The Learning goal for Mr Worley's students today was to understand the concept of composition.

"We explored ideas around composing music, why and how composers create and work and the impact music can have on emotions and all students left the classroom as composers after having composed their own piece of music."

FREE ROADSIDE ASSIST FOR YOUNG DRIVERS



Former Quirindi High School Student, now Insurance Officer with NRM at Browning Motors, Narelle Doig called into the school to discuss with Principal, Ian Worley the Nrmfree2go.com.au free roadside assist project for young drivers aged between 16 and 20.

"Getting a flat tyre or battery, locking your keys in the car or even running out of fuel – these things can happen to anyone. It's reassuring to know there is free assistance out there for our young drivers," commented Principal Worley who thanked Narelle for attending the school to share the project with students.

Cover includes: 4 callouts per year and 24 hours 7 days per week service and up to 8km towing if needed, giving parents peace of mind knowing

their children are covered for road side assistance.

"As part of the sign up we can help with lost or locked-in keys, empty petrol tanks, flat tyres and jumpstarts, and the bigger emergencies too. Regardless of what vehicle you're in, or whether you're a driver or a passenger, we'll help. We also help with advice on everything from buying a car and tricky maintenance questions, to what fuel is best for you."

The public are welcome to call into or contact Browning Motors Quirindi to sign up or discuss the Free roadside assist Nrmfree2go.com.au

"As a local business, we are all about building lifelong connections with our community and look forward to helping as many people as possible," said Narelle.



MUSIC BAND CAMP

Fourteen Music students from Quirindi High School attended three days of fun in the sun, sailing and playing at Lake Keepit from Monday to Wednesday.

Students learnt to sail, with many completing their second session of learn to sail two - an Australian sailing qualification.

The sailing race on the final day was taken out by Jack McCulloch and Scott Batterham, with the duo retaining the Quirindi Cup.

"Musically students rehearsed many new pieces

and a performance of five of our hits was well received by the staff of the Lake Keepit Sailing club," said Music Teacher Keith Garrett.

Students had fun performing pieces that they will play at the Nov 30 School Awards Ceremony.

The camp, coordinated to develop students' musical skills both as a band and individually, enables students to form friendship bonds and skills both socially and academically.

The band will be undertaking a public performance at the Quirindi High School P&C

Christmas Fair on December the 1st with a festive spirit.

"Overall, for the second camp of the year it was a great opportunity for students, whose improvement is astounding. They are a very talented group. We look forward to the new intake of year sevens next year joining the band. I would like to say a big thank you fellow teacher Kathy Griffith and to the staff at Lake Keepit for the amazing roles they played in the overall success of the camp," concluded Mr Garrett.





BEST RESULTS EVER AT BEEF BONANZA!

Last week, fourteen students from Quirindi High School attended the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza at White Park, Scone.

The event featured a staggering total of 838 students, and against this stiff competition, the Quirindi High School achieved their best results ever, receiving 8 ribbons in total.

Beef Bonanza has been developed over 12 years and has grown in size affording school students the opportunity to get involved in the beef industry. As well as the livestock being paraded and judged, students are also judged in their preparation and execution in the showing process.

The Beef Bonanza is a competition that has evolved over the last twelve years that was set up to give the kids the opportunity to get involved with the beef industry.

This year cattle numbers were up 33 percent - a record number of entries- making it the largest competition in the country in terms of the number of students.

Quirindi High School students, Casey Clarke, Chase Clarke, Jordie Thompson, Lachlan Bradfield, Beau Mulholland, Samuel Palmer, Thomas Young, Tahlia Carroll, Jed Green, Charlie Parsons, Daniel Cox, Jack McCulloch, Jayden Parkshields, Lacey Newcombe were up bright and early each morning for some tough competition.

At 5.15am the alarm blared on Saturday, seeing most students up prepping and styling the cattle, the day was filled with individual weight division classes.

'Ernie' the Limousin Cross steer received Highly Commended in the Heavy- Middle weight division, presented and led by Jordie Thompson.

Later that day, Beau Mulholland led 'The Hird Miss Payday through the 12 months under 16 months of age class, to receive fifth place out of a large class of tough competition.

The total number of cattle that attended the Beef Bonanza was a whopping 480 head, with Quirindi High School taking three steers and one heifer.

Two of the QHS steers were unable to compete in the led classes, but the school is hoping for good results in the hook section of the competition - expected to be out soon.

Students looked their best on the Sunday to attend the Junior Judging, no students finalized, which gave them time to prepare for the Paraders events.

Paraders - is the aged division class where students are judged on how well they look and present their animal.

The following QHS Paraders achieved a placing in their heat

Casey Clarke, Jordie Thompson, Lachlan Bradfield, Beau Mulholland, Samuel Palmer, Daniel Cox, with QHS student Lacey Newcombe receiving a place with a stud.

All students tried their very best, the competition was tough, with such a large field of completion from various schools on the three-day event.

This year has been the best Quirindi High School has ever done at the event, receiving 8 ribbons in total.

Thank you to, Peter Hird, Holly Sozou, Andrew Harries for the supervision and time away from family and congratulations to the placegetters and to Col McGilchrist, Tara Jenkins and Sheree Johnsen for all their help beforehand.

"We left with some strong pointers on judging, correction on how to parade properly, tips and inspiration from some of the top schools, lots of socialising and new friendships," said Beau Mulholland - who wrote this report.

"I was proud of the school and as a team we were close-knit and well-presented and it felt really professional and unified.

It was a great way to end the year's showing season.

"I want to work in the cattle industry and to be part of such a progressive Agricultural team as the Quirindi High School team is going set me in good stead. Thank you, Quirindi High School."



What's on...

9 November 2017

Modern History Movie Night

10 November 2017

Rotary Tree planting at Eastside

11 November 2017

Quirindi Primary School Fair

15 November 2017

Clontarf Lake Keepit Engagement Camp Yr 10-12

16 November 2017

Year 12 Formal-Royal Theatre

20 November 2017

Yr 10 Work Experience

22 November 2017

Yr 11 Business Studies - Hunter Valley

24 November 2017

Year 7&9 Reports Distributed

28 November 2017

Band Link Narrabri

30 November 2017

QHS Annual Presentation Day

1 December 2017

QHS Christmas Lights & Markets

4 December 2017

Yr 8 Rewards Excursion to
Coffs Harbour

4 December 2017

Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day

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



WAR MEMORIAL CLOCK TOWER RE OPENING



Students and teachers from Quirindi High School attended the re-opening of Quirindi's iconic War Memorial Clock Tower in October. Liverpool Plains Shire Mayor, Andrew Hope, The Minister for Veterans Affairs, David Elliott and Member for Upper Hunter, Michael Johnsen and other representatives officially re-opened Quirindi's iconic War Memorial Clock Tower.



On Monday October 30 all indigenous students attended an information session on the Opportunities and Pathways in training and development by Harry Cutmore our local Tamworth Community Police Liaison Officer and Academy volunteer.

iPROWD (Indigenous Police Recruiting Our Way Delivery) is a unique partnership between TAFE NSW, the NSW Police Force, Charles Sturt University and the Australian Government.

iPROWD provides opportunities for Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander people across NSW to gain the skills, confidence and qualifications necessary to join the NSW Police Force. Students who successfully complete the program receive a Certificate III qualification in Vocational and Study Pathways, used to achieve the basic academic eligibility to progress an application to join the NSW Police Force.

We work on the issues the community raises and that strengthens the partnership we have, especially early intervention with our youth," commented Mr Cutmore.

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.

We now have EFTPOS available in the front office and the canteen. The Load and Go cards from the post office are a great way for students to be able to access these facilities if they don't have a credit or debit card. Parents and carers can load the card with the amount they want and students can use the card as you would any other Visa card. Quirindi Post

Office has a supply.

We have the following payment options available:

1. Cash and cheque payments:
2. Online payments (POP)
3. EFTPOS

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.