

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thursday 30.11.17 will see us hold our Presentation Day. Students receiving awards will have received a letter informing them of the fact they are to be presented with an award. Please be sure to send the RSVP slip back to the school to assist with our planning. We look forward to seeing you all in attendance.

Friday December 1st, the P&C will hold the inaugural Christmas Markets in the grounds of Quirindi High School. The P&C have been working tirelessly to bring this opportunity to the town. Mr Miggins has also been putting in a huge effort to create a personalised Christmas tree which will be decorated with lights by the boys from our Clontarf Academy and the lights donated by Bunnings Tamworth. This is truly a community effort and shows the true spirit of Quirindi High School.

Students were asked this week to investigate two terms - Visible Learning and Metacognition. Part of the process to develop a deeper understanding of these concepts is to be able to explain them to another person. I would encourage you to ask your student about the terms, not just what they mean but why they are important concepts. Being able to move from repeating a definition to explain the intent and then explaining and helping another to understand a concept, shows mastery of the concept. It is about

learning and knowing you have learnt.

As we continue with our planning for 2018, we will be instituting some start and finish time changes for the school as a whole. These times will appear in the next newsletter and on our Facebook page. The times were presented to the last P&C meeting to inform parents of the happenings.

We have some staff leaving us at the end of 2017. As a school, we have been very particular in our selection process of the staffing coming in to take over the positions. We have instituted some new processes to allow potential staff the time to visit the school and for us to work with them to make sure the fit is a good one. All staff coming into the school are trained in the faculty area they will be taking over. Early next year the new staff will attend a P&C meeting to introduce themselves to parents.

We are currently in the process of developing the new school plan for the next three years. It is this plan that sets our direction and assists us with our budgeting. Thank you to all of those people who have taken the time to complete the survey linked to our Facebook page. Paper copies can be collected from the office.

Tan Norley - Principal



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HSC DISCOVERY LECTURES

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Design and Technology

ALUMINUM CAN CRUSHER

Cory Mackay designed and created an aluminium can crusher. Cory produced his project through utilizing computer aided design software which allowed him to engage with the school's 3D printer to manufacture his finished product.

HEAD EZE

Quirindi High School student, Jake Aubeck designed and created the 'Head-Eze', a headphone attachment for your glasses. It allows the user to wear their glasses at the same time as their headphones without the glasses being pushed into the user's head by the headphones. The Head-Eze allows for the user to rotate the glasses off their eyes when not needed. Jake created his design using computer aided design software which allowed him to utilize emerging technologies such as Quirindi High School's state of the art Stratysys 3D printer to produce his product.

TRASH DUNK

Nicolaas Johnson designed and created the 'Trash Dunk". The inspiration behind the design was to encourage students to place their rubbish in the bin. The Trash Dunk was created using computer aided design software with the acrylic backboard being produced in the school's Laser Cutter. The hoop was also designed using CAD and was produced in the school's 3D printer. The Trash Dunk has a self- adhesive backing that allows it to be fixed to a wall and a bin placed directly beneath it.





VET METALS

Students in VET metals have been completing industry based competencies throughout the year. This has involved a variety of tasks including technical drawing. They have learned to draw to AS1100 standards which will benefit them in their future engineering endeavours.



VET CONSTRUCTION

Students are undertaking training in workplace communication. These skills will benefit future employment prospects within the building industry. The students have completed numerous competencies throughout the year which have involved everything from manufacturing timber wall frames to timber furniture. Including this bed side cabinet with contrasting timber inlay on the top.







INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TIMBER

Students have been busy this year developing their skills in using a variety of hand tools and machinery. After a lot of elbow grease and sawdust the students were able to learn some new skills and produce some quality products. The timber folding chair was a popular project with the students as was the timber spice rack with laser cut graphics. The students were able to use computer aided design software to create their own image and then utilise the laser cutter to add it to their project. The laser cut graphics produced by the students enabled them to personalise their project and enhanced its aesthetic appeal.



HSC DISCOVERY LECTURES in Sydney



Jessica Forsyth, Alise Butler, Breanna Dodds, Timeeka Smith, Natasha Gunn, Ashleigh Challenger, Tayla Auld, Stuart Davies, Corey Faulkner, Shina Dunning-Calman, Erin Batterham, Billy Parsons, Tahlia Carroll, Ryan Hitchen, Olivia Wadwell, Lachlan Tydings, Brianna Patterson, Matthew Hamson, Martin Krasny, Kaniecha Johnson, Nicholas Hamblin, Stephen McNamara, Macey Patton, Inaya Van Riet, Abbey Lobsey, Kimberlee Payton, Sophie Robertson, Lee Wall and Timothy Rowe.

In early November twenty-eight Year 11 Quirindi High School students and 3 teachers - Lee Wall, Timothy Rowe and Chris Owen headed to Sydney to attend the English Teachers Association Discovery Lectures.

The group stopped off at Tuggerah for dinner

and a bit of shopping, then on to their hostel at YHA Railway Square to spend the night.

"We were up bright and early the next day to attend the English Teachers Association Discovery Lectures. Karen Yager presented two sessions and Jane Sherlock presented the third," said Teacher Lee Wall, who continued, "The overwhelming response is that the kids got a lot out of it that will help them moving forward with their Higher School Certificate. We are extremely proud of the dedication and maturity these students have shown towards the studies."



Lachlan Tydings, Jane Sherlock (presenter) and Abbey Lobsey



Stephen McNamara, Olivia Wadwell, Brianna Patterson, Macey Patton, Billy Parsons and Nicholas Hamblin.



SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE – DARLING HARBOUR

On Monday the 30th of October I attended the 2017 National Young Leaders Day in Sydney. I found this experience very rewarding and learnt a lot. The hosts of the event were Scott Tweedie and Jemma Night. There were 1600 other school leaders from many schools around the state. The 4 speakers included Andrew Scipione the former commissioner of the New South Wales Police Force; Adam Goodes, a sporting legend; John Coutis, a man born different but never gave into the tourture of growing up; and Gladys Bereijklian, the woman that never stopped climbing, ignored all negativity and is now one of the most successful women in politics being the current Premier for NSW. The most inspiring story for me came from John Coutis. John never gave up even after being almost burnt alive in a bin, having his legs cut up and burn during a test and being bullied all the way through school. The one quote from John that I took away was "without fear there is no courage" this was demonstrated when Mr Owen had to face his fear of spiders to kill one that decided the bus was a good place to chill, 3 hits from Mr Owens shoe late and the problem was solved.

Lachlan Tydings - 2018 School Captain

If there was one thing that uplifted me, it was the setbacks each guest speaker had faced yet rose above.

The National Young Leaders Day had an extraordinary outcome, featuring empowering presentations from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. Each individual shared their story and emphasised what made a great leader and what qualities one must possess to effectively lead by example and influence others. I was thrilled to attend this spectacular event and witness guest speaker presentations that will inspire me for years to come. I applaud the speakers on their amazing efforts not only on the day, but throughout their lifetime, and congratulate them for making it to where they are today and being able to share their journey with over a thousand students at this event.

"Leadership is all about change and influence, but most importantly courage" - Andrew Scipione

Josie Saunders – 2017 SRC President

The National Young Leaders day was a really good insight into the lives of some of Australia's most loved leaders. Throughout the day we heard inspiring stories, life long mottos and most of all the leaders are everyday people like us. In the words of Gladys Berejiklian, NSW Premier, "Don't dwell on your past failures, no one is perfect."

But the absolute highlight was touching Scotty Tweedie from Prank Patrol!!!!

Olivia Wadwell - 2018 Vice School Captain

On Monday 30 October there was a "murder" because Scott Tweedie (Prank Patrol) "killed it" being the host of the National Young Leaders Day with Gemma Knight, and you know Mr Owen sort of killed a spider as well!

The day started with Gladys Berejiklian talking about her transition from School Captain trying to save her school to becoming the 45th Premier of NSW. She stated that the NSW government were going to close her school and how she stopped it with petitions and a protest at her school, and how through her role as school captain she was able to help save her school.

Then John Coutis spoke about how he willed himself to continue after being severely bullied at school and how important people in his life helped him to become the man and leader he is today.

These two leaders inspired me with their courage and bravery to keep on going no matter what setbacks you face.

Angus Nicholls – 2017 SRC Treasurer

It was a great and inspiring trip. We all enjoyed it. It was interesting to hear all of the speakers, speak about their hardships and how they overcame them. A quote from the Premier of NSW *"Always have a postivie attitude, it will help you to overcome hardships."* She spoke a lot about the decisions we make to bring about change.

The National Young Leaders Day was a rewarding experience. It taught us many lessons.

Nicholas Hamblin – 2018 Vice School Captain

Over the weekend at the National Young Leaders Day we learnt many more life lessons from very inspirational people such as Gladys Berejiklian, John Coutis, Andrew Scipione and Adam Woodes. All my attention was captured by the most encouraging person I have ever seen and I even had the privilege to listen to his story, Mr John Coutis. He said to us *"when there's fear you find courage"* and after listening to his story about how much struggle he's been through, it truly inspires you to live life like there's no tomorrow and to become the best person you can, to lead others into believing that there is a tomorrow if you make it count.

Abbey Lobsey – 2018 School Captain

"Do a good job and don't worry about the noise around you" The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP

This is just one of the many quotes that the School Captains and SRC Executive were able to experience firsthand from four inspirational leaders we were lucky enough to witness at the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney on Monday 30 October.

Over a thousand young leaders from NSW came together and were inspired all day to follow their dreams and passions with the aim to make a difference by becoming leaders of tomorrow.

All four speakers, The Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Adam Goodes, John Coutis and Andrew Scipione were all very different speakers but to sum up their messages in one paragraph I would say to "Never forget where you came from", "Have a plan", "Know when to take a stand" but always remember that "Life is Priceless".

I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Owen for being so fantastic and taking us to this amazing event, Mr Worley for allowing us to go and funding our trip, and my fellow peers for making it a memorable time.

Joshua Redgrove – SRC Secretary









ISTEM ELECTIVE

Students this year at Quirindi High School were fortunate enough to have the option of selecting iSTEM as an elective for the first time. Integrated Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (ISTEM) allows students the freedom to explore, create and learn without borders. In iSTEM this year students have studied topics including Robotics, Coding, Aeronautics, Mechatronics, Fundamentals of Engineering and Computer Aided Design & Manufacturing. This has allowed students to be involved in engineering challenges, design/ create and launch bottle rockets, manufacture their own 3D printed and laser cut products, develop coding skills using Sphero balls and developing skills in navigating drones.





Saturday 25 November 2017 - from 5:00pm Murrurundi Public School 135 Mayne Street Murrurundi

- Christmas Themed Movie Screening from 8pm
- 🔆. Free Games & facepainting
- Music by Cams Disco
- Fun activities & Photobooth
- Gift & Plant Stalls
- * Drink & Food Stalls

- TICKETS:

\$20 Family (2 Adults + 3 Children) \$5 Adults/ Seniors/ Children (free entry for children aged 5 years & under)

Ticket purchases &/or donations can be made online by visiting trybooking.com or from the Murrurundi Public School office during school hours



















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ASCA Awards

ASCA – Australian Speech and Communication Association - is an organisation which promotes and helps to develop oral communication and listening skills. It promotes competence, rewards effort and encourages excellence.

This year seven students participated in the ASCA Examinations. Today we acknowledge the effort these students have made by presenting them with their ASCA Certificates.

ASCA is an extra curricular activity and requires students to work towards their grade using their own time and also providing workshops to help them prepare for their presentations. Thank you to Mrs Scott for giving up her time to help students in the workshops. The honess is, however, on students being able to manage their time with their school commitments and prepare their presentations for their exams.

These seven students are to be commended on their results in ASCA this year. Some are involved in a variety of school activities during this time, and it just shows that with dedication and good time management skills you can achieve your goals.

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent results:

Mark Batterham Senior Grade Four High Distinction

Thomas Boorer Senior Grade Four High Distinction

Gemma Hawkins Senior Grade Four High Distinction

Isabella Davis Senior Grade Five Distinction

Emily Cronin Senior Grade Six Distinction

Matilda Eade Senior Grade Six Distinction

James Redgrove Senior Grade Six High Distinction

Josephine Saunders Certificate of Communication

"Being able to communicate effectively through speaking is an asset, especially in this technology-dominated society" commented Mrs Lindi Owen, the 2017 ASCA Coordinator.

Willow Tree Hall Art Competition

The Willow Tree Hall Committee is running an art competition for an original coloured painting that will be enlarged to form a display on the outside of the hall.

Entries are limited to Liverpool Plains Shire residents of any age and the winner will receive \$100 for the purchase prize. The painting needs to be on an A3 piece of paper. The competition closes at 5pm on Friday 8th December 2017. The theme of the painting is to be KOKODA –mountains and jungles, narrow tracks, mateship, "fuzzy wuzzy angels". When the very young Australian troops were fighting along the Kokoda Track they were fighting on Australian territory.

Further information can be found at the Quirindi Library, the Willow Tree Information Centre or by contacting Pat Wallace on 0478 144 860.



ACTIVE KIDS

Under the Active Kids program the NSW Government will provide a \$100 voucher to parents/guardians of school enrolled children. Active Kids is a program to help NSW families meet the cost of getting their kids into sport and active fitness and recreation activities.

The \$100 voucher can be used for registration and participation costs for sport and fitness activities.

Every child (4.5 - 18 years old) enrolled in school from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be eligible for an Active Kids Voucher. This includes those who are home-schooled or enrolled in secondary school education at TAFE NSW.

Vouchers provided are valid for redemption during the current calendar year activity program (Year 1 will commence from 31 January and expire on 31 December 2018). Vouchers shall expire at the end of the calendar year.

2019 vouchers and beyond will commence from 1 January each year and expire on 31 December.

The voucher can be used for registration or membership fees for structured activities of no less than eight weeks' duration that provide a moderate to vigorous level of physical activity, for example:

- sporting pursuits
- swimming lessons
- structured fitness program
- outdoor education programs
- approved active recreation (dance etc)
- equipment ordinarily provided by the provider on registration for competition.

The vouchers will be redeemable through approved sport, fitness and physical activity providers upon registration.

From 31 January 2018, parents/ guardians/carers with legal responsibility of an eligible child resident in NSW will be able to download a voucher from an online platform. The platform will be run by Service NSW and can be accessed through this website.

https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids



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

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20 November 2017 Yr 10 Work Experience

22 November 2017 Yr 11 Business Studies - Hunter Valley

24 November 2017 Year 7&9 Reports Distributed

25 November 2017 Murrurundi Open Air Cinema Night from 5pm

27 November 2017 Clontarf Academy Awards

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

5 December 2017 Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day

6 December 2017 Yr 7 Broken Bay Rewards Excursion Year 9 Rewards Excursion

8 December 2017 8 &10 Reports Distributed

13 December 2017 Younger Heroes & Animal Flow Damien Schofield

Caroona Feedlot Tour

13 December 2017 Last day of Term

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





CAITLYN'S Canada Crusade

Year 8 student Caitlyn Etheridge appeared on NBN television recently.

She was pictured being interviewed in Quirindi by the news broadcaster. The talented sportsperson has been selected to tour Canada in June/July 2018 with the group Sports Travel Australia. Caitlyn was selected on her performance at State Athletics competitions and will train and compete in the Hurdles, Long Jump, 100meters and 200 meters events.

"She is very excited to have been selected and we are delighted for her," said Caitlyn's mother Natasha Jones.

"I'm over the moon to have been asked to go on the tour, which will see four training sessions and four competitions as well as undertake cultural tours. It's going to be terrific to represent my school, family, community and myself," said Caitlyn.



MEMORIAL CLOCK CEREMONY

It was a beautiful, sunny afternoon on Tuesday the 24th of October when myself, Mrs Pureshouse, two support teachers and 13 students from the Support Unit ventured into central Quirindi to attend the opening ceremony for the Memorial Clock Tower after its recent renovations. These included a GPS synchronised system to the clock so it will automatically adjust to daylightsaving time changes and a superb wheel chair ramp which will improve access for those who have trouble negotiating steps or simply prefer the winding, scenic way to the clock. Landscaping was also added with the planting of rosemary bushes, the remembrance plant.

The short excursion achieved a number of learning goals. It incorporated physical activity and promoted walking as an easy and fun form of exercise. Learning about history was the focus and this was achieved with a visit to the Historical Cottage as well as the speech by the Hon. David Elliot (minister for Veteran Affairs) who encouraged the students to research Sister Ellen Savage.

The afternoon also promoted civic and citizenship goals as the students became part of a community event that celebrated an iconic structure and remembered those whose names are inscribed on the tower. The minister called it a 'Veterans Gravesite' as it allowed families to visit and remember loved ones who were buried in war zones overseas.

We all had the unique opportunity to view the inside of the clock tower, which was pretty cramped with a vertical ladder leading to the top. Then we had photos taken with the dignitaries before visiting the Historical Cottage again as there was so much to see.

We got back to class with time to brainstorm and mind map what we had learnt and the students delighted me with their recall of knowledge on interesting facts and artefacts. It was a short but sweet time out of class and it reinforced my enthusiasm for authentic, hands-on-learning. *Mr McLoughlin*