

# Newsletter

## QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2017



Term 4 - Week 10



*Farming into the future*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

2017 has seen a number of new initiatives and changes at QHS: The installation of new Promethean boards in classrooms, the revamp of the Library furniture, the resurrection of the old school bell and a new tradition started, the introduction of iPads to all Stage 6, the Study Centre 3 afternoons per week, our new look news letter and Facebook page, an intense program for transition from primary schools to Quirindi High School with a strengthened Partner School relationship, new members of staff to coordinate our media and communication, rebranding of many school items, the partnership with Corwin and Visible Learning, the Clontarf Academy, expansion of the breakfast program, the expansion of the fledgling school band, specific literacy and numeracy classes in addition to English and Maths, a whole new suite of electives for Years 9 and 10, the introduction of a Head Teacher Wellbeing to support students, the securing of a \$700 000 grant to create a purpose built building to benefit the whole community and eftpos in the canteen and office.

The holidays will see the complete upgrade of toilet blocks, an additional classroom and internal works.

You will have undoubtedly noticed the huge difference in our physical environment. Our overseas excursion in 2018 has more students than ever taking part - 33 and the fundraising done to support them has already raised over \$20 000. The introduction of a scholarship in partnership with the Farming For Kids committee to further support agriculture in our school. This is

a \$5000 scholarship. We have also introduced the Young Family Scholarship of \$2000 to specifically support students moving onto university.

Our focus is always on how can we, as a school, improve the learning opportunities for students. What can we do better to assist students? It is this that drives change and continual improvement. Students are always at the forefront of everything we do.

2018 will see a new school planning cycle. Feedback from the school community shows that the school plan put in place over the last 3 years has been successful and the direction will continue in a similar manner. There are also a number of exciting projects in the pipeline to directly benefit students for 2018.

As this is the last newsletter for 2017, I would like to conclude by acknowledging the huge amount of support given to the school by our P&C and I would like to congratulate them on the overwhelming success of their inaugural Christmas Markets. This will be even bigger and even better next year.

I would also like to thank all of the school staff for the absolutely huge effort they put into the educational needs of every student and for the fact they go above and beyond in every aspect.

Finally, to the parents and community who so willingly support their local high school, we acknowledge and appreciate everything you do.

*Ian Worley - Principal*

2017 AWARDS DAY

P&C CHRISTMAS SUCCESS

ORIENTATION DAY SUCCESS

CLONTARF ACADEMY AWARDS

NATIONAL AG DAY

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# EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

At Quirindi High School, we are dedicated to the realisation of every child's potential through a balanced curriculum and school environment encompassing academic, cultural, physical and practical areas of learning. 2017 has seen many successes for students.

The recent Quirindi High School Awards Day recognised many of these students, however there are many students who have succeeded in so many ways who may not necessarily have received an award. Quirindi High School truly offers Educational Excellence in a Country Atmosphere.

Congratulations to each and every student, thank you all parents, sponsors, donors, teachers and staff on such a terrific Awards Day for 2017.

Quirindi High School would like to thank major sponsor for the 2017 Quirindi High School Awards Day, the Quirindi RSL Club for the incredibly generous sponsorship of \$3,000.00.

Quirindi High School would also like to thank JBS Australia Carroona Feedlot, Liverpool Plains Chamber of Commerce, Quirindi NAB, W,H & D Hawker Trust, The Young Family, NBN Television, Carpenter Family, Werris Creek Lions Club, Quirindi Lions Club, Murrurundi Lions Club, Quirindi CWA, Quirindi Rotary Club, Howards Bus Service, Tamarang Engineering, The Bramley Family, Quantum X, Bryce Salt, Aztek Constructions, Brian Smith Plumbing, Quirindi Quota Club, the Roberts and Rudman families and Agracom, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The following students have received awards at Quirindi High School

## North West Region Representatives

Levi Allan Athletics  
 Georgie Auld Athletics & Cross Country  
 Annabelle Avard Cross Country & Swimming  
 Jack Avard Swimming  
 Sam Avard Swimming  
 Ryan Beresford Athletics & Basketball  
 Emily Bramley Athletics  
 Emily Butler Cross Country  
 Ethan Campbell Athletics  
 Hayden Daw Athletics  
 Taylah Douglas Athletics & Cross Country  
 Molly Elford Athletics  
 Caitlyn Etheridge Athletics  
 Nathan Evans Athletics







# IN A COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE

Liam Faulkner Swimming  
 Janie Gillies Athletics  
 Ronin Hadden Athletics  
 Maddie Hearn Athletics  
 Malik Hunt Athletics  
 Ashya McCrae Athletics & Cross Country  
 Lily McKenzie Athletics  
 Lacey Newcombe Athletics & Cross Country  
 Lilly Nicholls Athletics  
 Billy Parsons Basketball  
 Dayna Porter Basketball  
 Lacie Quigley Athletics & Cross Country  
 Ruby Richardson Athletics & Basketball  
 Joshua Redgrove Lawn Bowls  
 Grace Sevil Athletics  
 Dylan Smith Athletics  
 Hannah Tickle Swimming  
 Lachlan Tydings Athletics

## Quirindi High School Sports Blues – Best & Fairest in CHS Knockout Games

Sam Avar Boys Open Rugby League  
 Lachlan Bradfield Boys Open Cricket  
 Molly Elford Girls U15 Netball  
 Caitlyn Etheridge Girls U14 League Tag  
 Sam Fechner Boys Yr 7/8 Oz Tag  
 Sasha Mackay Girls Yr 9/10 Oz Tag  
 Stephen McNamara Boys Open Soccer  
 Riley Medway Boys Open Touch Football  
 Brodie Nankivell Boys Open Rugby Union (Prime Cup)  
 Lacey Newcombe Girls Yr 7/8 Oz Tag  
 Lilly Nicholls Girls Open Soccer  
 Billy Parsons Boys Open Basketball  
 Grace Pezzuto Girls Open Netball  
 Dayna Porter Girls Open League Tag  
 Girls Open Touch Football

Shelby Porter Girls U15 Basketball  
 Ruby Richardson Girls Open Basketball  
 Hudson Shaw Boys Yr 9/10 Oz Tag  
 Dylan Smith Boys U14 Rugby League  
 Boys U15 Basketball

Bridget Swain Girls Rugby Union (Prime Cup)

## BELLINGEN BLUE AWARDS

Bellingen – Best & Fairest Most Outstanding Sportsman/Sportswoman  
 Ruby Richardson - Best & Fairest Most Outstanding Sportswoman  
 Riley Medway - Best & Fairest Most Outstanding Sportsman

## SCHOOL SPORTS AWARD

Charlie Parsons - Most Consistent Horse Sports Competitor  
 Shelby Porter - Ian Allen Memorial Trophy for Sport & Sportsmanship







Ryan Beresford - RJ Mackie & DA Ormerod Trophy for Best All Round Sportsman

Lacie Quigley - Steven Wiffy Smith Memorial Trophy for Most Outstanding Sporting Achievement

Dayna Porter - CS & LM Blood Trophy for Best All Round Sportswoman

Billy Parsons - 2017 NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge Medal

#### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

The following students received awards today. The JBS Australia Caroonia Feedlot Awards – Fully participated in the school merit system & demonstrated JBS Australia Company values – James Redgrove (Year 8) + Maryjane Abbott-Blundell (Year 10) + Hannah Tickle (Year 12). Josephine Saunders received the Lions Club of Quirindi Inc Citizenship Trophy.

Angus Nicholls received the JC Murdoch Trophy for Contribution to Year 10.

Sophie Dunbar received the Sue Grace Memorial Trophy – Encouragement Award for Year 10.

Ethan Tolmie received The Bryce Salt Award for the Quiet Achiever in Year 10.

Indiah Nean received the Arthur Bramley Memorial Award for contribution to Year 7. The Quirindi Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Tourism Inc –

Sari Hamblin received the Best Achievement In Business Studies Award.

Ben Hope received the Capa Shield – Great contribution to Creative & Performing Arts.

Sari Hamblin received the National Australia Bank Trophy Most Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics in Year 12.

Wade Clarke received the W, H & D Hawker Trust Medallion & Trophy for top English Ext 2 student

Wade Clarke received the Aztek Constructions - 1st place in Extension English Yr 12.

Josephine Saunders received the Leadership and Goodwill Award (Michael Johnsen MP).

Lydia Smith received the Rudman Family Prize for VET.

Lydia Smith received the Roberts Family Prize for Humanities.

Patrick Challenger received the Roberts Family Prize for Quiet Achiever in Junior History.

Sari Hamblin was acknowledged for Girls School Captain 2017

Lucy Crane was acknowledged for Girls School Vice-Captain 2017

Wade Clarke was acknowledged for Boys School Captain 2017

Ben Hope was acknowledged for Boys School Vice-Captain 2017

#### **TROPHIES**

Trophy NA & PJ Fisher Award for Music to Millie Slade

Trophy Ron Carpenter Award for Music to Lucy Crane

Trophy For Consistency in Music to Sari Hamblin

Trophy NBN Television Trophy for 9/10 Drama to Josephine Saunders

Trophy Laura Williams Trophy for Drama to Courtney Burgess

Trophy McCarthy Family Award for Debating and Public Speaking to Emily Cronin

Trophy Amanda Middleton Trophy – Services to Agriculture to Kaitlin Brabant

Trophy Young Family Scholarship - to support University Studies to Dayna Porter











## CLONTARF ACADEMY AWARDS



The recent Quirindi High School - Quirindi Clontarf Academy Awards proved a great turn-out for students, teachers, parents/carers, supporters and community members.

"Congratulations to all our Clontarf students for their achievements through the year and a special thanks to Megan Outerbridge for helping organise and prepare the Awards Day," said Director, Michael Clark.

Mr Clark continued he would like to acknowledge all Clontarf students as a whole – "who benefitted from the program across a wide array of areas including wellbeing, leadership, education, attendance and sport."

The Quirindi Clontarf Academy was established in January 2017. The academy currently consists of 47 students ranging from Years 7 to 12.

The academy prides itself on delivering positive outcomes for all its participants through practical and engaging activities.

These activities help in fostering well-being, leadership and self-esteem which have resulted in the increased attendance and retention of Quirindi Clontarf Academy members.

Furthermore, activities such as weekly training sessions, employment/partner visits, community activities, study

sessions, overnight and multiple day camps and sporting carnivals are utilised to achieve the Clontarf mission statement and help in mitigating educational embitterment and improving employment prospects of each member to assist them in reaching their fullest potential in life. Congratulations to all Quirindi Clontarf Academy students.

### SPECIAL AWARDS:

**Clontarf Spirit** to Steve Smith

**Good Bloke** to Ethan Tolmie

**Senior Leadership** to Wesley Riley

**Community Involvement** to Jalen Darcy

**Attendance** to Bryce Sutherland

### FURTHER AWARDS:

**Junior Most Valuable Player** to Malik Hunt and Levi Allen

**Senior MVP** to Ben Fechner

**Employment** to Tyrone Johnson and Thomas Young

**Determination** to Taylor Jarrett and Austin Bishop

**Principal** to Dylan Smith

**Most Improved** to Jayden Balderston and Brennan Nearn

**Training Attendance** to Noah Evans, Nathan Evans

**Footballer of the Year** to Ronin Hadden

**Year 12 certificates** to Jacob Fechner and Nicolass Johnston



# AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL

In a unique partnership, Liverpool Plains charity, 'Farming for Kids' and Quirindi High School have combined to promote and enhance the future of Agriculture in the region.

The charity, and the Quirindi High School – a leader in Agricultural Education – are pleased to announce Casey Clarke was awarded the prestigious \$5,000 scholarship.

Seeking a career in an Agricultural pathway, it is Casey's goal to pursue a career as an Agricultural Teacher.

"I am passionate about Agriculture and have learnt so much from my school and my Ag teachers. It's my goal to give back to others through Agricultural Education," said the elated student.

The first annual scholarship was presented by 'Farming for Kids' representative, Mally Carter at the school's recent Awards Day to the Year 10 student.

"All applicants were very impressive, it was a difficult decision for the panel of three judges to determine the recipient. It is inspiring to see so many young students interested in pursuing a career in Agriculture," said Mally.

The scholarship is designed to support students attending Quirindi High School to gain the skills necessary to become active members of the agricultural community.



Farming for Kids is a volunteer group committed to supporting the health and well-being of children in the Liverpool Plains Shire.

The group raises funds by growing, harvesting and selling crops grown on land leased from the Liverpool Plains Shire Council, near the Quirindi Airport.

"We are leaders in Agricultural Education and with the generous support of local charity Farming for Kids we can now offer our students a pathway to achieving their goals to gain qualifications or employment in the Agricultural industry," said Principal Ian Worley.

## ORIENTATION DAY AT QHS



### THANK YOU ORIENTATION DAY STUDENTS FOR THE MEMORIES.

It's obvious you have already formed friendships from our Taster Days throughout the year.

Today has run so smoothly, thanks to you all for being so terrific and thanks to the care of our dedicated teaching staff.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers who dropped off and collected their children today, it's been fun. We look forward to welcoming you all back to our fabulous school in 2018.







# NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

November 21st was National Agriculture Day, marking a day to reconnect Australians with agriculture.

Building on this celebration teachers and students from Quirindi High School attended a livestock nutrition and science day at the University of New England. Under the guidance of Senior Lecturer Peter McGilchrist – a former Quirindi High School student – participants attended a series of workshops on feed and

pasture health and management, genetic selection, stock handling and recording techniques, animal health and animal welfare.

“Participants also attended workshops on meat judging and technology and a MasterChef session delivered by Dr Peter McGilchrist. It has been a fascinating and significant way to spend National Agriculture Day,” concluded Head Agriculture Teacher, Andrew Harries on behalf of the participants.







The Year 11 students attended a Business Studies field trip to the Hunter Valley to study operations and compare two cheese factories, the Hunter Belle Cheese Factory and the Hunter Valley Cheese Factory.

Teacher Ian Packer said students were undertaking the day to review first hand operational business processes and models.

"Students undertook investigation in how the two businesses go about their quality control sequencing and scheduling for correct orders and on the marketing side, how the businesses attempt to attract more customers and outdo their competition."

The businesses were specifically selected to enable students to compare operations and they are all high-quality businesses in a highly competitive market.

"This is the fourth time Quirindi High School has undertaken this trip with a class and it is so successful as it's very interesting for the students to see the different processes, plus spending time away together as a group enables students to work together to release their report."

The field trip not only offers a real-life experience with a bit of fun, it creates a student connection with learning.

"Visible Learning is important at Quirindi High School and when students are sitting in an exam room they can recall the sights, tastes and sounds of today to help them recall information pertinent to the course for their exams."

As well as some delicious taste testing the day for students included: Lunch at Harrigan's Hotel and Aqua golf in the Hunter Valley Gardens – Aqua golf is a driving range where you hit the balls into water and score points from different baskets.



## ACOUSTIC

## Resonance



A creative collaboration between the Technology and Applied Studies

Department and the Science Department at Quirindi High School has led to the resurrection of a 112-year-old invention.

The project – to recreate a Ruben's Tube – saw teachers Peter Roberts (pictured left) and Wayne Miggins (pictured right) combine skills and share ideas to encourage visual and interactive learning for students.

"A Ruben's tube, is an antique physics apparatus used to demonstrate acoustic standing waves in a tube. It was invented by German physicist Heinrich Rubens in 1905, and graphically shows the relationship between sound waves and sound pressure, as a primitive oscilloscope," commented Mr Roberts.

"We enjoy collaborating across departments

to produce new learning materials for students," commented Mr Miggins.

Physics students have been very engaged and fascinated with their learning around the acoustic resonance apparatus.

To create the device a length of pipe was perforated along the top and sealed at both ends at about 19mm apart - one seal was attached to a small speaker or frequency generator, the other to a supply of a flammable gas. The pipe was then filled with gas, and the gas leaking from the perforations was lit. When sound was applied from one end by means of a loudspeaker, internal pressure changed along the length of the tube, changing the formation of the flames, creating visual soundwaves.

Congratulations teachers on a creative and fascinating collaboration.





# Quirindi High School hosts Christmas Cheer

Embracing the fine weather, Quirindi High School P&C's first Christmas Lights and Twilight Markets was held in the school grounds last Friday afternoon/evening.

Attracting stall holders and food providers, the event drew a large crowd of over 1000 people of all ages.

The P&C cake, plant stall and raffle ticket sales took over \$6000.00 that the P&C will return to assist students at the school.

"How good is that for our first ever markets. What a wonderful amount to be able to put back into the school. Quirindi and community, we thank our them for their support," said P&C President Kim Lawlor.

The event combined the high school community with the wider community including local primary schools, local child care centres as well as local volunteer groups and organisations, local businesses and the wider community.

"It was about a celebration of the wonderful people, places and things our amazing community offers," said P&C President Kim Lawlor.

The event included a free jumping castle, free face-painting and children's activities, Rotary Chocolate Wheel, Mega Monster Raffle, choral performances from schoolchildren, and the opportunity to have a professional photo taken with Santa.

"The event also featured 40 stalls in the market section including: school stalls from Wallabadah, Walhallow, Quirindi Public, Quirindi Preschool, Eastside Day-care, Anglican Church Play and Stay, Willow Tree Public and more," continued P&C President, Kim Lawlor.

As well as loads of stalls for Christmas shopping there were also stalls offering essential community information including a stall on drug and alcohol awareness offering free information and advice to parents. The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and the Cancer Council also had stalls.

Quirindi High School Hospitality students showcased their skills at the barbecue and







Santa arrived at 5.30 on a surprise mode of transport – horse and carriage – enthralling the children. The giant christmas tree – designed and constructed by teacher, Wayne Miggins with help from the Quirindi High School Clontarf Academy was turned on by Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Stella Lamb in one of her last public occasions in the role. The Quirindi High School Band performed and there was also a Christmas parade with five categories. "It was all about celebrating our unique communities and the spirit of Christmas," commented high school Principal Ian Worley. The entire Liverpool Plains community was involved with the night as it was open to anyone, with free admission and free activities a draw card. The Liverpool Plains Shire also benefited through so many people being drawn to and interacting in the wider community. As a host the local high school was showcased: the QHS band played, singers and Drama students performed. Also, individual school faculties – such as the Support Unit- benefitted by hosting their own stalls. "The event was all about a celebration of the wonderful people and things our amazing community offers and it was for the children of our communities. We thank all the volunteers, groups, performers and those that worked so hard to make the event the success it was," said P&C President Kim Lawlor. The total amount raised was just over \$10,000.





# PRAC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jess Somerville is studying a Bachelor of Teaching Health and Physical Education at Newcastle University.

Originally from Gunnedah, the 22-year-old, netball fan said she chose to undertake her Practical at Quirindi High School because she wanted to experience teaching in a smaller country town near her family.

"I've learnt a lot about the amazing community support you have at Quirindi High School. I have visited lots of other faculties in the school and I'm really impressed with the standard of teaching and the truly positive way teachers and students at the school interact," said Jess.

Now on her third of four weeks of her Practical, Jess said she chose to study at Newcastle University as it wasn't a big major city or smaller country area.

"This time next year I will have completed my studies and I am happy to move anywhere to teach."

A passionate netball player who played in the Gunnedah Netball Association representative side from 12-18 years and was in the NIAS squads for three years, Jess now plays socially at University.

"Teachers at my school – St Mary's Gunnedah - inspired me to follow my passion for learning and for sport. I loved Physical Education at school and it's



inspired me with the goal of educating others."

Jess continued she chose to undertake Health and Physical Education because everything that students learn in PE is valuable and offers important life lessons including covering subjects like sexual health, respectful relationships and drug education.

"There is a real atmosphere of community and a safe environment at Quirindi High School. It's all about best outcomes for the students and I consider myself lucky to have had my Practical here," concluded Jess.

Thanks Jess, it's a two-way street and we have been fortunate to have your positive outlook and joy of learning at our school, best wishes for the rest of your studies.



Its Christmas season and the Support Unit were photographed selling festive wrapping paper at the school. Well done!

## What's on...

### 8 December 2017

Years 8 & 10 Reports Distributed  
Agriculture trip to Loomberah

### 13 December 2017

Younger Heroes & Animal Flow  
Damien Schofield  
Caroona Feedlot Tour

### 30 January 2018

First Day of Term 1 2018  
for Years 7, 11 and 12

### 31 January 2018

First Day of Term 1 2018  
for all Year levels



## Term 1 - 2018

Wk 1	B = Jan 30-Feb 2
Wk 2	A = Feb 5-9
Wk 3	B = Feb 12-16
Wk 4	A = Feb 19-23
Wk 5	B = Feb 26 - March 2
Wk 6	A = March 5-9
Wk 7	B = March 12-16
Wk 8	A = March 19-23
Wk 9	B = March 26-30
Wk 10	A = April 2-6
Wk 11	B = April 9-13

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AWARDS DAY RECIPIENTS

For those who received a shop locally voucher with their awards - please note: Vouchers are for use in one transaction only and are not redeemable for cash. Thank you again to the Quirindi RSL SubBranch for your generous sponsorship and the Liverpool Plains Chamber of Commerce for enabling Quirindi High School to achieve our goal of supporting local businesses and local jobs.

As the current employers of many of our parents and the potential future employers of our students, it is always our goal to give back to and support the local business community.



## QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL 2018 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

### MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Roll Call	9.05 - 9.20	15 minutes
Period 1	9.20 - 10.35	75 minutes
Recess 1	10.35 - 10.50	15 minutes
Period 2	10.50 - 12.05	75 minutes
Recess 2	12.05 - 12.20	15 minutes
Period 3	12.20 - 1.35	75 minutes
Lunch	1.35 - 2.05	30 minutes
Period 4	2.05 - 3.20	75 minutes

### THURSDAY-SPORT

Roll Call	9.05 - 9.10	5 minutes
Period 1	9.10 - 10.25	75 minutes
Recess 1	10.25 - 10.40	15 minutes
Period 2	10.40 - 11.55	75 minutes
Recess 2	11.55 - 12.10	15 minutes
Period 3	12.10 - 1.25	75 minutes
Lunch	1.25 - 1.55	30 minutes
Sport	1.55 - 3.20	85 minutes

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