

Newsletter

QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017



Term 3 - Week 10



The 2017 Flash Mob

2017 Year 12 students performed a flash mob dance routine at their final Monday Assembly this week.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome all, we postponed this, our final newsletter for term three, to bring you more of the action and achievements of our school community to enjoy over the upcoming two-week break.

This term has been exceptionally busy, with great progress and achievements made throughout Quirindi High School. It is wonderful to see students making the most of the opportunities being presented to them.

Year 12 have had their final week at school. It brings to an end 13 years of schooling. Many students already have goals in mind and know where they would like to be this time next year.

As teachers, it is a great thrill to see students finish their schooling and be as successful as possible. The Kindergarten teacher who introduced students to the world of formal education and started to build their skill base takes just as much pleasure in seeing the successes as the High School teacher who has taken a student through to the HSC. It is a combined effort of all the personnel throughout our schooling systems, parents and family who encourage, assist and support students get to this exciting end point.

Now however, is not the time for year 12 to relax but rather the time for them to focus completely on their HSC exams. Looked at in the entirety of a lifetime,

the period of time spent focused on this next step, the HSC, is not large but can make a huge difference to the final result.

Congratulations goes to Ben Hope and his Drama teacher, Ms Leanne Cooper. Ben has been nominated as a potential performer in On Stage, a collection of outstanding HSC drama works which will be performed in Sydney next year.

There have been many high points throughout the term and hopefully our Facebook Page and new look newsletter have helped you keep up to date with the wonderful achievements students are making.

By the time this newsletter is out, Lacey Newcombe will have landed in the USA for an International Athletics camp. We wish her the best for this camp. This is an exciting opportunity for Lacey and will introduce her to a variety of new skills and techniques.

Thank you for your support as a school community. We are all working toward the exact same outcome, that being, the best possible opportunities and experiences for all of our students.

Have a happy and safe holiday period.

Ian Worley
Principal

HIGH HOPES FOR BEN



COOK OFF CHALLENGE



GIRLS BASKETBALL



EQUINE EXCELLENCE



STATE ATHLETICS

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CONGRATULATIONS To the 2018 Captains' Nominees on your outstanding speeches at the formal school assembly. Your goals for the future and insight into your leadership skills and values were inspirational. We are proud of you all and thank you all.

Front from Left: Tahlia Carroll, Kimberlee Payton, Olivia Wadwell and Tayla Auld. Back from Left: Nicholas Hamblin, Inaya Van Riet, Bryce James, Corey Faulkner, Jessica Forsyth, Abbey Lobsey, Stephen McNamara and Lachlan Tydings.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE BREAKFAST CLUB



Always popular, the Quirindi High School Breakfast Club is well attended. Running at the school for the past 9 years, the club is hosted by the Quirindi Harvest Christian Church and Teacher, Liz Saunders congratulated them on their support. "It's a great way for the students who haven't had time for breakfast to pop in and have a bit to eat, it settles them for the day and gets them off to a healthy start." As well as juice and toast with spreads, the

Breakfast Club offers other delicious items. The breakfast Club runs Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.30am and everyone is welcome. Come along with your friends. "The Breakfast Club could not operate without the support of Carlo's IGA and the Quirindi Bakery. Phillis Nichols from the Harvest Christian Centre is outstanding for her dedication to the students and our other volunteers are so wonderful," continued Liz. Organisers are putting the call out

for any community group that may be interested in supporting the Quirindi High School Breakfast Club. "Due to the demand, we need more people to help prepare food in the mornings as we are looking to expand the project to more days per week. If you know any community group, whose members would like to help then please call the school and ask for me," concluded Liz. Quirindi High School - 02 6746 1177.

Premier's Debating Challenge



Our Year 7/8 Debate team made the return journey to Narrabri yesterday to represent the school in the Premier's Debating Challenge.

Students, Millie Slade, Indiah Nean, Sarah Hutchins and James Redgrove were successful in their first debate against the Narrabri A team.

"Speaking for the negative on the topic 'The government should impose a curfew on teenagers after 9pm' students had a very well structured debate and spent their one hour permitted preparation time working as a cohesive team," commented teacher Jen Stock.

The group's second debate against Narrabri B team was titled: 'Violent news should not be broadcast on television until after 9pm' for which they were affirmative. Sadly the team just missed out on a win.

"The students put in a fantastic effort and worked so well as a team. They should be very proud of their efforts in representing QHS against Narrabri High who had two teams," continued Jen Stock.

All students spoke for over six minutes for both debates, an outstanding achievement given they only had one hour to prepare for each topic.

"All team members held themselves well and their confidence has grown over the series. They are all becoming more familiar with the routine and their speaking skills are outstanding.

The students have now won two of three debates in the Premier's Debating Challenge and are awaiting other schools outcomes in the Zone to see final results.

"All the team are supportive of one another and Millie Slade does a terrific job in her role organising and keeping the team on track during the one hour preparation time."

Jen Stock said she was most impressed by the students initiative to shake hands with the opposition win or lose.

"I am very proud of our students and they represented the school brilliantly."

"Debating is a good experience, it's a way of meeting other students and seeing a variety of perspectives. It also showcases our students abilities to articulate about current affairs issues."

Congratulations to the students who started their day at 7.00am to arrive back in Quirindi at 7.00pm

HAPPY SNAPPING

For all our budding photographers and creatives, The Australian Human Rights Commission is running a photographic competition.

The theme for this year's competition is: HOME.

Entry is free and there is a category for Under 18 years – you must obtain parental or guardian permission to enter. You can enter with a smartphone photo. Please read the Conditions of Entry.

Every person has inherent dignity and value. Human rights help us to recognise and respect that fundamental worth in ourselves and in each other as a human being. Human rights apply everywhere and are the same for everyone.

The Australian Human Rights Commission upholds the rights of everyone, everywhere, every day. Their mission is 'Leading the promotion and protection of human rights in Australia.'

The Photo Competition closes on Saturday 30 September 2017. Winners will be notified before 10 December 2017.

Winners for Under 18 and 18 & Over will receive a Prizes for overall winners are Olympus OM-D Mark II camera kits, valued at over \$800.

Two runners up in each category will receive a \$100 voucher from Memento Photo Books

Go to their website and view past winners for inspiration - Have fun!

<https://photocompetition.humanrights.gov.au/photo-competition-entry-form>

QHS SHOW SUCCESS STORIES



The Quirindi High School is immensely proud of our students who entered the Quirindi Junior Showgirl Competition, Bridget Swain, Jordie Thompson and Tahlia Carroll. You represented yourselves, your families and your community with grace and enthusiasm through the entire formal and informal interview process prior to the weekend's show. You participated wholeheartedly in our Agricultural Spring Show and you totally encouraged and supported one another through out. Thank you for being wonderful ambassadors and inspiring future leaders of our region. **Congratulations to all of you.** Jordie Thompson was awarded 2017 Showgirl, Tahlia Carroll was awarded Runner Up and Bridget Swain Second Runner Up.

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers from the Quirindi High School - Canada Trip Fundraising Group – including Lia Robertson and Grace Pezzuto, pictured here volunteering at the Quirindi Show gates over the weekend - who dedicated time to fundraise for the group. "Thank you to everyone who helped us on the weekend at the Quirindi Spring Show - whether it was at the gate or in the canteen. It was a huge effort for all," commented Deputy Principal, Catherine Loughrey on behalf of the group. Funds raised from the event will go towards assisting all 33 students partake in the 2018 international excursion.



CATTLE PARADERS PARADISE

On Saturday the 9th of September Jed Green, Charlie Parsons, Daniel Cox, Nick Hamblin, Tahlia Carrol and Beau Mulholland attended the Quirindi Spring Show to compete in the annual cattle showing competition. After lots of preparation and practice we entered in various classes on the day. The day started out with Miss Sozou so excited and proud of all the Agriculture students who had worked so hard to have the cattle looking immaculate.

First class of the morning started off with specific categories depending on the gender of the beast.

Beau Mulholland and the school's heifer The Hird Payday were first out in a large class of tough competition. As it was a heifer class, Payday was judged on her ability of becoming a future breeding prospect as well as her overall presentation and breeding. Payday fortunately placed fourth overall in this class, and fifth in her Limousin class later that day.

Jed Green and Daniel Cox entered the two Quirindi High School Limousin-cross steers in the steer class. They did extremely well in a large class, however, were unsuccessful in gaining a ribbon.

After the steer and heifer classes had been judged they moved onto the parading classes in which Daniel Cox, Charlie Parsons, Nick Hamblin, Tahlia Carrol and Beau Mulholland entered. The paraders classes are judged on how well you present and show off the beast to the best of your ability. To win this class you need to be presentable, have clean tack and parade the beast effectively so the judge can assess your work.

Beau Mulholland placed second in the 14-15 year age group leading The Hird Payday, to surpass more than 40 other competitors. After placing second from such a large class Beau then had to battle out another class with the top competitors from each age division – which resulted in Beau taking out Reserve Champion overall.

Charlie Parsons was also very successful placing second in the Limousin class presenting the QHS bull The Hird Zander.

All students of the cattle team looked professional in their new outfits and paraded well on the day. Overall it was a very successful day for the cattle team who all worked together, receiving a few ribbons and working on their parading and preparation skills. – Beau Mulholland



YOUNG FARMERS CHALLENGE



As part of the Primary Industries framework, Quirindi High School Year 11 and 12 Primary Industry students took part in the Young Farmers Challenge at the Quirindi Show.

Students were busy practising for the challenge beforehand which included rolling a swag,

fencing, first aid, hay stacking and general farm knowledge!

All members of the school community were encouraged to head to the show to cheer on all students partaking, competing and participating in the Quirindi Spring Show over the weekend.



Bridget's Cake creation

Proving her prowess and creativity at baking and backing up her success in the High School Cook Off - which she won with fellow student Jordie Thompson - Quirindi High School student Bridget Swain took home a swathe of ribbons for this delightful cake creation, including a Champion ribbon and Most Successful Exhibitor ribbon. Well Done Bridget!



COOK OFF EXCITEMENT

Quirindi High School Food Tech and Hospitality students had a terrific time participating in the 'Piece of the Plains' Mystery Box cooking challenge at the Quirindi Show on Saturday.

"A big Thank You goes to Melissa Carol, Cheryl Bray and Jodie Gamble for coordinating and supporting the students in my absence, I was so proud of the students and the variation of skills they used," said Teacher, Lisa Lawson.

Students used a range of cooking skills including crumbing, segmenting oranges and even making onion jam.

"Another big thank you to Mr Miggins for making the Mystery Boxes and to Lynton Tapp for being so encouraging of our students," concluded Lisa.

Student teams consisted of 1 - Jasmin Fisher and Thalia Carroll, 2 - Mary Jane Abbott Blundell and Gemma Hawkins, 3 - Bridget Swain and Jordie Thompson and 4 - Thomas Young and Abbey Lobsey. With Bridget Swain and Jordie Thompson taking first place.

Congratulations to all our school representatives for a terrific show.





The Liverpool Plains Equestrian Interschool's Horse Sports was held at Quirindi last week.

Over 180 competitors from both public and private schools across NSW competed in over 500 events including the Working Horse Challenge, Combined Training, Showjumping, Dressage, Showriding and a One Day Event.

The event, coordinated to help fundraise for local group Can Assist, saw volunteers donating their time, skill and energy for the competition to help raise funds to assist people in the Liverpool Plains Shire.

Quirindi High School student Jordie Thompson and Pepsi her 14-year-old Stock Horse have only been eventing for 2 years.

Jordie and Pepsi competed in only their second ever 80cm event to take out the 80cm Eventing Champion Secondary division for all schools that attended.

"It was fun, we got a personal best dressage score on 71.20 percent which was terrific," said an elated Jordie.

Jordie and Pepsi went all clear in the showjumping and all clear with no time penalties in the cross-country phase.

The dynamic duo were also the 80cm Show Jumping Champions Secondary division for all schools who attended.

"All the practising in preparation for the event was worth it as it all came together on the day. It was cool to represent my school doing what I enjoy," said Jordie.

Quirindi High School student, Charlie Parsons competed on his horse Larson to take out the Combined Training Champion boys 14 years and the Showriding Champion boys 14 years.

"Some big thanks goes to the organisers for doing a great job, it was fun and while it was dusty, I had a terrific time representing my school and helping to raise money for a local group," said Charlie.

Quirindi High School student, Tahlia Carroll and her horse Mickey also represented the School in the 16 years girls sporting



events to take home three third places in the Western Bend, Mug Race and the Diamond Run and sixth place in the Barrel Races.

"I would like to say thanks to the organisers and my parents and the Can Assist ladies that made some terrific food and it was great that it was all for a good cause," said Tahlia.

GO GIRLS - GOOD WORK



Front: Matilda Eade, Shelby Porter, Zara McCarthy. Back: Nicole Rea, Mia Constable, Emily Bramley, Lillie Clark. Montanna Bright – absent from pic.

Quirindi High School 15 years Girls Basketball Team recently played against Peel High School for an exciting win 31 to 18.

The win has taken the girls to the Regional Finals of the North West Combined High Schools competition.

"Congratulations to all the team, they have united well and worked cohesively. We wish them all the best for the regional finals to be held at the QHS next week," commented Teacher and Coach Adam Field.

After the CHS Regional Final game against Oxley High School, there is a chance the team will travel out of the region for the next round or they can choose to have the game played at home if they win.

Mr Field continued, "The Quirindi players are well trained through their representative matches with the Quirindi Basketball Association - which is beneficial for students."

Game plans, strategy and tactics are the main focus for the team at the moment. The higher they go up the competition ladder, they have a greater level of opposition. We are very proud of their achievement and wish them all the best," Concluded Adam.

Girls Basketball



Quirindi hosted the North West Combined High Schools, Regional Final game against Oxley today.

The Quirindi team, comprising: Matilda Eade, Shelby Porter, Zara McCarthy, Nicole Rea, Mia Constable, Emily Bramley, Lillie Clark, Chloe Symington and Montanna Bright put in a tough effort against Oxley to go down by only seven points.

"Oxley took an early lead, which they held onto for a win 48 to Quirindi's 41," said Coach and Teacher, Adam Field.

"Oxley had more height which led the type of play, our girls stayed close in the score

the entire game, which was terrific as it was a tough game. The students should be very happy with their performance."

The team will now play North Coast A before the 4th October at Quirindi High School, meaning they could be up against players from areas as far afield as Coffs Harbour to the Queensland border region.

"Thank you also to Billy Parsons who volunteered for the adjudication of the game, which is very appreciated, we are lucky to have students that have these abilities. Well done to all the students," said Mr Field.





State Success

Eight Quirindi High School students travelled to Homebush to compete in the State Athletics held from Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th September 2017. All athletes gave their absolute best resulting in some new personal best (PB) times. QHS Congratulates each and every athlete on competing at such an exceptional level. The hours of training, dedication and travel to prepare for this event is to be admired.

The Girls 14 Years 4x100m relay consisting of Caitlyn Etheridge, Lacey Newcombe, Georgie Auld and Molly Elford ran a personal best of 53.98 seconds to miss out by 1 spot to get into the final.

ASHYA MCRAE was a finalist in the 14 & under Girls 3000m event with a placing of 14th with a new PB.

CAITLYN ETHERIDGE competed in the Girls 14 Years 90m Hurdles heat with a placing of 9th and the Girls 14 Years Long Jump event with a placing of 12th.

GEORGIE AULD competed in the Girls 14 Years 800m heat with a placing of 6th with a new PB, she was also a finalist in the 800m with a placing of 7th and finished off with a placing of 19th in the heat of the Girls 14 Years 100m.

LACHLAN TYDINGS competed in the Boys Discus 1.5kg 16 Years with a placing of 2nd.

LACIE QUIGLEY competed in the Girls 400m 14 & under event with a placing of 13th, Girls 800m 13 Years heat with a placing of 1st. She was a Finalist in the 800m with a placing of 1st to receive the gold medal, Lacie went onto the final in the Girls 1500m 14 Years & under event with a placing of 3rd to receive a bronze medal. Lacie has now nominated for NSW All Schools carnival – the State Championships for all NSW schools – held at Homebush on October 11-14.

MOLLY ELFORD competed in the Girls 13 Years Long Jump event with a placing of 17th, Girls 13 Years 200m heat with a placing of 14th with a new PB, Girls 13 Years 80m Hurdles heat with a placing of 5th and a Finalist in the 80m Hurdles with a placing of 4th with a new PB and 0.005sec off to win bronze.

RONIN HADDEN competed in the Boys 400m 17+ Years with a placing of 12th.

Congratulations to all the students who competed at such a professional level and have new PB's, you have done yourselves and Quirindi High proud.





Quirindi High School Year 12 students, Ryan Beresford, Kaleb Wright and Will Roxborough have had their Technology and Applied Science major works marked for the HSC. Ryan Beresford completed an entertainment unit. Kaleb Wright, completed a chavel mirror and Will Roxborough, completed a sheep and livestock weigh station. "The students have shown a massive dedication, they have been working on these

projects for almost 12 months. We worked over the last school holidays and have worked over the weekends, they have fully dedicated themselves to the projects which clearly shows in the standard and demonstrates their capabilities of what they were taught previously and what they have learnt from new," commented Teacher, Mr Miggins. Trades utilised in completing the works included: welding, engineering, blacksmithing,

metal skills, construction, carpentry, knowledge on machinery and hand tools, design, collation, project management and estimating. "The students portfolios as well as their works was of the highest standard and they should be very proud. They deserve accolades for the finished product and their work ethic to produce Major works of such high standards." Well done students, we are proud of you.



HUMANISING OUR SCIENCE HEROES

How innovative is the Quirindi High School Science Department!



Proving that adding a little theatre to Science triggers learning outcomes, Science teachers at the school recently encouraged Year 12 Biology students to 'Dress as a Scientist' to help prepare them for their HSC.

"The working memory can only hold a small amount of information, with this in mind it is important to link new information to old in order to move it to the long-term memory. Students acted out the professional lives and scientific achievements of scientists they have studied for the HSC, creating memory triggers for them to access the relevant information in their exams," said Head Teacher Agriculture, Andrew Harries.

Through humanising and impersonating our science heroes in a series of discussion and interactive learning scenarios, students had a lot of fun learning theories and professional accomplishments of some of the world's greatest thinkers.

"Students also worked as a group on how the human condition has led and transformed studies

of Science, including the stealing of other scientist's ideas throughout the ages," continued Mr Harries.

Students then undertook a run through of past HSC exam papers, where teachers guided them on how to access the relevant information they had learnt on each scientist.

"It's a lot of information for the students to retain, and now they can recall who in the class today was dressed as that scientist and some of the key points they had to say about the scientist," commented Science Teacher, Angela Eykamp.

Combining visual and interpersonal connection using humour, our science teachers used an innovative process to help our Year 12 Biology students achieve the best possible outcome for their HSC, and had great fun teaching along the way!

Thank you all the Year 12 Biology students, for putting in such a tremendous effort with your outfits and research, it was a truly unified learning experience. Wishing you every success with your exams.

STATE TOUGH FOOTBALL REPORT



Since January a group of QHS boys have been working hard to improve their Touch Football skills and knowledge. The team set a goal at the start of the year to make the State finals. To achieve this they would have to navigate their way through 4 qualifying rounds and a regional final. The team was successful in this endeavor beating teams from Peel, Gunnedah, Coonamble and Narrabri High Schools. This qualified the Open boys to play in the first round of the State Finals, which meant they had made the top 20 in NSW.

The next challenge for the QHS boys was against Hurlstone Agricultural High from Sydney. Quirindi dominated for the majority of the game but Hurlstone was able to hang in to keep the score line close. After a very intense and physical match Quirindi eventually ran out 5-3 winners and booked themselves a place in the top 10.

In August the open boys Touch team travelled to Sydney to compete in the State finals. The team ventured by bus to Newcastle (thanks to the superb driving skills of Mr Watters) where they would rest up for the night.

The team played 3 games on the first day and 1 on the second. Quirindi had a tough draw with the top 4 ranked teams in NSW a part of their pool. After some very quick and highly competitive Touch Football, the team unluckily

missed out on a place in the top 4. A series of missed opportunities in their first game against the much lauded Blaxland outfit, saw the team come away with an unlucky loss, but with their sprits intact. Playing the number 1 ranked Tweed River High side next, the QHS boys started slowly but rallied to finish the game strongly narrowly going down 6-4. The next game was against a strong Narara Valley side. The QHS boys pushed them all the way before eventually going down. The Narara Valley team eventually went on to win the grand final against Hunter Sports High. Their last game saw Quirindi pitted against Hunter Sports High and although competitive, the QHS boys were unable to overcome the experience of the Hunter Sports boys.

The boys are to be commended for the time and effort they have invested in developing their touch skills and knowledge. They have trained upwards of four hours most weeks since the start of term one. This was a great learning experience for these boys and with all but 2 of the students able to play again next year it is something they can take forward and help them develop their touch footballing skills further. If they are able to maintain their commitment, I believe there are exciting opportunities ahead for them in the coming years.

The team consisted of Wesley Johnson, Riley

Beresford, Will Roxborough, Ronnin Hadden, Bryce James and Ben Fechner, Angus Nichols, Casey Clarke, Chase Clarke, Lachie Bradfield, Riley Medway, Hudson Shaw, Bayley McCrae and Sam Palmer.

Thank you to both Mr Watters and Mr Chambers for driving the bus throughout the season. The students and I really appreciate the effort you both put in to allow them to have these opportunities. - Written by Wayne Harris

"Thanks to Mr Harris for Coaching us for the season, we started training in January twice a week, at number one oval. Mr Harris has had experience with the game and knows lots of ways to get around the defence. He gave us plenty of great pointers and different plays that work on different offence and defence scenarios," commented player Ryan Beresford on behalf of the team.

The team also took a moment to say thanks to Mr Harris for being committed to the team "Its' your passion that helped us get over the line. It was great to be part of the team and many friendships have been built between us and the younger years and wish the upcoming players all the very best for next year," continued player Ryan Beresford on behalf of the team.

The team also thank Mr Watters for driving to Newcastle and back.

SCHOOL SOCIAL

Farewell Year 12 School Social, tickets are on sale NOW from the Front Office. The event will be a fun evening for all QHS students on Thursday 21st of September from 7.00pm to 10.00pm at the High School Hall.

The Canteen will offer, packets of chips and drinks.

Tickets Cost: \$7.00

Tickets must be purchased before-hand, with ticket sales closing on Thursday Sept 21 lunchtime.

Tickets will NOT available at the door.

Parent consent is required – parents must sign on the back of the ticket.

Dress is smart casual and there will be special Year 12 recognition.

Profits from the evening will go to assisting the end of year - Year 10 Gold Coast excursion.

Have fun, be sensible on the night and get your ticket to a great night celebrating our wonderful year 12 students.



Ben Hope Nominated



Year 12 Drama student, Ben Hope - pictured here in character - is the first ever Quirindi High School student to have been nominated for the prestigious OnSTAGE projects. OnSTAGE is a presentation and exhibition of group and individual performances and projects by selected HSC Drama students at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. The OnSTAGE season at the Seymour Centre is presented by the NSW Education Standards Authority and the NSW Department of Education. Ben Hope, was nominated for his individual performance piece - based on extracts from 'Trainspotting' by Irvine Welsh. Trainspotting was the first novel by Scottish writer Irvine Welsh, it was released in 1993. It takes the form of a collection of short stories, written in either Scots, Scottish English or British English, revolving around various residents of Leith, Edinburgh who either use drugs or engage in destructive activities that are implicitly portrayed as addictions. The novel is set in the late 1980s

and has been called "the voice of punk, grown up, grown wiser and grown eloquent". The novel has since achieved a cult status, added to by the global success of the film based on it, Trainspotting (1996), directed by Danny Boyle. Ben said he is delighted to have been selected for the nomination, and still aims to follow his passion to pursue study to become a Fighter Pilot.

Quirindi High School Principal, Ian Worley said the nomination is a credit to Ben's natural acting skills, hard work, encouragement and learning with peers and the dedicated guidance of his teacher, Leanne Copper. "Ben is a natural talent, who has worked hard and been supportive of and by his peers, family and community. A huge congratulations to Ben on this outstanding achievement and to Teacher, Leanne Cooper, whose endless dedication to obtaining best outcomes for students is always evident. Best wishes with your nomination Ben."

ASSISTING LEGACY



Angus Nicholls, Joshua Redgrove, Zach Hamblin, Indian Nean, Mia Constable and Josephine Saunders assisted Bronwyn Reid and Geraldine Kweon.

Recently, members of our Student Representative Council, Indian Nean, Zach Hamblin, Mia Constable, Josephine Saunders, Angus Nicholls and Joshua Redgrove assisted the Quirindi Group of Legacy Tamworth to sell merchandise for their fundraiser.

"Students were invited by Tamworth Legacy, Quirindi Group to volunteer to help sell badges down the main street of Quirindi," commented Lindi Owen, SRC Coordinator and Teacher/Librarian.

Legacy, a voluntary organisation is supported by veterans, servicemen and women, and

volunteers drawn from all walks of life. Legacy provides services to around 70,000 families of veterans who have died or given their health in service to their country.

"As well as learning more about the importance of Legacy, students learnt about community awareness and represented the school and Legacy very well."

Students had a great time selling the fundraising merchandise and had a successful day fundraising for Legacy.

Thank you students for supporting our service people.

What's on...

10 October 2017

CHS Basketball Tamworth

11 October 2017

Joblink Plus Transition to Work
CHS Basketball Tamworth

18 October 2017

Joblink Plus Transition to Work

20 October 2017

Yr 12 CAFS Study Morning

23 October 2017

Concert Band & Rock Band Camp Lake Keepit

29 October 2017

The National Young Leaders Day

31 October 2017

Yr 5/6 Taster Day

1 November 2017

Joblink Plus Transition to Work

8 November 2017

Joblink Plus Transition to Work

14 November 2017

Yr 3/4 Taster Day

15 November 2017

Joblink Plus Transition to Work

16 November 2017

Year 12 Formal-Royal Theatre

20 November 2017

Yr 10 Work Experience

22 November 2017

Joblink Plus Transition to Work
Yr 10 Work Experience

28 November 2017

Band link Narrabri

29 November 2017

Joblink Plus Transition to Work

4 December 2017

Yr 8 Rewards Excursion
to Coffs Harbour

5 December 2017

Year 6 to 7 Orientation

6 December 2017

Joblink Plus Transition to
Work for Yr 10-12 SpecialEd
Yr 7 Broken Bay excursion
Year 9 Rewards Excursion



CELEBRATING Sass Week

Kyran Shaw and Luke Wilson made some treats for the hardworking staff at Quirindi High School's Front Office this week. The two Year 8 Food Tech students made some delicious spiral cookies as part of National School Administrative and Support Staff recognition week. "It's important to recognise everyone who is part of our school," commented Kyran. A big thank you to all of our hardworking staff!

STEP BACK IN TIME

Year 9 and 10 Automotive students headed to the Quirindi Rural Heritage Village. Ten students took the tour of the village and in particular the superb range of heritage vehicles and engines on display.

"We had a look at the vintage cars and engines and the old fellas told us about the history," said student Jay-dee Craft.



Students said they found it interesting to see how older engines worked and that they learnt a great deal.

"All ten students were well behaved and learnt about the history of automotive and engineering of the day. The collaborative environment was a positive and the students learnt well," said Teacher Mr Miggins.

"I found it great to see the fridges had a kerosene motor that would heat up to then invert to make the fridge cool," commented student Matthew Forsyth.

"I found it fascinating to see how detailed the model railway was. It was also great to see the evolution of motors," said student Jay-dee Craft.

Teacher, Mr Miggins said it was terrific for students to get out of the classroom and on location to see firsthand how things work.

"Thank you to all the volunteers at the Heritage Village, it was an inspiring day for the students, who learnt so much. Thank you also for the barbecue lunch," concluded Mr Miggins.

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.

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