

Newsletter

QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 4 - Week 3



Congratulations
to our 2019 School Captains

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are in week 3 - with the HSC well under way. Everyone made it to Canada and back without too many glitches. With only one lost passport (found-still on the plane), a coach driver who had a very different sense of humour to that of Australians, a stomach bug and a virus as well as a bit of star spotting - Nitro Circus. If you're not sure who they are, ask a child who rides a motorbike. It was, however, an absolutely fantastic trip. Calgary turned on the weather for us and there was a record breaking 40cm dump of snow the day before we arrived. It certainly made the landscape something completely different to what we are used to.

I would like to thank Ms Loughrey and Meg O for all of the organisation they put into make the trip such a cultural and memorable experience for students. It is an activity like this that will stick with a student for life and give them the confidence they need to branch out into the world. Thanks to also to Kerri Saunders, Miss Stock, Simon Roxborough and my wife Nicola Worley for accompanying the trip and helping

look after students. Also, thank you to the students. It is the outstanding behaviour and attitude of the students that allow us to provide such opportunities. As a group they were wonderful to travel with and made it a pleasure to take on excursion such as this.

Our HSC students are well underway now. Noel Leech, the HSC Presiding Officer and his team have been working with the students over the past year to help prepare them in the environment of Wesley Hall and with the personnel who will be on hand for this moment. Those of you who have been through this with students know how stressful it can be. Those of you who are having the first run at it, Good Luck! The staff at QHS spend just as much time worrying and agonising about how students are preparing and how they are feeling as parents do. We look forward to some outstanding results.

Ian Worley - Principal



SUPPORT UNIT ROBOTS



CLONTARF ACADEMY



ROTARY PUBLIC SPEAKING



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Congratulations to our 2019 School Captains

On the last day of Term 3, during the Class of 2018 Graduation Assembly for outgoing Year 12 students, Principal Ian Worley announced the QHS Captains for 2019.

We are very pleased to announce that Bridget Swain (third from left) and Angus Nicholls (left) are our incoming Captains and Josephine Saunders (second from left) and Joshua Redgrove (right) our Vice-Captains.

We wish all new Captains the best of luck and know that you will represent our school with pride and integrity.



ALL IN THE MUSIC

Band master at QHS Mr Garrett led a whole day of music for some of our primary feeder schools last Tuesday.

Students and teachers from Walhallow, Spring Ridge and Blackville had a terrific day undertaking singing and recorder work, followed by further instrumental lessons. The day proved successful in assisting student's musical teamwork and participation as a part of a larger group.

Thank you for the photos Mrs Davis.



LACIE AND LACHLAN TAKE GOLD!



The entire Quirindi High School community would like to Congratulate Lachlan Tydings and Lacie Quigley for taking out Gold medals on Saturday September 29th in the All Schools Athletics Carnival at Homebush. Lacie won Gold when she ran the 1500m track event in a time of 4.44.52. Her nearest competitor was 3 seconds behind. She is now the fastest under 14 Girl over 1500m in NSW!

After graduating the day before, QHS Captain Lachlan Tydings, stepped out onto the field to throw 54.95m in the discus - throwing 6 meters further than 2nd place. Both Lachlan and Lacie will go on to represent NSW at Nationals to be held in Cairns on the 7th-9th of December.

Outstanding effort - Congratulations to both athletes and their parents for the commitment to training and travelling!



Peer Sustenance

Building strong relationships is an important part of our school community, and just like positive student peer relationships, QHS nurture staff peer support as well.

As part of this, the school hosted a welcome back morning tea for staff on their second day of Term 4, Tuesday October 16. The delicious morning tea was provided by the Hospitality unit.





STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS RUGBY

Three QHS students played for Central North in the State Championships Rugby Union Sevens at Forster over the school holidays.

Year 9 Student, Emily Butler played Winger/Centre for the Under 15's girls team, which achieved a fantastic result, placing third in the State.

"It was great to play at that level of tough competition, it was a real buzz to be selected to play in such a professional and competitive environment and have top level coaches," said Emily, who first started playing Rugby at the QHS winter competition this year.

Year 10 students Brodie Nankivell (pictured left) – played Hooker and Sam Avar (pictured right) – played Centre/Sweeper for the Under 17's.

The boys played six matches against tough competition with a win in their final match.

"I like sport because it's fun and physical and

great to be part of a team, meet new people and I really enjoyed representing the school," commented Brodie.

"The experience has given us a lot of information that we can pass on to our teammates and prepare for the future," said Sam, who unfortunately broke a bone in his thumb in the competition.

All students expressed their gratitude to their parents/carers for supporting and transporting them in their chosen field of sport.

"We would also like to thank the hosts Foster Tuncurry Dolphins for hosting us and our supporters for cheering us on," said Emily.

The nine-week Summer Sevens Rugby commenced last Friday October 26 in Tamworth.

Congratulations Emily, Brodie and Sam, great effort to represent at State level!



What makes a good discussion?

Year 7 QHS Literacy students undertook learning on 'What makes a good discussion' before using those skills to create a design for the QHS 'Brand the Bus' project.

Teachers, Miss Braithwaite – Literacy through Art – and Miss Bayliss – Literacy through Design – united for the class.

"After some learning the class decided a discussion is... An exchange of ideas to reach a decision. Once they had come to their conclusion, they used their skills to host a discussion on what style of language and branding should and should-not go on the side of a school bus," said Miss Bayliss.

"Students then used a variety of design inspiration for their 'Brand the Bus' projects. It's been a terrific and productive class," concluded Miss Braithwaite.

Rotary Public Speaking Competition

Three QHS students presented to an audience of over 20 at the Quirindi RSL Club for the 2018 Rotary Public Speaking Competition.

Year 10 student Emily Cronin, who presented on 'Gun Control' was delighted to take home the gong and the opportunity to represent her region again in the next round.

"I spoke for 5 minutes on how Gun Control impacts people across the globe and the effects of different gun laws in different countries. I compared these countries to the US which continues to see lives lost every day," said Emily.

Year 11 student Lia Robertson spoke on 'The Other' and Year 9 student James Redgrove – who was too young to officially compete but welcomed to participate – spoke on 'Lack of education'.

"It was lovely to meet all the Rotarians and guests and a great opportunity to meet new people and be offered positive and helpful

feedback. I congratulate both Lia and James and thank the adjudicators, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Maxwell," said Emily, who continued, she enjoys public speaking for the added confidence and assistance it offers to schooling.

Pictured from left: Mrs Maxwell, Lia Robertson, Emily Cronin, James Redgrove and Mrs Lewis. Photo courtesy of Louise McGilchrist.



MUMMI-FICATION

In week 1 of this Term, QHS Year 8 History were undertaking study in the Ancient Egyptian process of mummification. See following some very entertaining pics taken during their learning.

Mummification is a method of embalming, treating the dead body that ancient Egyptians used. Using special processes, the Egyptians removed all moisture from the body, leaving only a dried form that would not easily decay. Well done students.



RADICAL ROBOTS

Students in Room 12 have been busy in their maths classes with Mrs Widdis, designing and using recycled materials to build their own robots.

Their Learning Goal was to design and create a Radical Robot, using as many 3D shapes as they could find. The guidelines required the students to use at least two different 3D objects in their design. After brainstorming ideas the students played around with some possible designs, considering which materials could be used for each part of their robot.

Students successfully considered many important components when designing their robots, including the size of the robot, the 3D objects used to make the robot, the colours/patterns to be used on their robots, materials to make their robots as well as including some new, fun and interesting features to make their robots unique.

The students enjoyed working on their projects and just by using a whole lot of imagination and everyday 3D materials such as old cereal boxes (cubes, cuboids), cups, cans and toilet rolls (cylinders), an egg holder (sphere), managed to create some very unique and completely radical robots!!



QHS Men's Shed have been creating prototypes for their upcoming range of serving platters and cutting boards for the school.

Year 10 student, Tobi Riley was photographed today displaying his herring bone design reversible board.

By upcycling scrap pieces of timber and redesigning the old wooden floorboards, Tobi was able to create this striking piece of work.

"I have undertaken woodwork previously, but, I really enjoyed this project because it's something different and I was able to make my own design. My teachers, Mr Miggins and Mr Maczi are relatable and approachable and make learning and achieving fun," said Tobi, who plans to head into the field of mechanics after school.

"It's great to do something hands-on and learn from such talented teachers. Other students will be creating more boards for the school and we really enjoy working together as a team to get things done for the school," concluded Tobi.

Well done to all our QHS Men's Shed participants and to teachers, Mr Miggins and Mr Maczi.





Clontarf Academy, NSW Zone Manager, Brendan Maher (pictured second from left in top left photo) received a warm welcome when he made the journey from Sydney to QHS last week.

"Part of my role sees me travelling NSW visiting different Clontarf Academies to say hello to all the crews and to see the staff," said Brendan, who continued the success of the organisation will see a further 15 Academies open across NSW.

Since opening its first Academy for 25 boys in 2000 the Foundation has grown to cater for

over 6,500 boys in 97 schools across Western Australia, Northern Territory, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

"We are busy with expansion at the moment and our outcomes are proving successful due to the high standard of expectation of all involved. We take what we do seriously and are really proud of the boys."

Clontarf Foundation Academy activities focus on areas of education, leadership, employment, healthy lifestyles, life skills and football.

"It was great to touch base with the entire Quirindi Clontarf Academy today and be part of

this morning's footy training and BBQ."

QHS Clontarf Academy is one of the leading academies in NSW for 2018 HSC participants, with 7 QHS Clontarf Academy students set to commence their HSC this week.

"At the Foundation, we aim for 10% of the school's total intake to aim for their HSC, at QHS you have 13% of Clontarf students about to undertake their HSC, which is a great achievement," concluded Brendan.

Congratulations QHS Clontarf Academy and thank you Mr Maher for your visit today.

iSTEM at QHS



Last Wednesday, QHS welcomed a small number of Year 6 students for an informative iSTEM day. Students learnt about coding within Minecraft and undertook branding their own key rings.

The day, held to familiarise some of our 2019 Year 7 students with QHS went well.

We look forward to welcoming all our incoming 2019 Year 7 students next year and remind parents/carers to drop off their completed Enrolment Pack to QHS front office.

To assist students, we have run numerous transition days to aid their adjustment to QHS. QHS will be hosting our Orientation Day on December 4th. This day is a gazetted day

across the state for public high schools. On this day Year 6 students should attend the high school they are enrolled in for Year 7.

The day is also an opportunity for parents/carers, to meet staff and ask questions about the school.

It is also a chance for parents to purchase uniforms, backpacks and book packs from our canteen. (We will have EFTPOS facilities available for you to make purchases).

A big thank you to our Partner Schools for all of your assistance in supporting students as they prepare to move to the next stage in their education.

Thanks to our QHS teachers for running classes

today.

We look forward to seeing students and parents/carers at our Multipurpose Hall at 9.00am on Tuesday December 4th for our Orientation Day.



CLASS OF 2018

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY





What's on...

Thursday 1 November 2018

QHS Homework Centre 3.30 - 5pm

Friday 2 November 2018

Rugby 7s Tamworth

STEM Club

Monday 5 November 2018

QHS Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-5pm

VET Catch Up Work Placement

Tuesday 6 November 2018

QHS Homework Centre 3.30 - 5pm

VET Catch Up Work Placement

Northern NSW Cricket Carnival

Wednesday 7 November 2018

Creative Writing Club 3.30-5pm

QHS Homework Centre 3.30 - 5pm

Book Club - Lee Wall

Music Cluster 9am - 3pm

Wednesday Night Basketball

Thursday 8 November 2018

QHS Homework Centre 3.30 - 5pm

Friday 9 November 2018

Rugby 7s Tamworth

Monday 12 November 2018

QHS Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 13 November 2018

QHS Homework Centre 3.30 - 5pm

Band Practice 9am - 1.30pm

Wednesday 14 November 2018

Creative Writing Club 3.30-5pm

QHS Homework Centre 3.30 - 5pm

Wednesday Night Basketball Tamworth

Thursday 15 November 2018

QHS Homework Centre 3.30 - 5pm - L. Owen
Yr 12 Formal

Friday 16 November 2018

Rugby 7s Tamworth

North West Film Festival Excursion

STEM Club

Monday 19 November 2018

QHS Concert Band Rehearsal 3.30-5pm

Yr 10 ACER Pat Testing

Tuesday 20 November 2018

All Day QHS Homework Centre 3.30 - 5pm

Yr 10 ACER Pat Testing

QHS BAND TRIP



Participants in the three-day QHS Band Camp at Lake Keepit Sailing Club have returned. The camp, which featured musical tutorials and practice also included some fun with sailing lessons and swimming free time for the 12 QHS students.

"As well plenty of instrumental practice and learning, students had the opportunity to explore sailing through the Club, including sailing lessons on capsizing drill, wind direction, turning, launching and landing," said Teacher, Mr Garrett.

They also had fun fishing, camping with their peers and at a mini concert they performed for the members of the Lake Keepit Sailing Club. Jack McCulloch and Ella Worley won the coveted 2018 Quirindi Cup Sailing Race.

Thanks to Mr Garrett and Head Teacher HISE, Mrs Valentine for giving up your time to take the students on the camp, we can't wait to hear the band at the end of year Presentation Day on December 6.

Thanks also to the Lake Keepit Sailing Club for hosting our school.

Terrific pics taken by Mrs Valentine. Thank you.



QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL 2018 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & 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	9.00 - 9.10	10 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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Term 4 2018

Wk 1	A = Oct 15 - Oct 19
Wk 2	B = Oct 22 - Oct 26
Wk 3	A = Oct 29 - Nov 2
Wk 4	B = Nov 5 - Nov 9
Wk 5	A = Nov 12 - Nov 16
Wk 6	B = Nov 19 - Nov 23
Wk 7	A = Nov 26 - Nov 30
Wk 8	B = Dec 3 - Dec 7
Wk 9	A = Dec 10 - Dec 14
Wk 10	B = Dec 17 - Dec 19