

Newsletter

QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL

BUMPER END OF YEAR ISSUE! 2018

Term 4 - Week 9



Nick tops the State

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a year it has been, from hosting and winning the Beau Valley Shield in Sport to one of our HSC students, Nicholas Hamblin taking out first place in the State for his Metal and Engineering Exam. We've had a guest performance for all students by Christine Anu and an amazing run of the hit musical Annie, by our talented Drama students.

Our State representatives include our Boys Touch Football team, our Year 7 and 8 Debating team, Lachlan Tydings for discus, who went on to place fifth in Australia. Our new teachers have obtained their proficiency certificates, Teacher Mrs Saunders was awarded a State Achievement award for teaching and QHS student Joise Saunders achieved 98% in her ASCA exam – along with other amazing achievements by our ASCA students.

Emily Cronin was awarded first place in the Rotary Speaking competition, our Canteen received a certificate of commendation from the NSW Premier for being a healthy School Canteen. Students were successful in the Maths Olympiad, Hudson Shaw attended the Marine Youth Program. Our Hospitality students experienced an educational cruise and hosted a foodtruck event. We installed our new perimeter fence and our QHS Men's Shed students continue to construct infrastructure for the school. Sacha Fierce headed to Sydney for a cultural experience and our Canada Trip was successful.

QHS won three shields from three carnivals in the Horse Sports. Our Support Unit students created artworks for display at the Tamworth Regional Gallery as part of the indigenous exhibition HOME.

Our Dance Troupe had a great time at Dance festival and Gemma Hawkins took part in the 2018 School Spectacular.

Cattle Club attended Wingham Beef Week - taking out first place in the 2018 Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza carcass competition. QHS Primary Industries students launched sharing a hand on the Land - volunteering for the community as part of drought relief.

QHS Rugby partnered with Quirindi Lions Rugby Club for a sports alliance. Our students had access to the communities swimming pools and Quirindi rec centre. Questacon visited our school as did international forensics experts.

Taster Days were held for our future students. Our school band continued to grow from strength to strength. Our Community Scholarships and Awards Day events continue to grow.

North West Swimmers, Study Centre is amazing, P&C continue to support the school in full and Markets. The Agricultural Farm had a new shed installed and QHS acquired a new School Bus, Twilight Swimming Carnival, Defence Force and University Visits, a variety of excursions and after school activities run by staff who always go above and beyond.

Ian Worley
Principal

P&C CHRISTMAS MARKETS



CLONTARF AWARDS



YEAR 12 FORMAL PHOTOS



TYDINGS - 6 YEAR GOAL



QHS AWARDS DAY

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SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

QHS supported local business with our QHS Shop Locally Vouchers for our - Awards Day for 2018.

"Last year's vouchers were well received with students able to redeem them in a wide range of local businesses – the vouchers are coordinated through the Liverpool Plains Business Chamber," said Principal Worley, who continued the initiative not only supports expenditure in local businesses, but also offers students the opportunity to meet with potential future employers.

"We are very community minded and focussed on supporting the businesses that support our school community families and the school itself."

Tammie Clarke from the Liverpool Plains Business Chamber recently came to visit the school.

"The Chamber are delighted to be working with QHS on this initiative again this year. We are also hosting a Photography Competition for our 2018 Christmas on The Plains event that QHS students may be interested in," said Mrs Clarke.

Entry forms for the Photography Competition are available at the Quirindi and Werris Creek Libraries, the Quirindi and Werris Creek Pharmacies and the Plains Pantry Willow Tree. Thank you to the Liverpool Plains Business Chamber for coming onboard again with vouchers this year and to our Major Sponsors, the Quirindi RSL Club Subbranch, whose considerable donation has made this initiative possible.

*As previously advertised, last year's Awards Day 2017 and are NO LONGER redeemable – they expired on May 30th 2018 and there were two subsequent advertised extension redeemable dates.



CONGRATULATIONS LACHLAN TYDINGS! 2018 QHS Captain Lachlan Tydings travelled to Cairns last Wednesday, to compete in the field event of discus at the National Championships. Lachlan competed fantastically against Australia's top young athletes, some who train at the Institute of Sport under the guidance of world-class coaches. Throwing a distance of 51 metres coming in 5th in Australia in the 17 years boys division - we are very proud of Lachlan and his achievements on and off the field throughout his high school career. Ending his Secondary Schooling on an absolute high by competing at Nationals after a personal goal was set in Year 6. What an outstanding effort Lachlan - We wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

STOP MEN DYING TOO YOUNG



QHS is more than just a school, it's a 'school community' and our teachers joined together to help all our dads, brothers, sons and mates. For various personal reasons our teachers participated in raising funds and awareness to help promote men's health – both mental and physical - through the Movember fundraiser. (Which explains the strange facial additions some of our male staff were sporting).

"Together we can make a difference for men's health – in prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention," said teacher Mr Lascok who coordinated the Movember fundraiser page 'Quirindi High'. Please take the time to watch the vlog, on the QHS Facebook Page, which includes all the raw emotions and humour of life, of loss and of protecting and caring for those we love.

Thank you to our staff, Mr Lascok, Mr Sampson, Mr Worley and the irrepressible Mr Owen for taking time to make the QHS Vlog.

BY 2030, WE'LL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEN DYING PREMATURELY BY 25%.

"Current statistics indicate Prostate cancer rates are anticipated to double in the next 15 years. Testicular cancer rates have already doubled in the last 50 years. Three quarters of suicides are men. Poor mental health leads to half a million men taking their own life every year. That's one every minute,

"The goal of Movember is to reduce the number of men dying prematurely by 25% by the year 2030.

OUR FATHERS, PARTNERS, BROTHERS AND FRIENDS ARE FACING THIS HEALTH CRISIS AND IT'S NOT BEING TALKED ABOUT. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO STAY SILENT.

Movember are funding ground-breaking projects all over the world, engaging with men, to understand what works best, to help make change happen sooner.



THE FUTURE OF FORENSICS

QHS students from Year 7 to 10 had a thrilling time solving a crime as part of their Forensic Science Workshop on November 21st.

The workshop was brought to the school by Education Interactive, who deliver educational Forensic Science Workshops to schools across Australia, the United Kingdom and Ireland.

"Our presentations bring a real-to-life crime scene investigation to the schools, we set up a series of forensic evidence experiments and lead

the students through the case while they learn how chemistry, physics and biology can help to solve crimes," said presenter Ehlana Tompsett – who has completed her Undergraduate Degree in Science and is currently undertaking a year of Science Communication before further potential study in medical pathology.

"We encourage students to pursue a career in science, as science is vital and relevant in today's world and the future - anyone is capable

of following their passion for science," said Ehlana. QHS Science teacher, Mr Roberts said students were fully engaged in the workshops and the hands-on learning was interactive with positive results.

What a great way to bring the same fun, exciting activities and passion to a school in rural Australia as offered to a school in Central London or Dublin, thank you Mr Roberts for coordinating.



BACK TO SCHOOL - BRIEFLY

Former QHS student, Lydia Smith (pictured here with Deputy, Ms Loughrey) came to visit us at school last week.

Lydia, completed year 12 in 2017 and has headed to Gunnedah to undertake study in Enrolled Nursing at Gunnedah TAFE.

"I decided to do the course as I have a passion for health and caring for people of all backgrounds and ages," said Lydia.

Having just completed a two-week placement at Quirindi Hospital - where former QHS Student Sari Hamblin was also undertaking a placement - Lydia says she is really enjoying her work.

"I undertook a two-week placement at Boggabri a few weeks ago, then Quirindi and now I'm heading back to study at Gunnedah."

Life after school is definitely exciting and full of adventure for Lydia, who resides with her family,

but, stays in Gunnedah when studying.

"I'm really enjoying making my own choices and using the life skills learnt in school and thank my former teachers for being great role models."

Lydia was happy to pass on some advice to her former peers.

"I would say look at the big picture, stay positive and keep things in perspective - at the end of it all the HSC is important, but family, health and a positive life are more important," commented Lydia, who sadly lost her Pop while undertaking her HSC, a personal event that has left a gap.

The future is big and bold for Lydia who hopes to stay in rural Australia and get experience nursing in the bush as well as travel overseas and have adventures across the globe.

Thanks Lydia for the visit and best wishes for the future ahead!

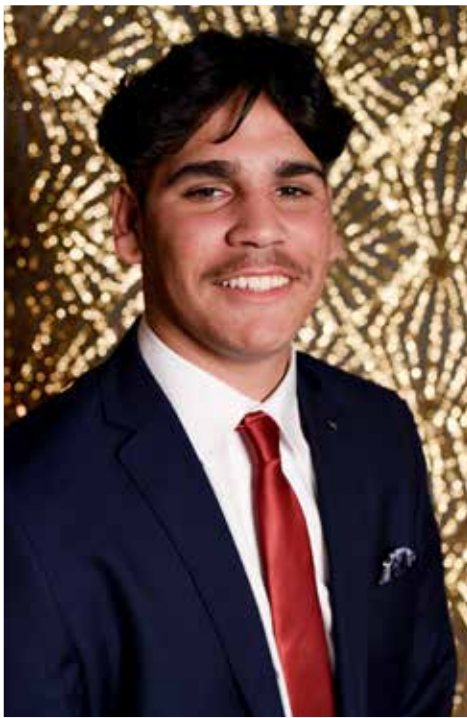
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CLONTARF MAJOR TRIP

As the final minutes of the Year 12, 2018, Higher School Certificate were upon us, five Year 12 Quirindi Clontarf Academy members ventured 640 km's South East of Quirindi to begin their major trip.

The students have certainly earned the trip, having previously signed a pledge that stated they would complete year 12 to the best of their ability, achieve an attendance of 80% or above, be involved in one employment, sport and

leadership based activity as well as represent the QHS Clontarf Academy in two or more community events.

The major trip is based in and around Brisbane and Stradbroke Island. Activities include a partnership visit to Aurizon - one of the Clontarf Academy's major partners and the largest rail freight operator (moving coal, iron ore and agricultural freight in Australia). Former Quirindi High School student, now Group Executive for

bulk business, Clayton McDonald attended the partnership visit presentation.

Other activities of the major trip included a cultural tour around Stradbroke Island, various visits to beaches and creeks, museum tours and a visit to Dreamworld.

Congratulations students, you have earned the reward. Thank you to our dedicated QHS Clontarf Academy staff who continue to support this amazing initiative.



BROTHERS *in* ARMS

The McCulloch brothers from QHS spend a lot of time on horseback, both on their family farm and competing in horse events on the weekends.

The duo have also had an extremely successful year of horse riding competition with the QHS Horse Sports team.

The brothers and fellow team mates competed at Willow Tree, Quirindi and Blandford public school horse sports for the school and at Calrossy horse sports independently.

Tom – Year 7 – (pictured left) said he is enjoying his first year at QHS for both the opportunities and learning.

"I competed in horse sports in Primary School which was great. I really enjoy competing because I get to meet new people and I'm constantly learning new ways to ride and compete," said Tom who rides his 6-year-old mare, Elle.

Tom, who competed in the 12 +13-year-old boys ages groups won Champion at every competition except one – where he won Reserve Champion.

"I would really like to thank teacher, Mrs Gulliver for all her efforts in helping and supporting us through competition and to Mum and Dad for teaching us how to prepare for competition and how to ride properly and for the gift of riding.

Older brother Jack, has been riding horses since the age of three and has enjoyed the challenge of competing against other schools in the regions horse sports events.

Jack, who competes in the 14+15 years age group, won the 15 years Champion Boy as an independent rider at the recent Calrossy horse sports.

"We compete in polocrosse and do stock work on the farm after school and weekends. I really enjoy horse riding for the practicality of it in regards to stock work and the competition," said Jack, who rides a 4 year-old mare, Pepper, whom – with his parents help - he bred and broke-in.

Congratulations to the McCulloch boys and well done to all their fellow team members from the QHS Horse Sports teams.



PREMIER'S DEBATING REGIONAL Champions

Students Indiah Nean, McKenzie Mizzi, Keenan Davis and Molly Owen took out the title of Regional Debating Champions in the Premier's Debating Challenge on November 28th.

The awesome foursome, were supported by eight of their QHS peers at the exceptional debate against former Regional Finalists, Armidale High School.

The debate saw QHS for the affirmative, on the topic 'Homework should be scrapped'.

"The adjudicator said it was very close and one of the best debates he has ever seen and it was at the high level deserving of a Regional Final," said teacher and Coach Mrs Stenner.

The students then qualified to represent QHS at the State Finals to be held over three days in Sydney from December 5th.

"The team was cohesive, they had a well-planned argument and stuck to the correct debating structure, which is one reason for them taking the win," continued Mrs Stenner.

Student, Indiah Nean said the team found the debate really enjoyable and a positive experience.

"Our team line was 'Get homework off our minds, as it is a waste of our time' and we stated that it creates stress for teachers and students and talked about how students have the ability to cheat with homework as this is not supervised by teachers.

The students added that it was also great



experience up against Armidale High School - who had been to State Finals in 2017.

"Armidale were fantastic and very generous afterwards as they gave us some great tips in regards to our next round," said Molly Owen.

"We are all proud of their accomplishments and to see how they have developed through the competition as per taking the adjudicators feedback and developing as a team," added Mrs Stenner.

Fellow debating Coach Mr Owen, continued ...

"It goes to show you what hard-work, grit and

determination from a small school can achieve as we are up against schools that are a lot bigger than us."

Congratulations to our Regional Champion debate winners for 2018.

We wish you every success with the next round. If you would like to join QHS debating for 2019, please see Mrs Stenner or Mr Owen.

CAPTION: Keenan Davis, McKenzie Mizzi, Indiah Nean from Quirindi High School – Adjudicator Mr Rob Lewis – back. Four Students from Armidale high School – names not given.

HEADING PROUDLY HOME

The QHS debate team consisting of Keenan Davis, Indiah Nean, Molly Owen and McKenzie Mizzi headed home after a terrific time – over three intense days - at the State Debating Championships in Sydney.

Last week, the QHS students headed into their round 4 debate against Warners Bay High School as affirmative for the topic 'that we should ban parents from drinking around their children'. QHS did not win this debate.

The students had some family and friend supporters travel to Sydney to see them debate at this high standard of State level. During a break between debates, students were able to explore the University of Sydney.

The final debate for QHS was against Denison Kelso on the topic 'that we should ban animal testing'. QHS were the negative side. Unfortunately, after a very close debate QHS lost the debate.

"We are extremely proud of our students who have represented us exceptionally well at State level. They have given their absolute best in every debate and were always positive in their attitude. They have welcomed all feedback from the adjudicators and have embraced it in their debates," said Head Teacher and Debating Coach, Mrs Stenner.

The entire experience saw the students conduct themselves and represent their school and

community with pride. We are super proud of all students for their sportsmanship during and concluding the competition and for all the joy and excitement they were able to gain from the entire experience.

Congratulations to you all, we are very proud of our New England Regional Champion Debaters. Thank you Mrs Owen for making the journey with the students, for giving up time away from your family – except Molly – for cheering our students on every step of the way and for enabling them the opportunity to have a taste of life at the University of Sydney.

NOTE: Due to a conflict of timing, our debating team members were in Sydney at the time of the QHS Awards Day. Each member was a recipient of an award in absentia.



Congratulations Clontarf



QHS Clontarf Academy end of year Awards Ceremony proved a very special night. Recognition was given to students for their commitment not only to their school attendance, achievements and dedication to Clontarf training and activities, but also to their ability to stick to the Clontarf set of behaviours, expectations and beliefs.

Respecting and supporting others, showing initiative, being a nice bloke, having a go at challenges – be it in the classroom, Academy room or in the community were all celebrated. Our fantastic Clontarf Academy students and staff, guest presenters, teachers, parents and carers all gathered for a great evening, which also included a pre-recorded video message

from the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, the presentation of the Academy's Awards and the presentation of Graduation Certificates to our Year 12 graduates of 2018. Congratulations to all involved in this terrific evening that fully embraced the true Clontarf spirit.





Farming for Kids scholarships

Two Quirindi High School students, were awarded fantastic scholarships last Thursday, due to the generosity of local volunteer group, 'Farming for Kids'.

The local charity is run by volunteer farmers in the Liverpool Plains to benefit the health and well-being of the children of our community.

The volunteer group raises funds by growing, harvesting and selling crops grown on land leased from the Liverpool Plains Shire Council, near the Quirindi airport. Even though there was no crop harvested by the group this year due to drought, to date the charity has donated over \$80,000 to the community in aid of local children.

The two life changing scholarships presented were the 'Dream Believe Achieve' to Luke Fechner and the 'Agriculture into the Future' to Sam Avaré are valued at \$5,000 each.

Representatives from the charity, Mrs Carter

and Mr Lewis presented the scholarships at the Quirindi High School Awards Day 2018.

The scholarships have been established to help students achieve their educational and future career goals and offer students a unique way to move forward with their goals. The scholarships are about encouraging students from Quirindi High School to take their next step on their own career path and can be spent on funding equipment, training or an experience (be it travel to a conference a forum a university or other) purchase some equipment and more. Thankyou local Quirindi volunteer charity, 'Farming for Kids' for the life-changing opportunity you have given Quirindi High School students.

In this instance, the Scholarship Partnership will see both students receive \$1,000 annually for five years a total of \$10,000 for the two scholarships.

Supporting those who support us

At Quirindi High School, we are dedicated to excellence in education and the realisation of each child's potential through a balanced curriculum and school environment encompassing academic, cultural, physical and practical areas of learning.

Building on our philosophy of excellence in education, the presentations we made on awards day last week, emphasise not only student's achievements, but also, how important it is students apply themselves to achieve their best.

As well as acknowledgement and a certificate, some students were awarded a Shop Locally gift voucher as part of the prize-giving.

This year our voucher system was sponsored by our MAJOR SPONSORS the Quirindi RSL Club and embraced our ethos of supporting our local business community.

Award vouchers incorporated the 'Shop Local, help keep local jobs' mantra -meaning vouchers are available for redemption through businesses registered with the Liverpool Plains Business Chamber.

Our Annual Awards Day not only acknowledges

students who have achieved the best amongst their peers in a chosen endeavour, study or sport, it also offered us the opportunity to reward those students who have shown an outstanding improvement in their personal performance.





COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHEER



What a huge year 2018 has been for the wonderful P&C team. The P&C have once again catered for many events throughout the year some of these including:

- Swimming Carnival
- Athletics Carnival
- Annie the Musical
- Blacktown Visit
- School Reunion
- Christmas Lights & Twilight Market

From these catering events we have managed to install the bubbler system in the school. This is a great asset to the school as it is providing our students with cold filtered water. The installation of the lights for the external part of the school has also commenced - with the remainder to be completed in 2019.

All 2018 Year 7 students were issued a school cap, this is part of the P&C working with the school to keep all students in uniform.

Our biggest night was the Christmas Lights and Twilight Market Evening which saw an estimate of around 2000 people. Without the support of this great school and wider community things like this just would not happen. Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the night.

We would like to thank all our

sponsors for the support they offered to make the markets a great success.

Thanks goes to: Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Quirindi Dental Care, Yellow Brick Road Quirindi, Australian and New Zealand Lights, Quirindi Electrical and Air-conditioning, Stockdale Driving, Henry's Guest House, Graze Willow Tree, RSL Quirindi, Brackenberry Green and Owen, Agracom, Manuka Chaff, Willow Tree Sand and Gravel, Country Mile Signs and Maybury Harvesting.

With over 75 market stalls booked, including local community groups and feeder schools the night was one that was full of fun for everyone - entertainment for the kids and some time to get some christmas shopping done by the adults. Santa made a special appearance delivered by the local police.

Fundraising totalled over \$10,000. What a great way to end the year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the P&C in any way this year. If you have purchased from one of our catering events, if you have cooked a cake, sold a ticket or helped out in any way then we the P&C Thank You.

Mrs Kim Lawlor - P&C President





CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



The 2018 Awards Day proved a strong celebration and acknowledgement of the achievements of our tremendous students, staff and school community.

Quirindi High School welcomed parents/carers, presenters, Year Advisors, teachers and sponsors to the event, which again provided an opportunity for the entire school to unite in celebration.

The day also showcased the talents of the QHS School Band and organisers are exceptionally grateful to all who went above and beyond to assist on the day.

Congratulations to all our students, each and every one of you are important and vital to our vibrant school community.

Farewell to our retiring staff, Jennifer Stubbs, Lynette Stock and Kerry Sweep, you will be missed and we wish you all the best with your next venture.

Congratulations to Mrs Saunders who was presented with a surprise Certificate of Recognition from the NSW Department of Education for Service to Sport in NSW Public Schools.







SCHOOL BUS FOR TENDER

SCHOOL BUS FOR SALE - Open Tender

MAKE : Nissan Civilian

MODEL: 1999

REGO: VPN588 - expires 2019

23 SEATER

Kilometres - 180,600

All tenders are to be placed in a sealed envelope marked-Attention Ian Worley - Bus and handed to the school front office by Thursday 20.12.2018 by 3pm.

For further information about the bus or to book an inspection, please contact Peter Hird, QHS Farm Manager on 0429 032 127

ART on SHOW

After the QHS Awards Day assembly last week, attendees had the opportunity to visit the QHS Art Room to view some of the fantastic student works on display. Teacher, Miss Braithwaite was delighted to meet with parents/carers and discuss the art showcase. Thank you Miss Braithwaite for your dedication in supporting the creative progress of our students.



What's on...

Thursday 13 December 2018

HSC Results available

Friday 14 December 2018

Friday Night Rugby Sevens

Year 7 Rewards Day - Tamworth

Year 8 Rewards Excursion

Monday 17 December 2018

WELL BEING WEEK

Wednesday 19 December 2018

Last Day of Term 4 2018

2019

Monday 28 January 2019

Australia Day Holiday

Tuesday 29 January 2019

QHS Staff return for Term 1 2019

Wednesday 30 January 2019

QHS Students Years 7, 11 and 12 RETURN

Thursday 31 January 2019

QHS WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS

Congratulations Nick - Best in NSW

QHS STUDENT TOPS NSW

Hot off the press is the wonderful news that QHS 2018 Vice Captain Nicholas Hamblin has come first in the State in the HSC Exam for Metal and Engineering.

QHS Principal, Mr Worley, commended Nicholas on this achievement.

"This outcome is a testament to the outstanding work of an outstanding student and the dedication of the teachers and staff at QHS," said Mr Worley.

Whilst undertaking his VET Metal Engineering Nick also studied Maths, English, Primary Industries and worked full-time during most of the school holidays – undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) with the Soil Conservation Service - part of the Quirindi branch of the Local Land Services undertaking - to gain a Certificate II in Civil and Construction Plant, that he has almost completed.

"Since finishing the HSC I am working full-time to ensure I meet my required 144 days for the Certificate. I decided to undertake the course to get experience in something different and I've had a good taste of the expectations of working in the real world."

"I wish all the students at QHS the best and thank the teachers for all the help given to me when needed," concluded Nick who is aiming for a career in metal and engineering through TAFE and then an apprenticeship.

Congratulations Nick on achieving so much and

for being an inspirational leader in our school, we wish you every success.

"Nick did all the hard work, I just taught him," said a humble Mr Miggins, Nicholas's teacher, (pictured here with Nicholas) who, after an extensive international career took up teaching to share his expertise.

Mr Miggins, who is delighted for Nicholas on his achievement said he is just so proud of Nicholas.

Parents Fiona and Robert are thrilled with the news.

"Nicholas has worked very hard and well done to him for following his passion in an area that he aims to pursue a career in" said Fiona.

CONGRATULATIONS NICHOLAS!



Term 1 2019

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| Wk 1 | B = Jan 30 - Feb 1 |
| Wk 2 | A = Feb 4 - Feb 8 |
| Wk 3 | B = Feb 11 - Feb 15 |
| Wk 4 | A = Feb 18 - Feb 22 |
| Wk 5 | B = Feb 25 - March 1 |
| Wk 6 | A = March 4 - March 8 |
| Wk 7 | B = March 11 - March 15 |
| Wk 8 | A = March 18 - March 22 |
| Wk 9 | B = March 25 - March 29 |
| Wk 10 | A = April 1 - April 5 |
| Wk 11 | B = April 8 - April 12 |