

# Newsletter

## QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21 2019



Term 4 - Week 6

## Community Christmas

The P&C is again putting the 'unity' in community when they host their annual Christmas Markets.

In its third year, the QHS P&C Christmas Markets and Lights event will kick off in the high school grounds from 5.00pm until late on November 29th.

Over 100 stall holders have been booked and P&C President, Mrs Lawlor, is delighted to share the festive spirit.

"We are looking forward to celebrating all that is joyous about our wonderful school and region when family and friends gather on the cool green lawns for a night of shopping, festivities and Christmas wonder - it's a chance to escape the overwhelming drought, relax with loved ones" concluded Mrs Lawlor.

Last years' event drew a massive crowd of over 2000 people,

unifying our local High School and wider community and saw many families enjoy an evening of entertainment, dinner and Christmas shopping.

All funds raised from the event will go directly back to the school through the P&C.

"Santa will be arriving to distribute lollies to the masses of gathered children and there will be free activities for children including a jumping castle, monkey maze and kids face-painting," said Mrs Lawlor.

As well as the official lighting of the Christmas tree, local primary schools are joining in with their own market stalls and the event will include performances by talented local musicians.

Quirindi Rotary are set to host their ever popular Chocolate Wheel. And as well as coordinating the event, the hardworking High School P&C

will run a BBQ, with the school Student Representative Council selling show bags and a gift wrapping station.

"Thanks to the entire community, to our stall holders and to our event sponsors for providing so much and many free children's activities."

### SPONSORS INCLUDE

Flynn's Beach Resort, Quirindi Dental Care, Silos Gourmet Grocers, Brackenbury, Green and Owen, Sanderson's Truck and Tractor repairs, Quirindi Tyre Service, Brian Smith Plumbing, Quirindi Air-conditioning and Electrical, Agracom Quirindi, Henrys Guest House, Stockdale Driving School, Graze Willow Tree, Beautiful Image Tamworth, Little Hopper, Maybury Harvesting, Country Mile Signs, Tamarang Service Centre, Tamarang Engineering.



WE REMEMBER



YEAR 12 FORMAL



STAR EXCURSION



STATE FINALS FOR JUNIOR DEBATERS



NATIONAL AG DAY



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## STATE Finalists

Quirindi High School year 7&8 Debate team are heading to the State Finals for the second year in a row.

The talented team placed in the top ten of the Premier's Debating Challenge to be held in Sydney in week 8, 4-6 December.

This amazing accomplishment saw the team debate their way through the zone and regional competitions to win the Regional Finals on Tuesday.

There were 410 teams who entered this competition and only 10 teams remain to head to Sydney.

The debate on Tuesday was between Quirindi (Affirmative) and Peel High School (Negative) on... 'that we should pay more to teachers when their students test results improve'.

It was an extremely close debate and the adjudicator, Mr Rob Lewis, was full of praise for the young debaters and said that the Quirindi

team had the more consistent argument on the day.

The coach of the Quirindi team, Mrs Stenner, said that she was very excited to have teams in the State Finals for two years in a row.

"The students work hard and have continued to develop their skills throughout the competition. Only one member of the team this year was a member of last year's State Finalist team so this shows the depth of debating at QHS."

## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT – PARENTS PRESENTATION



The Resilience Project (TRP) will run the Liverpool Plains pilot program in 2020 for elected school including Years 7 to 10 at Quirindi High School.

Through presentations, school curriculum, teacher diaries and student journals, the TRP seeks to assist all Australians become mentally healthy.

TRP has delivered programs to over 650 government, independent and private schools nationally and is regarded as one of the most engaging positive mental health programs in the country.

The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs to schools, providing practical, evidence-based, positive mental health strategies to build resilience and happiness.

Their approach is to work with the whole school community including teachers, students and parents helping them understand the importance of practicing and implementing key strategies to build resilience and drive sustainable change.

Please see below a recording of the 'Parent Presentation' from TRP that went live on November 12th 2019.

This presentation will engage parents in the project and offer them an overview of the aims of the project.

In early 2020, participating LP schools will all receive their own student and teacher journals to implement TRP into the curriculum.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3suLbdyc-g&feature=youtu.be>





## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2019

QHS students represented the school, region and wider community with pride at the recent Remembrance Day service in Quirindi.

At the official ceremony, our 2020 School Captains were honoured to perform duties – in their first official community event - Liam Faulkner read the Prologue, Mia Constable read the Prayer of Thanksgiving, Jock Barnett read the Prayer for the Queen and Taylah Douglas read the Prayer for the Nation.

Also in attendance was, Molly Owen who sang the National Anthem and QHS students Finne Saunders, Jack Curtin, Zac Kelly, Corey Gooley and Jaykub Thompson who are CADETS.

As part of the Memorial Day, QHS also hosted a 1 minute silence at 11.00am to remember those who have given their lives in the of duty for the armed services.



This week, Year 12 HSC Legal Studies students visited the Quirindi Police station as part of their studies.

Sgt Damien Brown was on hand and gave the students an informative behind the scenes guided tour.

As per the Legal Studies syllabus, Sgt Brown guided students through the legal processes to be followed when a person is charged and the procedures put in place during the charge process.

Sgt Brown was a wealth of knowledge – stemming from his professionalism and 32 years of policing - and was able to field any questions the students had. He covered the

guidelines for officers that are laid out in the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibility) Act*, and numerous real world stories of what it is like to be a police officer, both in metropolitan and regional areas.

Snr Constable Sharp was also on hand to explain the various activities a general duties Police Officer undertakes.

Legal Studies teacher, Mr Owen, would like to thank the officers of the Quirindi Police station for volunteering their time to help the learning of the QHS HSC Legal Studies class.

Pic. - Sgt Brown, showing the police vehicle to the Legal Studies class.

QHS Gamilaraay 'Word of the Week' for this week is 'Gaba nginda' – 'Good you' or 'Thank you'.

Students Ben and Jesse – who performed brilliantly at the recent CAPERS 'Carnivale' spectacular, took a moment today to thank all those who supported our school community at CAPERS.

On behalf of QHS Jesse also extended thanks to Gunnedah Public School, who are just one of many schools following our Gamilaraay Word of the Week journey.

If your school is also following our Facebook posts, please message us and let us know.

'Gaba nginda' Ben and Jesse for sharing our Word of the Week.







## THANK YOU MR HIRD

Today is National Agriculture Day and in the spirit of the day, QHS Ag Farm Manager, Mr Hird says he has always had a passion for the industry.

Mr Hird, started working at the farm on a 6 week placement some 26 years ago.

"Mr Colin McGilchrist invited me for 6 weeks as a casual and I was here for 2 years as casual then permanent as Farm Assistant and nearly a decade ago I became the 'Farm Manager', said Mr Hird.

Nowadays the QHS Ag Farm cattle stud is named after our famed Farm Manager – 'The Hird Limousin Stud'. "It's a very rewarding job and the standard of opportunity it offers the students is fantastic. QHS has a long standing tradition of excellence

in cattle leading, parading, fattening, showing, genetics and breeding of their stud cattle and we continue to do well in competition."

While the extensive drought has seen the cost of grain and hay purchases increase dramatically, Mr Hird said the support of local suppliers has been fantastic, through both donations and a stable rate in their sale price of fodder.

"We are in preparation for Wingham Beef Week 2020 and are feeding 6 steers, 8 cows and calves, 2 bulls from the cattle stud, plus the Ag farm has three 3 and 1 boar and 1 dozen laying hens. The students get so much access to the best in agricultural learning, it's a credit to the school," concluded Mr Hird.

Thank you Mr Hird!



## Wish upon a Star

An initiative of the Department of Sport and Recreation, 'Wish upon a Star' will see six QHS Year 7 students head to Sydney on Friday as part of a Department of Education Drought Relief project.

The six students (front) Joey Reedy, Steve Forsyth and Eric Peatling (back) Katie Martin, Grace Hutchins and Heidi Lamb are taking part in the initiative that is offering 150 rural and remote students a weekend away to participate in fun activities at Sport and Recreation Centres - as well as attending the Saturday matinee performance of the Schools Spectacular 2019 'STARS'.

On arrival at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre - students will take a ferry from the wharf to the Centre to participate in fun games and activities, including water sports.

On Saturday, students will be transported to Sydney Olympic Park for the Schools Spectacular and spend time at SpecFest, which is the festival surrounding the venue at Qudos Bank Arena.

On Sunday, students will enjoy breakfast before they leave for their return journey.

What a fantastic opportunity for our students.



**COUNTRY  
WOMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION  
OF AUSTRALIA**

## EDUCATIONAL GRANTS NOW OPEN

Quirindi CWA is pleased to advise and receive applications for the following educational grants.

### A CAREER IN MEDICINE

Medical grants for students pursuing a career in medicine or allied health course. Students with a desire of returning to rural and remote areas to provide such services are desirable.

### DISABILITY

Disability grants are available to students in support classes to assist with school fees and electives.

Maunder Family Grants are available to students entering Year 7.

## MUSIC OR CULTURE

Vera Cameron Grants are available to students studying music or culture.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL

Annette McCrae Grants are available to students of Primary school age on a needs basis.

The last 3 Grants have been created to honour long serving members of the past - their examples of service will live forever.

Please contact Colleen Wills via email - bundella273@bigpond.com Applications need to be in by December 10, 2019.

Funds to be distributed to the best of our ability in accordance with funds available.

## 2020 GOLD COAST EXCURSION FUNDRAISER

QHS Year 9 2019 students are hosting a Christmas Raffle to raise money to assist with the cost of their 2020 Gold Coast excursion.

Tickets are available for purchase by contacting Mrs Stewart, Miss Reichel or relevant Year 9 students.

Prizes include:

1st Drawn – Christmas Hamper  
2nd Drawn – Hair care gift pack kindly donated by Country

Classics

3rd Drawn – Cheese board hamper - Hand made by QHS  
4th Drawn – Dinner for 2 (\$50 meal voucher) at Royal Hotel Spring Ridge - kindly donated by the Royal Hotel Spring Ridge.

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Tuesday 17th of December. Winners will be contacted and announced on the QHS Facebook page.





## We are *Australian* Farmers

Now in its third year, National Agriculture Day – today - is supported by the National Farmers' Federation and Fairfax Agricultural Media.

Whether city or bush-based, Australians are all motivated to create a better future for our families and our environment. We all live in the same modern world and share the same progressive values.

It's these values that drive our farmers to produce high quality food and fibre every-day for all Australians and the world.

Today's agribusinesses incorporate all types of exciting career pathways and increasingly attract newcomers and innovators.

Engineering, science, IT, commerce and management are all cornerstone skill sets for successful businesses in the growing agriculture sector.

As an example, Australia is among the world's leaders in robotics in the agribusiness sector.

The new model of agriculture will require a workforce with skills sets that extend well beyond traditional agricultural skills. Australia will require a pipeline of graduates with capabilities in architecting, designing and analysing data relevant to the agricultural industry.

As well as traditional agricultural methods, there will be growth in specialist agricultural IT technology and businesses that service these agricultural technologies and QHS is proud to support the development of our future agricultural leaders.

Thank you to Teacher, Miss Sozou and Year 9/10 Primary Industries students for your dedication to the future of the Australian agricultural Industry.



*celebrating*  
**NATIONAL AG DAY**

## CLONTARF CELEBRATE AG DAY

Yesterday was National Agriculture Day, and in support of the industry opportunities, QHS Clontarf Academy recently made their way to Tamworth for a worksite visit to the Tamworth Agricultural Institute. Tamworth Agricultural Institute, is the Department of Agriculture's principal research institute for the cropping zone of northern inland NSW and a Centre of Excellence for Northern Farming Systems. Students learnt how the site is dedicated to helping ensure agricultural industries and rural communities remain economically

viable and sustainable.

"The boys had the opportunity to have a tour of the site and were spoken to about the different varieties of wheat that come from all around the world and where they were displayed in quarantine areas. These boys were fortunate to be shown the crops up front and personal and to get the ins and outs of what it's like to be a researcher and a member of the technical support staff," said Aaron Sampson, Operations Officer, Quirindi Clontarf Academy.





year 12 formal 2019









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## Term 4 2019

Wk 6 B Nov 18 - Nov 22

Wk 7 A Nov 25 - Nov 29

Wk 8 B Dec 2 - Dec 6

Wk 9 A Dec 9 - Dec 13

Wk 10 B Dec 16 - Dec 20

## QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL 2019 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

### MON, TUES, WED & FRIDAY

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

### THURSDAY-SPORT

Roll Call	9.00 - 9.10	10 min
Period 1	9.10 - 10.25	75 min
Recess 1	10.25 - 10.40	15 min
Period 2	10.40 - 11.55	75 min
Recess 2	11.55 - 12.10	15 min
Period 3	12.10 - 1.25	75 min
Lunch	1.25 - 1.55	30 min
Sport	1.55 - 3.20	85 min

## What's on...

### Monday 25 November

Year 10 Work Experience (all week)

### Tuesday 26 November

Biology Exam HSC Prep  
The Big Band Bash

### Thursday 28 November

Yr 6 Indigenous Transition Day

### Friday 29 November

QHS P&C Markets

### Saturday 30 November

NSW Aboriginal Land Council Election

### Sunday 1 December

Year 12 Major Camp - Clontarf

### Tuesday 3 December

Year 6 Orientation Day

### Thursday 5 December

2019 AWARDS DAY

### Wednesday 11 December

Year 8&9 Rewards excursion - Coffs Harbour

### Wednesday 18 December

Last Day of Term 4