Parent Information Evening
Thank you to the staff and parents who made our parent information evening a successful event last night. Many parents and carers took up the opportunity to hear their child’s class teacher talk about organisational details of their class.

Sharks NRL visit
On Friday 22 February 2013 we are fortunate to have a visit from some players from the Cronulla Sharks Rugby League Team. The whole school will have an assembly at 9.20am where they will be given a talk about “Tackling Bullying.” At the conclusion of discussion the players will then be answering questions. Parents and carers are welcome to attend this assembly. Please note that we will still be having our 1.00pm assembly on that day.

SRC Investiture
Our leadership investiture will be held on Monday 25 February 2013. Mr Tony Windsor will be our special guest. This assembly is open to all parents and carers to attend but an invitation will be sent home to all parents of children that will be receiving their SRC badges at this assembly. A morning tea will be held after the assembly for the SRC members and their parents.

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Banner Recipient
Congratulations Hollie Quayle

New Students
We would like to welcome Kane, Damon, Cody and Tyson to our school. We hope you enjoy your time here with us at Quirindi Public School.
Kindergarten 2013

KS - Mrs Sarah Stutchbury
Back row: Ruby Uptin, Kaden Thistle, Harrison Parker, Jacob Fraser, Bailey Allbon, Lucie McPhee, Taylah Bowley
Second row: Grace Cooper, Olivia Cowan, Charlotte Sweeney, Sienna Johnston, Nikita Wade, Bronté Matthews
Front row: Awhinatia Putere, Noah Allan, Jayden Bendeich, Brodie Garbutt, Ryan Rudd

KT - Mr Timothy Tarrant
Back row: Katherine Huang, Howard Lewis, Lucas Percy, Samuel Payne, Braydon Nean, Nicholas Pryor, Rylee Artuso
Second row: Caelan Gray, Evie Gimbert, Hayley Munro, Storm Allan, Thalia Harmston-Howard, Ronan Shaw
Front row: Flynn Maskell, Jamie Grant, Billy Nixon, Zach Porter, Lachlan O’Brien, Nash Perkins

ASCA News
Congratulations to Alexander Roseby, Isabella Pursehouse, Bailey McNamara, Jordie Thompson, Ruby Richardson, Madison Kelly and Josephine Saunders.

These talented young speakers have been cordially invited to attend the ASCA Awards Ceremony at The Kings School, Parramatta on 23rd March to receive medals recognising their outstanding achievements in public speaking last year.
Swimming Carnival

On Friday 8 February 2013 we held our 8 years and over swimming carnival. The swimming champions for 2013 are:

Keenan Davis 
Junior Boy Champion
Archie Cudmore 
Junior Boy Runner Up
Sarah Bradfield & Amity Smith 
Junior Girl Champion
Bridie McInnes 
Junior Girl Runner Up
Liam Faulkner 
11 Year Boy Champion
Nathan Clark 
11 Year Boy Runner Up
Laura Sadler 
11 Year Girl Champion
Matilda Eade 
11 Year Girl Runner Up
Jack Cudmore 
Senior Boy Champion
Lachlan Bradfield 
Senior Boy Runner Up
Clancy McInnes 
Senior Girl Champion
Laura Frear 
Senior Girl Runner Up

50m Junior Girls Relay 
Cunningham
50m Junior Boys Relay 
Cunningham
50m Senior Girls Relay 
Liverpool
50m Senior Boys Relay 
Taylor

This year we had a draw for the Champion House who are Cunningham and Taylor. Well done to Cunningham who gained a large number of their points through individual entries on the day.

Thirty seven children will be attending the Quirinidi Zone Swimming Carnival at Werris Creek pool on Friday the 15 February 2013.

Congratulations to Liam Faulkner who broke four records this year. These were - the 11 Year Boy 50m Freestyle breaking Thomas Eather’s 2006 time to a new record of 34.24; the 11 Year Boys Backstroke breaking Ben Gailbraith’s 1999 time to a new record of 43.40; the Senior Boys Individual Medley breaking Matthew Payne’s 2010 time to a new record of 3.27.91; and the Open Boys 100m freestyle breaking A Casseldon’s 1983 time to a new record of 1.17.07. Fantastic effort Liam!

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who once again made our carnival such a success. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends supporting and helping at our carnival. The participation from the children in the 50m, 25m and novelties was outstanding.
Crossing roads
A reminder about the need for everyone to be vigilant when crossing the roads near our school. There are two designated crossing points for children. We ask that parents ensure that you come across the road and collect your children and not expect them to cross to you. Please do not cross at the intersection or through the bus stopping areas.

Support for children
Our Learning and Support team is continuing to evaluate the learning needs of all children and providing intervention and support where it has been identified. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have concerns with your child’s progress.

School hats
It is an essential part of our health and safety program that all children should wear a school hat when playing. If you are having difficulty arranging a hat for your child please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week’s lesson is on Respect which allows people to communicate and live in harmony. It shows that we value others.

Examples of respect are apologising, offering to help others, using appropriate language such as please and thank you and keeping your hands and feet to yourself.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C meeting for 2013 will be held next Thursday 21 February 2013 at 6.30pm. This meeting will be held in Collarene.

We welcome all existing and new families to our meetings. The P&C assist each year with fundraising to purchase much needed resources and equipment for the school. The school canteen is also run by the P&C and relies on volunteers to assist each day.

Quirindi Zone Tennis trials
The tennis trials for the Quirindi Zone Tennis team will be held on Monday 25 February 2013. Students that have been invited to attend the trials have been handed out notes this week. All signed notes are to be returned to Mrs Alcorn.

Knockout Sports
This year Quirindi Public School has entered in the following knockout sports:

- Boys Cricket
- Boys Basketball
- Boys Rugby Union
- Girls Netball
- Girls Basketball
- Girls Soccer

Students interested in participating in these team sports from years 6 and 5 will be asked to try out for these sporting positions during the year.

PSSA Knockout Cricket
Our first game of the Brian Taber Shield primary schools knockout competition will be against Timbumburi Public School on 26 February 2013 at No. 2 Oval Quirindi.

The team is currently being selected and a training session for the squad will be held at the school grounds on Tuesday 19 February 2013 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Quirindi Grasshoppers Rugby League
The Quirindi Grasshoppers will have a sign-on evening at the Imperial Hotel in Quirindi from 6pm on Wednesday 20 February 2013. Players from the NRL Cronulla Sharks will be present at the sign on if you would like any memorabilia autographed.

Please note that the players will not be signing anything during the visit to school.

Colouring in competition
The Wallabadah Art Group is organising a colouring in competition in conjunction with their Art n’ all that Jazz Festival from Friday 1 March 2013 to Sunday 3 March 2013.

If your child is interested in participating they can collect an entry form from the school office. The competition closes on the 24 February 2013. All entries are to be handed in at the Willow Tree Information Centre, Quirindi Library or the Werris Creek Library.