Royal Far West Country Health Services
The school is currently working closely with the Royal Far West Country Health Services to enhance the wellbeing of our students through access to specialist health services. Through the school being a part of their Partnership Program we have engaged in a service level agreement that will provide our school with future access to a suite of programs to meet the health and education needs of our students. The benefits include:

- pathway of care for children with secondary and complex developmental and behavioural needs;
- school and teacher support/capacity building programs;
- parent and carer capacity building programs;
- excursion and holiday accommodation;
- support health service provision for local students.

We are also working with the Royal Far West and the University of Sydney in their ‘Come and See’, program where students are provided with successful speech therapy programs via the use of technology.

Reading chairs for Information Centre
At the end of last year we ordered eight colourful snug chairs and a returning book trolley for the Information Centre. These items were purchased from money the school received from a donation received from Pursehouse Rural and Agracom.

Upcoming events

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Thank you to the local businesses for supporting our school.
Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week’s lesson is on Cooperation. Cooperation is working together.
Examples of cooperation are:
- listening quietly when someone is talking
- waiting your turn in a game
- walking in hallways and inside classrooms

Please talk to your children about ways cooperation can be displayed at home.

Blandford Horse Sports new date
Due to the wet weather Blandford Horse Sports Day has been rescheduled to Monday 25 March. All other details stay the same.

We have been advised by the organisers that any cancellations up to 13 March entry money will be refunded. After this date there will be no refunds.

Regional Swimming
On Tuesday 5 March, twenty swimmers from our school represented the Quirindi Zone at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Armidale. All of our swimmers competed well, many setting personal best times.

We have nine children who will be competing at the NSW PSSA State Swimming Carnival on 2/3 April 2013 at Homebush in Sydney. Results on the day were:
- Keenan Davis - 1st 8 year boys 50m freestyle
- Liam Faulkner - 2nd open boys 100m freestyle, 2nd 11 year boys 50m freestyle and 2nd 11 year boys 50m backstroke

The junior girls relay team of Isabella Davis, Bridie McInnes, Amity Smith and Sarah Bradfield came third with decreasing their entry time by 17 seconds. The senior boys relay of Jock Thompson, Jack Cudmore, Lachlan Bradfield and Liam Faulkner came third also decreasing their entry time by 13 seconds.

A great effort by everyone. Thank you to supportive families and friends for their encouragement and enthusiasm.

PSSA Cricket
Our next cricket game in the Brian Taber Shield will be against Tamworth Public School next Monday 11 March at their school grounds. Notes will be sent home to all participating students.

Clash of dates - Rugby Union/Science & Engineering Challenge
We have received an invitation to the Rugby 7’s Development Gala Day which is clashing with the Science and Engineering Challenge on 18 March 2013.

Permission notes for the gala day are being sent home today to students in years 3 to 6.

If you have nominated your child for the Science and Engineering Challenge and would prefer they participated in the gala day please contact the office to discuss a refund. Mrs Alcorn and Miss Warmoll will let participants accepted for the Science & Engineering Challenge know of their place.

Tamworth Annual Eisteddfod
Information has been received regarding the syllabus for the 66th Annual Eisteddfod in Tamworth that is being held from 18 May - 10 June 2013.

If you would like your child to participate in the eisteddfod please contact the office for the information. Please note that the school is not entering in the competition so any participation will need to be organised by parents.

Quirindi Junior Basketball Registration Day
When: Saturday 9th March
Where: Quirindi High School Hall
Time: 9.00am to 11.00am
Cost: $70.00 High School Student
$55.00 Primary Students
(No additional court fees charged)

4 Divisions:
Years 1 & 2
Years 3, 4 & 5
Years 6 & 7
Years 8, 9 & 10

Competition is played on Friday nights and run during Terms 2 & 3.
Enquiries: Terry Beresford 0412 787 680
www.quirindi basketball.com.au

Don’t miss out at being part of this great sport.
“We never get washed out.”

Cross country training with Ab’s Ranken
Tuesdays - 3.45pm at the Quirindi golf course
Wednesdays - 3.00pm at Spring Ridge school
Thursdays - 3.45pm at the Quirindi No 1 oval

All sessions will be for 1 hour. Please bring plenty of water.

Any queries ring Abs on 0427473816
Merit Awards

K-6S  Quincey Scanlon
KS    Ryan Rudd
KT    Thalia Harmston-Howard
1C    Nicholas Boorer
1M    Kyle Miller
2C    Mitchell Perry
3S    Caitlyn Etheridge
3/4I  Isabella Davis
4S    Chelsie Shaw
5A    Ashley Hessian
5W    Nicholas Boorer
6D    Nicholas Boorer
6M    Nicholas Boorer

Student of the Week

K-6S  Maxwell Flett
KS    Grace Cooper
KT    Lucas Percy
1C    Ellie Greenland
1M    Allie Palmer
2C    Jedd Moore
2T    Mia Jones
3S    Emma Percy
3/4I  Zach Hamblin
4S    Mark Batterham
5A    Ben Golland
5W    Samuel Straney
6D    Emily Cooling
6M    Jade Norvill

Principal Award

Congratulations to Benjamin Golland and Molly Owen for receiving the Principal's Award this week.

Help is on its way - School A to Z

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free School A to Z app is an essential tool for every parent of school-aged children

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

School A-Z is a wonderful website full of great ideas and information for parents. It offers real advice on how you can best support your children at school. The free apps have proven a great hit with parents, students and teachers!

Please contact Mrs Lewis if you would like any further information.

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Annual General Meeting - Tony Caine Room, Quirindi RSL Club - 7.30pm Thursday 7 March 2013

All interested parents are invited to attend. For further information contact:
Richard Stinson (President) - 6747 1791 - Michelle Gallagher (Secretary) - 6746 3505
K-2 Swimming Fun Day

Last Thursday our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students went to the local pool for a K-2 swimming fun day. We had a fantastic day with great behaviour displayed by all the students. It was great to see so many spectators coming out to support our students.

A big thank you to all our volunteers, without you we would not be able to hold such a wonderful day.

From students in 1M

Last Thursday, it was the K-2 Swimming Fun Day. We travelled by bus to the pool and we stayed there all day. We played fun games in the pool, we splashed in the water and had lots of fun. I tried to swim and it was fantastic at the pool. (1M)

On Thursday, we had the Swimming Fun Day. We travelled in a bus to get to the pool. There were lots of races like freestyle, backstroke and a kickboard race. I got 2 firsts, 1 second and 1 third ribbon.

There were lots of parents who helped some children across the pool and parents who also gave out ribbons. One of the helpers was my Mum. It was fun! Written by Henry Pursehouse (1M)