Upcoming events

21 February 2013
P&C Meeting 6.30pm - Collarene

22 February 2013
NRL Sharks visit & healthy lifestyle assembly 9.20am

25 February 2013
SRC Induction Assembly 9.20am
Zone Tennis trials – Werris Creek

28 February 2013
K-2 swimming fun day

4 March 2013
Blandford Horse Sports

5 March 2013
Regional Swimming Carnival - Armidale

SRC Investiture
At the Monday morning assembly next week we will be holding our official investiture of our school leaders for 2013. Mr Tony Windsor has kindly offered to come and speak to the children about leadership and to present them with their badges. Our new school leaders and their parents are then invited to join us for a celebratory morning tea.

PBL Launch - Claim the date
We are having a special event on Thursday 4 April 2013 when we will be having the launch of our PBL program. This will be a wonderful event and we would like you to put the date in your calendars so that you may be part of the celebrations.

School Bus Code of Conduct
In the newsletter I have placed in an extract from Transport NSW in regard to the code of conduct for students using school buses. Bus drivers have a lot of responsibility so that it is important that students abide by this code of conduct to ensure that everyone remains safe. Should any child break this code of conduct they may be excluded from the bus.

Road Safety Nowland Avenue
Also in regard to safety we are very concerned in relation to the traffic at Nowland Avenue during the early morning and afternoon. It is quite a narrow street and it is difficult to see cars and pedestrians in both directions. A number of drivers are also failing to give way to children and parents at the crossing. Could you please be extra vigilant in that area.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week’s lesson is on Encouragement. Encouragement means to give support to someone or to inspire them to keep trying.
Ways in which we can encourage each other is by saying well done or by telling a friend you think they are great at an activity.
Merit Awards

K-6S  Zane Nean
KS    Harrison Parker
KT    Caelan Gray
1C    Caleb Gallagher
1M    Danny Newcombe
2C    
2T    Reuben Johnston
3S    Molly Elford
3/4I  Indiah Nean
4S    Jack Lewins
5A    Bella Robertson
5W    Michael Eeasy
6D    Simon Lye
6M    Bayley McCrae

Student of the Week

K-6S  Jack Lawson
KS    Olivia Cowan
KT    Evie Gimbert
1C    Terri-Lee Ball
1M    Penny Hill
2C    Olivia Leonard
2T    Charli Nixon
3S    Cooper Johnston
3/4I  Sophie Payne
4S    Shelby Porter
5A    Riley Kemble
5W    Georgia Quayle
6D    Hudson Shaw
6M    Izabelle Hunter-Miller

Principal Award
Congratulations to Gemma Cunningham and Sophie Dunbar

New Students
Congratulations to Gemma Cunningham
We would like to welcome Lucas and Mitchell to our school. We hope you enjoy your time here with us at Quirindi Public School.
Congratulations to Matilda Eade who was awarded the Runner-up 11 Year Girl Champion at our recent swimming carnival. Well done Matilda!

Active after School Communities
AASC commenced has started this week. This program is funded by the Federal Government and it aims at increasing the activity level of our students. The program is held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30pm to 4.30pm for seven weeks each term. Children share a fruit platter for their afternoon tea.

Students are engaged in activities such as tee ball, indoor hockey, mini skateboards, tennis or table tennis. Children participate in a rotating program each week which enables them to keep active while having lots of fun.

Sport Representation
It is fantastic to see so many children representing our school in a wide variety of activities. We had a large amount of success at the Quirindi Zone Swimming Carnival and our cricketers are getting ready to take on Timbumburri Public School in the PSSA cricket knockout. Fifteen children have also nominated to represent our school at the Blandford Horse Sports on 4 March 2013 and the Zone Tennis trials are on 25 February 2013.

Zone Swimming Report
Congratulations to the swimmers who attended the Quirindi Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday at Werris Creek. They were enthusiastic in their peer support and displayed good sportsmanship. There were many fine results, which culminated in 20 students qualifying for the Regional Carnival in Armidale on 5 March 2013.

Liam Faulkner broke three records – 11 Year 50m Freestyle, 11 Year 50m Backstroke and Open 100m freestyle and was named 11 Year Boy Champion.
Nathan Clark was 11 Year Boy Runner-up.
Sarah Bradfield was equal Junior Girl Runner-up.
Archie Cudmore was Junior Boy Runner-up.
Jack Cudmore was Senior Boy Runner-up.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who assisted on the day as officials and ‘support crew’, it was greatly appreciated by all.

The following children qualified to attend the Regional Swimming Carnival: Laura Smith, Emma Percy, Sarah Bradfield, Rowan O’Reilly, Archie Cudmore, Keenan Davis, Liam Faulkner, Nathan Clark, Jack Cudmore, Amy Smith, Samuel Brabrook, Clancy McInnes, Scott Batterham, Isabella Davis, Bridie McInnes, Lachlan Bradfield, Jock Thompson, Laura Frear and Ruby Richardson.

Well done to all of these students.

K-2 Swimming Fun Day
Kindergarten to Year 2 students are having their Swimming Fun Day on Thursday 28 February 2013 at the Quirindi pool. Students are to travel to school as normal and after roll call will be bussed to the pool. At the conclusion of the day children will be bussed back to school in time to catch the normal afternoon busses.

We ask that students wear their swimmers under their school sport uniform or if they prefer they can wear house colours. All students are to bring their morning tea, picnic lunch, drinks, sunscreen and swimming requirements in their back pack.

Please make sure you have returned your permission notes and money before next Thursday. The cost is $1.50 if you have a season ticket or a total of $4.50 if you don’t. Parents are most welcome to come along to help and support and on the day.
Canteen Roster - Times approx. 8.45am to 12 noon – 6746 3043

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Person</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Person</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Person</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>22 February</td>
<td>Renae Elford</td>
<td>25 February</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
<td>26 February</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 February</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
<td>28 February</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
<td>1 March</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 March</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
<td>5 March</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
<td>6 March</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers

As you can see we need more volunteers to keep our prices down.

Code of conduct for school students on buses

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes following the directions of bus drivers, remaining in your seats and not do anything which may cause a distraction to the driver.

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of school bus travel passes and/or prosecution. In the case of students travelling under the School Student Transport Scheme, this code of conduct is also printed on the application form. You are reminded that when signing the application form the parent/guardian/carer explicitly declares that they support the code and that it has been explained to their child.

If students misbehave on buses, the following consequences may result:

**Unacceptable behaviour** such as using offensive or racist language, disobeying reasonable directions from the driver, smoking, spitting, damaging property, eating on the bus, distracting the driver with persistent noise and failing to show the travel pass may lead to:

- Loss of subsidised school travel privileges for up to **two school weeks** for a second offence, and up to **10 school weeks** for subsequent offences.
- Permanent suspension of school travel privileges or banning from travelling on buses may apply for repeated offences.

**Dangerous behaviour** such as seriously bullying or harassing other passengers, fighting, letting any part of your body protrude from the bus, throwing objects inside or outside the bus, using matches and lighters, carrying dangerous items and group misbehaviour may lead to:

- Loss of subsidised school travel privileges for up to **four school weeks** for a first offence and up to **10 school weeks** for subsequent offences - or if group misbehaviour is involved, **permanent loss** of school travel privileges.
- Permanent suspension of school travel privileges or banning from travelling on buses may apply for repeated offences.