Harmony Day

On Thursday 21st March 2013 our school will be holding its Harmony Day Celebrations. This year we will be holding it separate from our Grandparents Day which will be held later in the year. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Through our celebrations we will be making children aware of the multicultural nature of our society.

An invitation for all members of our school community to join us in the celebrations is included with this newsletter. Please note this is not a mufti day and usual uniform for the day is to be worn.

Amending Claim the Date for PBL Launch

There has been a change of date for our PBL Launch. The new date is 23 May 2013. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Planning is well underway for our launch. This will be a great event and we look forward to the involvement of our whole school community.

K-2 play area

We are currently looking at ways in which we can improve the K-2 playground in regard to both safety and the provision of various play activities.

Part of these improvements will include a replacement of the shade sail over the play equipment, the construction of a sand pit and the painting of various games on the asphalt surface.

If you have thoughts about any other way we can improve our facilities please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Book Club

Book Club is due tomorrow Friday 15th March 2013. Don’t forget to get your orders in

Upcoming events

18 March 2013
Science & Engineering Challenge - Tamworth
Rugby Union Gala Day - Quirindi

20 March 2013
School Council Meeting 5.30pm

21 March 2013
Harmony Day
P&C AGM Meeting 7.00pm (new time)

22 March 2013
Willow Tree Horse Sports

25 March 2013
Blundells Horse Sports

25 March 2013
Young Leaders Conference – Sydney

29 March 2013 – 1 April 2013
Easter Holidays
Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week’s lesson is on Achievement.

Achievement is successfully finishing something that you have worked hard at.

Ways in which we can Achieve something is by -
- practising your counting and getting it right.
- practising your spelling words every night and getting them all right in your test.
- train hard for a sport event and do the best you can.

Please talk to your children about ways we can Achieve something at home.

Merit Selection Panel
As previously advised Mr Connely is retiring at the end of Term 2. Our School Education Director, Ms Raythe, has put a selection panel together to select a new principal through merit selection.

Voluntary Contributions
A letter for voluntary contributions went out to families last week. Thank you to those families who have already sent their money in. This money goes towards much needed extra resources for our students for 2013.

Permaculture Garden
Our Permaculture Garden is coming back to life with Ms Taylor, Mr Peach and some students really putting in a great effort to get it producing like it never has before.

Last week we had the addition of a scarecrow which the kids just love.

Claim the date
K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held Thursday 28 March 2013. A note will be sent home to all children involved.

P & C Fundraiser
Last week the P & C sent home a bulb fundraiser for our families. The money raised from these bulbs will contribute to the cost of a new shade sail over the K-2 play gym.

Order forms and money is due back to the school by Thursday 4 April 2013.

Microscope Work
Year 5 classes have been looking through microscopes as part of their science investigations. Teachers and students have enjoyed looking at various items under the microscope.

We would like to thank Quirindi High School for lending our school the equipment and Mr Mal Clarke for assisting the students.

Year 6 Easter Raffle
Year 6 are having their traditional Easter Raffle this year. We ask that all Year 6 parents please kindly donate eggs for the prizes.

A note will be sent home to all children involved.
**Merit Awards**

K-6S  Bailey Albon  
KS     Ronan Shaw  
KT     Rose Flett  
1C     Brianna Clark  
1M     Jedd Gralton  
2C     Daniel Cox  
2T     Chloé Bowley  
3S     Joseph Tengrouse  
3/4I   Samuel Brabook  
4S     Chloé Lawlor  
5A     Grace Cudmore

**Student of the Week**

K-6S  No Award Given  
KS     Taylah Bowley  
KT     Nash Perkins  
1C     Henry Pursehouse  
1M     Keenan Davis  
2C     Tahj Owen  
3S     Charlotte Cowan  
3/4I   Georgi a Robertson  
4S     Mart y Charters  
5A     P aige Ryan  
5W     Isabella West  
6D     Barney Hazelwood

**Principal Award**

Congratulations to Izabelle Hunter-Miller and Ruby Upton for receiving the Principal’s Award this week.

**Additional School Development Day**

The Department of Education and Communities has gazetted an additional School Development Day for the beginning of Term 2. This is to allow all teachers to complete professional learning for the new curriculum.

This will mean that school will resume for Term 2 for all students on Wednesday 1 May 2013.
PSSA Cricket Knockout
Quirindi Public School were narrowly defeated 92-96 runs by Tamworth Public School last Monday. This was the second round of the Brian Taber Shield PSSA Cricket Knockout competition.

Quirindi batted first and posted a very competitive 9-92 off their 25 overs. Lachlan Bradfield (27) and Jack Thompson got the team off to a good start. Valuable contributions came from Bailey McCrae 14, and Jack Cudmore 8. Jack’s first ever six was a match highlight.

In reply, Quirindi took regular wickets to have the home side at 9-80. The cricket gods weren't smiling on Quirindi as Tamworth pushed past the boy’s total of 92. Wicket takers included Lachlan Bradfield (3), Liam Faulkner (2), Samue Brabrook (2) and Jack Cudmore (1).

It was a brave effort from our boys and they certainly competed to the very last ball of the game. Thank you to Mick Bradfield and Andrew Thompson for their assistance in coaching the boys this year.

P&C Annual General Meeting
Please note that our P&C will be holding their AGM on 21 March 2013 at 7.00pm in Collarene.

It would be great to see many faces to keep up their good work.

AECG Annual General Meeting
Aboriginal Educational Consultancy Group

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Please come and you’re your support as this committee will no longer exist without it.

Canteen Roster - Times approx. 8.45am to 12 noon – 6746 3043

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Thank you to our wonderful volunteers.

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

Quirindi Junior Soccer Registration
All registrations for this year are to be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au, which also includes payments. There will be no face to face registrations.

Registrations with payments need to be completed online by Wednesday 27 March 2013. Graduation Day will be on Saturday 6 April 2013.

2013 Registration fees are:
- 5-7 years $65.00
- 8-11 years $75.00
- 12-18 years $85.00

Enquiries and difficulties regarding registration may be directed to Derek Honfield on 0429 674724.