Welcome Mrs Davis and Mr Palmer
We would like to welcome two new members of staff to our school. Mr Darren Palmer will be teaching Mrs Sipple's year 4 class for the rest of the year while she has been seconded to the position of Early Childhood Consultant at Regional Office.

Mrs Skye Davis will be the Relieving Assistant Principal on Stage 2 and will be teaching Miss Simon's year 3 class. We wish Miss Simon the best on her impending marriage and thank her for the wonderful work she has done at our school.

Before school supervision
There are an increasing number of children who are coming to school earlier than is allowed. Supervision does not commence at our school until 8:50am and classes don't start until 9:20am. There is no need for children to be at school from as early as 8:15am. Parents and carers need to make suitable arrangements outside of school that provides supervision of their children up to 8:50am. The only exception to these arrangements is early buses or an emergency. Please do not allow your child to come to school before supervision begins.

School Development Days (SDD) Term 2
A reminder that at the beginning of Term 2 there will be two staff development days on 29 and 30 April 2013. Children will not be returning to classes until Wednesday 1 May 2013. During the two SDD's staff will be working on the introduction of the new national syllabus and strategies to support the welfare of children.

P&C support
Thank you to the P&C for their support in helping fund the installation of a shade sail on our playground equipment. We would greatly appreciate the support of the whole school community towards their Spring Flowering Bulbs fundraiser where the monies raised will be used for this purpose.

Upcoming events

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Young Leaders Conference
Our school leaders will be attending the Halogen Foundation Young Leaders Conference next Monday. The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seek a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves and others well.

Amongst the guest speakers this year are Nathan Hindmarsh, Brett Lee and Jess Fox.

Mr Ian Stutchbury will be attending the conference with the students and parents.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week’s lesson is on respect.

Respect allows people to communicate and live in harmony. It shows we value others.

Ways in which we can show Respect is by offering to help others, using appropriate language, keeping hands and feet to yourself in your own physical space or asking adults to help when a conflict can’t be resolved.

Please talk to your children about ways we can show respect at home.

ASCA
Best wishes to our ASCA Medal winners from 2012, Isabella Pursehouse, Madison Kelly and Josephine Saunders who are receiving their Medals for Outstanding Achievement in Speech and Communication on Saturday.

The students are travelling to King’s School in Sydney where their talents will be recognised along with other high performing students from across our state.

Also travelling to Sydney is Alexander Roseby (Year 6 2012) who will be receiving a medal with our students.

We look forward to hearing all about this special event next week.

Information Centre News
Thank you to everyone who supported Book Club last year. Your participation enabled us to purchase over 700 books for our library shelves! The Book Fair was also well supported and we will enjoy choosing resources with the $800 we raised through commissions. I hope your support will continue in 2013.

This year we will be having two Book Fairs, the first one will be in Week 1, Term 2. With your support we may be entitled to receive all of the books on the shortlist of the Book Council’s yearly awards, as well as the commission for selling books. The second Book Fair will be later in October.

Borrowing has begun again and it is good to see students coming prepared. Book bags are essential for borrowing so to avoid disappointment please remind your child to pack theirs. I would like to remind students that with borrowing comes the responsibility of looking after the books - water bottles, baby brothers or sisters, dogs, being left outside are all hazards that need to be avoided. This year we are seeing a lot of books coming back with pen marks or other drawing on pages. It is always very sad when a book has to be discarded because of damage so I encourage your child to treat their book with care.

Borrowing days are shown on the table. Your child can return their books at any time and borrow before school and at 2nd break on most days.

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The Premiers Reading Challenge has started and it would be wonderful to have lots of participants this year. It is a good idea to start recording what you are reading. Encourage your children to record their books online through their student portal - just find the Premiers Reading Challenge link.

All students need to read 20 or 30 books in order to receive a certificate from the Premier of NSW. If students are having difficulties please see Mrs Scott in the Information Centre for help.
**Merit Awards**

K-6S
KS  Brodie Garbutt
KT
1C  Justin Farr
1M  Lucas Perry
2C  Samuel Widdis
2T  Riley Gimbert
3S
3/4I  Mark Matheson
4S  Ebony Van Eekert
5A  Taylah Douglas
5W  Madison Kelly
6D  Ruby Gristwood
6M

**Student of the Week**

K-6S  No Award
KS  Jayden Bendeich
KT
1C  Jedd Norvill
1M
2C  Charlotte Lamaro
2T  Lachlan McGuckin
3S
3/4I  Edward Lewis
4S  Bridie McGuckin
5A  Brandon Andrews
5W  Tavish Gillespie
6D  Emily Cooling
6M

**Principal Award**

Congratulations to Jasper Thistle
for receiving the Principal's Award this week.

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**AECG Annual General Meeting**
Aboriginal Educational Consultancy Group

**When:** 8 April 2013
**Where:** Quirindi Public School
**Time:** 4.00pm

Please come and you're your support as this committee will no longer exist without it.
Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS)

Liam Faulkner has been accepted to attend the 2013 NIAS Swimming Program following a very successful swimming season.

Liam qualified for the scholarship after swimming State Age qualifying times for the 50m freestyle and Country qualifying times for the 100m freestyle. Liam attended the NSW Country Swimming Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on the 23rd and 24th of February where he swam personal and season bests of 33.65 seconds for the 50m and 1 minute 15.65 seconds for the 100m freestyle events.

The NIAS program will be an opportunity for Liam to learn about the mental awareness side of sport in addition to intensive training and fitness testing supported by quality regional, guest and state level coaches.

The program commences with Induction and Fitness Testing on Saturday 6 April and concludes with an awards night on 9 November in Tamworth. Good Luck Liam

Canteen News

We had a wonderful addition to our Canteen last Friday with our first dad to work with both Narda and Irene on the day.

It was great to see a dad helping out. Thanks David!

Easter Hat Parade

Next Thursday 28 March 2013 at 10.30am we will be having our K-2 Easter Hat Parade. All hats will be made at school over the next week in the classroom. Kindergarten and Year 1 classes will make their hats on Friday 22 March from 2.10pm and Year 2 classes will make their hats on Monday 25 March from 2.15pm.

A meal deal will be held on the day of toasted sandwich, hot cross bun and a drink. The meal deal will cost $5.00. Lunch bags for the pre order of the meal deals will be sent home with all students next Monday 25 March.

The canteen ladies are asking if possible to please return these orders to the canteen on Wednesday 27 March.

We look forward to seeing you for this fun time of year.

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.

Tickets are being sold at break times for 50 cents each or three for $1.00.

The raffle will be drawn at the K-2 Easter hat parade on Thursday 28 March 2013.

New Student

We would like to welcome Tahlee-Rose to our school.

We hope you enjoy your time here with us at Quirindi Public School.
Anzac Day

This year Anzac Day will be during the upcoming school holidays. In keeping with the tradition of previous years, our school will be participating in the town March.

All students are welcome to march and details regarding the march will be advised in the upcoming weeks.

Claim the dates

School Cross Country - All students will be participating in the school cross country event on Friday 3 May 2013. Please note that this is the first week of Term 2.

NAPLAN - All Students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing the NAPLAN tests 14 to 16 May 2013. A brochure will be sent home to all students in those classes this week.

SRC Disco - The first disco for the year will be Thursday 11 April 2013. This will be the first fundraiser for the SRC.

Quirindi Junior Basketball Final Registration Day

When: Saturday 23 March
Where: Quirindi High School Hall
Time: 9.00am to 11.00am
Cost: $70.00 High School Students
$50.00 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.”

Expression of Interest for Casual Relief Cleaners

ISS Facility Services are asking members of the community if they are interested in placing their name on a casual cleaner relief list.

The casual relief could be required in one of the many schools in our area. Please ring Ann Bleechmore on 0418 444715 for more information.

Quirindi Netball Association

Registration days will be held on Saturday, 23 March and a fortnight later on Saturday 6 April at the netball courts in Rose Street, Quirindi from 10.00am to 1.00pm with grading for 8-12 year olds taking place on the second Saturday.

All inclusive registration fees: 5-7yrs $55.00 (participants receive a starter pack), 8-12yrs $60.00, 13-17yrs $65.00, 18+yrs $80.00.

Enquiries to Carolyn Bridge on 0478 048 308 or Cindy Teuma on 6746 3338.

We hope to see lots of new faces as well as familiar ones at netball this year.

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.