Early Arrivers
As of this week all children who arrive at school before 8:50am are to sit down in the covered outdoor learning area (COLA) outside the hall. This will ensure that they have a sheltered place during the winter and will also reduce the congestion outside Collarene. Could you please ensure, where possible, that the children do not arrive before 8:50am due to the lack of supervision.

School Disco
Next Thursday the SRC will be hosting a disco to raise money for the staff team that is participating in this weekend’s Relay for Life. The theme of the disco will be a touch of purple and yellow. There will be a gold coin entry fee. 
Time:  
Years K – 2  5.30pm to 6.30pm  
Years 3 – 6  6.45pm to 8.15pm

There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available on the night.
We look forward to a fun night of dancing and hope to see you there!

Parent Teacher Interviews
During week 2 of next term teachers will be holding their parent interview sessions. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to talk to teachers about the progress of their children. Through these discussions you will be able discuss with the teachers the strengths of your child/children and possible ways that you can work together to extend their learning outcomes. Our new teachers are looking forward to the opportunity to meet you at these meetings and to get a better understanding of the needs of your child. Letters will go home from each teacher the first week back next term to all families for preferred times.

Years 3 and Years 4 Structures
As mentioned in the previous newsletter we are looking at alternative structures to support Years 3 and 4 at our school. We will be breaking the classes into two straight Year 3 and two straight Year 4 classes in the morning session from 9:20am to 11:20am - Tuesday to Friday. To support consistency we will now have Mrs Scott taking this additional group for all of the four sessions. She will be working closely with the Stage 2 teachers.

Suggestion Box
We have placed a suggestion box in the hallway next to the visitor’s sign on book for any parents/carers to voice any suggestions they may have to improve our school and any activities we hold here at school.
Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week’s lesson is on Safety.

Safety means the state of being safe. Being free from harm, risk and injury.

Ways in which we can show Safety is by being in the right place, wearing your hat and keeping your hands and feet to yourself.

Please talk to your children about ways they can show safety at home.

Colouring in Competition Winners
Last week Stage 2 students participated in an Easter colouring competition. Mr Connelly chose one winner from each class.

The winners enjoyed a yummy Easter egg. Congratulations and well done!

3D    Zoe Kemble
3/4I  Latrell Allen
4P    Isabella Davis

New Students
We would like to welcome Grace and Sarah to our school.

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

Book Fair News
The school will be hosting its first book fair for the year during the first week of Term 2. Please note the change in times and dates.

When:  Wednesday 1 May until Friday 3 May.
Times:  8.30am until 9.00am.
        First break and 3.20pm to 4.30pm.

Get your children interested in books!!!

NSW PSSA State Swimming
On Tuesday and Wednesday this week nine Quirindi Public School students attended the NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush. The children proudly represented our school and the North West region.

Keenan Davis was 12th overall in 8 yrs 50m freestyle. Liam Faulkner participated in boys open 100m freestyle, 11 yrs 50m freestyle, 11yrs backstroke and the relay team.

The senior boys relay team consisted of Liam Faulkner, Jock Thompson, Jack Cudmore and Lachlan Bradfield. The junior girls relay team consisted of Sarah Bradfield, Amity Smith, Bridie McInnes and Isabella Davis. Congratulations to all swimmers.

Year 6 to Year 7 2014 Expressions of Interest
Recently EOI forms for Year 7 in 2014 were sent home to all students in Year 6. If you have not completed and returned this form to the school office can you please do so as soon as possible as these all have to be completed by the end of this term.

If you have applied for a place in an academically selective school for your child you do need to complete Section D and then either Section B, C or E. If your child will not be attending a government high school next year you need to complete Section E and return the form.

If you have any questions with regards to this please let us know.
P&C News

Positions vacant
As advised in last week’s newsletter we still have two vacancies on the P&C Committee. We are still in need of volunteers for the positions of President and Secretary. These are very important positions and need to be filled. If you are interested in being part of this great committee please contact the office by 9 April 2013. There will be a special meeting to fill these positions on Thursday 11 April 2013 at 5.30pm in Collarene.

Fundraising

Spring Bulb Orders
Thank you to the families who have placed bulb orders that closed today. The funds will go towards a new shade cover for the K-2 playground. Any late orders will be collected tomorrow, Friday 5 April from the office, for those who might have forgotten to place their order.

Baker’s Delight
Our school has registered in the Baker’s Delight Doughraising program. If you shop at either of the Baker’s Delight shops in Tamworth just mention Quirindi Public School and we may end up with some “doughnations” at the end of the year!

Coming up next term
Keep your eyes open for a Sheep Poo drive we will be holding early in Term 2!

K-2 Easter Hat Parade 2013
What a great day we had last Thursday at our Easter Hat Parade. We were very proud of all of our children who not only made their beautiful hats but modelled them with such confidence. The children enjoyed performing their items.

Thank you to all of our parents, caregivers, family and friends who were able to come to this event. The children and staff really appreciated your support.
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**Thank you to our wonderful volunteers**
As you can see we need more volunteers to keep our prices down.