Principals Report – Mr Kerry Kurtz

Before and After School care
Last week we had a meeting with Ted Nguyen who is the National Director of Sherpa Kids, who are before and after school care providers. Things are looking quite positive regarding the starting of a service to be held here at our school. You may recall that a survey was sent out at the start of the year and the number of families who said that they would use the centre was significant enough to warrant further investigation. We are waiting now for Ted to get back to us. If the centre gets the green light it won’t be until term 4 this year at the earliest. I will keep you informed as more information becomes available.

If you would access the centre and didn’t send in the survey note, please let us know as this will strengthen their case for providing the centre. It would be great to have this service for parents in Quirindi. It would be very handy for emergencies for some families (eg an after school appointment in Tamworth etc).

It is more likely that we would begin with after school care (3:20pm - 6:00pm) and then expand to include before school care (7:30am - 8:50am) if there were enough people interested. The idea was to make the service available to all families in Quirindi, not just those that have students attending our school.

Successful in receiving a $10,000 grant
The Aboriginal Education Management Group at our school in collaboration with Quirindi High School have been successful in receiving a $10,000 grant. This money will be used for various activities including our Year 6 transition to Year 7, Sista Speak program, Year 6 Pamper Day and staff professional development.

School Council
Last week it was mentioned in the newsletter that we would like to have people nominate as parent and community representatives for our School Council. The School Council AGM will be held at our next meeting. Please contact the office for a nomination form for these positions. The nomination forms will need to be returned to me at school by Friday 6 June 2014 in case an election is required for multiple nominations.

Zone Cross Country
Congratulations to all of our runners who competed at the Zone Cross Country at Willow Tree last Friday. Mrs McGuckin commented to me that the behaviour of our students was outstanding. All the very best to our athletes who have qualified to compete at the Regional event at Coolah on Friday 13 June 2014.
Safety

Move and play safely

Student of the Week

KT  Bryce Crowther
1M  Rylee Artuso
1S  Nicholas Pryor
2C  Sophie Robinson
2O  Jason Capper
3C  Manea Putere
3D  Nikylah Cowan
4I  Piper Sampson
4/5W  Emma Percy
5A  Joshua Woolley
5/6R  Isabella West

Merit Awards

KS  Samuel Durie
KT  Awhinatia Putere
1M  Nikita Wade
1S  Charlotte Sweeney
2C  Logan Quigley
2O  Bryce Kelly
3C  Noah Capper
3D  Jasper Thistle
4I  Emma Golland
4/5W  Darcy Robinson
5A  Mackenzie Mizzi
5/6R  Lacey Newcombe
Principal’s Award
Congratulations to those students that received a
Principal’s Award at last week’s Friday assembly.

Olivia Hill - is a hardworking polite and caring student
who enjoys working in groups or by herself. She always
shows CARES values.

Aylah Lewins - is a dedicated and enthusiastic learner
and a friendly and joyful student. A valued member of
the class and one of 2O's SRC Representatives.

Joshua Payne - is a caring friend to everyone, giving
100% application to all his endeavours and for always
showing CARES values in the classroom and the
playground.

Eden Gray - always demonstrates the CARES values - is
cheerful, shows initiative and is a kind friend to
everyone.

School Photos
Quirindi Public School photos will be taken on Wednesday 18 June 2014. This is during Week 8 of this term.

Envelopes containing information have been sent home with your child. The envelopes need
to be returned to the classroom teacher on the day of the photographs being taken.
There are also family portrait envelopes available from the front office.

Advanced Life has an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go
online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions.
You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the
space provided. You can also pay by cheque, cash or money order.

Kindergarten SRC Induction
Last Friday at our assembly our
new Kindergarten SRC members
were inducted into our SRC.
Samuel Durie, Alexandra Frith,
James Porter and Abbey Pryor
were very proud and honoured to
receive this role in our school.

They were presented with their
badges by Mrs Alison Thompson
the Director of Quirindi
Preschool. Their parents/carers
were invited to stay for
afternoon tea to celebrate this
occasion.

PBL Rewards Day tomorrow
Tomorrow, Friday, 30 May 2014, students will be participating in the Term 2 rewards day. Students have been
given a choice of activities to do for one hour before first break. Some of the activities are golf, cooking,
friendship bracelets and woodwork. Please note that this is not a mufti day and students are required to
wear their uniform that they would normally wear on this day.
**Banners**

Congratulations to Erikah Martin, Morgan Green, Tahj Owen, Lacey Owen and Penelope Hill for receiving their Banners at last week’s Friday Assembly.

**Book Club is due back by Friday 6 June 2014**

**P&C News**

**Uniform Shop** - Miss Taylor has taken over running the P&C’s uniform sales, including second hand uniforms. Thank you very much to Miss Taylor and others who are helping - this is a great service to have for our school and we are very appreciative of your help.

**P&C Fundraising News**

**Advancedlife photography family portrait day** - This week you will be receiving a flyer about our Fundraising event at Quirindi Public School to be held on Sunday 20 July 2014 from 9am. You pay $15 and receive a 10×13 inch family portrait plus a key ring and wallet sized portrait. To make a booking please call Jenny Golland on 0407109300. Payment needs to be made beforehand by placing it in an envelope with your name on it and returning to the school office. (Please make cheques payable to Quirindi Public School P&C Assoc)

Let’s try and make this happen this time as we did not receive enough bookings when we tried to hold this event in May. It would be great to see it go ahead and you will have some beautiful family portraits to treasure as a result. The offer is open to people outside of Quirindi Public School so please encourage your family and friends to become involved as well.

**P&C meeting** - will be held at 7.00pm, 19 June, 2014 - all welcome.

**SRC raising money for charities**

SRC members are selling small bags of jelly babies to raise funds for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). These bags are $3.00 each. Jelly babies can be a lifesaver for people with Type 1 Diabetes for when their blood glucose level drops dangerously low they can have a few lollies from their “hypo kit.” We have had past and present students that suffer from Type 1 Diabetes and have multiple daily insulin injections.

If you would like to purchases these jelly babies please send the money to the office. All money raised will go to JDRF.

**New student**

We would like to welcome Ella to our school.

We hope you enjoy your time here at Quirindi Public School.
Premier's Debating Workshop
Last Monday, the totally outspoken trio of Benjamin Golland, Liam Faulkner and Samuel Crombie joined forces with the charismatic Bella Robinson and Jada Le Brocq to participate in this year's Premier's Debating Workshop at Tamworth South Public School. These five students proved to be extremely argumentative and continually disagreed with other students from our region. And they did it brilliantly! Congratulations debaters. Doors open for kids who knock!

Year 5 debaters, who were at the Aussie Bush Camp, will be given the opportunity to participate in a similar workshop later this term.

Mrs Jennifer Lewis

Australian Speech Communication Association
“it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.” Dr Paula Barrett

All students from Year 2 to 6 are encouraged to participate in this year's ASCA exams. Permission notes and grade expectations are available from the front office.

There is an information session next Thursday, 29 May 2014 at 3:30pm in the school library for any interested parents/carers to attend.

Any queries please contact Jenny Lewis.

Sports News
Rugby Union trials
On Tuesday 20 May 2014, Hunter Lawson, Samuel Brabrook, Samuel Grant and Benjamin Golland travelled to Gunnedah to attend the Southern Rugby Union selection trials.

All the boys played well and had a fantastic day. Congratulations Hunter on being selected for the Southern Team. He will travel to Tamworth tomorrow to attend an intensive skills day and possible selection for the North West team. We wish you all the best Hunter.
Boy’s PSSA Football
The round 2 match is to be played on Thursday 5 June 2014 against Oxley Vale Public School at the Gipps Street fields in Tamworth. The team will travel to and from the match by bus.

All boys selected for the team have been given notes with all the details.

Zone Cross Country
Last Friday 23 May 2014, 62 Quirindi Public School children participated in the Zone Cross Country at Willow Tree.

We had beautiful weather, well behaved children and supportive parents and carers attend. It was an amazing day! It was fantastic to see the children who were running the track for the first time, so enthusiastic and having such a great time. Congratulations to everyone. You should be very proud of yourselves for your effort and sportsmanship.

I would like to say a very special thank you to Miss Taylor for all her help and the parents and carers who were happy to stand on the track. Overall it was a great team effort, supporting your children and helping to make the day such a success.

Regional Cross Country is being held at Coolah, Friday 13 June 2014. We have 32 children who have qualified to attend. A note will be going home this week with all the details of the day. Please return your note to school as soon as possible, especially if your child cannot attend as reserves will need to be notified.

I would like to wish all those running at Coolah the best of luck. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call school.

Mrs Tammy McGuckin, Cross Country Coordinator
Raffle tickets
Don’t forget we are selling raffle tickets to assist Nathan Clark with his inclusion in the NSW State PSSA Basketball team.

If you wish to purchase a ticket please send the money to the office and a ticket will be sent home.

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

30 May – David Cowan  
4 June – help needed  
9 June – Labour Day  
12 June – Debbie Sadler

2 June – Megan & Anne Marie  
5 June – Michelle Payne  
10 June – help needed  
13 June – David Cowan

3 June – help needed  
6 June – Amie Nean-Bullpit  
11 June – Debbie Palmer  
16 June – help needed

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers
As you can see we need more volunteers to keep our prices down.
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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Will you recognise a stroke?**

One in six people will have a stroke in their lifetime. But stroke can be prevented.

Book now to learn how to recognise and prevent a stroke.

- When: Thursday 8th June
- Time: 1:30pm – 2:00pm
- Where: Scenes Neighbourhood Centre

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**CHESS FOR BEGINNERS**

with Shirley Goodwin

Fortnightly on Wednesdays 4.00pm—5.00pm
@ Quirindi Library
Booking is essential
Please call Quirindi Library 67462350