Principals Report – Mr Kerry Kurtz

Play Equipment
We sometimes have activities at school that are not during school hours, where our facilities are used by the community. If you are at school waiting to pick up your children from one of these activities, it is important that other children in your care (maybe toddlers) are supervised. There is a concern that some children are allowed by their parents to use the school play equipment unsupervised. We are very happy for the equipment to be used but it needs to be under parent supervision. Your cooperation with this will help to keep all children on the Quirindi Public School premises safe.

Congratulations Hunter
Congratulations to Hunter Lawson who has been selected to play in the North West PSSA Rugby team. This means that Hunter will be playing against other regions in the state later in the year. We wish Hunter all the best as he competes in the State Rugby carnival during August. The event will be held in Kiama on the South Coast.

PBL Rewards Day
We had a fantastic PBL rewards day last Friday with well over 300 of our students participating. Any student who received one or less behaviour referrals during the first five weeks of term was able to participate in the rewards day. The students had the opportunity to select from a range of activities. We are hoping that more students will get to participate at the end of this term. At school we are always seeking ways to encourage our students to follow our CARES values of Cooperation; Achievement; Respect; Encouragement and Safety.

Upcoming events

6 June
Final date for EOI Year 6 Canberra excursion
Book Club due

9 June
Public Holiday

13 June
Regional Cross Country - Coolah

16 June
ICAS Writing Test

17 June
ICAs Spelling test

18 June
School photos
AGM School Council 5.00pm

19 June
P&C meeting 7.00pm

20 June
8 years & over Athletics Carnival

23-27 June
NAIDOC Week including disco

Michael Grose
This week’s article from Michael Grose is talking about doing less not more for your kids. Does this sound like a good idea to you? Have a read and see what you think. Michael Grose is Australia’s leading parenting expert. If you have a topic of interest, please let me know and I will see what I can find.
Student of the Week
K-6S  Zane Nean
KS   Bridie Palmer
KT   Adison Lewins
1M   Howard Lewis
1S   Kayley Milligan
2C   Justin Farr
2O   
3C   Riley Gimbert
3D   Mitchell Perry
4I   Zoe Burston
4/5W Sarah Hutchins
5A   Corey Gooley
5/6R Ashya McCrae
6D   Sophie White and Akiera Nean

Merit Awards
KS   Ruby Owen
KT   Robert Lindenberg
1M   Lachlan O’Brien
1S   Roman Clarkson
2C   Ethan Haines
2O   
3C   Tayah Riley
3D   Chelsea Jones
4I   Laura Crombie
4/5W Isabella Davis
5A   Ebony Van Eekert
5/6R Ayden Crowther
6D   Bradley Sadler and Emily Brabant

Cooperation
Learn and play together
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.

Please note that we will accept the envelopes prior to the day but as we do not receipt the money we cannot take responsibility for any cash received.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking
Parents, staff and selected students had a fantastic afternoon listening to passionate speeches about Multiculturalism on Thursday 29 May. Students from Stage 2 and 3 gave prepared speeches about Harmony Day, empathising with other people, multiculturalism and education, and the meaning of Australia Day.

The speeches were all of a very high quality, and were followed by entertaining impromptu speeches on the topics of Heroes and Friends. Congratulations to Indiah Nean, Isabella Davis, and Jada Le Brocq, who performed wonderfully on the day, and best of luck to our four school finalists, Isabella Pursehouse and Bella Robertson (Stage 3), as well as Charlotte Roseby and Camilla Andrews (Stage 2) who will be proudly representing Quirindi Public School at the New England local finals in Tamworth on Tuesday 24 June 2014!

Katie Cherrington

The Humpty Dumpty Balmoral Burn - Sunday June 1 2014
Lacey Newcombe, Molly Elford, Georgie Auld, Ashya McCrae, Camilla Andrews and Laura Sadler ran in the Primary schools challenge of the Humpty Dumpty Balmoral Burn last Sunday. This was a run up Awaba St Balmoral which is 420m; doesn’t sound far but that’s why they call it the ‘Burn’. The hill is steep enough to stall cars!

The girls ran the race perfectly winning the Primary schools challenge, and had their photos taken with Mr Paul Francis - CEO of the Humpty Dumpty Foundation and Mark Beretta (Channel 7 Sunrise reporter). They raised over $3000 for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation and were thanked on the day over the microphone for raising such a huge amount of money and for travelling five hours to run in the event.

The six girls were fantastic representatives for Quirindi Public School and for Quirindi. We are all very proud of them for their huge effort on the day - they have certainly put Quirindi on the map!

If you would like to contribute to this fundraiser please send the money to school in an envelope marked Humpty Dumpty. Ab’s Ranken
Seatbelts on buses – Tamworth Buslines

Whilst reviewing video of an incident that occurred on the afternoon #29 bus, it has come to our attention that only a very small percentage of students are wearing their seatbelts. The seat belts have been provided at a great expense for the safety of your children.

Please discuss this matter with your child and ask them to wear their seatbelts at all times.

Thank you - Tamworth Bus Lines

Sport News

High Jump Eliminations

Finals for high jump will be held next Wednesday 11 June commencing with the juniors at 12.00 midday. Students that are involved in the final will be advised on Tuesday and will need to bring their sports uniform and shoes for the final.

Athletics Carnival

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held in Week 8, on 20 June 2014. The track events and finals for the long jump, shot put and discus will be held at Golland Fields on the day. The high jump finals will be held at school prior to the carnival.

Nomination notes for the 800m have been sent out this week. We ask children to arrive early for this event as this year the carnival is run over one day. Children competing in the 800m are asked to be at the Golland Fields at 8:40am so we can commence the 800m races at 8:50am. If parents are willing to assist with timekeeping or judging please return the bottom section of the form.

Jennifer Alcorn
Athletics Carnival Coordinator

We need your help!!!

Quirindi Public School is participating in a fundraiser that has been organized by The Friends of Children with Special Needs Quirindi Group. The event will be held on Saturday 26 July 2014 at the Quirindi Heritage Village. This year the theme is Party in the Paddock! The day will be a wonderful event filled with lots of old time games, yummy food & entertainment for all ages.

Our school is responsible for the soup bar & two games, both our games are major events. If you are planning on attending we NEED YOUR HELP!!! If everyone can please donate just one hour of their day to help out that would be AMAZING!!! You could be selling tickets, serving on the soup bar, running the games, setting up on the Friday & Saturday morning & helping to pack down on the Saturday afternoon. If you can help out please contact Nic Hoy on 0427 603 088.

Last year The Friends of Children with Special Needs committee donated $2500 each to all schools in Quirindi. The Mad Hatters Tea Party was a huge fundraising event that raised over $12,000. Let’s all get together and help this wonderful committee achieve the unexpected.

If you wish to stay up to date or to add your friends to the invited list check out their facebook page ~ Friends of Children with Special Needs Quirindi Group

Thank you so much for your support.

Nic Hoy.

Book Club is due back tomorrow
Success for 62nd Annual Gunnedah Eisteddfod

Congratulations to students Bridie McGuckin, Isabella Pursehouse, Henry Pursehouse who performed in both Piano and Vocal sections, Emma Percy, Sophie Hill, Liam Durie, Brianna Clark, Penny Hill, Olivia Hill who performed in the piano sections and Phoebe Hallman who performed in the vocal section.

All students performed to an exceptionally high standard which was acknowledged by the Adjudicator Deidre Rickard from Armidale, and this is shown on their written reports and the end results.

The results were truly outstanding from all students and this is because of their commitment to the practise required to achieve such.

Well done!

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NAIDOC Week Raffle

We are having another raffle this year for NAIDOC Week. Prizes are as follows:

1st Prize  Mini iPad
2nd Prize  iPod Shuffle
3rd Prize  iPod Shuffle

Tickets are $1.00 each and will be on sale each day before school starts at the canteen from either Miss Taylor or Mrs Caterer.

Miss Sonja Taylor
Aboriginal Education Officer

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.

Any queries please contact Jenny Lewis.
PBL Rewards Day
Our school’s PBL reward day was a complete success. The students enjoyed participating in a range of activities from wood work to sculpture and from loom bands to cooking. It was great to see the whole school filled with excitement. The staff would like to thank all the students for the excellent behaviour and willingness to 'have a go' with the activities. Our next reward day will be on Friday in Week 9. The activities for this day are yet to be confirmed. Just a reminder that to attend, students must show CARES in and out of the classroom and have no more than one referral.
Fundraising Opportunity with Tupperware
For this month's catalogue only, Tupperware is giving 10% of all sales through the school back as cash. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone wanting additional Tupperware to purchase these items through school.

The office has some catalogues available but it also can be viewed at www.tupperware.com.au

You can ring your order to school giving the sequence number, description and cost. Kylie Burns will organise collection of payment.

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

23 May - Debbie Palmer  
28 May – Help needed  
2 June – Megan & Anne Marie  
5 June – Help needed  
10 June – Help needed

26 May – Jeannie Potter  
29 May – Melissa Griffiths  
3 June – Help needed  
6 June – Amie Nean-Bullpit  
11 June – Help needed

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

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers
As you can see we need more volunteers to keep our prices down.
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Do less, not more, for your kids

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship unless the emotional connection between our children and us is never renewed.

In practical, physical ways we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more.

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time.

Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and emails. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated by the go-between, I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

We easily take on children’s responsibilities

It is so easy to take on the jobs and responsibilities that easily should be belonging to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and change up them rather than take these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for school-aged children.

TIP NO. 1 for developing independence

Be clear about who owns jobs or tasks in your family and never take on a child’s job, or part of a task, unless there is an extenuating circumstance such as illness.

A mother I met recently is very clear on who does what in her home. It is her job to wash the clothes of her older teenage children but it is their job to place them in the washing basket. She doesn’t check bedrooms, as it is not her job to place kids’ clothes in the washing basket.

Okay, I can hear your thought processes. Sounds good but what happens if kids don’t give a toot and they don’t mind being dirty?

Good point. In this case, this mum has a son who is, to say the least, fairly slack in the arena of hygiene. But she didn’t become overly fussing about that.

She certainly didn’t get fussed when he played a game of football in the wet, muddy jumper that lay in his sports bag for a week. And she happily showed him how to work the washing machine when he wanted his favourite shirt (that he forgot to put in the washing basket) to be washed for a special night out.

TIP NO. 2 for developing independence

Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children’s job to put the washing in the washing basket.

The school holidays provide a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extra-curricular activities.

Here’s my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child or that he or she can do for themselves. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less, not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more towards REDUNDANCY.

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**Community news**

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**“CHRISTMAS IN JULY” BALL**

Brush off your glad-rags & polish up your dancing shoes!

**WHEN:** 19th July 2014  
**WHERE:** Tambar Springs Community Hall  
**TIME:** 6pm for 6.30pm  
(Seats are **subject to availability** & not allocated)  
**DRESS:** Formal

**ENTERTAINMENT:**  
Kevin Anderson MP & his band “Splashpool”

**TICKETS & BOOKING INFORMATION:**  
*Early Bird rate before June 21st, 2014: $10 per person (maximum order of 10 bookings per order for $100, ex. VAT)*  
*Late rate: June 21st, 2014: $10 per person (last opportunity to book by June 30th, 2014)*

**BOOKING TO:**  
Elisabeth Sherriff (02) 67441490  
**E-mail:** info@springs.info@springs.com.au

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**Art After School Workshop Program at Tamworth Regional Gallery**

The popular Art After School Program will be offered in Term 2 2014

**WHO:**  
Lester McShan will be back teaching these classes in Term 2. Lester is a highly qualified and experienced teacher who guides students through the creative process in a supportive, encouraging environment.

**Ages:**  
Classes are for 7-12 year olds.

**Cost:**  
Classes are $20.00 per student per workshop.

**Earlybird special:** Pay for all 5 classes upfront for a total of $100.00, saving 10%!

**Includes:** All materials, but students will need to bring a paint shirt.

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**Great Value**

**Adults $10.00**  
**Children $5.00**  
**Kiosk Loyalty Cards**

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**Quindiri Royal Theatre**

**June 2014**

**Wednesday, 4th June, 5:30pm**  
The Grand Budapest Hotel M

**Saturday, 7th June, 1:30pm**  
The Muppets Most Wanted G  
**4:00pm**  
The Other Woman M

**Sunday, 8th June, 1:30pm**  
The Muppets Most Wanted G  
**4:00pm**  
The Other Woman M

**Wednesday, 11th June, 6:30pm**  
The Other Woman M

**Wednesday, 18th June, 7:00pm**  
State Of Origin 2

**Saturday, 21st June, 1:30pm**  
The Amazing Spiderman 2 M  
**4:00pm**  
The Invisible Woman M

**Sunday, 22nd June, 1:30pm**  
The Amazing Spiderman 2 M  
**4:00pm**  
The Invisible Woman M

**Wednesday, 25th June, 5:30pm**  
The Invisible Woman M - Monthly Seniors’ Movie  
The Invisible Woman M

**COMING IN JULY**

**July 30th and 31st, 4:30pm**  
Mad Max: Fury Road  
**4:30pm**  
X-Men: Days of Future Past
MUPPETS MOST WANTED

Flush with their revived success, Kermit the Frog and his friends are approached by Dominic Badguy to go on a world tour. Unknown to them, this is all part of the sinister plan of Constantine, the world's most evil frog, to become the greatest thief of all time. After making sure that Kermit is jailed as himself, Constantine impersonates him to use the Muppets tour as cover for his scheme.

Main Cast: Ricky Gervais, Ty Burrell, Tina Fey

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2

We've always known that Spider-Man's most important conflict has been within himself: the struggle between the ordinary obligations of Peter Parker and the extraordinary responsibilities of Spider-Man. But in The Amazing Spider-Man 2, Peter Parker finds that his greatest battle is about to begin. It's great to be Spider-Man. For Peter Parker, there's no feeling quite like swinging between skyscrapers, shedding a mask, and spending time with Gwen. But being Spider-Man comes at a price.

Main Cast: Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx

The OTHER WOMAN

After discovering her boyfriend is married, Carly Whitten tries to get her ruined life back on track. But when she accidentally meets the wife he's been cheating on, she realizes they have much in common, and her sworn enemy becomes her greatest friend. When yet another affair is discovered, all three women team up to plot mutual revenge on their cheating, lying, three-timing SOB.

Main Cast: Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann, Kate Upton, N exploding Caster-Walshau, Don Johnson

THE INVISIBLE WOMAN

In the 1860s, Ellen Tenen is a minimally talented actress who catches the eye of the hated British author, Charles Dickens. Stuck with his intellectually unimpressive wife, Dickens takes the educated Ellen as his mistress with the cooperation of her mother. What follows is a stormy relationship with this literary giant who provides her with a life few women of her time can enjoy. Yet, Ellen must judge her own role in her life and decide if the price she pays is bearable.

Main Cast: Ralph Fiennes, Felicity Jones, Kristen Scott Thomas