Principals Report – Mr Kerry Kurtz

Cross Country Success

Congratulations to our Cross Country runners who competed at the Regional Trials at Coolah last Friday. We have a number of students who have made it to State in Cross Country. The state event will be held at Eastern Creek in Sydney on Friday 18 July 2014. One of our new students, Lacie Quigley, won her age division. Congratulations Lacie.

Visiting Principal from Finland

As has been mentioned before, we are very privileged to have a Principal from Finland attending our school during weeks 3 and 4 next term. Anna-Maija Hakun-Luoma is the principal of a school in Nokia, Finland.

Finland is recognised across the world as having an education system that produces outstanding student results. It has for many years been the envy of every other country in the world for its educational success.

As I said, it is a wonderful opportunity for us to see how the best in the world achieve these results.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Don’t miss our NAIDOC Week celebrations next week. We are looking forward to an amazing week, commencing with an assembly on Monday and finishing with a Careers Expo on the oval on Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to come along and be part of the action. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is tonight beginning at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend. We have a very supportive and active group of parents who attend the P&C meetings to make a difference for the students in our school. Please consider coming along to contribute your ideas as part of the parent/citizen body of our school.

One of our parents, Camilla DuBois, will be discussing Ethics Classes as part of Quirindi Public School. Camilla has provided some information regarding Ethics Classes in NSW Public Schools below.
Ethics Classes

As part of NSW Department of Education and Communities Policy, if a parent requests that Ethics Classes be offered at a school, and there is a trained Ethics teacher to take the class, then the class can be offered to students.

Philosophy classes for kids attending non-scripture

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an alternative for children in non-scripture. The curriculum is available for children from K-6. Primary Ethics (a not-for-profit organisation) is the NSW Department of Education and Communities authorised provider of Ethics classes. The curriculum is inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

We are able to start Ethics classes at Quirindi Public School in Term 3, for a number of year groups, depending on demand. Children in Stage 2 non-scripture in will be bringing home a permission slip this week. Please sign and return it by the end of week 1, term 3 (XXXX) if you would like to your child to attend Ethics classes instead of non-scripture.

What is Ethics?

Philosophers have been asking questions for millennia: questions like: Who am I? What is the nature of reality? What is out there? Why are we here? How do I know I am here? How do I know what I know? What is beauty? What is free will? And many, many more.

Ethics, or moral philosophy, is the branch of philosophy that concerns itself with values, human action and interaction, and how we should live our lives. It encourages self-examination and reflection on our values and behaviour. Some of the questions asked in ethics are: What ought I to do? How do I decide what I ought to do? What is right and wrong? What makes something right or wrong? How is one to lead a good life?

Moral reasoning is an important aspect of ethical consideration. Moral reasoning means thinking for ourselves on the basis of both reason and evidence. Through a range of scenarios and stories chosen for their age-appropriateness, Primary Ethics teachers facilitate class discussions on a range of ethical dilemmas. During these discussions, students develop their readiness to take the views of others seriously and to assess conflicting views, as well as their own, on the basis of reason and evidence.

More particularly, the classes aim to equip students with a readiness to:

- recognise common capacities for suffering and well being
- show equal consideration for the interests of others
- consider the common good
- consider the extent and limits of individual responsibility
- consider the universality of moral principles
- consider consequences, and
- take circumstances into account.

For more information about Primary Ethics including our curriculum, or if you would like to volunteer as an Ethics Teacher or Ethics Coordinator at the school, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au

School Council AGM

Our School Council AGM was held yesterday with these people holding positions on the Council.

Parent Representatives
Nicol Crombie
Michelle Gallagher
Wayne Golland
Shelley McInnes

Staff Representatives
Sonja Taylor
Jenny Lewis
Jennifer Alcorn

P&C Representative
Natalie Eade

Community Representatives
Derek Blomfield
Mark Roseby

Principal – Kerry Kurtz
President – Wayne Golland
Secretary – Nicol Crombie
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Student of the Week
KS  Callum Mead
KT  Lucie Thomson Raya
1M  Millie Anderson-Griffiths
1S  Billy Nixon
2C  Jedd Norvill
2O  Holly Tickle
3C  William Condrick-Gibson
3D  Tahj Owen
4I  Deegan Johnston
4/5W Aaron Stewart
5A  Thomas Boorer
5/6R Mitchell Anderson-Griffiths
6D  Georgie Auld
K-6S Ashley Hession

Merit Awards
KS  Sophie Boorer
KT  Tobias Pollard
1M  Ella Herbert
1S  Storm Allan
2C  Imogen Smith
2O  Thomas McInnes
3C  Lily Stewart
3D  Mitchell Perry
4I  Charlotte West
4/5W Chloe Bowley
5A  Millie Slade
5/6R David Lawlor
6D  Blake Haines
K-6S Maxwell Flett

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**Debating**

Last Thursday, 12 June 2014 the Premier’s Debating Challenge team debated against Nundle Public School. The team consisted of Bridie McGuckin, Bella Robertson, Matylda Hoare and Liam Faulkner. The team had a busy day ahead of them completing two debates within the day.

The topic for the first debate was ‘That teachers should wear a school uniform’. Quirindi were on the affirmative and made some great arguments as to why teachers should wear uniforms. This was a tight debate and Nundle persuaded the adjudicator that teachers shouldn’t wear school uniforms.

Quirindi went on to debate the second Nundle team on the topic ‘That Australia should ban all sports involving animals’. With a great topic, Quirindi were again the affirmative team for this debate. Quirindi worked hard to put together persuasive arguments for this topic, however Nundle were a strong team with fantastic arguments and rebuttals.

Bella, Bridie, Matylda and Liam are to be commended on their impressive efforts during these two rounds of the Premier Debating Challenge. Well done.

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**LAECG Meeting – All welcome**

The next meeting will be today 19 June 2014 at 4.00pm in the TPL room in Collarene at our school. Afternoon tea will be provided and everyone is welcome. The guest speaker will be Tracey Carrington, Programme Officer for the Indigenous Affairs Group Tamworth, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Tracey will be talking about programmes and funding opportunities.

**School Spectacular**

We are pleased to announce that our school were successful in auditioning for the 2014 School Spectacular. We will be taking 12 students to perform in the combined choir and 12 students to perform in the combined dance group to Sydney in November this year.

This trip involves the group travelling to Sydney on a Tuesday for rehearsals Wednesday and Thursday and then performances on Friday and Saturday. The group will then return to Quirindi on Sunday. This is a very exciting opportunity for the students and staff at our school. Information will follow early Term 3 in regards to second round auditions and fundraising.

Well done QPS!

Mrs Skye Davis and Mrs Ann Stent
Canteen News
There will be a canteen meeting tonight 19 June 2014 at 6.30pm in Collarene just before the P&C Meeting.

Everyone is welcome!

New students
We would like to welcome back Montanna and Chelsie and welcome Lillie and Miley.

We hope you enjoy your time at our school.

Sport News
Athletics Carnival
Our school Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow 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. If your child is running in the 800m they need to be at the carnival by 8.40am.

The athletics carnival is a whole school event for students 8 years and over. If your child travels to school by bus they will be dropped off at Golland Fields. If they walk or you drive them to school you will need to take them yourself to the carnival as there are no buses from school. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Jennifer Alcorn
Athletics Carnival Coordinator

Newsletter survey
Last week students received a survey for parents to fill out regarding our schools newsletter. Thank you to the parents who have already returned their forms. We are still accepting the forms so if you have not sent it back please feel free to do so.

If you want the newsletter emailed please contact the school with your email address.

School photos
What a busy day we had yesterday with our school photos being taken. Thank you to Mrs Jill Nott for her organisation of the day and thank you to the P&C volunteers who also helped.

There is a lot of work behind the scenes getting the classes ready for their photos.

Your assistance was invaluable.
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.

Disco
When:  Tuesday 24 June 2014
Time:  Years K-2  5.30pm to 6.30pm
       Years 3-6  6.45pm to 8.00pm

The theme for the disco will be to dress up for your future job. Gold coin entry fee and a sausage sizzle will be available.

We look forward to a fun night of dancing and hope to see you there!

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NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Monday 23 June 2014
10.30am  Opening Ceremony
Flag raising
Boys and Girls dance troupe
Whole school choir
Morning Tea – everyone welcome
Guest speaker – Dr Andrew Sampson

Tuesday 24 June 2014
12.00pm  Tabloid and Traditional games on the oval – Everyone welcome
5.30pm  NAIDOC Week Disco – See newsletter for details
Dress up as your future job! *usual disco rules apply*

Wednesday 25 June 2014
12.00pm  Preschool arrive
12.30pm  Assembly
20 and 15 doing “Tiddalick”
Boys and Girls dance troupe
Guest Speaker –
Mr Shannon Taylor
Students FREE sausage sizzle
1.30pm  Careers Expo on the oval finishing at 3.00pm

Police, fire, ambulance, rescue will be around to talk to the kids with giveaways.

Come and sample some kangaroo and emu meat!

For Sale
P&C steak sandwich stall, soup kitchen, ice cream stall etc.

Everyone welcome to enjoy the afternoon.
P & C Fundraising News
Stuck On You Labels
Do you need some help with your child’s lost property? We are doing some fundraising through the Stuck on You label company. Please see the attached flyer for details. Orders can be placed over the phone on 1800645849 or online at www.stuckonyou.com.au direct to the company. When you order, please quote our Fundraiser code QUIRINDIPS at the checkout and the P&C will receive a commission for your order. Orders will be despatched to you directly after you have ordered.

Can you help!
Our school is participating in The Friends of Children with Special Needs Quirindi Group “Party in the Paddock” on Saturday 26 July 2014 at the Quirindi Heritage Village. Our school is responsible for the soup bar & two games, both our games are major events. If you still looking for helpers on the day to sell tickets, serve 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.

This is a great opportunity to assist a worthwhile group that is raising funds for the schools in our town as well as helping our school support them. 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.

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.

Interschool Chess Challenge
On Tuesday, 17 June, 2014, Luke Fechner, Corey Gooley, Edward Lewis, Sam Straney and Scott Batterham had an awesome day playing chess at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School.

Each competitor played seven games. They played against seven other primary schools, meeting new people who were at different levels of chess. Chess strategies were shared and great new moves were trialled.

All our chess players showed excellent sportsmanship and a fabulous effort, receiving a combination of wins, losses and draws. It was a fun day for everyone.
Our day at chess
### Community News

**Month/Week** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Sat / Sun**
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**Jun** 8 | 16 ICAS Writing test | 17 ICAS Spelling test | 18 School Photos School Council meeting 5.00pm | 19 P&C meeting 7.00pm | 20 8 yrs & over Athletics Carnival | 21/22
**Jun** 9 | 23 | 24 Disco | 25 NAIDOC WEEK | 26 | 27 Last day Term 2 Two weeks holidays | 28/29
**Jul** 1 | 14 SDD | 15 Students return Term 3 | 16 Athletics Carnival back up day | 17 | 18 State Cross Country Eastern Creek | 19/20

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

- 20 June – Help Needed
- 23 June – Help Needed
- 24 June – Help Needed
- 25 June – Help Needed

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**Thank you to our wonderful volunteers**

As you can see we need more volunteers to keep our prices down.
Cooking needed for cake stall
The Friends of Children with Special Needs Quirindi Group are holding a cake stall at the Quirindi Rugby Union Ladies Day on Saturday 28 June 2014. Any donations of cooking would be wonderful and can be dropped off at school on Friday 27 June 2014.

Your contribution to this wonderful cause would be very much appreciated.
Coaching Camp for Junior Golf

Excellent tuition from Scott Roworth for boys and girls aged between 8 – 17 years.

When: 1 to 4 July 2014
Where: Tamworth Golf Club
Time: 1.00pm to 4.00pm each day
Cost: $66.00 for boys
$36.00 for girls (partly sponsored)

Further enquiries please contact:
Mrs Jenny Fisher 6768 7046 or 0428 579 494
The Quirindi Netball Club Presents their....

Hollywood Trivia Night

At Quirindi RSL Club on Saturday 21st June
from 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Entry $10.

Come dressed as your favorite actor or character,
and join in a fun night of trivia & games.
Prizes for best dressed & best table decorations.
Tables of 8-10, call Rachel on 0448 180 220 to book.