Principal’s Report – Mr Kerry Kurtz

PBL Reward Day
On Monday we had our mid-term PBL reward day, where students with no more than one behaviour referral in the previous five weeks had a choice of activities to take part in. This day was a great success with woodworkers, friendship band makers, chefs, scientists, mini tennis players, sculptors, karaoke singers, artists, loom banders, lego builders and of course golfers enjoying the afternoon. Well done kids.

Dance Festival
As you would be aware, this is dance festival week. Around 90 of our students are performing at this year’s Dance Festival at the TRECC in Tamworth on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Dance Festival is a wonderful celebration of dance from across the whole New England region. You will experience dances from Kinder right through to Year 12 students. We hope to see you there. Around 60 of our students will also be travelling up to Tamworth on Friday to enjoy a matinee performance where each of our four dance groups will be taking the stage. They are in for a treat!!

Please note that our Dance Festival groups will be performing at the next Friday assembly.

Abigayle Dewick - Work Experience
From time to time we have students who are in year 10 at high school seeking a work experience placement at Quirindi Public School. This week we have Abi Dewick from Carinya Christian School spending time with us for her work experience. She is based in 2C. We hope you enjoy your time with us Abi.

Upcoming events

15 August
Dance Festival for performers and matinee spectators

19-20 August
Year 3 Dubbo excursion

20 August
School Council meeting 5.00pm

20-21 August
Year 4 & K-6S to Dubbo

21 August
P&C Meeting 7.00pm

22 August
P&C Melamine Picture Plate fundraiser order form due
Assembly at 12.45pm. 3C item and Dance Festival items

28 August
SRC Disco
North West & State Representatives
We wish Lacie Quigley (Cross Country) and Nathan Clark (Basketball) the very best as they head off in the next week or so to compete in their sports at a National level. This is an outstanding achievement and we are very sure they will represent their state and Quirindi Public School with great pride. Nathan is heading off to Townsville in Queensland and Lacie will be competing in Albany, Western Australia. What an adventure!! Well done Lacie and Nathan.

We also wish Hunter Lawson all the best on his outstanding achievement as he represents our school and the North West at State PSSA Rugby at Kiama on the South Coast of NSW.

Fundraising for Special Events
There are times when students in our school, or in some cases individual students, are involved in very special events. Quite often these events are very costly but are certainly worth participating in. When we are fortunate enough to be selected to participate in these events we often fundraise to help with the costs involved for the parents and the school. Recently we had a whole school fundraiser to help Lacie Quigley and Nathan Clark with their expenses in travelling to the Nationals to represent NSW in their field of sport.

We are also having a variety of fundraising events to assist with our involvement in the NSW Schools Spectacular which will be held in Sydney later in the year. If you are able to support these fundraising events in some way it will certainly be appreciated.

Dream Cricket Kit
A couple of weeks ago we had a team from Quirindi, Tamworth and Nowra Rotary Clubs working with our sports captains and K-6S to help build cricket skills using the Dream Cricket equipment. We are very fortunate to now have our own Dream Cricket kit to benefit all of the students in our school, thanks to the Quirindi Rotary Club’s generosity in donating a kit to our school.

Rob Lewis, the President of Quirindi Rotary, presented the kit to our school at our Monday morning assembly this week. Thank you Quirindi Rotary Club.

P&C Fundraising News
This term, the P&C will be having a Melamine Picture Plate fundraiser. Create lasting practical keepsakes for the whole family to enjoy by joining in the picture plate fundraiser. The dinner plates are dishwasher safe and are made of good quality melamine.

Children will make drawings for their plates at school in Week 7 during break time with the assistance from our P&C volunteers.

Please return your order with your payment to Mrs McGuckin's Reading Room before Friday 22 August 2014.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Krystal Bowley & Camilla DuBois
P&C Fundraising Team
At Quirindi Public School
We Show CARES

Safety
Move and play safely

Student of the Week
KS  Hallee Nean-Bullpit
KT  Awhinatia Putere
1M  Ruby Uptin
1S  Billy Nixon
2C  Ivy Challenger
2O  Holly Tickle
3C  Hollie Quayle
3D  Charlie Saunders
4I  Danielle Lawrence
4M  Emily Taylor
5A  Angel Craigie
5W  Blake Johnston
6R  Lillie Clark

Merit Awards
KS  James Porter
KT  Tobias Pollard
1M  Jacob Fraser
1S  Olivia Cowan
2C  Keenan Maskell
3C  Oscar Perkins
3D  Lachlan McGuckin
4I  Laura Smith
4M  Eden Gray
5A  Charlie Hazlewood
5W  Bella James
6R  Fayth Etherington
Banner Recipients
Congratulations to Keenan Davis, Isabella Davis, Reilly Blomfield, Lily Owen and Kaden Thistle on receiving a Banner at last Friday’s assembly.

Congratulations on a wonderful achievement!

Blues Award Recipient
Congratulations to Millie Slade for receiving a Blues Award at last Friday’s assembly. What a wonderful achievement Millie. Well done!

Principals Awards
Benjamin Golland is an outstanding citizen of our school. He is responsible, cheerful and always a diligent worker. Benjamin always follows CARES values.

Deana Condrick-Gibson is always being a wonderful, caring friend. She always follows CARES values and puts in excellent effort in all her work.

Penelope Hill is a respectful and enthusiastic member of 2O. She consistently leads by example and gives 100% to all tasks.

Bryce Crowther is always smiling. He cares about other people and is always willing to help them. In class he always tries his best and uses his manners.

Congratulations to these students.
Zone Athletics Champions

Congratulations to the following students for a wonderful achievement at the recent Zone athletics carnival.

Senior Girl Champion: Laura Sadler
Senior Boy Champion: Bradley Sadley
11 Year Girl Champion: Lacey Newcombe
11 Year Boy Runner-up: Blake Johnston
Junior Girl Champion: Molly Elford
Junior Boy Champion: Thomas Boorer

Senior Girl Runner-up: Felicity Campbell
Senior Boy Runner-up: Nathan Clark
11 Year Girl Runner-up: Sarah Bradfield
Junior Girl Runner-up: Lacie Quigley

SRC Disco

When: Thursday 28 August 2014
Where: School hall

Time:
- Years K - 2: 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- Years 3 - 6: 6.45pm to 8.00pm

The theme for the disco will be crazy hair.

Gold coin entry fee and a sausage sizzle will be available. This disco is raising money for cystic fibrosis as we have two students at our school who suffer from this disease.

We look forward to a fun night of dancing and hope to see you there!
The Startling News - Anxiety disorders are the most common form of psychological distress reported by young Australians. Approximately one in six young people suffer from anxiety severe enough to interfere with their family life, school work or social functioning. Up to 15% of adolescents may experience some form of anxiety disorder. Research has shown that children who suffer from high anxiety are likely to become anxious teenagers and adults. This can affect their life choices and in some cases lead to depression in adolescence.

The Good News - Our school is piloting two early intervention programs that have proven to be successful in preventing anxiety and the associated suffering of individuals and their families.

Next week our Year 1 and Year 6 students will begin participating in these 10 week programs as a part of their Personal Development learning. Our Year 1 students will enjoy being a part of My Friends, a program full of fun activities that highlight the importance of looking after yourself, being safe, being brave and feeling strong inside. The program also helps children identify feelings and build empathy for the feelings of others. Our Year 6 children will work in small groups and with the support of Learning Support Officers from both Quirindi High School and our school they will develop skills to:

* Set and follow goals
* Resist peer pressure
* Be positive
* Develop positive and constructive friendships
* Communicate more effectively with parents, peers and teachers
* Study and organise themselves effectively
* Relax and cope effectively with the challenges that they may face as they transition to High School.

We are proud to be able to offer these programs that promote social and emotional wellbeing. We aim to build the emotional resilience of our students which will help them face difficult and challenging situations as they move through school and into adulthood.

If you would like more information about this program please contact Jenny Lewis at school.

Mrs Jenny Lewis
Program Coordinator

**Claim the date**

**Quirindi Public School Trivia Night**

**Saturday 11 October 2014**

More information to follow in the coming weeks

Orders and money are to be returned by Friday 22 August 2014.
**Cartoon Dave**

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Duty</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14 Aug</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 Aug</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22 Aug</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 Aug</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 Aug</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25 Aug</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Aug</td>
<td>Cecilia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21 Aug</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 Aug</td>
<td>Help needed</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Thank you to our wonderful volunteers**

As you can see we need more volunteers to keep our prices down.
What is happening in 1S?

This term for our HSIE unit, 1S is learning about ‘Workers in our Community’. We have discovered that lots of our family members are workers in our community here in Quirindi, and that they help us with our wants and needs.
## Term 3 Calendar

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Sat / Sun</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Aug 5</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14 Dance Festival Rehearsal</td>
<td>15 Dance Festival Matinee (all) + night performance (S1, S2 &amp; S3)</td>
<td>16/17 Dance Festival night performance Kinder only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug 6</td>
<td>18 Book Week</td>
<td>19 Dubbo Yr 3</td>
<td>20 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>21 P&amp;C Meeting 7pm</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23/24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aug 7</td>
<td>25 Dubbo Yr 3</td>
<td>26 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>27 Disco</td>
<td>28 Regional Athletics Tamworth</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30/31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sep 8</td>
<td>1 Book Week</td>
<td>2 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>3 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>4 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>5 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>6/7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sep 9</td>
<td>8 Dubbo Yr 3</td>
<td>9 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>10 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>11 Whole School Performance Rehearsal</td>
<td>12 Whole School Performance</td>
<td>13/14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sep 10</td>
<td>15 Dubbo Yr 3</td>
<td>16 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>17 Dubbo Yr 4</td>
<td>18 P&amp;C Meeting 7pm</td>
<td>19 Kindy Walk Around</td>
<td>20/21</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Last minute notice

Please note that Quirindi Rec Centre basketball games that were scheduled for Friday night have been cancelled due to the number of children away for Dance Festival!
Community news

St Brigid’s Parish Triple Celebration

125 years of St Brigid’s Parish
126 years for the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart
50 years of the Catholic Women’s League Quirindi Branch

Program

Saturday - 6th September 2014

9 am - Mass of Thanksgiving at the Quirindi Cemetery
Followed by Morning Tea, Open House & Viewing of Memorabilia at
St. Joseph’s Centre. (Previously St Joseph’s Convent)
Display and Judging Children’s Photo Competition

12.30pm – 2pm Light Lunch in Fr Stan Campbell Hall

6 pm - Vigil Mass - St Brigid’s, Quirindi

7 pm - Catholic Women’s League Dinner at Impact Café ($35 per head)
RSVP – Mrs. Peggy Lawson-24 August 2014. Ph. 02 6740 1212, 56 Centre St, Quirindi

Sunday - 7th September 2014

9 am – 10.30am - St Joseph’s School Open for Visit and Walk Through

11am - Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving St. Brigid’s, Quirindi
Presided by Rt. Rev. Michael Kennedy DD, Bishop of Armidale,
Father Roel Llave PP and visiting Priest

12.30pm Official Ceremony & Luncheon in the Church Grounds and
Fr Stan Campbell Hall.
RSVP to Sec. Mrs Kathie Murphy by 24th August 2014 Ph. 0408 658 707
Email: senac@westnet.com.au

Photo & Memorabilia Display in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall.

Prayer * Thanksgiving * Friendship

Lantern making workshops for family and friends

When
Saturday 16th Aug 1pm and
Sunday 17th Aug 9.30am

Where
Quirindi Country Tennis Club,
Milton Parade, Quirindi

Cost
$5.00 donation to cover materials

BYO

Scissors and pliers, all other materials will be supplied

RSVP
Wednesday 13th August: to 0427 796 863 or
martinjwallis@bigpond.com