Principal’s Report - Mr Kerry Kurtz

CAPERS
I hope if you were able to get to a CAPERS performance that you enjoyed it. Our students looked fantastic and were wonderfully well behaved during what was a long and tiring, yet memory making week. All of the massed dances were great and the finale!! Well that speaks for itself. A few people even enjoyed the slightly age challenged rock star wannabe’s at the end.

CAPERS is a huge commitment from our school, students and parents/carers. A sincere thanks to everyone!!!! CAPERS doesn’t happen in a school without the support of every staff member and a large number of our parents and carers. We believe the commitment of finances, time, effort and goodwill is worth it. It is far too big to begin thanking everyone who was involved but I must thank Rebecca Smith who coordinated the involvement of Quirindi Public School in CAPERS. Well done everyone.

Kitchen garden
As you know our kitchen garden is growing and expanding all the time. We are very appreciative of donations that people in the community give to help the school in this area. Thank you to Phil Maheine from Willow Tree Gravels, who very kindly donated 40 timber sleepers to the garden. Thanks also to Simon Smith who delivered them to the school. If you haven’t seen the garden recently you should pop in and have a look. We have chooks, ducks and yabbies, as well as a very wide variety of fruit trees and vegetables.

Leaders 2016
On Wednesday, the staff and Year 5 students voted for the ten children who would become leaders (Captains and Officers) for Quirindi Public School in 2016. These 10 students will be giving speeches in front of the whole school on Tuesday 1 December (Week 8). Members of the school community are also welcome to attend this special assembly. After the assembly, the school will be voting to decide who will be the four School Captains and six Officers for 2016. The positions will be announced on Presentation Night at the end of the year. Voting for our House Captains will happen on Thursday 3 December. These students will also be announced during Presentation Night.

The ten students who will be school leaders next year are: Camilla Andrews, Emma Golland, Eden Gray, Josie Green, Zach Hamblin, Sophie Hill, Felix Hruby, Indiah Nean, Emma Percy and Charlotte Roseby. We congratulate these ten students as well as all students who have nominated for positions of leadership at our school for 2016.
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K-2 Christmas Shopping
It is that time of year again when we are getting ready for Christmas and Years K-2 has a tradition of offering Christmas shopping to all of their students.

We are asking all K-2 parents to supply five presents per family valued between .50 cents and $3.00.

Our shopping day will be on Wednesday 2 December and on this day the children will have an opportunity to buy presents for members of their immediate family. The money raised from this will go towards the purchase of school resources for K-2.

We are asking for parent volunteers to help on the day. Their job will be to sell the presents which will then be wrapped by the Year 6 students. We will send out a note later informing you when your child's class will be going shopping. That way you can help during your child's shopping time.

If you are able to support this day, please send your five presents to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Most of our local shops have many items that will help our store.

Some suggestions include:
- soap
- powder
- perfume
- garden tools
- shopping list notepads
- candles
- combs
- jewellery
- mugs
- handkerchiefs
- stationery
- ornaments
- key rings

Miss Rebecca Smith

Canteen news
The Burger Special Day is coming up next week.

Years K-2 Tuesday 17 November 2015
Years 3-6 Thursday 19 November 2015

There is a choice of a "Hawaiian Burger" or a "Paddock Burger" with a slushy for $6.00.

Years K-2 orders need to be given to the Canteen by Monday 16 November and Years 3-6 orders by Wednesday 18 November. Any parents who can help on the day would be very much appreciated. Please contact the Canteen on 6746 3043 if you are able to help.

School Office Hours
Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm.

Please be advised that we have had confirmed cases of Chickenpox and Whooping Cough. Please monitor your child if they develop spots or a cough and seek medical advice.

Notes home this week
1. Whooping Cough
2. Year 6 Fun Day
3. Year 6 Aboriginal Students High School Transition Day
4. HealthOne Quirindi Screening Consent Form for Year 1 students
5. K-2 Christmas Shopping

Bookclub is due back 17 November 2015!
P&C News
Quirindi Public School Fair raffle winners

Thank you everyone for your wonderful balloon guessing at our Fair, unfortunately no one was 100% correct!!!

The magic number you needed was 205 balloons.
Congratulations to our closest guess Maya Bannister!

Thank you to all our wonderful stall holders for all your amazing raffle prizes!!!
Congratulations to all our lucky WINNERS - Thank you everyone for your support.

1. Tamworth Remedial Massage Centre - 1/2 hour massage
   Barbara Shaw
2. Harriet Kate Designs - A little princess head band pack
   Mrs Widdis
3. Made By Nic Jewellery - Stunning handmade necklace set
   Chrissy Clarke
4. Out of the Hat - A very cute blinged toy
   Tracey Goodwin
5. Teapots & Tractors - A gorgeous child’s handmade blanket
   Isla Watters
6. Sew Suzie prize 1 - $20 gift voucher & handmade Xmas card
   Clancy McInnes
7. Sew Suzie prize 2 - Little girls pack 5 beautiful handmade items
   Krystal Bowley
8. The Powder Room - A beautiful coloured scarf & bracelet
   Katrina Gullivar
9. Corner of the garden - Fabric gardening gloves & a scented heart
   Billy Atkins
10. Quaint - An amazing selection of Quaint candles
    Imogen Smith
11. The Event Storeroom - A selection of Bamboo disposable plates
    Chris Mizzi
12. Didjies with a Difference - A beautiful wooden box
    Katrina Gullivar
13. Sophia’s Choice - A very cute blinged cap
    Clancy McInnes
14. Chameleon Bags & Baskets - A lovely purple sun hat
    Margaret Rose
15. Niknak - Cute handmade necklace & earrings & a beautiful kids bag
    Maria Jarrett
16. Tupperware - A child’s tupperware item
    Jeanne Pursehouse
17. Saboo & Mini Presh - A cute handmade item
    Edwina Howard
18. Thermomix - Yummy homemade goodies
    Quincey Scanlon
19. Your Inspiration @ home - A delicious dip mix
    Amber Robinson
20. Nanny Time Goats Milk Soap - A selection of handmade soaps
    Liz Saunders
21. Tamaya Bloom - Something beautiful
    Kerry Quirk
22. Andrea’s Body shop Beauties - Coconut skin care gift pack
    Chris Mizzi
23. Chrissy’s Wickfree warmers - Marble warmer & melt products
    Jack Atkins
24. Babycakes and sweet dreams - A beautiful dream catcher
    Carol Scrace
25. Rosy cheeks - A scrumptious packet of homemade granola
    Rebecca Gilbert
26. Kellie Hoswell - Avon gift pack
    Sandy Patton

Keep an eye out in next week’s newsletter for lots of CAPERS photos!

Quirindi Public School
Bell Times
9.20am
School begins
11.20am - 12.00pm
Break 1
1.30pm - 2.05pm
Break 2
3.20pm
School concludes
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 086 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

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Community News

Wallabadah Public School Trail Ride
14.11.15
Trail ride fundraiser taking you through the stunning Liverpool Plains. For more information call Mandy on 0427 550 241.

Quota Markets
14.11.15
Fresh produce, arts and craft, local goodies and much more! Rose-Lea Park from 8am to 2pm.

Talent Quest Northwest Auditions
To register for the auditions send an email to royaltheatre@lpsc.nsw.gov.au or call the theatre assistant on 6746 1755.

Quirindi Race in the Country
16.11.15
Race meeting at Quirindi Race Course, gates open at 11.00am.

Royal Theatre Movie Weekend
21. - 22.11.15
Showing this weekend:
Saturday and Sunday, 1.30pm: Miss you Already
Saturday and Sunday, 4.00pm: Black Mass

Quirindi Village Miniature Railway
22.11.15
Take a scenic ride in the grounds of the Rural Heritage Village and discover how life was in the old days at the Heritage Village Museum! Wear enclosed shoes!

Talent Quest Northwest Finals
28.11.15
All the artists who made it through to the finals will compete at the Royal Theatre from 6pm. Tickets: $10, available at the door.

For more details and contacts on any of these events go to