Upcoming events

27 February
K-2 Swimming Fun Day

5 March
Zoo Keeper Performance

9 March
SRC Induction Ceremony
9.20am

9 – 13 March
Kinder Parent Interviews

10 March
Year 6 Shirt money due

Principal’s Report – Mr Kerry Kurtz

Quirindi Public School P&C

Congratulations and thanks are due to our continuing and new office bearers on the Quirindi Public School P&C. It was wonderful to see the positions filled quickly and efficiently with parents and citizens of the school willing to put their hands up to serve the school community, and in particular the boys and girls at our school. We all do what we do because of the students in our school.

The office bearers are:

President           Tammy McGuckin
Vice President      Jenny Golland
Secretary           Kate Hallman
Treasurer           Tina Pursehouse
Fundraising Coordinator Shelley McInnes
Canteen Coordinator Jody Peatling
Canteen Treasurer   Tracy Goodwin
P&C Rep for School Council Natalie Eade

Thank you also to those who held positions on the P&C last year. Your support for our school has been greatly appreciated.

Before and After School Care

Last year we looked into the viability of offering Before and After School Care at our school. We carried out a survey that covered the school communities of the Quirindi Preschool, St Joseph’s Primary School and Quirindi Public School. There was enough interest to start a centre at our school but new guidelines being developed by the Department of Education and Communities were not available for us to begin with the process of establishing a facility. We are still awaiting the DEC guidelines to be produced so we can push ahead. I will keep you posted about when we can proceed.

Shade areas

We have some large projects that are being looked at and acted upon currently at the school. The P&C has a major project and fundraising drive that is looking at providing shade areas for our students in the playgrounds. We lost some of our shade trees last year when trees were deemed unsafe and were removed or trimmed. There are some ideas in the pipeline and hopefully it won’t be long before we are able to increase our shade areas at the school. Your contributions through the Voluntary School Contribution will also assist with our aim to provide shade shelters and improve play areas in the playgrounds.

School kitchen project

We are also looking at extending our school kitchen project so that more students are able to benefit from this outstanding program in our school. Our garden is expanding all the time with us even extending the chook shed so that we can add more chooks and increase our egg production.
Improvement of the 3-6 playground
Another major project that we are focusing on is the improvement of the 3-6 playground by levelling an area and we are looking down the track at providing a multi-purpose court area that can be used for tennis, basketball and other sports.

Vision and hearing screening
HealthOne, in partnership with Quirindi Public School, is offering vision and hearing screening for all students in Years 1, 3 and 5. This is a fabulous opportunity for students in these years to have their hearing and eyesight tested, FREE OF CHARGE. If you elect for your child/children to be part of this screening process, you will be given a copy of the screening results so that you can then investigate more thoroughly if concerns are identified.

The Year 5 students will be offered the first round of screening tests, which will take place on Tuesday 24 March 2015. Students who return their permission notes will be walked to and from HealthOne on the morning of the screening.

We certainly appreciate HealthOne giving our school the opportunity to take part in these vision and hearing screening tests.

“The Zookeeper”
Next Thursday morning, 5 March, a travelling performance group will be presenting a show called “The Zookeeper” to the students at our school. This highly acclaimed show is being provided for us free of charge. Other schools in the district will be also coming to the same show in the afternoon.

No permission note is required for your child to attend. If you do not wish your child to attend please contact the school.

For more information on the show see the flier.

Notes home this week
1. Instrumental Camp & 2015 Vocal Camp
2. K-2 Swimming Fun Day
3. Rugby Union Development Gala Day
4. Voluntary contribution
5. Student Attendance Procedures
6. CAPERS
Safety

At Quirindi Public School we move and play safely.

Student of the Week
KS Rayna Turner
K-1T Cooper Godden
1M Lachlan Stenner
1/2S Sophie Boorer
2WM Charlotte Sweeney
3D Pennelope Hill
3M Zac Slade
4-5A Zac Woolley
4-5C Deleena Sutton-Large
4-5W Oscar Perkins
6D Daniel Cox
6R Ebony Van Eekert

Merit Awards
KS Logan Oliver
K-1T Abbey Pryor
1M Toby Pollard
1/2S Miley Clark
2WM Kayley Milligan
3D Jazzy Robinson
3M Keenan Maskell
4-5A Zoe Burston
4-5C Connor Bridge
4-5W Charli Nixon
6D Isabella Davis
6R Mark Matheson

School Office Hours
Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm.
Principals Awards
Sarah Bradfield – is an outstanding role model and school leader.

Charlotte Sweeney – shows persistence and improved achievement with her learning. She is always showing a great attitude towards our CARES values.

Caitlyn Etheridge – is a pleasure to have in the classroom. She consistently works to the best of her ability and shows respect to others at all times. Keep up the great work.

Lachlan Quigley – In just 4 weeks Lachlan has shown that he is working at a Year 1 level. He is a mature, caring student who always tries his hardest and helps others.

Josie Green – Always demonstrates CARES values and is a wonderful student in our classroom.

Captains Awards
Congratulations to Lachlan McGuckin, Paige Sevil, Olivia Cowan and Flynn Maskell on receiving our first Captain’s Awards for 2015.

Banners
Congratulations to Daniel Robertson, Lacey Newcombe, William Scanlon, Brianna Swan, Lilly Ryan, Caleb Gallagher, Henry Pursehouse, Zac Slade, Lucas Percy and Charlotte Sweeney for receiving a Banner at last Friday’s assembly. Well done to all of these students.

Blues Award
Congratulations to Sarah Bradfield on a wonderful achievement for receiving a Blues Award. Well done Sarah!

Claim the Date!
Clean up Australia Day at Quirindi Public School will be on Friday 6 March 2015
**Sport News**

**Rugby Gala Day**

Next Wednesday 4 March, Quirindi Public School students from years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to participate in a Rugby Union Gala Day at Quirindi Rugby grounds where they will participate in drills and competitions.

Cost is $3.00 for transport. Canteen is also available on the day.
Please return notes and money to Mrs Davis by tomorrow Friday 27 February.

**Regional Swimming Trials**

Next Tuesday 3 March our regional team are headed to Armidale with Mrs Davis. Good luck to all of our super swimmers. We know you will do yourselves and your school proud.

**K-2 Swimming Fun Day**

Tomorrow students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will be participating in their swimming fun day at the Quirindi swimming pool.

Children are to travel to school as normal and will travel to the pool by bus. Each child will be given a coloured band to wear according to their swimming ability.

The cost per student is $2.00 each for the bus and $3.00 each for the pool entry (season pass holders cover pool entry only and they need to bring the pass with them on the day).

The fun day should commence by 10.00am and all parents and carers are welcome to attend. The carnival should conclude by 1.30pm where the children will then travel back to school by bus and remain there until the school day ends. Should you wish to take your child home direct from the pool please ensure they are signed out with their teacher.

We are looking forward to a fun day of activities at the pool.

**Student Banking Coordinator**

We would like to thank Mrs Megan Philp for offering to volunteer as our Student Banking Coordinator. Your time and help is very much appreciated!

Our school participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help develop important savings skills. School Banking also includes a fantastic rewards program to encourage good individual saving habits. Tracking of rewards will be completed on line with each deposit and students will be notified when they can order.

Students are required to hand in their bank book to their teacher each Monday morning at 9.20am.

**Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school in 2016?**

All Year 6 students have received an Expression of Interest form for Year 7 in 2016.

This form should be completed by parents and carers of all students requesting placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government school next year. It is not an application to enrol at the school.

*Even if your child is not attending Quirindi High School you still need to fill in section A and section E of the EOI.*

After this Expression of Interest has been processed, your child will be offered a place at a Government school. The school will send you an Application to Enrol, which you should complete and return to the school your child will be attending.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen & Garden
This week in our cooking class we made linguine with basil and chicken in a tomato sauce.

Making the pasta was tricky but lots of fun. The sauce was easy as we followed the recipe closely. We harvested basil, tomatoes and zucchinis from the garden and used it in our sauce.

This week Mr Mark Young, Director Public School NSW and Mr Kurtz joined us for lunch.

It was ‘yum’.
By Oscar Perkins and Paige Sevil
Presentation by narrator Stig Weymss
On Monday students in Years 3 - 6 have been invited to attend a presentation by narrator Stig Weymss. Stig delivers very energetic and entertaining workshops for students.

We have been lucky enough to host this workshop which has been paid for by the Tamworth Regional Library. More information about Stig can be found on his website www.stig.com.au

2015 Term 1 Calendar

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AN INVITATION TO ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Year 6 "Taster Day"

All Year 6 students are invited to attend an orientation day to be held at Quirindi High School on Wednesday April 1st from 10.30am until 2pm.

Students will experience learning in our state of the art Science labs, Industry Standard Engineering workshops and Trade Training Centre commercial kitchen. They will also visit our award winning Agriculture department and use a range of technology resources on the day.

For further information or to make an appointment to discuss future enrolment, please contact Quirindi High School on 07461177.

"There's always room at the top."
Quirindi Hospital Auxiliary
Stalls and All
Gumboot Throwing Championships

When: Sunday 26th April 2015
Where: Rose Lee Park (Quirindi Showground if wet)
Starting: 10am

Various stalls (by invitation only)
Mask making for juniors
Numerous raffle prizes
Cakes Plants Books
Catering: Lions Club

And Gumboot throwing events

Events
Under 7 years Children
Under 13 years Children
Youth Girls (under 17)
Youth Boys (under 17)
Ladies Open (17+)
Men Open (17+)
Masters Ladies (over 50)
Masters Men (over 50)
Children’s Mixed Team
Teams Mixed

Entry forms available from the Quirindi Hospital, Liverpool Plains Shire Council or Quirindi Town Library
by registration on the day. Registration from 9am to 9:45am
Cost to enter Championships: $2 individuals
$10 team
Late entry (after 9:45am) $2.50

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Gumboot Art Competition

Sections of entry * Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 (Stage 1)
* Year 3 to 6 (Stage 3 & 3)
* Year 7 & 8 (Stage 4)
* Year 9 & 10 (Stage 5)
* Year 11 & 12 (Stage 6)

Each section will be awarded 1st ribbon & $15.00, 2nd ribbon & $10.00 and 3rd ribbon & $5.00.

Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining their own gumboots to do their artwork on.
Entries can be one boot or a pair.

All entries are to have student’s name, school and section of entry on the sole of the gumboot.
All entries will be accepted at Quirindi Hospital Health One before Tuesday 14th April or between 3:00 and 5:00pm on Tuesday 14th April in the Quirindi Hospital Auxiliary Photo and Gumboot Art Exhibition.
Entries close on Tuesday 14th April at 5pm.

Quirindi Hospital Auxiliary
Photo and Gumboot Art Exhibition
WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL TO FRIDAY 17th APRIL
IN THE QUIRINDI PHARMACY AND EMPORIUM ARCADE.

If you have any questions please contact Amber Hanrahan 0428 846 210
Exhibits can be collected on Friday 17th April at 5:00pm from the exhibition area.

Come One Come All
The Championships are not all
But the stalls and have a bar!

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Quirindi Junior Rugby League
Come & Try Days
FRIDAY February 20th & 27th
No 1. Oval – Quirindi
4 – 5 pm

Bring your joggers and come and have some fun. Kick & catch some balls, meet our trainers and see if Junior Rugby League is for you.

***Boys & Girls welcome***

No obligation whatsoever - come for one afternoon or come for all three! This is great opportunity to have a trial before registering your child – existing registered children are also most welcome to attend.

Registration days will be held in early March - $60 per child, includes shorts, socks, ground fees, insurance and a special ‘new release’ grashopper hoodie!

Phone: Belinda Perkins - 0428 899 365 with any queries or check out our Facebook page
Quirindi Junior Basketball
Registration Days
February 28th & March 14th
9:30am – 11:30am
Quirindi High School Hall

Quirindi’s 2015 local Junior Basketball Competition will see some changes this season with the Mini Ball and year 3, 4 & 5 Divisions moving to Thursday nights at the Quirindi High School Court. The years 6 and 7 Division as well as the years 8, 9 & 10 Division will remain on Friday nights. The small court size at the Recreation Centre prompting the need for the change.

Competition is set to commence on Thursday 23rd of April and will wrap up with Grand Finals and Presentations for all Divisions on Friday the 11th of September.

Fees for the 2015 season will be $60 for Primary School and $75 for High School students. Please start budgeting for those days now as no registrations will be accepted without payment in full.

(Reminder to all those participating in the Tamworth Schools Competition on Wednesday Nights will be required to register on Saturday the 28th regardless of whether you are playing in our local Friday night competition or not.)

ABS TRAINING GROUP
TRAINING 2015

The time has come....
X country training will commence Tuesday March 10 at 3.45pm on No 1 oval, Henry st. Trainings will be Tuesdays and Thursdays and at No 1 until further notice.

Bring plenty of water and keep your swimmers in your bag for the hot afternoons when we will go to the pool.

Any queries ring Abs on 0427473816.