Principal’s Report - Mr Kerry Kurtz

Swimming carnival
I would like to thank everyone for helping to make our swimming carnival last Friday so successful. Congratulations kids! You participated so well in your events and your behaviour was outstanding.

We had lots of support and help from our parents and Mrs Alcorn did a wonderful job of organising the carnival. It was a most enjoyable day.

Our champions and runner up champions at our carnival were awarded with their medallions and banners at our Monday whole school assembly and are listed further in the newsletter.

Congratulations to the competitors who are representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Werris Creek this Friday. I am sure you will all do your very best.

Our K-2 swimming fun day is coming up on Friday 27 February and will also be a great day I am sure.

Parents picking up K-2 children
It is important that parents of students in K-2 wait for their children at home time outside of the school building. It is distracting for the teachers and students if parents come in to the corridor to collect bags or wait for their child. Your cooperation with this is very much appreciated.

Parent/teacher Information Evening
Our parent/teacher evening will be held next Wednesday beginning at 6:30pm in the library. After initial introductions, parents will be able to meet their child’s teacher in their classroom where you will be informed of the classroom procedures. It is appropriate to ask general questions but if you want to talk specifically about your child you will need to arrange for an interview at a different time. A bell will be rung after 20 minutes so you can move to another class if needed.

Fortnightly Friday assemblies
We welcome anyone to attend our fortnightly assemblies on Fridays starting at 1.00pm. At these assemblies, students who are eligible are presented with their Banner and or Blues Awards and a class item is also performed. The first Friday assembly for this year will be Week 4, 20 February 2015. The class item will be by K-6S.
Respect

At Quirindi Public School we are considerate of everyone and our environment.

Student of the Week
KS  Brandi Frewin
K/1T  Charli Hoswell
1M  Mia Ball
1/2S  Roy Peatling
2WM  Bronte Matthews
3D  Lily Owen
3M  Nicholas Boorer
4/5A  Emily Taylor
4/5C  Rowan O'Reilly
6D  Marty Charters
6R  Isabella Pursehouse
K-6S  Quincey Scanlon

Merit Awards
KS  Millah Smith
K/1T  Olivia Hill
1M  Tylor Nean
1/2S  Caelan Gray
2WM  Jamie Grant
3D  Lacey Owen
3M  Demi Burston
4/5A  Olivia Leonard
4/5C  Jedd Gralton
6D  Aaron Stewart
6R  Sania Ball

BOOK CLUB IS DUE BACK TOMORROW
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen & Garden
This week we cooked a warm potato salad. We scored it a ten out of ten. We picked lots of fresh vegetables such as cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchinis, beans, basil and lettuce and it was yum!

Oscar Perkins and Thomas Whyte

Our chooks and ducks need your help!
Miss Taylor is hoping to extend the chook shed but needs a little help.

We are looking to see if anyone has any 2 inch galvanised pipe lengths, straight star posts or chicken mesh that they would be willing to donate to our school.

If you are able to help in any way please let the office or Miss Taylor know.

Position vacant – Student Banking Coordinator

We are looking for a volunteer to be the Student Banking Coordinator on Monday mornings each week of school terms.

Job description: Process the deposits by students that are participating in the student banking program via the internet to the Commonwealth Bank.

Hours: Each Monday during school terms for approximately 2 hours each day.
For more information please contact Kathy Bromage or Robyn Roseby at the school office.
P&C Update
Thank you to all who attended our most recent meeting. Key developments:

- Quirindi Public School Horse Sports will be held on Monday 27 April 2015.
- Miss Cherrington, in her capacity as NSW Teachers Federation representative, provided the meeting with an update in relation to the Gonski Funding program. The P&C meeting voted unanimously in support of the Teachers Federation campaign to secure the final two years of funding proposed under Gonski. Further details of the campaign can be found on the Teachers Federation website - nswtf.or.au or on www.iqiveagonski.com.au
- General discussion was held in relation to the P&C funding that has been allocated to providing additional shade around the school grounds. Quotes for this work are being sourced and are to be presented at the P&C meeting on 19 February 2015.

AGM
Just a reminder that our P&C AGM will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 19 February 2015 in the school office building.

The P&C is a great way to become part of the school community and learn more about what is going on around the school, as well as to play a role in helping make the educational experience as rewarding as possible for our children.

The P&C is responsible for running our canteen and uniform shop as well as contributing financially to projects which help make our school a better place - including the current project to provide additional shade around the school grounds. While we welcome support and volunteers, attendance at P&C meetings does not mean you will be required to donate any additional time.

All representative positions will be declared vacant and nominations are open for all of the following positions:
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Canteen Co-ordinator
- Canteen Treasurer
- Fundraising Co-ordinator
- Ground force Coordinator
- School Council Representative

If you have any questions, or are interested in learning more about the P&C you can contact P&C President Tammy McGuckin via the school office, or Kate Hallman, Secretary, on 0413 946 704 or katehallman@me.com

Allergies
As you are probably aware, children who suffer from food allergies can have severe reactions if they eat products with those ingredients. We have students in our school who have allergies to certain foods and additives.

It is very important to:
- encourage children not to share food
- clearly mark food containers and drink bottles with children’s names
- encourage children to wash hands before and after eating.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.
Swimming Champions

Our champions and runner up champions at our carnival were awarded with their Medallions and Banners at our Monday whole school assembly. They were:

**Senior Boys Champion** - Scott Batterham  
**Junior Boy Champion** - Keenan Davis  
**Senior Boys Runner up** - Archer Thistle  
**Junior Boy Runner up** - Mitchell Taylor

**Senior Girls Champion** - Isabella Davis  
**Junior Girls Champion** - Brianna Clark  
**Senior Girls Runner up** - Sarah Bradfield  
**Junior Girls Runner up** - Bella Pollard

**11 Year Boys Champion** - Rowan O’Reilly  
**11 Year Girls Champion** - Molly Elford  
**11 Year Boys Runner up** - Thomas Boorer  
**11 Year Girls Runner up** - Emily Taylor

**Winning House** - Cunningham

Congratulations to Keenan Davis who broke a record of 3.56.69 in the Junior Boy IM breaking Liam Faulkner’s record of 3.57.11. Well done Keenan.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and staff who assisted in the swimming carnival. It was a wonderful day and the children displayed outstanding sportsmanship.

Authority to Publish

We recently sent home a pink note to all of our families (except Kindergarten) for our Authority to Publish. These notes need to be returned to the school as soon as possible otherwise your child will not be able to have their photos or names in our newsletters, website, local newspapers etc.

If you have any questions with regards to this please feel free to contact the school office.

**Notes home this week**

1. Year 4 & 5 welcome back  
2. Quirindi Zone Swimming Carnival  
3. Year 3 welcome back  
4. Year 4 Excursion to Lake Keepit Expression of Interest  
5. Year 5 Excursion to Aussie Bush Camp Expression of Interest
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Come & Try Hockey Days 2015

Hockey is a great sport & here are just some of the reasons why you should give hockey a go this year:

- All the family can play – taddles and minkey for the youngsters, Junior comps from under 9’s to High School, Men’s & Women’s grade competitions & veterans competitions
- Caters for all levels of ability from 1st timers through to international standard
- Hockey is one of the safest team sports to play
- Tamworth boasts access to some of the best hockey facilities in the country
- Play in all weather – no washouts
- Access to some of the state’s best accredited coaches
- Opportunity to meet other kids from different schools, build social circles & learn to play in a team environment
- Hockey is great for fitness
- Opportunity to represent, become a cog, or one day a Hockeyroo or Koalaburra. Tamworth boasts representatives in most NSW state teams from 13’s to Masters, current national junior and senior squads, as well as numerous Olympic representatives over the years.
- Come & try days are FREE & you can borrow sticks, shin pads etc for the day.

Tamworth Hockey will be holding 3 come & try days on Saturday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 am (9th, 14th & 21st of March) as well as one on Friday Evening from 5:30 – 7:30pm on 20th March for anyone who can’t make it on Saturdays. The Friday evening session will include a family sausage sizzle & a kids vs parents game for a bit of friendly competition. Sessions will be held on the artificial surfaces near ALEC and will include coaching sessions & mini games for all involved. All of the local clubs will be on site to take registrations & answer any queries you might have. No need to book in – just come down to any or all of the sessions & have a go.

Please contact our Hockey Development officer Steve Littlejohns on 0438 627299 for any additional information regarding the come & try days or registration for the upcoming competitions.

EVENTS IN THE LIVERPOOL PLAINS

January - March 2015

For more information check www.visitquirindi.com.au

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