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QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 9

7 December 2017

Principal's Report - Mr Kerry Kurtz

Year 6 Farewell

Around 160 students, staff, parents and other family members enjoyed the opportunity to say farewell and all the best, on the formal occasion of our 2017 Year 6 Farewell. There was a great atmosphere in the room with a photo booth and great entertainment from the Year 6 students themselves. Mrs Harris had been working with the students to produce a very creative, dramatic and vibrant dance. It was great to see the parents also joining in (at the request of their son or daughter) although somewhat reluctantly to begin with. Thanks to the Year 6 teachers and other staff who helped organise and coordinate the night.

Kindergarten and Year 6 Graduation

Yesterday afternoon we had another formal occasion where we saw the graduation of our Kindergarten and Year 6 students. This is a lovely tradition that we have at Quirindi Public School, where the Year 6 students with their Kindergarten buddies, receive their graduation certificates and then walk back to their seats together, to the applause of the audience. It was great to again see so many family members and friends in attendance. I think there even may have been a tear or two (and that was also from staff members!)

The Leader in Me

One of the great stories in my time at Quirindi Public has been **The Leader in Me**. It has been lovely over the past few weeks, as parents have been wishing me well for my future, to hear some of them say how much they like that their children have been learning about the 7 Habits. They want to see it embedded as part of the culture of Quirindi Public in the years ahead, and so do I.

The 7 Habits are timeless principles of life that are life-changing as they are put into practise. They will enable our students to be strong, caring and resilient citizens in an ever changing world.

This week I visited KT for my final Leader in Me lesson. The students had to think of ways that they are helpful towards others and also things they are good at as leaders as they **Find their Voice (Habit 8 - the extra habit)**. I also paid a quick visit into KM to see what all the excitement in their room was about. They were singing and dancing to their favourite 7 Habits song!!

Upcoming events

8 December

K-2 Christmas Shopping

12 December

Presentation Night - 7.00pm

13 December

Year 6 Fun day

14 December

Class Parties

15 December

Last day of Term 4

30 January

Years 1-6 first day Term 1
Kindergarten Best Start

31 January

Kindergarten Best Start

1 February

Kindergarten start



Farewell from me

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from our Quirindi Public School community - that is students, staff and parents.

I have been privileged to conclude my career at such a fine school. I have spent a total of 6½ years as principal of Quirindi Public and they have been extremely fond years indeed. To have an excellent staff and parent body, who are committed to doing a great job for the welfare and education of the students at our school is of great value.

I am proud to have been one of the leaders at this school in my time here. Yes, we are all leaders, and as we all find our voice and do our jobs well, we will see growth into greatness.

I certainly wish the Quirindi Public School students, staff (including your new principal, Mrs Kath Parker) and community, all the very best as you go ahead and make your mark into the future.

I will always proudly remember my association with Quirindi Public School.
Farewell.



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on
29 January 2018
8.30am-12.00pm

30 January until 2 February
8.30am-9.30am

Eftpos Available



Library News

With the end of the year coming we are asking that everyone check under their beds and in their cupboards for any library books that may need returning to our school library. It is important to return these resources by the end of the year so that we can do a proper count and know what is in our library for 2018.

The library is an important part of our school and it is great for all students to get the opportunity to enter the world of reading.

P&C News

We are holding a Christmas Baked Goods stall at the 'Christmas in Quirindi' event this Saturday 9 December. We are asking if there are any parents that can spare an hour on the day to help out on the stall or if not maybe get into the Christmas mood by doing some Christmas cooking for the stall. If you have any baked goods they can be dropped off at the school office on Friday 8 December or at the stall on the day. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.



Canteen Special
2 Pikelets and Smoothie
12 December 2017
\$2.00
Banana or Raspberry



At Quirindi Public School



We Show CARES



Environment

At Quirindi Public School we acknowledge effort and success.

Merit Awards

KM	Luke Cowen
KT	Zoe Wallis
K/1S	Oliver Pollard
1/2A	Haidyn Bridge
3/4A	Zach Cork
3/4D	Brianna Jameson
3/4W	Bronte Matthews
5/6J	William Condrick-Gibson
5/6S	Heidi Lamb
5/6W	Lacey Owen



Student of the Week

KM	John Slater
KT	Charlie Milward
K/1S	Toby Tarrant
1/2A	Declan Trethewey
3/4A	Pollyanna Thibault
3/4D	Beatrix McKechnie
3/4W	Lachlan Stenner
5/6J	Alex Charters
5/6S	Ryan Gooley
5-6W	Nikylah Cowen
3-6MW	Alexxander Southwell



School Office Hours

**Office hours are
8.30am to 3.30pm.**

Principals Award

Billy Nixon - is committed to learning. Has exemplary behaviour and is an all round nice guy.

William Dugan- is a friendly and hard working student. Will participates with enthusiasm in all school activities. Will demonstrates the schools CARES values both in the playground and classroom.

Benji Slater - is a delightful student who brightens up the classroom. Benji always displays CARES values and is a good friend to many. Benji is a proactive learner who takes pride in his work. Congratulations Benji.

Maxx Outerbridge - is a considerate classmate who continually tries his best to synergise with others. Maxx is thoughtful and shows respect to not only his teacher, but his peers. Maxx always comes to school with a positive attitude and is ready to learn. It is a pleasure having him in class.

Chenoa Maughan - is a polite student. Chenoa always tries her best. She sets challenging weekly learning goals and works hard to achieve them. Chenoa's effort this semester has been amazing. Chenoa is a valued member of KT.

Lucia Thomson-Raya - is a quiet achiever and valued class member. Lucia has a warm sense of humour. Her contributions to class are thoughtful. Lucia is meticulous in all class activities and she loves art. Lucia is a delight to have in 3/4A.

Samuel Durie - is a hard worker who displays initiative in both independent and group tasks. Sam is responsible and can be relied upon to complete jobs in and outside the classroom with enthusiasm and diligence. Samuel approaches all tasks with a positive attitude and his enjoyment of learning is reflected in effort and results.

Charli Nixon - is a thoughtful, kind and courteous student. Charli demonstrates strong resilience and sticks difficult situations out. Charli is a fantastic leader and consistently demonstrates our CARES values and TLIM habits.

William Condrick-Gibson - is a responsible student who makes sensible decisions. Will is respectful and considerate towards his peers and teachers. Will always has a smile on his face and tries his best in all he does.



Blues Award

Congratulations to Charli Nixon on receiving her Blues Award at last Friday's Assembly. This is a fantastic effort. Well done Charli.

Notes home this week

1. K-2 Christmas Shopping Reminder
2. Year 6 QHS Orientation Day
3. Presentation night
4. Year 5 & 6 Party Day

Banners

Congratulations Charli, Billy, Kendell, Lily, Ruby, Scarlett, Jack, Seth, Jet, Logan, Rosalie, Chenoa, James, Mia, Jessica, Siena and Indi who received a Banner at last Friday's assembly. What a huge group of students to finish the year. Well done!



Captain's Award

Well done to Billy, Lucas, Sophie and Heidi on receiving their Captain's Award at last Friday's Assembly.

Gifts needed for K-2 Christmas Shopping Day

Tomorrow, Friday 8 December is our K-2 shopping day!

Don't forget to bring in your shopping money and a plastic bag to take home your goodies in.

Presents will be valued between .50c and \$3.00.

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

Some suggestions include:

soap	candles	handkerchiefs
powder	combs	stationery
perfume	jewellery	ornaments
garden tools	mugs	key rings



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program

The children from Year 5 and 6 attacked the garden today. After our spell of rain and heat the weeds had begun to be a problem. They rolled up their sleeves and got to work weeding and turning the soil. We also harvested a mountain of produce including our beautiful duck and chicken eggs, which they took back to the kitchen and turned into 'baked omelettes' which they all enjoyed. It has been an extremely successful year in the kitchen and the garden. It has been a pleasure watching the children develop their skills week after week. Well done everyone.



*Permission notes and
payment due -*

Year 6 Fun Day
Notes and money due Friday 8
December.

**School Presentation
Night**

Tuesday 12 December 2017

Doors Open - 6.30pm

Commencement - 7.00pm

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



World Vision Thank You

For 50 years, World Vision Australia has helped to create lasting change for children and families through long-term projects that empower communities to sustainably address their needs. Thank you to the people who donated to World Vision at our School Fair. Your donations have enabled World Vision to supply chicken, eggs, fast growing seeds and school pencils to children, families and communities to overcome poverty.

Assembly Roster

Friday Fortnightly Assembly 1.00pm	Week 10 2017		CANCELLED
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Thumbs-Up Wheel Winners - Week 9



- Chloe Williams - 3/4W - Ice block
- Heidi Lamb - 5/6S - Lucky dip
- Ella Hobson - 5/6J - Hall games with 5 friends
- Declan Trethewey - 1/2A - Canteen voucher
- Tayla Richardson - 1/2A Canteen voucher
- Jack Williams - 2W - Canteen Voucher



PBL Mega Draw

Tomorrow at 1.00pm our school will be holding a CARES Mega Draw. We want to acknowledge and celebrate the positive behaviour that all students exhibit. All of the Thumbs Up that students have earned throughout the year will be placed into the draw. Names will be drawn out and students will choose a prize. The PBL team would like to thank the following local businesses for donating prizes. Subway, Quirindi Pharmacy, The Hub Quirindi and the Liverpool Plains Shire Council



This is our last newsletter for 2017!

Wishing all our families a wonderful festive season and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your break with your families and friends.

We hope to see you all back on Tuesday 30 January 2018 to start our new year!

Term 4 Calendar

Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
Dec 9	4 Intensive Swimming	5 QHS Year 6 Orientation	6 Yr 6 & Kinder Graduation Yr 6 Dinner	7 Grandparents Day	8 K-2 Christmas Shopping	9/10
Dec 10	11 Practice Presentation Night	12 Presentation Night 7pm	13 Year 6 Fun day	14 Class parties	15	16/17
Dec 11	18 SDD	19 SDD				

Community News



“CHRISTMAS IN QUIRINDI” FANCY DRESS UP **CHRISTMAS COMPETITION**

The Liverpool Plains Business Chamber Inc invites everyone to participate in this year's Christmas in Quirindi Fancy Dress Up Competition, that is being held at the Christmas in Quirindi Street Party on Saturday, 9th December 2017.

We would love for all ages to come and join in with this fun event.

There will be three different age categories – 5 years and under, 6 years to 10 years and 11 years and above.

Prizes have been kindly donated by the following businesses:

- Quirindi Furniture One have sponsored the 5 years & under age group with some wonderful gift prizes!
- Lush Hair & Beauty on George and Quirindi Newsagency have kindly sponsored the remaining age categories with Cash Prizes. The Cash prizes will be \$20, \$15 and \$10 for the 6-10 years category and the 11 and above category.

Entry forms are available at Quirindi Furniture One or please contact Tammie Clark on 0428 474 602 or email tamrob6@bigpond.com to receive your application form.

Applications will close on Saturday, 9th December at 10.30am – please return your completed application to Quirindi Furniture One.

All entrants are asked to meet in Library Square by no later than 11.30am ready for the 12pm judging. Winners will be announced shortly after.

Please feel free to come dressed in your favourite Christmas outfit even if you don't want to participate in the competition. **Let's bring Christmas to Quirindi!**



Give your football career a head start with the NIAS National Football Camp in Armidale, from the 20th to the 23rd of January, 2018. Headlined by coach Brian McCarthy and his son Stephen, who is a current talent scout for Manchester United. With a focus on skill development, together, they will take your game to the next level. Registrations are closing soon, so get to nias.org.au for more information or phone 6766 2526. Get to the NIAS National Football Camp, and give yourself a head start for a future in football.

The Liverpool Plains Business Chamber invites you to

Christmas in Quirindi

Saturday 9th December

9am till 3pm

Held in George Street Quirindi

- Market Stalls • Santa Visit • Fun Kids Activities
- Live Entertainment • Rotary Chocolate Wheel • Christmas Dress Up Competition
- Announcement of the Colouring in Competitions & Other Prize Winners will be Announced
- LPSG Christmas Lights Winners Announcement • Business Chamber Draw
- Sunflower Arts Festival @ the Qdi Royal Theatre

CAMP SIXERS

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF MAGENTA FUN IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

EXCITING GAME BASED ACTIVITIES PLUS A VISIT FROM SYD SIXER

Our camps are suited for boys and girls who are entry level participants
 Cost: \$66 each Ages: 5 - 11 years
 Camp dates and locations at www.sydney-sixers.com.au/camp-sixers

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Quirindi Football Club invite all our senior and junior players and their families to our Annual General Meeting and

Christmas Party

Jumping Castle!

Santa!

BBQ Lunch

Sunday December 17, 2017
 at the Quirindi Bowling Club
 10.30am for the AGM followed by the party at 11.30am
 For more information call Tony on 0429 462 007