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QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 3

9 February 2017

Principal's Report – Mr Kerry Kurtz

New Cola

Our new shade shelter/COLA has begun to be erected with footings poured on Wednesday. This structure is being constructed behind the K-6S and 2-6MW classrooms and should be completed by the end of March. We are looking at landscaping the area around the new COLA as well. This structure will provide very welcome shade in the hot months and a great covered learning area at all times throughout the year.



School Uniform

*A reminder to all students and parents that **unless** it is sport day (K-2 on Thursdays and 3-6 on Fridays), joggers are not to be worn to school. Black school shoes or boots are our correct school uniform on **non-sport** days. Joggers are part of the school sports uniform. Notes will be sent home to remind parents if the incorrect shoes are worn to school. We appreciate your support in keeping our school looking fantastic in the correct school uniform.*

Sometimes incorrect hats are also worn to school. Again a note may be sent home to remind parents about our School Uniform Policy. If your child is unable to be in correct school uniform on a given day, please send a note to the classroom teacher.

There are emergencies sometimes and we are happy to accommodate students out of uniform for the day if we are given a note explaining the situation. For example, your child may have accidentally left his/her hat at a grandparent's place after visiting. A note explaining the situation needs to be sent to school with your child to be given to the class teacher.

Music Tuition

*Quirindi High School is in consultation with the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music to establish a tuition program for students. The Conservatorium is also happy to offer tuition to students at Quirindi Public School. If you have a student interested in starting or continuing to learn a musical instrument, please contact the school and leave your name (**only if you have not already done so**), the name of the student, the instrument they are interested in learning and whether it would be individual or group tuition. The program is hoping to start in Term 2.*

Upcoming events

15 February

Parent Information Night
6.00pm in the Library

17 February

Zone Swimming Carnival

23 February

K-2 Swimming Fun Day

22 February

School Council Meeting 5.00pm
P&C AGM Meeting 7.30pm

23 February

K-2 Swimming Fun Day

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Swimming Carnival a great success last Friday. We appreciate the support and assistance from our parents, P&C and school community members who help make these school events run efficiently. We certainly couldn't run these types of events without your support. A big thankyou to our staff as well, in particular Mrs Matthews and Mrs McKenzie who were the organisers of the carnival. We wish all of our students well who have made it through to the Zone Carnival that will be held at Werris Creek Pool next Friday 17 February. It was also wonderful to see three records broken during our carnival - one by Liam Durie and two by Brianna Clark.

Congratulations also to Taylor which was the winning house at the carnival.

The results are as follows -

***Junior Boy Champion
Runner up***

*Roy Simpson
Lucas Percy*

***Junior Girl Champion
Runner up***

*Alexandra Frith and Beatrice Thibault
Millie Anderson-Griffiths*

***11 Year Boy Champion
Runner Up***

*Mitchell Taylor
Henry Pursehouse*

***11 Year Girl Champion
Runner up***

*Bella Pollard
Lucy Scanlon*

***Senior Boy Champion
Runner up***

*Keenan Davis
Liam Durie*

***Senior Girl Champion
Runner Up***

*Brianna Clark
Arabella Scanlon*



Leader in Me

It was great for me to be involved in the Leader in Me lesson (learning about Habit 1 - "Be Proactive") with Mrs McGuckin's Kindergarten class on Monday. We hold our lessons across the school from 1:00 - 1:30pm every Monday.

KM were learning about being proactive by watching the great old moral cartoon from Disney - The Hare and The Tortoise. We all know the story about how the hare thought he was so cool and fast that he had all the time in the world to play and show off to anyone who would watch....in this case four girl bunnies! But of course, the slow old tortoise did what he does best - plodding on, being proactive and also "putting first things first" And of course he beat the hare in the race.



At Quirindi Public School



We Show CARES



Respect

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

Student of the Week

KM	Stella Brown
KT	Zoe Wallis
K-1S	Benji Slater
1-2A	Guillermo Thomson Raya
2W	Charli Hoswell
3-4D	Sophie Boorer
3-4W	Evie Gimbert
5-6J	Lachlan McGuckin
5-6S	Tayah Riley
5-6W	Liam Durie
K-6S	David Hancock



Merit Awards

KM	Bailey Mumberson
KT	Mahkeely Mills
K-1S	Maddison Taylor
1-2A	Nyesha Crowther
2W	Zeth Morris
3-4D	Daniel Arrowsmith
3-4W	Olivia Cowan
5-6J	Justin Farr
5-6S	Demi Burston
5-6W	Paige Sevil
2-6MW	Quincey Scanlon



Notes home this week

1. Years 3 to 6 Excursion Information
2. Blandford Horse Sports
3. Zone Swimming Carnival
4. Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program (3-4A & 3-4D)
5. Young Leaders Conference (Captains &

2017 Leaders

Congratulations to all of the following students who were elected last year to be our 2017 Leaders.

School Captains

Lachlan McGuckin, Keenan Davis,
Tayah Riley and Charli Nixon



PBL Officers

Deana Condrick-Gibson and Zac Woolley

School Community Officers

Molly Owen and Oscar Perkins

K-2 Officers

Brianna Clark and Alex Charters

House Captains

Cunningham

Sieun Kim and Liam Durie

Liverpool

Ella Hobson and Samuel Widdis

Taylor

Lily Stewart and Riley Gimbert

Oxley

Nikylah Cowen and Luke Quigley



New Forms for Authority to Publish

All students in Years 1 - 6 have received a new **Authority to Publish** form for parents and carers to sign and return to the school as soon as possible. Each year we must send out new forms for you to sign and they will replace last year's forms. We ask that you read the form carefully so you understand where the school may use your child's work, name or picture and for what purpose.

We would appreciate you returning these forms as soon as possible so we may include your child's name in newsletters, website etc. if you have any questions please contact the office.

New Students

We would like to welcome Jemima Thibault and Seth Gumowski to our school. We hope you enjoy your time here with us at Quirindi Public School.



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

Mobile Dental Unit

At the end of last year, we gave all students a note concerning the Mobile Dental Truck that is coming to our school in about four weeks time.

We have also given our new Kindergarten students a note. If you would like your child to have access to this dental service, please return the note as soon as possible. Please contact the school if you would like another note.

This is a great opportunity to have your child's teeth checked (and if necessary worked on) by qualified dentists and dental nurses.



Volunteering in class

Parent helpers in classrooms are very welcome but first you must ensure the office has the correct paperwork completed. Prior to commencing volunteering in class can you please check with the office. These requirements are mandatory for the department to keep our children safe. You will also need to bring suitable identification at the same time. All parent helpers are asked to sign in the Visitor's Book each time they are at school and collect a visitors' lanyard from the office.

P&C Uniform Shop 2017

The uniform shop will be open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.30am 9.30am for any of your uniform needs. We also have EFTPOS now for your convenience but please note that you can not pay for uniforms through the schools POP system.

Please contact Tamie Douglas on 0407 930 398 for any enquiries.

No hat no play

As parents are aware the school has a Sun-Safe Hat Policy which was approved by the school community. School hats must be worn during any outside activities. Those parents who cannot provide their children with a school hat are asked to contact the principal.



Swimming Carnival





Canteen Roster

Times approx. 8.45am to 12 noon

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10 February	Help needed	13 February	Help needed	14 February	Help needed
15 February	Help needed	16 February	Help needed	17 February	Help needed
20 February	Help needed	21 February	Help needed	22 February	Help needed
23 February	Help needed	24 February	Help needed	27 February	Help needed

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers

As you can see we need more volunteers to keep our prices down.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
<u>Feb</u> 3	6	7 Back up date Swim Carnival	8	9	10	11/12
<u>Feb</u> 4	13	14	15 Parent Info Night	16	17 Zone Swimming Carnival (Werris Creek)	18/19
<u>Feb</u> 5	20	21	22 School Council 5pm P&C AGM 7.30pm	23 K-2 Swimming Fun Day	24	25/26
<u>Feb/Mar</u> 6	27	28	1	2	3 Young Leaders Conference Blandford Horse Sports	4/5
<u>Mar</u> 7	6 Regional Swimming (Armidale)	7	8	9	10	11/12
<u>Mar</u> 8	13	14	15 P&C Meeting 7.30pm	16	17 Willow Tree Horse Sports	18/19
<u>Mar</u> 9	20	21 Harmony Day	22 School Council Meeting 5pm	23	24	25/26
<u>Mar/Apr</u> 10	27	28	29	30	31	1/2
<u>Apr</u> 11	3	4	5 State	6 Swimming QHS World of	7 (Sydney) Maths – Stage 3	8/9

Community News

Good for Kids good for life

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Joining in team sports is a great way to increase your child's physical activity. Other benefits include:

- Teaching teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Gaining confidence through interaction with other children
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly, having fun!



Registrations for winter team sports open in the first weeks of Term 1 so why not inquire today about what team sports are available in your community?



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499



This is your opportunity to tour our campus and see what Farrer can offer your son

OPEN DAY 2017

**WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY
9.00AM – 2.00PM**

We are the only boys' agricultural Government selective school in Australia. Farrer has established an enviable reputation as a centre of excellence in academics, agriculture, welfare and sports programs. Catering to the education of both day and boarding students Farrer is set on 191 hectares of prime agricultural land, 10 kilometres from Tamworth, New South Wales.

Register online at <http://farrer.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/>

By Tuesday 21st February 2017

6764-8607 – Kerry Hussey – Enrolments Officer

Wear casual clothing & bring a hat.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.



Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School
585 Calala Lane, Tamworth NSW 2340
6764 8600 www.farrer.nsw.edu.au

**Reasons to
enrol your son
at Farrer**

A broad
curriculum
offering academic,
practical and
creative learning
opportunities,
taught by a
cohesive,
collaborative team

A 78 year tradition
of pride in our
school with core
values of respect,
excellence and
fairness

Vision Statement
"Proudly committed to
producing thinking,
well-educated, skilled,
flexible and caring
people capable of
confident effective
participation in society."

HAVE
YOUR
SAY

Have your say and help shape your communities strategic direction for the future.

Complete the survey by the 21st of February for your chance to win!

Our fabulous prizes include:

- Royal Theatre tickets to the value of \$100
- Six month gym membership to the Recreational Centre (Gym) to the value of \$423
- Season Pass to the swimming pool at either Werris Creek or Quirindi valued at \$135



[www.surveymonkey.com/
r/LPSCCommunity](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LPSCCommunity)



QUIRINDI MINOR LEAGUE

COME AND PLAY FOR THE HOPPERS!!

Registrations are now open for the 2017 season.

Everyone Welcome.

There will be come and try days held in the next few weeks.

Registration is \$90 for 1 child, \$80 each for 2 etc. This includes all insurance, ground fees, shorts and socks.

The link to register now is available on our Facebook page.

Any questions please don't hesitate to call Emma on 0401743095.



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**Help is available to pay
your energy bills.**

**For information on
rebates and emergency
assistance go to:**

**[www.resourcesandenergy
.nsw.gov.au/rebates](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates)**

**or phone Service NSW
on 137 788**

** eligibility criteria apply*