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## QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 1

30 January 2020

### **Permission notes and payment due -**

**8 Years and over Swimming Carnival - Distance Nomination and Parent Helper**  
Note due - Tuesday 4 February 2020

**8 Years and over Swimming Carnival - permission note**  
Note due - Wednesday 5 February 2020

### **Important Date**

**8 years and over Swimming Carnival**  
**Friday 7 February 2020**  
**Quirindi Swimming Pool**

### **Uniform Shop**

**Each Wednesday 8.30am until 9.30am**  
Orders can be taken through the flexischools app - see details further in newsletter.

### **Upcoming events**

**3 February 2020**  
*Kindergarten Commences*

**7 February 2020**  
*8 Years and over Swimming Carnival*

**21 February 2020**  
*Zone Swimming Carnival*

**12 March 2020**  
*K-2 Swimming Fun Day*

**20 March 2020**  
*Harmony Day*

**26 March 2020**  
*Pet Program - K-2*

**9 April 2020**  
*Last Day of Term 1*

### **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

### **Notes home this week**

1. 8 Years and over Swimming Carnival
2. Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

**Students over 8 years**  
**Kinder to Year 6**

## ***From the Principal's Desk***

### **Welcome Back - 2020**

It was delightful to see so many smiling faces on our official return to school yesterday. I hope all of our families had a relaxing time over the school holiday period and our students are ready for another busy year of learning and other wonderful opportunities. Please remember to always stay up to date with what is happening in the school and there are multiple ways to do that. You can download the SkoolBag App where notifications are posted along with our weekly newsletter. You will also receive regular notes providing information or seeking permission for your child/ren to participate in activities.

### **Congratulations Mrs Jane McKenzie**

On behalf of the Quirindi Public School community, I would like to express a huge congratulations to Mrs Jane McKenzie following some recent news. Mrs McKenzie has been permanently appointed as the Principal of Willow Tree Public School. While she will be dearly missed at QPS after 15 years at the school, I know everybody within our school community wishes her the very best in her new chapter of leadership and the Willow Tree community are extremely lucky to have such an amazing teacher and leader for the future.

### **Congratulations Mrs Kirsty Matthews**

It is with great pleasure that I can share with our school community that Mrs Kirsty Matthews has been appointed as a permanent Assistant Principal at Quirindi Public School. Mrs Matthews has been relieving in this position for a number of years and this appointment is extremely rewarding and deserved for such a dedicated and hard-working member of our team. Congratulations Mrs Matthews!!!



### **Pool Access - FREE**

I would like to remind everybody that as part of an amazing initiative, all students from Quirindi Public School have free access to Quirindi and Werris Creek swimming pools (this includes entry to our upcoming swimming carnival). This health and wellbeing initiative is thanks to a partnership developed between Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Mr Ian Worley, Principal at Quirindi High School.

### **Kindergarten Best Start**

This week our Kindergarten students will be visiting at different times to participate in their Best Start Assessment with their classroom teacher. This assessment provides schools with baseline data to help determine where our students are and what areas are a good focus for growth. Kindergarten will officially start school on Monday 3 February.

### **Quirindi Public School Swimming Carnival**

Our 2020 Swimming Carnival will take place next Friday 7 February at Quirindi Pool. This carnival is for students who are turning 8 years or older in 2020. A lot of information and permission notes will be sent home this week. Please read this information carefully and return notes to school as soon as possible. **Mrs Alcorn would also love some parent helpers on the day for set up, time-keeping and judging!!!. If you are available, please complete the relevant note and return to school.**

### **New Staff**

We would like to welcome Rachel James to our team here at Quirindi Public School. Please make her feel welcome when you see her around the school.

John Ireland  
Principal

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



## 2020 Classes and Classroom Teachers

Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher
KF	Miss Aleisha Fairclough	KM	Mrs Tammy McGuckin	1M	Miss Larissa Mackaway
1R	Mrs Eileen Roach	2A	Miss Chloe Adams	2D	Mrs Susan de Roos and Mrs Phoebe Brown
3B	Miss Natascha Bayley	3H	Miss Caitlin Harris	4A	Mrs Jennifer Alcorn
4D	Mrs Tanya Drummond	5/6J	Miss Rachel James	5/6L	Miss Louise Warmoll
5/6M	Mrs Kirsty Matthews	K-6S	Mrs Ann Stent and Miss Sarah Sulman		

### Additional teaching staff

<b>Release Teachers</b>	Mrs Phoebe Brown, Miss Georgie Condos, Mrs Amy Schultz, Mrs Elissa Sheaffe, Miss Sarah Sulman and Mrs Rebecca Tully	<b>LaST</b>	Mrs Harley Walmsley
<b>School Counsellor</b>	Ms Linda Berthon	<b>Stephanie Alexander</b>	Miss Sarah Sulman

## Bus Travel Changes

Transport NSW wishes to advise parents of students who are either applying for free travel for their children for the first time in 2020 or needing to update travel details (including moving from Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to Year 7, changing address or changing schools) that the school free travel moratorium period, previously 8 weeks has now been reduced to **4 weeks** at the start of each school year.

We encourage parents to make their applications early or update details with Transport for NSW to avoid being charged for travel. Students who do not have a valid 2020 bus pass by 25 February 2020 will be required to pay the normal daily fare until such time as a bus pass is issued by our office.

Bus passes will be issued to students on the bus the first time they travel after eligibility is confirmed to our office by Transport for NSW.

The following links provide information for parents regarding the application process.

To Apply - <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/applyNow> or

To Track the Application -

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/trackApplication>

If a student is denied school free travel by Transport for NSW due to living too close to the school, you can contact your bus operator to see if you can purchase a pass. If your child's pass is lost, stolen or damaged a new pass must be purchased from your bus operator.



If you have any questions regarding the above or School Free Travel in general, please don't hesitate to contact Howards Bus & Charter or Tamworth Bus Lines depending on which bus your child/ren catch.

## Quirindi Public School Swimming Carnival

**8 Years and over**

**Where:** Quirindi Pool, Henry Street  
**When:** Friday 7 February 2020  
**Time:** 8.30am for early events or 9.00am for all other students  
**Cost:** Pool entry is free

Children are encouraged to wear their sporting house colours and to pack a hat, lots of water and to apply lots of sunscreen.



# At Quirindi Public School



## We Show CARES



### Co-operation

At Quirindi Public School we learn and play together.



#### Kind Donations

Thank you to the amazing band of 'elves' that visited our school at the end of last year from Ray White - Lower North Shore. We would like to thank both the Lower North Shore Community and John Palmer Public School for their kind donations. They certainly delivered Christmas cheer to many of our students, families and communities.

It is so heart-warming to know people on the other side of the hill are thinking of our farmers and farming communities.

#### 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 visitor's lanyard from the office.

#### P&C Uniform Shop 2020

The uniform shop will be open every Wednesday morning from 8.30am - 9.30am for any of your uniform needs. We also have EFTPOS available for your convenience but please note that you cannot pay for uniforms through the schools POP system. Uniforms can also be ordered and paid for through the Flexischools App. You can find details about this app further on in the newsletter. Orders outside of these times can be placed at the office by filling out an order form and leaving money - however these will not be filled until the next Wednesday.

#### Sun Safe

At Quirindi Public School we are a Sun Safe School. If your child forgets to bring a hat to school, they will be required to stay under the shade of the large COLA. This is for their protection. We also have sunscreen in each classroom and learning areas that will be available for students to access at any time. Staff will remind students to apply sunscreen as they leave the classroom to go out to play or participate in sport and PE.

Please make sure you also teach your child about the importance of applying sunscreen for protection.





**Are your details up to date?** - Have you moved, changed phone numbers or have different emergency contacts? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

## Canteen and Uniform Shop News



Our school has a great online ordering system for the **Canteen, and now Uniform purchases** called Flexischools.

Flexischools allows you to place all your lunch orders or uniform orders online **in a matter of seconds, at any time of the day.**

### Uniform Orders

All uniform orders need to be placed by 5.00pm on Tuesday the night before uniform pick up. Uniform purchases can be picked up from the uniform shop on Wednesdays between 8.30am and 9.30am. If needed uniforms can be delivered to students in their classrooms.

#### 1. Download the Flexischools App

*Note:* for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.



#### 2. Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

#### 3. Login/Register

Click the '**Order now**' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

- **Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'. If you used flexischools last year remember to update your child's class details to their new class!
- **New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account.  
Once your account is set up, add new student; search for our school, enter student details and select their class.

Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, please contact the Flexischools Customer Service Team on **1300 361 769**, or you can contact them via their website.

The Flexischools system is now available and ready to use, so we look forward to seeing your next order online.

If you have any questions about the online services we are introducing, please ask the school office for more information.



## Skoolbag Smartphone App

Our school has our own Skoolbag Smartphone App which we will be using to send you important information. We also place our newsletter on the app each week.

There are e-forms that you can complete on the app for your child's absence or change of any details for enrolment. When these forms are submitted a notification comes to the school. Parents and carers may find this easier to do rather than calling the school each day.


The below instructions tell you how to download the app. You can also sort and filter the notifications you receive.

To turn these filters on go to your App


Click on the 3 dots labelled "More" (Bottom right hand side of App)

Click "Setup Push Notifications"

Tap the "ON" tab beside the category that is applicable to you.




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### How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**For iPhone and iPad users:**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



iPhone


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**For Android users:**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.




Google play

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**For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:**


1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



Windows Phone

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# Term 1 Calendar

Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
<b>Jan/Feb</b> 1	27	28 SDD	29 Students Return	30	31	1 / 2
<b>Feb</b> 2	3 Kindergarten Commence	4	5	6	7 8 Years and over Swimming Carnival	8/9
<b>Feb</b> 3	10	11	12	13	14	15/16
<b>Feb</b> 4	17	18	19	20	21 Zone Swimming Carnival	22/23

## Community News

**QUIRINDI FOOTBALL CLUB**



**2020 REGISTRATIONS**

<https://www.playfootball.com.au/register>

REGISTRATIONS OPEN ONLINE FEBRUARY 2, 2020  
OR JOIN US AT OUR REGISTRATION DAY  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2020 10AM - 1PM  
AT CARLO'S SUPA IGA

	Pay before Feb 28, 2020	Price after Feb 28, 2020
Sub-Juniors (ages 5-7)	\$75	\$85
Juniors (ages 8-11)	\$95	\$105
Intermediates (ages 12-14)	\$105	\$115
Senior Player <18	\$165	\$185
Player aged <18 with bag & shirt	\$205	\$225
Player aged >18	\$290	\$310
Player aged >18 with bag & shirt	\$330	\$350

**Junior season starts**  
9.00am Saturday March 23  
at Golland Fields

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