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## QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 8

16 March 2023

### **Permission notes and payments due -**

**Quirindi Zone Basketball Trials**  
Note due - Tuesday 21 March 2023

**Science and Engineering Challenge**  
Note due - Wednesday 22 March 2023

**Stage 2 Excursion to Lake Keepit EOI**  
**Stage 3 Sydney Excursion EOI**  
Note and money due:  
Friday 31 March 2023

**Stage 2 Quirindi Historical Cottage and Museum**  
Note due - Monday 3 April 2023

### **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

### **Upcoming events**

**15-27 March 2023**  
NAPLAN

**22 March 2023**  
Quirindi Zone PSSA Basketball Trials

**24 March 2023**  
Harmony Day  
Expressions of Interest for High School due

**27 March - 6 April 2023**  
Best Start Interviews commence

**28 March 2023**  
North West Hockey Trials

**29 March 2023**  
North West PSSA Basketball Trials

**30 March 2023**  
Quirindi Zone PSSA Football Trials

**31 March 2023**  
Science and Engineering Challenge

### **Notes home this week**

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. Stage 2 Quirindi Historical Cottage and Museum | Years 3 and 4          |
| 2. Harmony Day                                    | All students           |
| 3. Quirindi Zone Basketball Trials                | Selected students      |
| 4. Science and Engineering Challenge              | Selected students      |
| 5. Easter Hat Parade and Hat Making               | Kindergarten to Year 2 |
| 6. Best Start Interviews                          | Kindergarten           |

## **From the desk of the Principal**

### **Kindergarten Best Start Interviews**

*All Kindergarten parents should have received an information note this week regarding parent/teacher Best Start interviews. These interviews are a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss their academic and social development in their first few weeks of school. Instructions on 'How to Book an Interview' are on the reverse side of the information note however, if you need any support in booking a time with the teacher, please contact the school and we can provide assistance or manually book a time on your behalf. If there is a reason the scheduled interview dates/times are not suitable, please contact your child's teacher to find a mutually suitable time to meet. Mrs McGuckin and Miss Fairclough are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress along with their next steps in learning.*

### **NAPLAN**

*Our Year 3 and Year 5 students commenced the 2023 NAPLAN assessments yesterday and these will continue to take place over the next couple of weeks. While these assessments are a snapshot in time on one particular day, we do find the data useful within our school to analyse and support areas of focus and growth for our students. Please encourage your children to do their best but remember that these assessments don't measure all of the things that make our students the amazing young people that they are. They don't measure or assess their wonderful personalities, their creativity, their social abilities or their kind and caring nature. All we ask of our students is to have-a-go, do your best, be proud of what you achieve and celebrate the exceptional young people that you all are!!!*

### **COLA Construction**

*After lots and lots of planning, meetings and jumping through hoops, our new COLA/shade structure over our basketball court in the top playground has begun and is taking shape. This project is part of the Regional Renewal Project with the school funding a component of the cost along with the Department of Education. Shade has been an issue in our school for quite a while and this will really help our students in having a shadier, cooler place to learn and play during those hot, summer days.*

### **Excursions**

*I have fielded many questions this week regarding our Stage 2 (Lake Keepit) and Stage 3 (Sydney) excursions. These excursions are planned two years in advance and a large amount of work, often outside school hours, goes into providing these extra-curricular opportunities for our students. Staff work tirelessly with booking organisations to put together an engaging and jam-packed itinerary that engages our students in activities they would not normally have the opportunity to participate in. We do our best to coordinate a trip that is cost effective, educational, unique and maximises the opportunities for our students to visit and engage in new learning. Given the feedback we have received from parents regarding the Sydney v Canberra excursions for Stage 3, the school will generate a survey with logistical information so we can provide a worthwhile, educational and value for money opportunity for students.*

Mr John Ireland  
Principal



## Class Awards

Class	Merit Awards
K Dharri	Archie Jones
K Dhinawan	Piper Harries
1/2 Dhirri Dhirri	Lincoln Harris
1/2 Gugurrgaagaa	Toby Lees
3 Balabalaa	Spencer Tourle
3/4 Bandaarr	Ameliyah Charters
4 Bugali	Rosie Maybury
5/6 Burrugarrbuu	Lucy Barnett
5/6 Marayn	Brody Heath
K/6 Bigibila	Ronnie Arrowsmith



Class	Student of the Week
K Dharri	Dorothy Whitten
K Dhinawan	Olivia Seymour
1/2 Dhirri Dhirri	Charlotte Taylor
1/2 Gugurrgaagaa	Pia Babic
3 Balabalaa	William Hartge
3/4 Bandaarr	Lilly Peach
4 Bugali	Nash Whitten
5/6 Burrugarrbuu	Colleen Traynor
5/6 Marayn	Laila Bellamy



We are learning to use school property, personal equipment and objects safely and for what they were intended for.



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

## Bring Back Blue!

The mantra 'bring back blue' refers to notes that are sent home.

If the note is on blue paper you are required to bring it back to school filled in and signed.

The use of blue paper is to help parents/carers easily recognise permission notes.

## Young Leaders

Some lovely reports from the Young Leader's Conference in Sydney

On Tuesday 7 March, our year six school leaders attended the National Young Leader's Day at the ICC, Darling Harbour, Sydney. We started our day by dancing to some awesome music played by Ezra, a really cool DJ. During the day, we listened to a number of high-profile Australians talk about their journey as leaders. The speakers were Chris Green, the bowler and summer captain for the Sydney Thunder, Caitlin Bassett a previous captain of the Diamonds netball team, Nazeem Hussain, an Australian comedian and author, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley, and Dr Jordan Nguyen, a biomedical engineer. We learnt some valuable advice from the speakers like "You have two ears to listen and one mouth to speak so learn to listen to those you lead." - Governor General, " You don't have to be the best to be a great leader." - Caitlin Bassett and "Make mistakes (but not on purpose) because that's how you learn!" - Chris Green. During the breaks, some of us were fortunate enough to have a photo with some of the speakers. The kind of leaders that we want to be for our school are people who listen to others like David Hurley said.  
Siena Gilchrist

On Tuesday we listened to five speakers at the leadership conference. The first speaker was Chris Green who captained the Sydney Thunder Cricket team. Then Caitlin Bassett spoke about how she captained the Australian Diamonds netball team and has won nearly every award in netball. Then the hilarious Nazeem Hussain who spoke about how he was an outlaw then became a comedian and a much loved TV and radio personality. He recently published a book called Hy-Larious Hyena! His excellency Governor General David Hurley spoke about his years in the army and Parliament House. The last speaker was the amazing Dr Jordan Ngugen who is a biomedical engineer who wishes to improve the everyday lives of disabled people. Our host DJ Raph filled the room with excitement and fun. All in all it was an amazing day learning about leadership qualities and meeting famous people who helped and inspired us to keep trying. We would like to say thank you to Quirindi Public School for organising the tickets and Mrs Sheaffe and our parents for ushering us around all day.  
Sophie Sheaffe and Oliver Frith



Quirindi Public School

# K-2 Easter Hat Making

Parents and carers are invited to come and help make Easter hats with their children

**WHEN: 2.30pm-3.15pm Thursday 30 March 2023**

**WHERE: Your child's classroom**

Teachers will provide the cardboard base for the hats but we ask parents and carers to please send in some Easter themed craft materials the children can use to decorate their hats.



## You're invited to our Quirindi Public School K-2 Easter Hat Parade

**Who:** Parents and carers

**When:** 2.30pm-3.10pm Thursday 6 April 2023

**Where:** Quirindi Public School Hall

## Year 5 and 6 Fundraising

Year 5 and 6 are fundraising for their excursion to Sydney in Term 4. They will be selling raffle tickets at our Easter Hat Parade being \$2 a ticket. The prizes are a 10kg Cadbury Dairy Milk Chocolate Block and a giant Toblerone bar.

# HARMONY WEEK

Quirindi Public School will be celebrating Harmony Week on [Friday 24 March 2023](#).

Harmony Week is about celebrating our cultural diversity, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic backgrounds.



On Friday 24 March 2023, students and staff are invited to come dressed in [orange or colourful clothes](#).

Throughout the day, students will be participating in Harmony Day activities in their classrooms.



**EVERYONE BELONGS**

# THE BOOK Worm

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



## 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge underway

A large number of our students have registered, and are already busy reading, for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC).

This year's challenge runs from 27 February to 18 August. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

There are a number of new rules for the challenge this year, including students reading more of their own choice of books. Please make yourself aware of these new rules by visiting the PRC website.

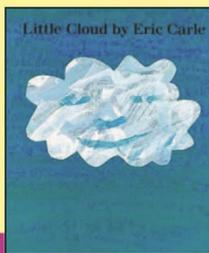
Mrs Sheaffe has set up a shelf in the library with PRC books for each stage group.

Please see Mrs Sheaffe if you need further information.

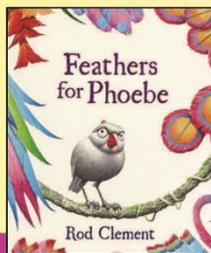
## Look what's new...



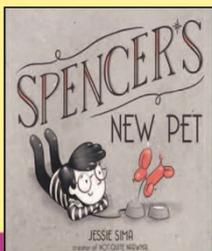
The Big Book of Bugs



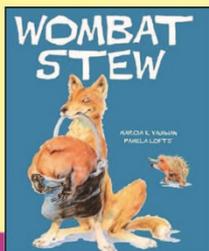
Little Cloud



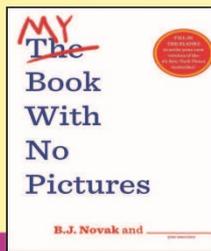
Farmer Duck



Spencer's New Pet



Wombat Stew



My Book with No Pictures

## Mrs Sheaffe Recommends....



### Iceberg

by Claire Saxby

In the final freeze of an Antarctic winter, green tails wave across a star-full sky, as if to farewell endless nights.

If this world looks empty, look closer ...

Penguins trek across the ice to their winter homes. As the temperature warms, birds fly above on their long migrations. And with the advent of summer, beneath an iceberg, the sea is teeming with life.

Ocean, sky, snow and ice - minute greens and giant blues - dance a delicate dance in this evocative portrayal of the life cycle of an iceberg.

*Come in* We're  
**OPEN**

The library is open at second break between Monday and Thursday (check timetable pinned on library door for days)

# Term 1 Calendar

Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
<b>Mar</b> 8	13	14	15 NAPLAN School Council AGM P&C Meeting	16 NAPLAN	17 NAPLAN	18/19
<b>Mar</b> 9	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN	22 NAPLAN QZPSSA Basketball	23 NAPLAN	24 NAPLAN Harmony Day EOI for High School Cricket K/O Game	25/26
<b>Mar/Apr</b> 10	27 NAPLAN  Best Start Interviews	28 NAPLAN NW PSSA Hockey	29 NAPLAN NW PSSA Basketball	30 NAPLAN NW PSSA Football	31 NAPLAN Science and Engineering Challenge	1/2
<b>Apr</b> 11	3  Best Start Interviews	4	5 Stage 2 Quirindi Historical Cottage and Museum Excursion	6 Last Day of Term K-2 Easter Hat Parade	7 Good Friday	8/9

## Community News



**the pit of DOOM**

Team up and prepare your robot for battle while trying to avoid the deadly PIT OF DOOM!

Ages 9+  
**Quirindi Library**  
 Thursday 20 April  
 10:30am - 11:30am  
 Book Now: 6746 2350

Central Northern Regional Library



**PERFORM WITH POWER**  
TENNIS ACADEMY

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC**

**\$55** per child including a \$10 Intersport gift voucher!

**APRIL**  
13 & 14  
2:00-4:00pm

**AGES**  
4-14

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Milner Parade  
Quirindi

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