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## QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 6

21 November 2024

### *What's been happening in 1/2 Dhirri Dhirri*

This week, 1/2 Dhirri Dhirri have been learning all about different cultural groups while reading the text 'This Is How We Do It' by Matt Lamothe. We have been discussing what 'culture' means and sharing information about our own cultures and heritages. The students have written informative texts about where their families have come from and included their places of origin and heritage. They have also been exploring Indigenous countries and have identified that they live on Kamilaroi Country.



## Principal's Report

We are getting down to the nitty gritty end of the School Captain process for 2025. Congratulations to the ten students selected to progress to the next step. These students will present their speeches to the school and broader school community this Friday 22 November at 9:30am in the school's hall. I look forward to seeing our many families and friends there to support our students as they deliver their speeches. Congratulations and good luck to all!

Our Year 5 students had a fabulous experience at Quirindi High School this week at the Year 5 Taster Day. With lots of practical, hands-on activities, our students were engaged in this next exciting adventure. If you haven't already, please check out the video on our Facebook page.





Over the past two weeks, five of our School Learning and Support Officers (SLSOs) completed training in the MiniLit intervention program. MiniLit is an evidence-based, explicit and effective early literacy intervention program for teaching reading skills to children in small groups or individually. The aim of this professional learning is to extend the capabilities of our SLSO team, build succession planning into our school and broaden the scope to provide intervention to our students who require it. As a part of this process, Mrs Val Davis and Ms Sarah Austin have been supporting our SLSOs in learning the 'practical' ropes of the intervention program. I had the pleasure of walking into Mrs Percy delivering an assessment to Amelia Hatch of Year 1.

Thank you Amelia for being patient while Mrs Percy learns the program. It's so wonderful to have supportive staff helping each other to grow and learn new skills.

In the coming weeks, our teachers and executive team are considering our class composition for 2025. While we have determined the structure, it is now up to class placement for each student. At times, families may request a certain placement. If this is the case, please send a note or email to the school. However, please note that not all requests are able to be secured, and these reasons vary in nature.

Good luck to our children in Years 2 and 3 who are participating in the Swimming and Water Safety program over the next two weeks. The NSW Department of Education provides funding for all students to receive instruction. This year, all costs of the bus transportation have been met by the P&C and the school. Thank you to our P&C for their continuing hard work to support all students in having access to quality swimming instructors and facilities. Thank you also to Mrs Tully for her organisation and attention to detail while coordinating this program.

Until next week, take care  
Mrs Cara Cracknell - Principal



**QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY**  
**PROGRAM**  
**YEARS 2 & 3**

COMMENCES MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2024

  
You are invited to attend our annual  
**Quirindi Public School**  
*Presentation Day*  
to be held on  
**Thursday 5 December 2024**  
at the Quirindi High School Hall  
starting at 10.00am

- Students to arrive at school as normal
- Students will return to school with teachers
- Wear FULL SUMMER UNIFORM

# Merit Awards

Class	Merit Award
K Dharri	Mia McKay
K Dhinawan	Kintarlie Biddle
1/2 Dhirri Dhirri	Korie-Jayde Lamb
1/2 Gugurrgaagaa	Tyler Hartin
1/2 Guni	Ashton Graham
3 Yurayaa	Deborah Davis
3/4 Yurrandaali	Eli Radcliffe
4 Marayn	Brody Peterson
5/6 Bugali	Jasmine Blundell
5/6 Burrugarrbuu	Jaxson Platt
5/6 Buubumurr	Jax Colbourn



## Notes home this week

1. 2025 Department of Education Calendar
2. CWA Christmas Party

All students  
K-6 Bigibila

# Student of the Week Awards

Class	Student of the Week Awards
K Dharri	Mhalia Nean
K Dhinawan	Charley Bigeni
1/2 Dhirri Dhirri	Lincoln Harris
1/2 Gugurrgaagaa	Lila Weymark
1/2 Guni	Oliver Dallas
3 Yurayaa	Bronson Matthews
3/4 Yurrandaali	Ava Allan
4 Marayn	Nate Nichols
5/6 Bugali	Brock Dalton
5/6 Burrugarrbuu	Archie Webster
5/6 Buubumurr	Tiyrelle Nean
K-6 Bigibila	Christopher Beveridge



## P&C Uniform Shop Hours

Open every Wednesday - 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Uniform orders can be made at <https://qpsuniform.square.site>  
Please place orders by Tuesday evening for class delivery on Wednesdays.

All orders will be delivered to students in their classrooms - **ONLY** on a Wednesday afternoon.



*Important  
information  
for parents*

*First Day of  
School for Year 7*

**Thursday 6th February  
2025**

*Aussie Bush  
Camp Excursion*

**Wednesday 19th - Friday  
21st February 2025**

Further information will be  
provided on Orientation Day.

## *Orientation Day*

**9AM - 3PM TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2024**

Students are able to walk, bus or parent drop off to QHS. Any student requiring medication will need to bring it to the front office at the beginning of the day. All students are required to wear their school sports uniform, bring a hat, lunch and water. The canteen will be open for uniform purchases.

Please enter the hall via the Abbott Street entrance near the RSL.

## *Uniform & Book Shop*

EFTPOS facilities will be available. **Staff will be on-hand to answer any questions including Year 7 Advisor for 2025 Maxi Briton.**

**School Uniforms will be available to purchase from the QHS Canteen on 3rd, 4th and 5th February 2025 from 9am -2pm**

## *Book Packs*

With the support and sponsorship of our friendly QHS P&C members ALL Year 7 students will receive a FREE book pack on the day.

*educational excellence in a country atmosphere*



# 2025 Kindergarten Enrolments

## OPEN NOW

Call  
6746 1565



## Upcoming events

**6 November – 28 November 2024**  
2025 Kinder Ready commences

**25 November – 6 December 2024**  
Intensive Swimming Year 2 & selected Year  
3 & 4 students  
Library books returned to Library

**26 November 2024**  
Schools Spectacular

**2 – 6 December 2024**  
P&C Mango delivery expected this week

**3 December 2024**  
Year 6 Orientation Day

**5 December 2024**  
Presentation Day

**17 December 2024**  
Year 6 Farewell Dinner



### Bell Times

9.20am - School begins  
11.20am - 11.55am - Break 1  
1.30pm - 2.00pm - Break 2  
3.20pm - School concludes

## Permission notes and payments due

**Year 6 Graduation Dinner**  
RSVP & final payment due by Friday 29  
November 2024

**CWA Christmas Party**  
Note due by Friday 29 November 2024



**School Office Hours**

**8.30 to 3.45pm**

**Phone: 6746 1565**

## Lost Property

Our lost property basket is overflowing.

If you think your child has lost an item, please ask your child to come to the office to go through the basket.

**Don't forget to label your child's belongings**

You can:

- use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels
- go through your child's bag with them each night
- check that labels haven't faded with washing
- if something doesn't come home, ask at the Office where your school's lost property area is.