

Term 1, Week 9

What's been happening in 1/2 Gugurrgaagaa?

The Animal in Me!!!

1/2 Gugurrgaagaa have been representing and expressing themselves through artwork, investigating shape, texture and design. Linking science and visual arts, students have used their investigation into animal coverings – fur, feathers, scales and skin to create a selfportrait combining their image and the coverings of an animal they felt represented some of their personal qualities.



Vibrant individualised drawings of animal coverings were torn to create texture and definition, creating a unique self-portrait. The style of collage artwork was inspired by Eric Carle, author and illustrator of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".







27 March 2025







Principal's Report

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the North West PSSA Swimming trials in Armidale on Monday. North West always has tough, competitive races and this year wasn't different. We had students qualify for both individual and relay events. Congratulations to Phoebe Morgan, Percy Tourle, Lianna Rutter, Bella Webster, Khloe Bain and Pippah Morgan.



This week, we will formally induct our student leaders. This is our Captains, House Captains and Eco Rangers. All students will undertake a pledge as a part of this process as well as the Eco Rangers receiving their badge. We look forward to sharing this event with our community during our assembly on Friday at 12.00pm.

Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews are now open through the Sentral Portal. They will close at 3.00pm this Friday 28 March 2025. If you experience difficulty booking your interview, please contact our office staff on 67461565 and they will be able to assist.

Congratulations to Polly Schultz on her live audition for Schools Spectacular. Polly has this week attended the auditions in Tamworth at The Conservatorium. Polly was the only student in the region to be selected to audition as a Junior Featured Artist. What an accomplishment! We can't wait to hear about your audition in person.



Coming up very soon, is our PLP night for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. PLPs are Personalised Learning Pathways and they are ways of schools

and families working together in partnership for the betterment of students. This evening is planned for Wednesday 9 April commencing at 5.00pm. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible.

Mobile phones are not permitted in NSW primary schools. However, we acknowledge that families may wish for their children to have access to a mobile phone in cases of emergencies during travel to and from school. It is the expectation of Quirindi Public School that if this is the case, students must turn off their phone and submit it to the office upon arrival to school. In our office, we have a designated secure storage for phones. We also actively discourage students bringing similar devices and toys to school, as we cannot guarantee they will not be damaged. If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact the school.

It is the expectation of the school that if children arrive before the 8:50am morning duty bell they are to be seated under the COLA of the hall. There are a number of children that are not meeting this expectation with continual reminders from all staff about the expectations. Please reinforce with your child the expectation. This expectation is one of safety and knowing where our students are if they are on school grounds prior to the 8:50am bell.

Central North Rugby secured the Gold Blooded Tour this year and they visited Quirindi Public School last Friday. Rugby Australia sent former Wallabies, Radike Samo and Hilisha Samoan, to speak to our students, sign some merchandise and get to know our lovely area. Our students thoroughly enjoyed this experience.







In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school. Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours. Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at

https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/education-data-and-research/nsw-public-schools-surveys.

Until next week, take care. Mrs Cara Cracknell, Principal

Blues Award

Congratulations to Ned Austin who received a Blues Award last week at our assembly. Well done Ned, this is a fabulous achievement.



Student of the Week Awards

Class	Student of the Week Awards
K Dharri	Cooper Musgrave
K Dhinawan	Korbin Hall
1/2 Dhirri Dhirri	Bentley Stennett
1/2 Gugurrgaagaa	Hugo Duddy
1/2 Guni	Pippah Morgan
3/4 Yurrandaali	Bronson Matthews
3/4 Yurayaa	Ruby Whillock
3/4 Marayn	Ethan Musgrave
5/6 Bugali	Lily Roberts
5/6 Burrugarrbuu	Atalie Harris
5/6 Buubumurr	Braxton Sharp





This is a whole-school PBL reward for filling the 'C' box. Children can come with their hair styled in a silly, wacky, or creative manner. We suggest intricate hairstyles, coloured hairspray and/or fun hair accessories!

Merit Awards

Class	Merit Award
K Dharri	Hunter Mannion
K Dhinawan	Mhalia Nean
1/2 Dhirri Dhirri	Kai Knox
1/2 Gugurrgaagaa	Flynn Hamson
1/2 Guni	Award Given
3/4 Yurrandaali	Deborah Davis
3/4 Yurayaa	Chase Barty
3/4 Marayn	Amber Blundell
5/6 Bugali	Brody Peterson
5/6 Burrugarrbuu	Grace Whillock
5/6 Buubumurr	No Award
K/6 Bigibila	Haylie Clayton



Banner Recipients

Congratulations to William Morris, Archie Thornberry, Ned Austin, Blake Dunn, Lincoln Platt, Alfie Donoghue, Archer Jones and Lilly Priestley who received a Banner at our Friday assembly last week. Well done to all of these students, this is such a wonderful achievement!



Notes home this week

- 1. Night of the Notables
- 2. Crazy Hair Day
- 3. Easter Hat Parade
- 4. Easter Egg Raffle

Years 5 and 6 All students Years K- 2 All students





Bell Times

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

Science and Engineering Challenge

Last Friday a team of Year 6 students attended the Science and Engineering Challenge in Tamworth. The competition is designed to provide students with a positive experience of science and engineering where they compete as a team against other schools.

"At Science and Engineering I enjoyed doing a problem solving activity because it made you use your brain." **Sophie**

"We had to construct a bridge that a train can cross without breaking." Jamie

"I did a coding thing with other people where you have to communicate and build a house to put next to a fan and see if it would break." **Ellanora**

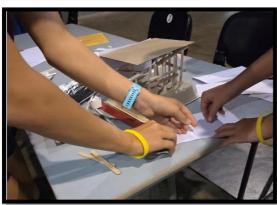
"When I attended the Science and Engineering Challenge I made a gust buster and I loved the choice of activities they chose for us". Addy

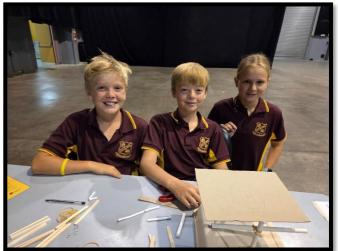












Principal's Award

Rhys Picton-Raduns- Rhys shows great enthusiasm towards his learning and his bubbly personality brightens up our day. His general knowledge about the world is extraordinary. If you have a question about the flags in the Library, he can answer it. Keep up the great work Rhys!

Ivie-Rose Charters – Ivie is an enthusiastic student who enjoys learning new things. She is passionate about our school environment and shows CARES values to those around her. Ivie can be counted on to lend a hand when needed. Ivie is a hard working student who gets on and completes her work without fuss and is a valuable asset to 3-4 Yurrandaali. Well done Ivie!

Oliver Lecornu - Oliver is a student who loves to laugh. His positive attitude to learning and kind nature has made him a wonderfully liked member of class. Watching his confidence grow this term has been lovely and I hope he continues to shine in K Dharri.





Lost Property

Once again our basket is overflowing with clothing that cannot be returned to the rightful owners as the articles are not labelled. If you think your child may have lost clothing this term, please come to the office to look through the lost property. All unclaimed clothing will be sent to a local charity shop at the end of next week.



QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL

HAT PARADE

Parents and carers are invited to Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade **on Friday 11 April 2025 starting at 12.00pm** in the Quirindi Public School Hall





Thank You!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Quirindi Public School community is truly amazing! It is wonderful to share that our Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough fundraiser was a huge success!

It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school.

We raised \$3108 and sold 777 tubs of Cookie Dough which will go toward resources and equipment for our school. Your incentive prizes and cookie dough are expected to arrive by Friday 4 April 2025.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!

Elissa Sheaffe Quirindi Public School P&C Fundraising Coordinator

Permission notes and payments due

2026 Year 7 Expression of Interest Friday 28 March 2025

Cross Country Parent Helper Note due: Friday 4 April 2025

Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre Note and money due: Tuesday 1 April 2025



Upcoming events

28 March 2025 Leadership Induction 2026 Year 7 EOI due

31 March 2025 Parent Teacher Interviews commence

8 April 2025 Olympian Visit Years 3 to 6 Year 6 and Kindy Buddy Day

10 April 2025 State Swimming

11 April 2025 Easter Hat Parade State Swimming Last Day of Term 1

30 April 2025 Students return to school for Term 2

5 May 2025 North West Rugby League 11's & 12's

8 May 2025 Tamworth Schools Cup - Netball

12 - 16 May 2025 Book Fair/Education Week

13 May 2025 Grip Leadership - Year 5

14 May 2025 Grandparents Day Morning Tea

P&C Uniform Shop Hours

Open every Wednesday - 3.00pm until 4.00pm

Uniform orders can be made at <u>https://qpsuniform.square.site</u> 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.