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## QUIRINDI PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 2

31 July 2025

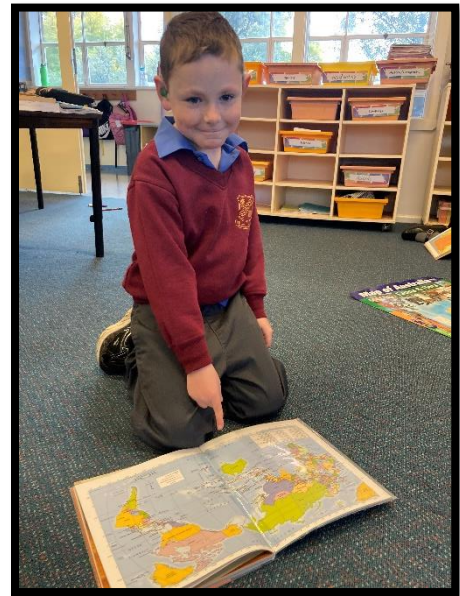
### What's Happening in 3/4 Yurrandaali

This term in Geography, 3/4 Yurrandaali have been learning about some of the natural features of Australia including the Blue Mountains, Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef. We are also learning about the 7 continents and are beginning to explore some of the countries located around the world.

We are learning and using map reading skills, so that we can locate these countries on a map and learn more about them.







## Let's Celebrate Attendance

### Hints and Tips No. 2: Teaching Good Habits

**It is important for parents to make attending school a priority.**

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often, as a result, isolate themselves from their peers.



## Principal's Report

Very soon, our students in Year 1 will perform the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. This is a mandatory check by the department of all Year 1 students in their progression of their phonics knowledge. The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short, quick assessment. Each student will sit with a known teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. These words include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The test normally takes a few minutes. If a student is having difficulty, the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful. The assessment includes pseudo or nonsense words to see if the student can use their knowledge of blending to read a word rather than their memory of having seen that word before. If you have any further questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Congratulations to Spencer Tourle on a well-deserved 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 11 Years PSSA Cross Country Championship last week. Spencer set himself a goal and has worked tirelessly to achieve it. Quirindi Public School is so very proud of Spencer's result knowing very well the determination he has to succeed and pursue his goals. Watch out Nationals, Spencer is on his way!



Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Quirindi Zone Athletics Carnival this week. Again, we performed exceptionally well and will have a large contingent heading to the North West Trial in the coming weeks.

This week, our students in Years 5 and 6 participated in the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics competition testing their numeracy and problem solving skills. I am looking forward to seeing the results later this term.



Congratulations to our all conquering Open Netball Team who defeated Warialda Public School 23-3 in the regional semi final. Who's next? Up, up Quirindi!

Thank you to Quirindi High School for inviting us to their production of Peter/Wendy this week. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the outing, having the opportunity to see how they too can pursue their creative interests at our local high school.

Learning CPR can be crucial for students; it can empower them to potentially save a life, increase their confidence in an emergency and promote a sense of safety and awareness. This week, students in years 5 and 6 took part in a CPR program delivered by award winning Cameron McFarlane. Cameron recently won an excellence in training award for his commitment and training of CPR, even to students overseas. This opportunity was subsidised by the school increasing the reach for all students to participate.

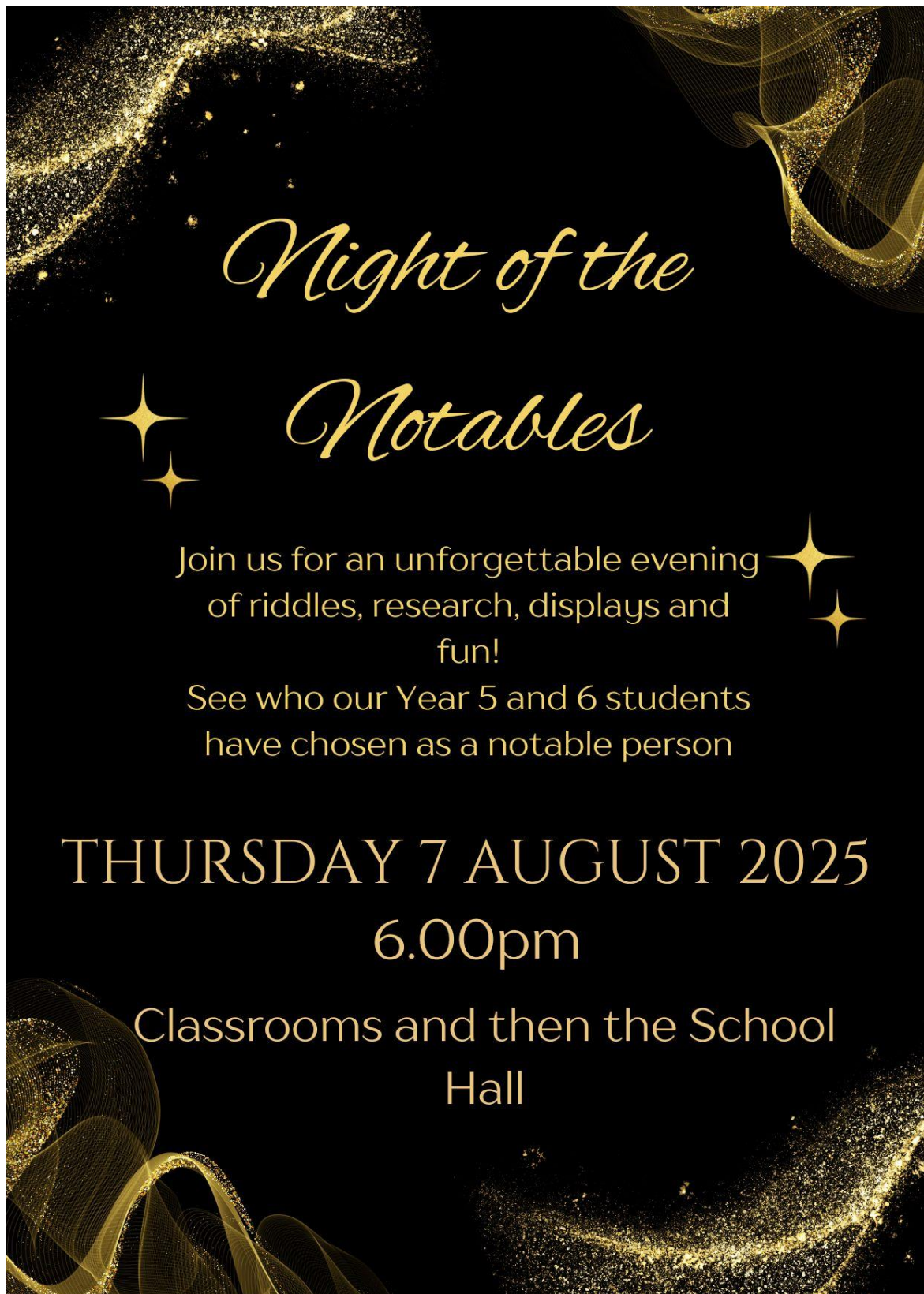


We are looking forward to sharing Night of the Notables with our community next week. This will be my first experience of the Night of the Notables. I have heard such wonderful stories about this event with plenty of admiration for the both the efforts and creativity of our students. Night of the Notables is set for opening on Thursday 7 August at 5:30pm in our classrooms until 7:30pm.

Quirindi Public School has commenced the 2026 staffing process. While it may seem early, the department starts this process halfway through the year to ensure that schools receive the necessary staffing and funding support for the following school year. A part of this process is anticipating student numbers for 2026. If your family is considering leaving Quirindi Public School for whatever reason, please communicate this to our front office. This will help with anticipating student numbers.

Until next week, please take care.

Mrs Cara Cracknell  
Principal





## Student of the Week Awards

| Class            | Student of the Week Awards |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| K Dharri         | Finnley-Creed McGregor     |
| K Dhinawan       | Mitchell Morris            |
| 1/2 Gugurrgaagaa | Cooper Turner              |
| 1/2 Guni         | Winston Tourle             |
| 3/4 Yurrandaali  | Lucas Morris               |
| 3/4 Yurayaa      | Matilda Moore              |
| 3/4 Marayn       | Maximus Luther             |
| 5/6 Bugali       | Blake Curtin-Moore         |
| 5/6 Burrugarrbuu | Hudson Pryor               |
| 5/6 Buubumurr    | Archie Pike                |
| K/6 Bigibila     | Christopher Beveridge      |



## Notes home this week

1. 715 Health Checks

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

## Merit Awards

| Class            | Merit Award      |
|------------------|------------------|
| K Dharri         | Eli Shafer       |
| K Dhinawan       | Liam Seymour     |
| 1/2 Gugurrgaagaa | Nanie Bayatly    |
| 1/2 Guni         | Amelia Hatch     |
| 3/4 Yurrandaali  | Sophie Greenland |
| 3/4 Yurayaa      | Oliver Whitten   |
| 3/4 Marayn       | Indie Lamb       |
| 5/6 Bugali       | Cruize Brennan   |
| 5/6 Burrugarrbuu | Stevie-Rae Olive |
| 5/6 Buubumurr    | James Crouch     |



### 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.**

If you need to visit the Uniform Shop it is located on Munro Street.  
Please remember EFTPOS sales only.

For any enquiries you can contact the Uniform Shop via email at [qpsuniform@yahoo.com](mailto:qpsuniform@yahoo.com)

**Don't forget you can purchase hats from the school canteen on any day of the week.**



## Cultural Lessons

Miss Tay has completed her first cultural lessons with our Kindergarten classes. They read the book 'How the birds got their colours'. Kindy were very interested in this colourful and interesting story. They then got to make birds out of with plasticine and feathers.





# 2026 Kindergarten Enrolments OPEN NOW



**Call  
6746 1565**



## *Permission notes and payments due*

### **Stage 3 Canberra Excursion**

Please remember you can keep making small payments on your Canberra Excursion each week!



### **School Office Hours**

**8.30 to 3.45pm**

**Phone: 6746 1565**



### **Bell Times**

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

## *Upcoming events*

**7 August 2025**

Night of the Notables - Stage 3

**14 August 2025**

Boys Rugby Knockout Gala Day

**20 August 2025**

P&C Meeting

**25 August 2025 - 27 August 2025**

Stage 2 - Point Wolstencroft Excursion

**3 September 2025**

North West Regional Athletics Trials

**11 September 2025**

Whole School Performance

**15 - 26 September 2025**

Parent/Teacher Interviews

**17 September 2025**

P&C Meeting

**24 September 2025**

Kinder Orientation/ Walk Around