

SWIMMING FOR SPORT

I give permission for my child/ren _____ to attend and participate in swimming for sport each Friday from Friday 9th November – Friday 14th December 2012. I understand travel to and from school to Quirindi Pool will be by Howards Buses. I agree to pay the amount of \$6.00 per student per week for swimming for sport OR \$3.00 per student per week if my child/ren has a season ticket.

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Year 6 Quirindi High Visit

Yesterday, all of our Year 6 students attended the 2013 Year 7 Orientation Day at Quirindi High School. All reports indicate that our students had a fantastic time experiencing some of the wonderful lessons, meeting their new 'buddies' and socialising with students from other schools. Comments from the kids have been positive and I think all nerves have settled a little after their experience.

Emma Elford: 'I liked all the lessons and it was good to meet some of our new teachers. Some of them were very funny. It was great meeting old and new friends'.

Lachlan Tydings: 'I had lots of fun and met an old friend that I haven't seen for a long time. I really enjoyed the Metal Work activity where we made our own dog-tags'.

Richelle Soley: 'My favourite part was visiting the Ag Farm because we got to interact with all the animals. A few of us got lost when we couldn't find the toilet and ended up in the HSIE classroom'.

QSSAF Fast Approaching

The QSSAF Christmas Concert is fast approaching and our school is well under way with preparations. Our massed choir have been working now for a couple of weeks on the repertoire of music while individual students have been auditioning for possible soloist selections. Mr Chris Jackson from Wallabadah PS will be visiting next week to see our Massed Choir perform and to also listen to a short-listed group of soloists.

Please make sure you set aside **Wednesday 21 November** to ensure your family can attend and participate in our special QSSAF Christmas Concert. The night is sure to be full of fun, laughter and plenty of singing.

Reminder about PE Footwear

All of our students are highly involved in PE activities during the week. It is highly recommended that students bring a pair of joggers/appropriate footwear to participate in PE lessons. It would be great to have kids bringing joggers to school in a plastic bag for PE to ensure their feet are properly supported during physical activity.

Kinder Ready to Start Next Week

The next phase of our Kindergarten Transition Program is set to start next Thursday. Families who have completed enrolment applications for 2013 now have the opportunity to participate in our Kinder Ready Days. These days will take place over the next five Thursdays providing our 2013 Kindergarten students with more opportunities to familiarise themselves with our fantastic school and the wonderful students who will be their peers for future years.

Calendar November

8 – Kinder Ready commences
9 – Swimming for sport commences
12 – School Remembrance Day Ceremony
13 – Intensive Swimming
21 – QSSAF Christmas Concert
24 – Working Bee for Sandpit & Sports Shed

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Halloween Disco TONIGHT!!!

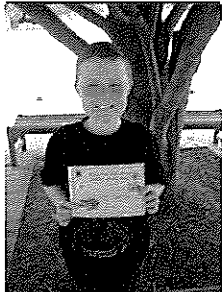
Tonight is the night a lot of our students have been looking forward to for some time. Our Halloween Disco will be on tonight at the Community Hall and I encourage all to come along and have a great night of fun and dance.

Parents, please remember that students will not be permitted to walk home alone. All students will need to be in the company of a responsible adult when leaving the disco tonight. If you have made arrangements for your child to travel with another parent, please send us a note so we can be sure your child is getting home safely.

Mr Ireland – Relieving Principal

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Student of the Week



James Redgrove – for excellent animation during drama and improvement in bookwork and handwriting

Class Awards

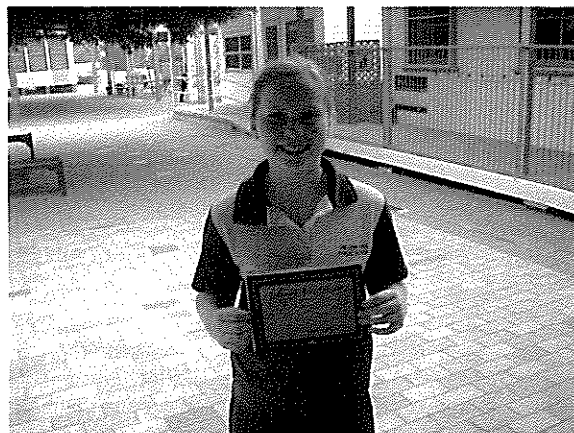
K/1

Bella McCarthy – for good work in maths with 'groups of'
Celia Cropper – for an excellent report on "The Platypus"

2/3/4

Sarah Hutchins – for trying really hard to grasp addition with trading

Mathew Wilkins – for working hard on cursive writing



5/6

Grace Barwick - for being an

outstanding school citizen

Joshua Redgrove – for

outstanding commitment to improving his learning

Library Award

Jack Avar – for clever work during classroom activities

Amber Fowler – for great investigating during the magnetic search in science

Sports Award

James Redgrove – for being fair in handball

Gold Certificate

Congratulations to Leah Downes for achieving a gold certificate



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P&C will be having a Christmas Hamper raffle that will be drawn at the presentation evening on Thursday 13th December. *It would be appreciated if each family could donate an item for the hamper. Items can be left at the school. Thank you*

KINDER – READY MORNING

The first kinder ready morning for children commencing kindergarten in 2013 will commence on Thursday 8th November from 9.10 – 11.40am. We look forward to seeing you all here.



SWIMMING FOR SPORT

Swimming for sport will commence Friday 9th November till Friday 14th December 2012 from 1.30-2.30pm. Students will travel to and from school to Quirindi Pool by Howard's bus. The bus will leave the school at approximately 1.10 and return to school at approx. 2.50. The cost for swimming will be **\$6.00 per student/per week**, this is for pool entry and bus travel. If you child/ren have a season ticket the cost will be \$3.00 per student/per week (bus travel only). Money will be collected each Friday morning from class. Please do not send payment into the office earlier. Please complete the permission note on the back of this newsletter and return to the office by Wednesday 7th November 2012. Students who do not have a signed permission note or do not pay on the day will not be able to attend swimming. If you have any queries or concerns with regard to swimming or payments please do not hesitate to contact the school. Students will be required to bring their swimmers, towel and OWN sunscreen on these Fridays. If you are able to help with swimming please contact the school. If any parents are able to assist on these Fridays please contact the school. We appreciate your assistance

Mr I's Super Student Profiles

Name: Sarah Kate Hutchins

Nickname: Sare Bear Care Bear

Year: 2

Favourite Subject: Maths because I like addition with trading

TV Shows: X Factor

Books: Roald Dahl stories

Music: Country and Western/David Lee Murphy

Food: Lasagne

Good At: Horse Riding



Happy Halloween

See you all at our Halloween disco tonight!! 6pm at Willow Tree Hall... \$5 per student entry which includes a sausage sizzle and drink... Glow sticks will be able to be purchased at the door for \$1 each. Come dressed in your spookiest or nicest costume and dance the night away.... Huge thanks to the staff who generously give their time up after hours.

THANKYOU

The P&C wish to extend a massive thankyou to Noel & Betty Saunders of Saunders Contracting and the Cropper family for their donation of \$350. The support is extremely appreciated.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Our intensive swimming program will commence on Tuesday 13th November. Students who have been nominated for this program will have already received their information. Please ensure you complete the permission note and return together with payment to the front office ASAP. We would like to extend a massive thanks to Mary from the White Hart Hotel in Murrurundi who has kindly enabled us the use of their bus to transport the children to and from school to the pool.



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TALENT ASSEMBLY

Week 4 – Term 4 – 2ND Nov
Dane, Brooke, Grace, Katie M & Jack Swain

Week 6 – Term 4 – 16th Nov
Kiesha, Tara, Bella McCarthy & Codeyn

P&C NEWS

Don't forget there will be a Horse Sports meeting at the school TONIGHT from 6.15pm.....Hope to see you all there!!

* A reminder there will be a working bee at the school on Saturday 24th November. Many hands make light work and all help is greatly appreciated.