

Author entertains at Quirindi High



Year 7 student Corey Faulkner, literacy and numeracy team leader Mrs Gulliver, author James Raven and librarian Mrs Owen at the handing over of Mr Raven's book, *The Sentinels of Tzurac* during Education week.

James Raven, Science Fiction author, visited Quirindi High School last week as part of their Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations. He entertained students with presentations about his journey towards creating his sci-fi novel, *Sentinels of Tzurac*.

James kindly donated a copy of his novel to the QHS library, which is this week's book of the week.

Thank you to Mr Brian Duck for inviting James to our school. It was great to have an author in the school to speak to the students and maybe he inspired a future author amongst our school community!

The *Sentinels of Tzurac* is an action sci-fi story written in the spirit of George Lucas' and Gene Roddenberry productions, which stimulates the imagination and brings back the emotional excitement experienced by those of all ages who followed the Star Wars and Star Trek sagas.

The year is 2055. Earth's natural resources have been ravaged and the planet is slowly dying. Meric, the mining company owned by Samuel Jensen that

employs new recruit engineer Kyron, is now mining a newly discovered planet known as Terra Iota when an explosion rocks their operations and brings them to a screeching halt.

A strangely powerful blue crystal they will come to know as Xytrinium is the cause of the explosion and Kyron is sent to Terra Iota to investigate.

Saying goodbye to his love Torri, Kyron embarks on a journey to the distant planet, unaware that evil forces lurking within his own company don't want him to arrive on Terra Iota alive.

Someone is moving behind the scenes to control all of this valuable volatile substance and his motive is as simple as it is diabolical: he is determined to exert complete power over the entire world.

Caught in the middle, Kyron now finds himself in a war with a man who seems to hold all the cards; and when a murder, an ancient gold ring, and his father's hidden past reveal startling truths, Kyron will risk everything to save Earth—and the life of the woman he loves.