

Newsletter No. 11

Monday 16 July 2007



ANNUAL EXPO Wednesday July 18, 2007 'Opening Doors' 4pm – 7pm

This week on Wednesday, July 18, we conduct our Annual Expo from 4pm until 7pm. Our theme this year is '**Opening Doors**', to reflect the multiple diverse opportunities which open doors to future pathways and careers for the full range of students at this school.

Please encourage family, neighbours and other friends to attend if they are seeking information about this school's curriculum and ethos for prospective enrolment. We are targeting Years 4 – 7 students in the local district and their families.

The program will include information from the principal about the school's future directions and enrolment procedures.



Australian Olympic Representative Guest Speaker at Sports Presentation Assembly.

Friday July 13 was the first assembly for Term 3, which took the form of a special Presentation Assembly to acknowledge our student achievers in sport for Semester 1, 2007. Guest of honour was Ms Brooke Wilkins, a 2004 Australian Softball Olympian. The assembly was conducted by Treasurer of the Student Representative Council, David Bryant, and assistance for our assembly was provided by Anna Lavernier.

Pine Rivers State High School continued to excel in sport in our first semester this year with strong team performances and a number of fine individual achievements. Congratulations to all who were presented and to those who have participated, competed and assisted in sport to date.

Age Champions: 17 Years and Over

Philip Wilson
Amy Hartley

16 years

Samantha Tesch

15 years

James MacIntyre
Belinda Moorhead

14 years

Jason McDermott
Simone Spencer

13 years

Zac Lister
Shannon Wheeler

Metropolitan North Regional Cross Country Representative

Amy Hartley

Metropolitan North Regional Cross Country Trials

Samantha Tesch
Simone Spencer (reserve)

Pierre de Coubertin Recipient

Lara Tyson

Metropolitan North Regional Sport Representatives

Basketball - Open Boys

Darren Wilson

Rugby Union – Open Boys

Jake Amosa
Michael Fields
Kevin McComber
Aaron Redgewell
Jared Toweel

Soccer – Open Girls & Old Team

Jazmine Walker
Jacinda Walker

Softball – Open Girls

Jaclyn Smith (shadow)

Netball – Open Girls

Katrina Schieber
Sean Dowling (Umpire)

Touch Football – Open Girls

Lara Tyson
Leah MacIntosh
Samantha Tesch
Fay Williams (Shadow)

Hockey – Open Boys

Jason Lund
Aaron Lund

Soccer and Cricket – Open Boys

Lloyd Aspin

Rugby League – 15 years and under - Boys

Tom Tofa

Netball – 15 years and Under – Girls

Ellen Tattam (shadow)

Golf – Open Boys

Cameron Smith

Basketball – 15 Years and under – Boys

Matthew Goodall

Pine Rivers District Champions Murrumba Zone Champions Summer Season

Year 9 Boys Basketball

Darren Caddy
Jake Husband
Vaughan Muller
Thomas Noyes
Angus Palmer
Jason Pritchard
Nemanja Ristic
Bryan Villapana
Jack Wilkosz
David Wilson

Year 10 Boys Volleyball

Nicholas Dossel
Paul Low
Thomas McGrath
Mitchell Pearce
Andrew Quinn
Matthew Schier
Austin Smith
Daniel Vickery

Pine Rivers District Champions

Year 10 Boys Basketball

Trent Flanders
Jake Frame
Matthew Goodall
Adam McCulloch
Tyla Meuron
Giovan Modina
James Sargent
Craig Taylor-Johns

Year 9 Girls Volleyball

Breannan Boyd
Rebecca Brice
Vanessa Cawdrey
Emma Dunlop
Annaleise Easlea
Tiffany Jardine
Alyce-Marie Stone

Year 10 Girls Touch

Samantha Buckler
Renee Cook
Rebecca Coombs
Katelyn Gilliland
Olivia Hamlin
Lindsey McKnight
Kimberley Schluter
Samantha Stewart
Samantha Tesch
Rylee Woodgate
Emily Paine

Interhouse Swimming Carnival Rivers 2196 points Pine 1865 points Winning House – Rivers Age Champions Open Michael Fields Kimberley Sauer 16 years Katrina Schieber Jack Newell 15 years Daniel Vickery, Jasmin Tavella 14 years Brenden Hall, Tiahn Welsh 13 years Kevin Lyon, and Rhiannon Richer and Lauren Thomson (tied)	Metropolitan North Region representative at State Secondary School Swimming Championships Distinction Award & State Rep Katrina Schieber Brenden Hall Honour Award Kirsten Crotty Kimberley Sauer Jack Newell Merit Award Ebony Smith Andrew Quinn Interhouse Cross Country Rivers – 228 points Pine – 94 points
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<p>Year 8 Girls Futsal Caitlin Knight Anuksha Naidu Danielle Pinna Taneeka Rogers Jaala Wilson</p> <p>Year 10 Girls Futsal Aleesha Maver Kathleen McGlone Belinda Moorhead Cassandra Reid Jordan Sampieri Tamara Szantar Naomi Wilkie</p> <p>Summer Sport Player of the Season Interschool Touch - Boys Bradley Pearce Isaac Wilcock Jack Newell</p> <p>Interschool Basketball - Boys Bray Modina David Wilson Matthew Goodall</p> <p>Interschool Cricket - Boys Michael Mules Aaron Lund</p>	<p>Interschool Volleyball - Boys Chris Osmond Tom McGrath</p> <p>Interschool Touch - Girls Shannon Wheeler Olivia Hamlin Samantha Tesch</p> <p>Interschool Basketball – Girls Jazmine Zenoni Krystal Sutton Ellen Tattam</p> <p>Interschool Futsal - Girls Taneeka Rogers Olivia Hill Cassandra Reid</p> <p>Interschool Volleyball – Girls Natasha Fonoti Rebecca Brice</p> <p>Rugby League Awards Year 8 Trent Blackman Year 9 Phil McComber Year 10 Josh Marsh Open Keenan Moy</p>
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**INVITATION
Launch of Investing in Our
Schools Programme Wireless
Network Infrastructure**

**by
Mr Peter Dutton, MP
Friday, August 10, 2007
8:30am for 8:40am
Special Assembly**

Parents and caregivers are cordially invited to attend the special assembly to be conducted on Friday August 10 at 8:40am at the Graham Sprott Centre (Hall) to launch our Investing in our Schools Programme. Our project which was funded by the Federal Government to the value of \$148,997 was the installation of our wireless network infrastructure. Local Federal Member for Dickson, Hon Mr Peter Dutton, Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer, will conduct the launch as the representative for the Federal Minister for Science, Education and Training, Ms Julie Bishop.

This will be an opportunity to celebrate the journey that we have travelled at this school in order to integrate the information communication technologies across the curriculum to transform learning. We invite you to put this date in your diary and to join us on this occasion.



**Pine Rivers State High School
Wins Three Grand Finals in
Broncos Challenge Cup – Rugby
League**

Wednesday June 20 was a memorable evening in Rugby League for Pine Rivers State High School. A large contingent of staff and parents and caregivers cheered along three of our four Rugby League teams to a Grand Final win in the Broncos Challenge Cup at the Aspley League's Club grounds.

The Year 8s were undefeated all season and convincingly defeated Sandgate State High School A team 20 – NIL. Our Year 9 team had one loss to Sandgate in the competition but won 24-16 against this side in the Grand Final game. The Open side struggled during the season with students absent on camp etc but won against Sandgate State High School 26–10 with their Grand Final.

The Year 10 team went through to the Grand Final the previous week also, but were defeated by Wavell State High School.

All in all, a huge success for a talented group of young men enthusiastic about their rugby league and with great potential for the game. Thanks are extended to the coaching staff, Mr Sid Doyle, Ms Goldsmith, Mr Kearney, Mr Manwaring, Ms Mason and Mr Mumby.

A Presentation and Fundraising dinner will be conducted early in Term 4 this year at which we will acknowledge our rugby league players.



**Year 10 Student Represents
Australia in World Titles in
Tai Kwon Do**

Congratulations to Jacob Hall in Year 10 who recently travelled to Canada to represent Australia in the World Titles in Tai Kwon Do. His team returned with a silver medal with gold in his division going to New Zealand.



**Subject Selection Program
2007**

Term 3 is an important time during which we conduct a comprehensive program to prepare our students and their parents and caregivers to make the necessary subject choices for 2008 courses of study.

We continue to review our processes and this year, we are providing an additional layer of support with an information session about the QCE conducted by Queensland Studies Authority officer, Ms Yvonne Warnick on Wednesday, July 25.

The following events will occur throughout the term to communicate the necessary information and to offer individual assistance to students and parents / caregivers.

Wednesday, July 25

Audience:	Parents and students, especially Year 10
Topic:	Queensland Certificate of Education
Venue:	MMC Auditorium
Parking:	Gympie Road, Strathpine

Tuesday, August 7 7:30pm start

Audience:	Year 10 Parents and students
Topic:	Year 11 Courses 2007 and QCE
Venue:	Graham Sprott Centre (Hall)
Parking:	Basketball Courts (enter via Ash Court)

Wednesday, August 8 7:30pm start

Audience:	Year 8 & 9 Parents and students
Topic:	Year 9 and 10 Courses 2007 and QCE
Venue:	Graham Sprott Centre (Hall)
Parking:	Basketball Courts (enter via Ash Court)

Tuesday, August 21

Audience:	Year 8 - 12 Parents and students
Topic:	Subject teacher interviews by appointment
Venue:	Graham Sprott Centre (Hall) and Library
Parking:	Basketball Courts (enter via Ash Court)

Students will be required to submit their subject choice printout signed by the parent / caregiver by Friday, September 14.



Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test Practice Exam

Monday July 23 and Tuesday July 24

Next week, on Monday July 23 and Tuesday July 24, Year 12 students will have their first full formal practice for the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. This will be conducted as for the real test, which will occur later this term on Tuesday September 4 and Wednesday September 5.

The Year 12 students have been involved in a comprehensive program to prepare them for the QCS test, which commenced in Year 11 Access. This included a preliminary practice test conducted on April 24 before an intense program in Year 12 Access.

All Year 12 students who are eligible for an overall Position (OP) and others who are ineligible for an OP who have chosen to sit for the Queensland Core Skills Test will take the practice examination over the two days.

Those students who are ineligible for an OP who are not sitting the test will be required to complete all outstanding requirements during this period and to attend a session to help them prepare for the transition to training and/or work after Year 12. These students require the necessary written permission from their parent or caregivers to be exempted from the test.



Year 8 Enrolment 2008

Families wishing to enrol their children for Year 8 in 2008 should complete enrolment applications and return them to their child's primary school for collection by the high school or forward them directly to Pine Rivers State High School by Friday, August 31.

Enrolment packages will be available in all of our feeder primary schools Week 3 of this term. All students wishing to enrol at Pine Rivers State High School will be asked to complete the application form based on our school Teaching and Learning Culture. This is the same for those who live in the catchment area and those who don't.

Year 8 Ambassadors with Year 7 Visits



Late last term, Pine Rivers State High School provided the leadership for the annual Year 7 visits by the state secondary school teams in the local area.

Our school's representatives were the principal and the deputy principal Year 8 2008 and two Year 8 students formerly from the particular primary school. The team talked to the Year 7 students about high school in order to assist them make a smooth transition. Schools visited included Strathpine, Petrie, Kurwongbah, Lawnton, Strathpine West, Bray Park, Dayboro, Undurba and Kallangur State Schools.

Congratulations to the Year 8 ambassadors who participated and helped to reassure their Year 7 friends about the next phase of schooling.

Bray Park	Danielle Kettles, Sean Lonergan
Dayboro	Liam Brown, Casey Johnson
Kallangur	Riley Lindsay, Emma Kennedy
Kurwongbah	Adam Kussrow, Rebecca Cummings
Lawnton	Nicholas Tavella, Hollie McKay
Petrie	Zac Hart, Breetta Noble
Strathpine	Dean Doyle, Jessica Schofield
Strathpine West	Mitchell Billington, Amy Pechey
Undurba	Amber Warburton, Chris Osmond



Past Student Shares His Story and Goals for the Future

It was great to welcome back Year 12 graduate of 2003, Michael Martin, recently who visited to seek out the principal and his former teachers to share his story. Michael completed successfully his Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Queensland at the end of 2006 and has just recently completed his first semester of medicine. Michael plans to study to become a neurosurgeon and has already established a mentor in Dr Leigh Atkinson.

We wish Michael all the best.



Students clean up and green up for the seventh year running!

Half-way through last term all our Year 8 students were involved in a sponsored "garden clean up and weed-bust" in the grounds of the school in one lesson Period. The 'caring for the environment' theme of the activity was related to elements in the SOSE, Science and Sport (Outdoor Education) curriculae as well as being an integral part of the aims of Pine Rivers High School - that is, to provide a safe and attractive environment where students can learn and relax. By involving the students in this type of activity they were encouraged to 'take ownership' of the issue of improving their immediate surroundings.

The general consensus was that the session was a great success! Many of the gardens received a wonderful facelift with green waste and litter being removed and bark being laid, and the students also had the opportunity for some healthy and productive outdoor exercise.

The additional benefit for the school is that half of all the sponsorship monies raised are retained by the Year 12 Environment Committee (who instigated and supervised this activity) for future environment projects that they will do around the school. This will include such things as construction of more shaded eating areas for all students, planting some mature shade trees, creating more fenced gardens to improve the appearance of the grounds and generally maintaining the existing gardens established by previous Year 12 Environment Committee groups.

This year most classes had students who sought sponsorship and managed to raise a total of just under \$1000 - a wonderful effort. Congratulations to those students who 'went the extra mile' for their school!

Some of the money raised goes to "Golden Circle Fun Runs" who originally created the sponsored physical activity concept. Any Year 8 who raised over \$10 in sponsorships recently received an incentive prize provided by Golden Circle.

The Pine Rivers Shire Council assisted by providing bins to take away all of the green waste and litter we took out of the gardens.

The top fundraising class this year was Mr Davis's 8.6 who raised an astounding \$294.35! They will soon be enjoying a class incentive prize (supplied by the Year 12 Environment Committee) for their wonderful effort! Coming second were Ms Ferrington's 8.10 with \$212, and in third place was Mr Hughes's 8.2 with \$145.

The top student fundraiser this year was Paige Karklis in 8.6. Paige raised \$79 which was a great individual effort!

Thanks again to all those Year 8 students who have collected sponsorship money and who worked hard on the day. Your efforts are appreciated by the whole school.

Still on the issue of cleaning up the school, there is a littering problem at this school. Although there are many bins in the designated eating areas, a minority of students still drop their wrappers, bottles and food scraps on the ground rather than walking a few steps to the bin. It is unpleasant for students to be asked to pick up other peoples' litter and this would not have to happen if everybody took responsibility for their own rubbish by putting it in the bins provided.

Please let's all do our best to work together, clean up our act, and look after our immediate environment better in the future.

Mrs Claire Bowerman, Year 12 Environment Committee Teacher - coordinator



Parenting Assistance

The Royal Children's Hospital Child and Youth Mental Health Service (RCH CYMHS) are running FREE parent and carer education sessions at the Pine Rivers Community Centre. The sessions, which are run by CYMHS clinicians, involve the screening of an educational parenting video followed by discussions around issues raised. The topic for July will be 'Dealing with Disobedience' and Supporting Your Partner'.

The next session will be on Wednesday 25th July 10am - 11am. To book please contact Bev on 3835 1444 or Kerry on 3817 6380. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Dates to Remember:

Mon 16	Yrs 10, 11 and 12 Girls HPV immunisation (2 nd)
Tue 17	SRC Meeting D Block Dining Room (1 st break) Yr 11 TST Major Project Excursion IKEA/UQ/Griffith
Wed 18	Student Leaders M/Tea EXPO
Thu 19	Chemistry Quiz
Fri 20	1 st Academic Presentation Assembly QAMT Problem solving Comp Years 8 - 12 Arts Performing P4 (Hall)
Mon 23	Yr 12 QCS Test practice Cinemarks Film Festival Screening (film students)
Tue 24	Yr 12 QCS Test practice Yr 10 RSC 3 Day Hike Parent Informing Night Year 11 VET Sunskills EXPO - Sunny Coast PRIMA Parent Music Committee Meeting
Wed 25	P & C Meeting Australian Maths Competition Yr 11 VET Sunskills EXPO - Sunny Coast
Thu 26	Yr 11 VET Sunskills EXPO - Sunny Coast School Council Meeting
Fri 27	2 nd Academic Presentation Assembly Year 10 Rugby League Testing UQ Year 10 Future Options Day