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Official Opening of Investing in Our Schools Programme by Hon Mr Peter Dutton, Federal Member for Dickson and Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer

On Friday August 10, a ceremony was conducted to officially open our **Investing in Our Schools Programme**. The Hon Mr Peter Dutton, Federal Member for Dickson and Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer represented the Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, Ms Julie Bishop, to launch our project made possible with Federal Government funding through DEST of \$148,977.

Our Programme involved the sophisticated upgrade of our information and technology to further increase access to this medium to improve student learning. The aim was to enhance teaching and learning opportunities in an 'access anywhere anytime' model by supplementing the existing hard cabled network infrastructure with a wireless network, the purchase of a fleet of wireless devices and the upgrade of part of the server infrastructure to accommodate increased storage requirements for digital resources.

The school has effected huge change in the model of curriculum delivery in the last five years with our total school focus on the integration of information technology and multimedia. This latest investment by the Federal Government will not only increase access to the information communication technologies for our students, but take our school's teaching and learning to a higher level again.

Our School Captains, Megan Goodall and Brendan Lickerman were chairpersons for the special assembly. Official guests included the Regional Executive Director Sunshine Coast Region, Mr Rob McAlpine, Regional Manager, Information Technology, Mr Sel Kerans; Regional Computer Technician, Mr Alan Moes; President of our P & C Association, Mr Jeff Lurie; Director Coretech, Mr Gary Holmes; P & C Association Treasurer, Mr Phil Rundle, School Council member Mrs Judy Reilly and Music Committee Treasurer, Mrs Christine Robinson.

The principal acknowledged the support of the Federal Government with the funding provided and also the leadership of the Head of Department, Learning Technology, Mr Bryson Stansfield, our computer technician, Mr Neil McCallum, and the faculty Heads of Department and key teachers in our school journey to integrate the information communication technologies to improve student learning.

President of Parents' and Citizens' Association Presents Awards at Second Academic Assembly.



The highlight of the Second Academic Assembly conducted on July 27 was the presentation of the State Parliamentarians' Award for Semester 1, 2007. President of our Parents' and Citizens' Association, Mr Jeff Lurie, stood in at the last moment to represent the Member for Kurwongbah, Ms Linda Lavarch, who was to present the State Parliamentarians' Award on behalf of her and the local Member for Aspley, Ms Bonny Barry, along with other awards to our academic achievers. The State Parliamentarians' Award, which is sponsored by our local state members, goes to the top academic student in each year level per semester. The award can only be won once per year by any one student. Congratulations to our awardees for Semester 1.

State Parliamentarians' Award

Year 12: Matthew Bowerman
Year 11: Melissa Treadwell
Year 10: Peter Bishop
Year 9: Madelaine Robinson
Year 8: Jacqueline Webber

Certificates of Excellence and Certificates of Merit were also presented at this assembly in the other faculty areas. The new Certificate of Achievement was presented for the second year in order to recognise those students who achieve academic excellence across their subjects. The awardee must have received a Very High Achievement or an A rating in two thirds of the subjects studied and must be someone who embodies our School Code of "Respect, Pride and Effort", as for our Certificates of Excellence and Merit.

Congratulations to the students who were selected for Semester 1, 2007 Certificates of Achievement.

Certificate of Achievement

Year 12:

Matthew Bowerman, Corinna Harrison, Randall Lee, Adalia Pavitt, Keah Woodgate.

Year 11:

Scott Norris, Fiona Stone, Melissa Treadwell

Year 10:

Peter Bishop, Elizabeth Burton, Samuel Dort, Kyla Duffy, Thomas Elze, Nicholas Elze, Trent Flanders, Tess-Anna Gilfedder, Chantelle Lax, Maddison Lindsay, James MacIntyre, Kathleen McGlone, Belinda Moorhead, Mitchell Pearce, Bridget Pulbrook, Kate Ramsay, Jordan Sampieri, Tamika Schier, Matthew Schier, Courtney Smith, Nicole Sowinski, Georgia Sumner, Cherie Taylor.

Year 9:

Keely Alting-Carr, Lynette Balharry, Lauren Benardos, Vanessa Cawdrey, Arabella Chambers, Rebekah Christ, Brittany Dale, Emma Dunlop, Christopher Gough, Brenden Hall, Matthew Kachel, Bonnie Kay, Brendan Knight, Anushma Kumar, Aaron Luff, Madelaine Robinson, Katie Shepherd, Emma Suta, Samantha Tayler, Thomas Triggell, Christine Walters, Laura Wilkinson

Year 8:

Jade Buckley-Jeffers, Ashleigh Chessell, Cassandra Dimmick, Hollie McKay, Ashlee Noonan, Lauren O'Neill, Christopher Osmond, Natasha Protheroe, Caitlin Schilling, Jacqueline Webber.

Certificates were also presented to students who achieved well in the National Australian Geography Competition.

High Distinction:

Samuel Bryant, Thomas Triggell, Peter Bishop

Distinction:

Kyle Lakin, Louise Oxford, Shivnesh Goundar

Our guest speaker, Mr Lurie, challenged every student to work to achieve a Certificate of Merit at the next academic assembly, which the school would gladly devote the whole day to in honour of such an occasion. A large contingent of parents and caregivers joined us to celebrate our students' achievement. Our thanks go to School Captain, Megan Goodall, who chaired the ceremony and to Hannah Brasch who assisted Mr Lurie to present the awards.

The REA Project is a national strategic initiative designed to inspire young people to develop their engineering, design and entrepreneurial skills with a view to building interest in these career pathways for the future. Pine Rivers State High School is a regional hub for the Queensland Project.



**Pine Rivers Show School
Champion Award
Pine Rivers State High School
Year 12 Student Wins Inaugural
Award**

Congratulations to Randall Lee in Year 12 who has recently been named as the inaugural winner of the Secondary School Division for the Pine Rivers Show School Champion Award.

The criteria for the award were personal success, including achievement and accomplishment, and personal characteristics including presentation and delivery style, confidence and motivation, aspirations and goals. Randall was our school nominee for this inaugural competition to select students who have excelled in community service, education, sport or the arts.

The 2007 Pine Rivers Show School Champion Awards were announced at the Official Opening of the Pine Rivers Show. Randall will be presented on assembly with the shield which the school will hold for the next 12 months.

Razorbacks Overall Winner in REA Pine Rivers Regional Racing Car Hub Final

Congratulations to the Razorbacks who were the overall winning team in the Re-Engineering Australia (REA) Pine Rivers Regional Hub Racing Car Final recently. They and the Pine Rivers State High School apprentice team, the Dragoons, will now proceed to the state finals of this exciting competition on August 22 and 23.

The Pine Rivers Hub Major Sponsor is Nordon Cylinders, a local manufacturing business and Manager, Mr Norm Johnson, was on hand to present trophies to the overall winners on the day. Alana Baird who is the State Coordinator for REA Queensland assisted with judging and selection of prizes. President of our P & C and Indy Chief Marshall, Mr Jeff Lurie, judged the car designs and scrutinised the car specifications. Ms Judy Reilly, School Council representative, also helped on the day.

The Awards were as follows:

- Best engineered car – Twin Turbo
- Best manufactured car – The Dragoons
- Photorealistic Rendering – Razorbacks
- Verbal Presentation – Razorbacks
- Time Trial Winner – The Dragoons Twin Turbo
- Knockout racing winner – Twin Turbo
- Fastest car – Twin Turbo (1.129sec)

The team of enthusiastic and creative engineers who designed, manufactured and raced their scale model F1 racing cars and promoted their product included the following students:

Razorbacks

- Jasmine Smith – Team Leader
- Chris Mills – Chief Engineer
- Chris Woodrow – Engineer and Car technician
- Jenny Muller – Graphic Artist

The Dragoons

- Sam Bryant – Chief Engineer
- Matthew Gayney – Team Leader
- Laura Wilkinson – Graphic Artist
- Bridget Schultz – Engineer and car technician



**Parent Teacher Conferences
Tomorrow Evening
Tuesday August 21**

Parents and caregivers should have received an invitation to meet with their children's subject teachers on Tuesday August 21 at the Graham Sprott Centre (School Hall) from 3 – 8pm.

This presents an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss specific concerns that they may have about a student's progress. There will be no printed school reports distributed at this meeting. Students should have brought home their Semester 1 Report in July.

Your son/daughter received a personal appointment slip with the letter. Parents were required to nominate on the sheet the teachers they wished to meet. Conferences are limited to 10 minutes. A bell will be used to signal the changeover time for appointments in order to keep appointments to schedule.

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment if they have concerns.



**Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test
Tuesday September 4
Wednesday September 5**

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 Tests will take these examinations in two weeks time on Tuesday September 4 and Wednesday September 5.

Students have taken part in an extensive preparation program during Access to complement their study of the 49 common curriculum elements (CCEs) which are embedded in the senior curriculum. Students participated in a full-scale practice test on Monday and Tuesday, July 23 and 24 respectively with QCS exam conditions, which has been marked. Many students have demonstrated improvement in test results since a previous less formal trial test, which attests to the commitment by the majority of students to the comprehensive preparation process and the test itself.

The test will involve the following:

Tuesday AM Paper One Writing Task (WT) 2 hours	Wednesday AM Paper Three Short Response (SR) 2 hours
Tuesday PM Paper Two Multiple Choice (MC)	Wednesday PM Paper Four Multiple Choice (MC)

1½ hours	1½ hours
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Students will be treated to breakfast before the test each morning. This event is hosted by the Year 11 students in order to help ensure that their Year 12 colleagues have the necessary nutrients to stimulate the brain.

Students will enter the hall at 8:50am each day in order to receive their instructions for the examinations. Students are required to bring all specific equipment stipulated. **School uniform must be worn for all sessions**



**Year 8 Enrolments 2008
Applications Due
Friday August 31, 2007**

Enrolment packages have been available at this school since Week 4 of Term 3. They were also delivered to our feeder primary schools on Tuesday, July 31.

There is capacity for up to 12 Year 8 classes in 2008. Unless there is an unprecedented demand for places, we expect that all children whose families wish them to enrol will be accepted, whether they live in the Local Catchment Area or not.



However, all parents or caregivers wishing to enrol their children in Year 8 for 2008 must make application to be received by the school by Friday August 31. Confirmations of enrolment and additional information will be posted to families on Friday, September 14.

**Year 12 Reference Applications Due
Friday August 24, 2007.**

All Year 12 students are required to submit an application by Friday, August 24 if they wish to be issued with a school reference on exiting from school Friday November 16.

The application provides students with the opportunity to provide details of their participation in school activities and achievements over the last three years, which are taken into account in the preparation of the School Reference.



On Tuesday, July 17 the Year 11 Drama students of Pine Rivers State High School recently held an Epic theatre production titled:

TOO FAST, TOO SOON & BLACK, WHITE AND ALL SHADES OF GREY

Epic theatre is a type of Drama which aims at awakening the social conscience of the audience. It aims to show differing points of view on a topic of social relationships and the possibilities for political and moral change. In other words, the purpose of Epic Theatre is to learn how to think rather than feel or empathise with the characters.

Each student offered their part in the play and together they produced a class production. Both classes put in a lot of time, energy and effort to produce these plays, and worked on their Epic production for eight weeks. The production "**Too Fast, Too Soon**" compared the 1920s to the present day, focussing on technology; healthy eating; styles in dress and attitude. The "**Black, White and All Shades of Grey**" production concentrated on racism; the stolen generation and attitude. Both productions succeeded in expressing their views and opinions on controversial issues and achieving their goal at presenting a polished Epic production. Congratulations to Year 11 Drama students and their supportive teachers Mrs Deanne Smith and Mr Deryck Anderson.

An interactive conference, students were assigned to a team and participated in a number of teambuilding activities. Students were addressed by a number of high profile speakers. These included John McGrath, CEO McGrath Estate Agencies, Brendan Glanville, teacher Australian Acting Academy, Rowena Szeszeran-McEvoy, owner of five Fitness Colleges, Kurek Ashley actor, Cynthia Morton, CEO Emotional Fitness Foundation, and Jason Barrel. Front man for Step Up, Michael Sheargold, facilitated a process of learning from the life stories of the guest speakers.

According to two of the Year 10 participants, Naomi Wilkie and Emma Doyle, "*Step Up was very motivational and fun. It put us outside our comfort zone to help us to learn to cope with changes and different people*". It was an "*amazing and jam-packed two days*" for which they were very grateful.

CHEERSPORT IN ACTION 'BRING IT ON!'



The Cheersport program has been running at Pine Rivers for nearly three months now under the direction of Cheersport Australia Director, Sanford McMurray. The team, the **Pine Souljers**, performed for the first time at the school Athletics Carnival. It was a successful performance, enjoyed by the team and audience – a great way to start the day of competition. All members of the **Pine Souljers** are currently participating in a poster competition. In pairs, students will create a team poster with all the entries going on display in the library in week 8. Then the school community will be able to vote for their favourite.



Step Up – A Leadership Conference Experience for Year 10 Students

On July 19 and 20, a group of 35 Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend a two day motivational leadership convention, called **Step Up**. The Step Up foundation was established by a Ms Ryll Burgin, to motivate and help realise the potential of our future leaders. The foundation has been successfully running about five years in Australia and now is extending to London and New Zealand.

The winner will receive a Cheersport pack including a \$50 Sanity CD voucher. The first *Cheerleader of the Month* award was shared between two very deserving winners, Jenny Clarke and Shelley Marshall, both Year 11 students.



extreme levels all year round. This is true on cloudy days too, as UV light travels through clouds. Sun protection is required if the UV index is moderate or above. Why is moderate to high UV light bad for us? Because it causes skin damage such as sunburn, premature aging, wrinkles, sun spots, melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and basal cell carcinoma. It can also cause damage to your eyes!

Slip, slop, slap, wrap is a message that needs to be practised all year round. *Slip* on a shirt and clothing that protects you from the sun. *Slop* on sunscreen or moisturiser that contains sunscreen in it. The higher the SPF, the higher the level of protection from UV rays. Don't forget to replace any sunscreen that is over two years old or is past its expiry date. *Slap* on a hat. Broad brimmed hats offer the best protection as they offer shade to the face, ears and neck, where as a cap only protects the face. *Wrap* on a pair of sunglasses. The bigger they are the better. Also look out for ones that offer protection to the side of the eyes. Some brands come with UV filter ratings, keep this in mind when buying your next pair. Other ways to protect your skin is by avoiding sun exposure between 10am and 2pm. Seek shelter under the shade of a nice tree, canopy or sun shade.

From the School Nurse Dental Health Week



Dental Health Week was from July 30 until August 3. The focus topics were Cosmetic Dentistry, Stress and Oral Health, and Caring for Wisdom Teeth. Fact sheets on these topics can be found on www.ada.org.au. There are also some fact sheets on Nutrition to Fight Dental Decay, Dental Erosion a Silent Epidemic, and Oral Piercings What You Need to Know, that are aimed at teenagers.

To keep a healthy smile, the Australia Dental Association recommends the following tips;

- Brush your teeth at least twice a day
- Drink fluoridated water
- Don't smoke
- Eat a balanced diet that is low in acid and sugar
- Floss your teeth daily to help your gums
- Use fluoridated mouthwash after brushing
- Have regular check ups with a dentist

Those with a health care card can access a public dentist by calling 1300 365 997 if you are in Year 10 or below OR 1300 650 002 if you are in Year 11 or above.



Sun Safety

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, with Queensland the capital. Queensland has a higher rate of skin cancer than the more southern states as it is closer to the equator so the UV index remains at moderate to

How is the school protecting students and staff from UV rays? Hats are compulsory when students play sport. Sun shades have been put up around the school. Trees that provide shade are being maintained. Seating has been placed in shaded areas. Outdoor lessons are avoided, where possible, during the high risk times.

Pine Rivers Community Aquatics Club

Sign-on-Day

Sunday August 26 - 10am – 2pm

Saturday September 1 - 10am – 2pm

Value for Money Swim Coaching and Learn to Swim Classes

**Phone Brett or Sharon on
3480 5490 or 0412 282419.**

Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust



Worrying About Living Costs While Doing Tertiary Study?

In 2008 the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is offering financial assistance for up to 75 students under many different scholarship schemes. All schemes help the selected children in need of the Australian veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applications are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible.

For further information contact Ms Susan Martin, Guidance officer.



Non-Uniform Day

The Student Representative Council is conducting its Term 3 non-uniform day for 2007 on Wednesday, August 29 in order to raise funds.

Students who choose not to wear full school uniform will contribute a gold coin as a donation.

A high standard of dress is required as stated in the Parent Information Booklet, which should have been taken home at the beginning of Term 1 this year.



From the Guidance Officer

Sunday 26 August

University of Queensland Open Day at Gatton campus 9:30am – 3pm
www.uq.edu.au/events

University of Southern Queensland Open Day, Springfield campus.
www.usq.edu.au/openday/

Australian College of Natural Medicine Open Day at Brisbane campus, 11:00am – 3:00pm
www.acnm.edu.au/openday

Thursday 6 September

The University of New England Open Day at Armidale (NSW) campus
www.une.edu.au/publicity/dates/2007

Monday 24 – Friday 28 September

Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University auditions
www.griffith.edu.au/school

Wednesday 26 September

Queensland University of Technology Parent Information Evening at Kelvin Grove campus 6:30pm – 8pm
www.whatson.qut.edu.au

Friday 28 September

QTAC (on-time) Applications close 4:30pm
www.qtac.edu.au

Griffith University Guests Program

applications close.
www.griffith.edu.au/guestsprogram



MUSIC COMMITTEE HARBOUR TOWN SHOPPING EXPEDITION

Saturday 27 October, 2007

Keep the date free.

More details in following newsletters.



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Entertainment Books

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What else can you buy for just **\$60** that gives you over \$10,000 in value? Purchase straight away and get extra value, as **the Book is valid from now** through June 1st, 2008. To search the new Book and find out more about the many popular businesses who are featured, please go to :

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Books are available from Pine Rivers State High School Administration. Funds raised will go towards enhancement of school facilities. Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Dates to Remember:

Mon 20	Yr 10 RSC (1) 3 day hike
Tue 21	Doorway to Construction (D2C) Parent Night PRIMA Music Committee meeting 7:30pm Parent/Teacher Conference (Subject Reporting Evening)
Wed 22	P & C Meeting Metro Rugby League Quarter Final
Fri 24	QIPs visit Year 8s Financial Literacy Program (Prep) RAW (Chaplaincy entertainment) 2 nd lunch Noosa Jazz Festival
Sun 26	Brisbane School Bands Festival
Mon 27	Year 8 Underwater World Excursion (1/2 group)
Tues 28	Yr 10 RSC (2) 3 day hike
Wed 29	Yr 10 RSC (2) 3 day hike Metro Rugby League Semi Final Yr 11 & 12 Expressions Excursion Yr 8 Immunisation (2 nd) (Hep B)
Fri 31	Yr 10,11 & 12 German Excursion
Mon 3	Yr 10 RSC (3) 3 day hike

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bald Hills Lawnton Lions – SIGN ON DATES

August 19 – Canberbury Park, Bald Hills 10am-2pm
August 26 – Rob Akers Reserve, Strathpine 10am – 2pm. All ages from 6 – 60 welcome – come and join "Have a Go". For further information please contact Mr Phil Horne on 3204 0111 or email bhllions@hotmail.com Go to the link and complete the sign on form.