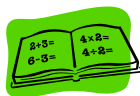


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"A smile costs less than electricity and gives more light."

Maths Tutoring

We are offering tutoring for Year 12 students for the rest of this year. This will occur on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm – 4.00 pm in G6. The main aim of the sessions is to help students with specific problems they may be having and students should come prepared. Other year levels are welcome but need to make arrangements with one of the supervising teachers.

Some students in Year 12 (mostly Maths C students) also offer tutoring to lower grades – this is a private (and financial) arrangement between the tutor and the student. For students wishing this type of tutoring – contact the student directly or see Mr Hartwig.

QAMT Year 8 Quiz

This competition is a state wide competition with preliminary rounds and semi finals conducted within each EQ district. The Sunshine Coast District semi final was held at Pine Rivers last week and the winning team now goes onto contest the final this Thursday evening.

Our team of Alex Gordon, Jacqui Webber, Lauren O'Neill and Jessica Schofield did very well and came second. It was a very exciting afternoon enjoyed by all participants and spectators. Well done! Thank you to Mr Kearney who assisted the team in their preparation.

Australian Mathematics Competition

The results from this competition have been emailed to the school – certificates are due to arrive before the September holidays. Among the notable results were two High Distinctions (Brendan Lickerman and Rebecca Houdmont, both in Year 12) and fourteen Distinctions. Angela Luckman was judged the highest performer from our school using standardised scores across all levels of the competition. Mr Mal Hartwig, HOD, Mathematics



School Leadership Positions for 2008

Current Year 11 students have limited time to nominate for the 2008 positions of

- School Captains, School Vice-Captains,
- SRC Executive positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer)
- House Captains and House Vice-Captains

Members of the 2007 student leadership team addressed all Year 11s in the Assembly Hall last Thursday September 13.

Year 11 students interested in nominating for the 2008 positions now need to collect a "Criteria for School Leadership Positions 2008" and a "Nomination Form for Senior Leadership Roles 2008" as soon as possible. The nomination form has to be returned to Mr Hilford in the Science Staffroom by 3.00pm on Monday October 8 (first day of term 4) – this is an absolute deadline so students are encouraged to return it by the end of this week if at all possible. Students have been encouraged regularly over the past 12 months to seriously consider these excellent opportunities to demonstrate their leadership skills and become further educated in elite leadership qualities - now the time has come!

Band Captains and Vice-Captains positions are dealt with separately during Term 4 and are appointed in consultation with the Performing Arts staff.

Information will be distributed to students about Committee Presidents and Vice Presidents during Term 4. All queries should be directed to the Year 11 coordinator.

Mark Hilford (Yr 11 Coordinator 2007)



'A Property of The Clan' makes impact

On August 10, Year 11 Drama students attended the Queensland Theatre Company's performance of 'A Property of the Clan'. The students were captivated by an entertaining and emotional production about youth struggling to find their identity in a complex world.

Students were given a unique opportunity to participate in a post-performance workshop with the theatre company actors; an opportunity rarely



**Next PRIMA Meeting
Tuesday
September 18, 2007**

Parents who are members of the Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Support Group are reminded that there will be a meeting tomorrow evening, at 7:30pm.

available to school students. The workshop was an inspiration to many aspiring young performers.



Senior Schooling

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships currently available:

- Certificate II in Business – Powerlink Virginia
- Certificate II in Retail – new Coffee Club – Strathpine
- Certificate x 4 – Sarina Russo Schools Australia
- Certificate III Commercial Cooker – Redcliffe – Clontarf
- Certificate III in Business – Dpt of Employment and Industrial Relations – Lutwyche
- Certificate III in Hospitality – Café Bella – Bribie Island
- Certificate II in Local Government (Operational Works) – Civil Technical Assistant for Brisbane City Council.

For more information regarding these positions, please check the noticeboard outside A8. Please note that this board is updated regularly.

If you require more information or are interested in a School Based Traineeship or Apprenticeship, see Mr Cutler or Lyn in A8 or telephone 3881 4714.

Health Issues



STRESS

Everyone needs some level of stress in their life. There is positive stress that helps motivate us to get out of bed to go to school or work and to do various things throughout the day. There is also negative stress that can build up and become overwhelming to deal with. It is when our stress levels become too high that it is a problem both physically and emotionally. Signs of stress can include:

- Difficulty sleeping
- Poor concentration
- Headaches
- Sore muscles from tension
- Feeling nervous or anxious
- Feeling tired or “drained” of energy
- Feeling sad
- Feeling angry or upset over minor things

There are many reasons for stress. For teenagers the main reasons include exams, homework, peer relationships and family issues. Some simple ways of managing stress include:

- Getting at least 8 hours of sleep a night
- Eating a balanced, health diet
- Exercising regularly
- Managing your time effectively – draw up a plan of things you need to do and when you are going to do them
- Taking the time to do something that you enjoy
- Dealing with one thing at a time
- Learning simple relaxation techniques

If you are concerned about stress, you can talk to the Guidance Officer or School Based Youth Health Nurse.

References



www.cyh.com.au
www.headroom.net.au

“Change a Million Light Bulbs” Project

Would you like to help your child and your school make a difference and do something about climate change?

We are being bombarded, practically daily, with conflicting messages about climate change and the extent to which our actions have influenced global warming. Three things are clear:

- Carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are rising and this contributes to global warming and climate change.
- Coal fired power stations emit large quantities of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the process of producing the electricity that we consume running electrical appliances at home.
- If we can reduce our electricity consumption in some way then we could reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power stations and so, reduce our impact on global warming and climate change.

A simple, cost effective way to reduce our electricity consumption is to switch from regular incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs.

This move alone could save us up to 66% in lighting costs (which currently represents 12% of household greenhouse gas emissions) and will reduce lighting energy usage by four-fifths!!

Within three years we will all have to switch to fluorescent bulbs as the Federal Government has recently announced that they will be banning incandescent light bulbs by 2010.

You now have an opportunity to purchase 6-packs of high quality, long lasting compact fluorescent light bulbs through your school at a cost less than comparable bulbs in the supermarket, and, \$7.50 from each pack sold will raise money for the School Grounds Committee for projects designed to enhance the school environment - such as planting of mature (carbon dioxide guzzling!) native shade trees, construction of shaded seating areas for the students and general improvements to our school gardens.

At the start of next term, your child will be bringing home some information sheets and order forms for this “Change a Million Light Bulbs” project. For your information and interest, there is even an energy audit form that you can use, if you wish, to demonstrate just how much money you will save in electricity bills if you switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs NOW!

Please support this very worthwhile project, keep an eye out for the order form, and purchase a pack or two of high quality, long lasting, environmentally

friendly compact fluorescent bulbs at the start of next term to help Pine Rivers State High School make a positive difference now and for the future!

Mrs Claire Bowerman – Project coordinator

INVITATION TO DANCE NIGHT 2007

Come along to the inaugural and exclusive dance night

Represent
Wednesday 19th September
6.30pm
School Hall
Tickets \$5/\$3 at door

Represent... is an evening that gives our students and their teachers the opportunity to share with the audience and wider school community what we are so very passionate about and take so much pleasure in and that is – DANCE!

Dance is a way of entertaining, communicating, engaging, storytelling and expressing oneself. Dance students from years 8 to 12, against a background of varying dance styles, groups and school programs, will come together to represent how far they have come this year and celebrate their successes, talents and hard work.

It promises to deliver and showcase the depth of the school dance program as well as the range of opportunities on offer. **Represent** is a night not to be missed. Dance teachers Miss Tanya Grant and Miss Amy Ferrington extend a cordial invitation to all to attend as support for our students and enjoy the fruits of their hard work.

Shaft Holiday Program

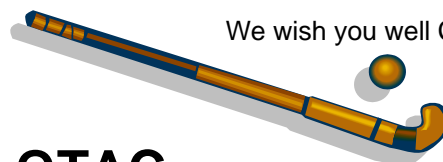
SHAFT is an activity program coordinated by the Pine Rivers Shire Council. SHAFT provides free or low cost activities, over the September holidays, to Pine Rivers Shire residents attending secondary school. A range of adventure, leisure, sporting, cultural and educational activities are offered. The next program is set for September 24 to October 5 and bookings open on September 5.

Check-out www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au or visit your local library or Council Office to view and / or book SHAFT activities.

Hockey Representative

Congratulations to Year 12 student Candice Luff who has been selected in the Brisbane U/18 Hockey

team. Candice will travel to Maryborough in the school holidays to participate in the State Titles.



We wish you well Candice.

QTAC APPLICATIONS

Due: 28 September 2007

All students intending to apply for entry to state university in Queensland and New South Wales, Bond University, Queensland TAFE institutes (full Diploma courses), the Australian College of Natural Medicine, the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania, Qantm College, the Queensland Institute of Business and Technology and the SAE Institute please be aware that the due date for applications through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) is **September 28 at 4.30 pm**.

This date falls in the first week of the school holidays so if you have any questions or need assistance with your applications, please make an appointment to see the guidance officer before school breaks for the holidays.

Ms Susan Martin
Guidance Officer



P & C NEWS

Brisbane North Institute of TAFE is offering a 10 week course (Wednesday nights) specially designed to help current or aspiring Treasurers. Participants will receive a Statement of Attainment of all modules satisfactorily completed. Contact the P&C Secretary in writing (via the school office) if you are interested and would like more information.

There will be no meeting in September (due to school holidays) – our next meeting will be Wednesday 24 October. If there something you would like to discuss or add to our agenda, please let us know in writing by 10 October.



Lost Property

All lost property items are handed to the school administration staff, and are held for two weeks for collection. After two weeks, items are moved to the

Uniform shop where they are stored and can be collected from Mrs Jones on Fridays.

On Friday 14 and Friday 21 September, all **non-school items** will be displayed outside the Uniform shop. Any items still unclaimed after the last Friday of this term will be donated to a charity.

WALKATHON PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY



On Friday, September 7, the Walkathon Presentation Assembly was held to acknowledge the fundraising efforts of students. This year's walkathon to date has raised over \$7500.

The Walkathon was organised by Miss Morel and Mrs Hart who were supported by Year 10 students. Service Awards were presented to the following students who assisted with the organisation and sponsorship of the event:

Tiffany Bailey	Shivnesh Goundat
Brendan Bowerman	Daniel Buckley
Nicholas Elze	Naomi Wilkie
Bridget Pulbrook	Alice Tainish
Matthew O'Sullivan	Pooja Prasad
Chantelle Lax	Tahlia Alting-Carr
Tamika Schier	

FUNDRAISING AWARDS

Prep Class with excellent participation:

Senior School 11.2

Junior School 8.10

PREP class raising the most money to date is



10.7

PREP class with the best performance at Walkathon is 12.5

Students who raised \$40 or more:

Roxxane Rowe	Katrina Schieber
Christine Kite	Jazz Collinson
Jake Husband	Mallory Van Nek
Brandon Palmer	Gauifaleai Tuisamoa
Kristopher Gorton	Elija Dodd
Michael Tuckwood	Jacquelyn Croxon
Paige Karklis	

Students who raised \$80 or more:

Joshua Clenton
Anneliese Mickan
Connor St Clair
Samantha Tayler
Naomi Wilkie
Anna Window

Major individual prizes for the highest fundraisers in the school go to:

1st place Samantha Tayler

2nd place Naomi Wilkie

3rd place Anna Window



We would like to thank the following local businesses that supported the school by donating prizes:

- Strathpine Office Supplies
- Strathpine Auto Care
- Jon Le Court Hairdressers
- KFC
- McDonalds
- Hungry Jacks
- The Coffee Club
- House and Garden

- Webster and Wood Hairdressing
- Sportsco
- Nextra



Senior Graduation Awards 2007

Year 12 students should be aware of the criteria for major awards presented at the Senior Formal and Valedictory on Thursday, November 15 2007.

SENIOR DUX

The Dux will be the student with the **highest aggregate of standardised scores** taken over at least 20 but no more than 24 semester units of Authority subjects. Final school SAI figures will be standardised using the average of our school's historical subject data for QCS. The following guidelines apply:

- 1 The student must be full time and OP eligible.
- 2 All Authority subjects will be taken into consideration.
- 3 Where two or more students are in contention for the award, and at least one of them has fewer than 24 semester units, the award will be decided against the maximum common number of units possible.
- 4 A repeat student is NOT eligible to win the award.
- 5 A "mature age" student is NOT eligible to win the award.

STATE PARLIAMENTARIANS' AWARD

Donated by Ms Bonny Barry, MLA for Aspley and Ms Linda Lavarch, MLA for Kurwongbah

This is a perpetual award given to a student in each year level who has displayed outstanding application to his/her studies throughout the year. This awardee must have attained an exceptional level of scholastic achievement as for the School Dux. The award is presented twice yearly, with the recipient being able to receive the award once per year.

BRIGID FELSMAN ENGLISH AWARD

This prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior English, using the latest and fullest information at that time.

THE WILSON MEMORIAL BURSARY

Donated by Pine Rivers Pine Shire

The prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Mathematics, including performances in enrichment activities. The student also receives a medallion donated by the Maths Department.

BP (OIL) SCIENCE BURSARY

Donated by BP (Oil) Bulwer Island Refinery

The prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Science, using the latest and fullest information from any two of the three Sciences - Physics, Chemistry or Biology. This will be determined by a calculation of standardised scores in those two subjects.

AKERS SURVEYS SOCIAL SCIENCE BURSARY

Donated by Akers Surveys

This prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Social Science subjects, using the latest and fullest information available at that time from two of the five Social Science subjects - Modern History, Ancient History, Geography, Economics or Study of Society. This will be determined by a calculation of standardised scores in those two subjects.

SPORTSMAN & SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

These awards are made in recognition of outstanding achievement in a number of sporting activities. The awardee should have displayed commendable application of the sports, able leadership, a commitment to the team and a high level of sportsmanship.

PR PRINT ACHIEVER'S AWARD

This prize is awarded to a Senior student who has displayed an admirable and consistent application to his/her studies and who regularly exhibits a co-operative and caring approach in working within the school community. Nominations and supporting information are to be received from teachers and students providing a summary of scholastic achievements, plus clear evidence of how the school code has been upheld – Respect, Pride, Effort.

CALTEX BEST ALL-ROUNDER AWARD

This Award recognises someone who fulfils the following criteria:

Academic	Scholastic achievement across a range of subjects
Attitude	Willingness to assist others, makes selfless contributions and is committed to excellence
Conduct	Outstanding at all times
Leadership	A role model to other students
Service	Participates in school and community activities
Sport	Represents the school in sport

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AWARDS

These awards are given in recognition of consistent contribution to attendance and performance in the Instrumental Bands (Concert and/or Stage Band and/or String Ensemble) such as Festival of Music competition, School Musical, Presentation Assemblies, public performances and music tours and camps.

PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

Awarded to students who have displayed a notable and outstanding contribution to the promotion of the Performing Arts as well as a strong commitment to the school. Their co-operation and enthusiasm to undertake responsibility is reflected in the commitment to the school in extra-curricular activities. They have shown consistent involvement over their full period of time at Pine Rivers, in the area of performance including items for concerts, presentation assemblies, talent quests, drama productions, arts festivals, special public events and the annual school musicals.

CULTURAL AWARD

Donated by Graham Sprott

Awarded to a student who has displayed significant cultural achievement in representing the school in his/her respective cultural area of interest. The awardee is one who displays involvement, talent and representation of the Arts domain across the wider community.

H TILTON VISUAL ARTS AWARD

Donated by Harry Tilton

This award is given to a student who displays a firm indication of continuing their commitment to visual arts in the future or a student who has had a consistent positive development throughout their studies in visual arts at Pine Rivers State High School.

ROTARY CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This award goes to the student who has shown concern for fellow students and is an outstanding citizen of the school community.

TOURISM TRAINING QUEENSLAND SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARD

This is awarded to high achievers studying Hospitality Studies and Hospitality Practices and intends to pursue a career in this industry. Teachers are asked to nominate their students and salutes are chosen out of all Brisbane schools, Private and Public.

TJ RYAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS/MEDALS

Our school nominee for the TJ Ryan Memorial Scholarships and Medals will be selected on the statewide established criteria. These are:

- Academic excellence based on OP level, field positions, the number of VHAs in Authority Subjects and QCS Test results
- Outstanding leadership qualities and occupation of a leadership position within the school or the community; and
- Intention to enrol in a recognised undergraduate degree course in an Australian University in 2008.

Students must apply to be considered for selection as the school nominee for these prestigious awards. The scholarship will earn a student an annual payment of \$2000 which will be made each year for the minimum length of time necessary to complete an undergraduate degree course (to a maximum of 5 years) and includes combined degrees.

CORETECH ICT BURSARY FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ICTS

This award is given to the student who has displayed outstanding achievements in his/her studies of Information Technology, has demonstrated that he/she has used ICTs as a tool for learning successfully in other subjects, and has made a contribution to the support and development of ICTs for learning within the school.

NORM JOHNSON MANUAL ARTS AWARD

Donated by Nordon Cylinders

This award is given to the student who has displayed an outstanding work ethic in his/her studies in Industrial Technology. The student should demonstrate employability skills such as: reliability, presentation, attitude, work ethic and ability to use related technology in solving problems. The student should also have made a significant contribution to their school community.

SENIOR INDIGENOUS AWARD

Sponsored by REFS

The is awarded to the student/s who demonstrate ability to achieve in the academic, vocational, sporting and/or cultural fields. The awardee is one who intends to undertake further education through an accredited education or training provider. The Bursary is to be used to assist in the pursuit of future career opportunities.

SERVICE AWARDS

These awards are made for outstanding service to the school this year, covering a wide range of activities within and outside of the committee system. Nominations are accepted from students and teachers who must provide evidence for making the recommendation taking into account the following criteria:

- Committee work in PREP and outside class time
- Participation in scheduled school events and other extra-curricular activities
- The nominee must have participated in any two of the Walkathon, Fundraising Activities or Committee activities, plus two further extra-curricular activities completed for the school, eg Anzac Day March, QIP, Peer Support, Reporting Ushers or Guides, Bands and Band Competitions, Musical Events, School Promotions, Competitions, Expo, Debating etc
- Adherence to school policy, eg uniform, respectful behaviour
- The nominee must have displayed consistent and extra-ordinary efforts towards service to the school throughout the whole year.

Dates to Remember

Tue 18	Year 11 Con Bunnings Tour Parent Music Committee meeting 7:30
Wed 19	Dance Assessment Night 6.30pm Regional Athletics Carnival
Thu 20	Year 10 Extension Science Excursion
Fri 21	Assembly Primary Schools Music Tour (all day) Year 12 PREP – QTAC SET PLANS due in Maths Challenge & Enrichment
Sat 22 – Sat 29	School Ski Trip
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 22 SEPTEMBER TO 7 OCTOBER	
Mon 8	School Resumes for all students
Tues 9	SRC Meeting – Dining room 1 st break Spring Music Extension Concert
Wed 10	Student Leaders M/Tea Healthy Schools Committee (SEU 2 nd lunch)
Fri 12	Assembly Gala Instrumental Music Concert 6.30pm

