

Newsletter No. 16

Monday 15 October, 2007



Dance Represents.....

Last month, on September 19, the inaugural Dance Night 2007 was a delightful evening of excellent eclectic performances by dance students across both dance classes and extracurricular programs offered in the school. An appreciative audience was thoroughly entertained and

enjoyed the showcase of diverse dance styles. These creative and innovative interpretations demonstrated how dance can be used to communicate, engage and express through the art of movement and music.



It was a fantastic night and congratulations to all students and staff involved, in particular, Dance Captains Lauren Williams and Hailey McKay and Dance teachers Mrs Tanya Grant and Miss Amy Ferrington, for their dedication and support.

Performing Arts Night

Come along and celebrate

PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT 2007

"CIRCA"

featuring a spectacular showcase of music song and dance

Wednesday 24 October

6:30pm start (no interval)

School Hall (Ash Court entrance)

Tickets at door Adult \$5 Concession/student \$3



Music Extension Night

You are cordially invited to an evening of Music par excellence at the

SPRING MUSIC EXTENSION CONCERT

Featuring Senior Music Extension students in their final performance of the year

Tuesday 16 October

6:30pm start

Auditorium - (Gympie Road entrance)

ALL Welcome



Instrumental Music

Parents/Caregivers

Next PRIMA meeting

Tuesday 23 October

7:30pm

Main Office Common Room

ALL Welcome



Join us at Harbour Town on the Gold Coast to Shop Till You Drop

*Pine Rivers State High School
Instrumental Music Committee
Fundraiser*

Where Bus departs Pine Rivers SHS
When October 27, 2007. Arrive 8am for an 8:15 departure to return approx 5:30pm.
Cost \$30 includes bus transport, Tourism Club card and promotional pack

To book your place contact Christine Robinson on 3285 8549 or 0408 457 705



MOVIEMANIA SUCCESS

Congratulations to past students Albert Van der Weerd (2006) and Stephanie Hewson (2006) who received awards in the categories of Best Editing and Best Costume for their Year 12 short films in last month's Moviemaniania Short Film Competition Gala Night held at the Croatia Club, Brisbane.



YEAR 12 - 2006 Student Destinations

Each year the Queensland Government conducts the *Next Step* survey, which targets all students who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Certificate

or Certificate of Post-Compulsory School Education in the previous year. The Office of the Government Statistician conducted the survey between 2 April and 19 May 2007, approximately six months after the young people left school.

The response rate for Pine Rivers State High School was 79.7% - 200 of the 251 students who completed Year 12 in 2006 participated in the survey.

Summary of findings

In 2007, 64.5 per cent of young people who completed their Year 12 at Pine Rivers State High School in 2006 continued in some recognised form of education and training.

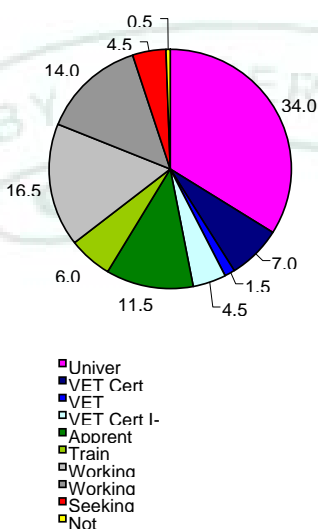
The most common study destination was university (34.0 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 30.5 per cent of respondents, including 13.0 per cent in campus-based VET programs, with 7.0 per cent of Year 12 completers entering programs at Certificate IV level or higher.

17.5 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (11.5 per cent) or trainee (6.0 per cent). In addition to the above study destinations, a further 3.5 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2007.

35.5 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (30.5 per cent), seeking work (4.5 per cent) or neither studying nor in the labour force (0.5 per cent).

The Pine Rivers State High School report is available on our website. Statewide and Regional reports are available on the Next Step website at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep.

Main destinations of Year 12 completers



Senior Formal



Thursday 15 November 2007

The 2007 Senior Formal will be held at the Greek Club on Thursday, November 15. Students will be issued with an invitation once they have met all requirements for eligibility. The conditions governing eligibility are very basic and have been clearly articulated to all Year 12 students.

Once issued with an invitation, students are able to purchase tickets for themselves and their parents/caregivers from administration.

The absolute deadline for purchase of tickets is Thursday, November 8, 2007 so that we can finalise numbers with The Greek Club. Major awards will be presented at the Formal.

Valedictory



The Senior Valedictory will be held on Thursday, November 15 in the school hall commencing at 9:00am until approx 11:00am.

This is a formal ceremony and signifies the completion of 12 years of formal schooling. Service and Merit Awards will be presented at this ceremony. Students must be in full formal uniform to participate. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend.



Queensland
Studies Authority

Smart OP

The Queensland Studies Authority has made Ops and FPs available to students using electronic means as well as by mail.

In 2007, students who register with the QSA on the Smart OP website will be able to receive their results from 9am on Saturday 15 December 2007 via the Smart OP website, or by SMS.

Registration for these services opened at 9am on Monday 8 October 2007 and close at 5pm on Thursday 13 December. Students are able to register at any time during this period.

Students will be issued with information (Smart OP bookmark) which details steps to register.



Change in Daily Routine

A proposal to change Thursday bell times has been accepted and will be effective for all of Term 4.

Bell times for Thursdays in Term 4 will be the same as for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

PREP	8:40am – 8:50am
Period 1	8:50am – 10:00am
Period 2	10:05am – 11:15am
Morning Tea	11:15am – 11:50am
Period 3	11:50am – 1:00pm
Lunch	1:00pm – 1:40pm
Period 4	1:40am – 2:50pm

This change can be accommodated as students are not required to travel for sport and allows students and staff a longer morning tea break.



From The Guidance Officer
Interested in a Defence Force Career?

Defence Force Recruiting is conducting information seminars on the wide range of careers available in Army, Navy and Air Force. The seminars are aimed at students in Years 10,11,12. The seminar in our area will be held at Redcliffe Leagues Club at 7.00pm on Wednesday 17 October. Details are on the Guidance Office noticeboard. Bookings are essential and can be made through www.defencejobs.net.au or by calling 13 19 01.

University Scholarships

Year 12 students who are applying for a place at university are reminded that there are a number of scholarships available to assist students. Details of these can be found on individual university web sites or from the Guidance Office. QUT has a new scholarship guarantee which is of particular relevance to many of our students. Details have already been given to Year 12s and are also available from the Guidance Office.

Grandparents raising Grandchildren

If you are in this situation you may be entitled to financial assistance for school camps, sporting and recreational activities. Contact Seniors Enquiry Line on 1300 135 500 for more details.

Mr Richard Haddon, Relieving Guidance Officer



Athletics
North Metropolitan Regional
Carnival

On Tuesday and Wednesday September 18 and 19, twenty-six students from Pine Rivers State High School competed at the Metropolitan North Regional Athletics Championships held at Nudgee College.

This Championship event is a high level carnival and the students had to qualify as one of the top four from Pine Rivers Zone to compete. During this carnival four students qualified to represent Metropolitan North Region at the Queensland Championships to be held at QEII Stadium, Nathan from October 25 to 28.

All of the students from our school deserve congratulations for the standard of performance, behaviour and sportsmanship displayed at this carnival.

Metropolitan North Representatives are:

- Jason McDermott – Year 9
 - Samantha Tesch – Year 10
 - Phillip Wilson and Amy Hartley – Year 12
- Mr Broomhall, Team Manager**



From the School Chaplain

Greetings folks! One of the things I like about this time of year is the overlap between football season and cricket season. You get to watch both, as cricket again becomes a major topic of conversation. All over the country, kids are swapping boots and footys for cricket balls and bats, and, so, sign-up-days for cricket are upon us.

Parents, if you're interested in getting your young-un out and playing, why not sign up for "MILO have a go cricket". Have-a-go is a junior developmental program for boys and girls aged between 5 and 10 years, similar to the AFL's "Auskick" program. For \$35, participants enjoy a structured 6-12 week program aimed at developing cricket and social skills, and physical fitness. They also receive a cricket bat and ball, water bottle, T-shirt, hat, and more.

The local club is based at Bald Hills, and the program began Saturday the 13th. For more information call club president Terry Bowler on 3205 2121, and enjoy your children having a go at cricket.



TUCKSHOP

Our volunteer numbers have slowly been eroded by this time of the year so we are publishing the roster for the next fortnight as a reminder for our regular volunteers and to highlight the need for more helpers. Volunteers who are unable to make their rostered day are asked to please contact the Tuckshop staff on 3881 4738 so a replacement can be arranged.

	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Mon
Tues 16/10 til Mon 22/10	Cazna Jo Maree Kate	Lyn Lexie	Toni Des Kris	Joy	Karen Kim
Tues 23/10 til Mon 29/10	Ros, Therese	Donna Sharon Coral	Lexie Kayleen	Ray	Raylee

If you are available any of these days and would like to help out, simply ring the convenors directly on 3881 4738. Your help will be appreciated.

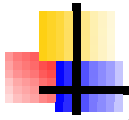


UNIFORM SHOP

Why not lay-by uniforms now for back to school requirements? All lay-bys must be paid for and collected by Thursday 13 December 13, so payments can be spread over the coming months and you are assured of your sizes being available.

The following items are currently out of stock – XS sport shirts and '36' formal skirts – however a limited supply of these should be arriving soon with the bulk of our orders arriving mid - late November. Don't forget our regular hours as follows:

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI
8.30 – 11.30am
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS



P&C NEWS:

You are all welcome to our next meeting – Wednesday October 24 – at 7.30pm in the Staff common room in the main administration block.



School Social

On Wednesday 17 October from 6.00-9.00 pm will be our Hollywood Social. Tickets can be purchased from MMC2 for \$5.50 with your ID card on condition that the student has no unexplained absences. Normal school dress standards apply.

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From the Maths Department

"Mathematics is the music of the mind; music is the mathematics of the soul."

Maths Tutoring: The maths department has been offering tutorials after school on Tuesday afternoons (3.00 – 4.00 pm) for most of the year. This has been to help all students wishing to improve their skills and understanding of the set work (but especially Year 12s). The response from students so far has been very poor and if attendances remain low our offer of (free) tutoring will be withdrawn.

Tutoring is also offered on a one-on-one basis by a number of Year 12 and Year 11 students. This is entirely a private (and financial) arrangement between the tutor and the student. The head of department is willing to act as the go-between to bring interested students together.

Maths Subject Selection: Student choices for Year 11 Maths (Maths A, B, C or Pre Vocational Maths) appear to be well informed and appropriate based on student performances to date. A few students whose choice seems inappropriate will be interviewed shortly.

Year 9 students should have brought back their return slip from the letter sent home on the first day of term. These will be analysed with the view to providing advice where necessary.

Problem Solving - probability: Consider a game show on television. The aim of this game is to win a **car** as a prize. The game show host shows you three doors. The host says that there is a car behind one of the doors and that there are **goats** behind the other two doors. The host asks you to pick a door. You pick a door but the door is not opened. Then the host opens one of the doors you **didn't** pick to show a goat ... (*because the host already knows what is behind the doors*).

Then the host offers you one final chance to change your mind, before the doors are opened and you get a **car** or a **goat**. The host then asks you if you want to change your mind and pick the other unopened door instead or stick with the door already chosen.

What should you do? (**Answer next time**)
Mr Mal Hartwig, HOD Mathematics



Parenting Knowledge and Child Behaviour How much do you know about effective parenting?

At some time or another all children misbehave or do things that their parents don't like. At the same time parents have many different ways or styles of dealing with these problems, and different beliefs about how best to raise children.

If you are the parent of a child 2-10 years, the Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland would love to hear from you. This research project is designed to increase our understanding of how parenting knowledge, family characteristics and child behaviour are related and to what extent they interact with one another. Ultimately, our goal is to be able to provide parents with more effective parenting programs. Participation involves confidentially completing a series of questionnaires that takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. If you would like to participate, please go to:

<http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/pkcbs/>

Thank you for your time and participation. More information about the project is available from: Leanne Winter, Parenting and Family Support Centre, School of Psychology, University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072

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Dates to Remember:

Mon 15	Yr 12 ECN and Yr 11 TSL Excursion Film Festival Screenings (Lunch times)
Tue 16	Yr 12 Chemistry Excursion Arts Live Performance Period 1 Hall Film Festival Screenings (lunch times) Yr 11 ECN and Yr 11 GEG Excursion Regional Sports Trials Day
Wed 17	School Social Year 12 Multi Excursion (anatomy)
Thu 18	Yr 11 Chemistry Excursion REA Indy Excursion – Gold Coast Old Dance School of Excellence Excursion (Griffith Uni) Yrs 10, 11 & 12 Girls HPV Injection (3 rd)
Mon 22	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 23	SRC Meeting "D" Block Dining Room 1 st break Performing Arts Night Technical 3 – 5pm Parent Music Committee (PRIMA) meeting 7:30pm
Wed 24	Student Leaders Morning Tea Healthy Schools Committee SEU 2 nd Lunch Performing Arts Night 6:45pm P & C Meeting
Thu 25	School Council Meeting

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS of YEAR 12 STUDENTS:

announcing the

2007 VALEDICTORY CEREMONY & SENIOR FORMAL



Dear Parents / Caregivers of Year 12 students,

This is a preliminary notice to officially inform you of **two** important and exciting events to take place on **Thursday 15 November 2007**. These are the **Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony & the Senior Formal**.

The table below summarises these two events and highlights the significant differences between them.

	Valedictory Ceremony	Senior Formal
Venue	PRSHS Main Assembly Hall	Greek Club, Edmonstone Street, South Brisbane.
Time	9:00am to 11.00am approx	From 6:00pm: Arrival for photos 6:55pm: Seated for start of ceremony Midnight: Finish
Students	ALL Yr 12 students	All <u>eligible</u> students enrolled at PRSHS up to and including Thursday 15/11/07 who have purchased tickets as required
Invited Guests	Parents/Caregivers, other family & friends, Year 12 students of 2007. Year 11 students will also form part of the audience.	Parent/s or Caregiver/s as recorded on SMS school database only (contact Ms Keenan if in doubt) - with pre-purchased tickets
Dress	Full formal school uniform	Formal evening wear
Awards	Valedictory Certificates → all Yr 12 students (in full formal uniform) will be presented on stage. Merit & Service Awards → to selected students.	Certificates of Excellence Awards, Major Awards including bursaries, Senior Dux, etc → individual awards for students with exceptional academic, cultural and sporting achievements
Purpose	An opportunity to reminisce and celebrate the years of education and friendships formed at PRSHS.	An opportunity to reminisce and celebrate the years of education and friendships formed at PRSHS with a formal, sit down meal and later, dancing.
Chaired by	2007 School Captains, Vice-Captains and Student Representative Council Executive	2007 School Captains, Vice-Captains and Student Representative Council Executive
Costs	Not applicable	Tickets: \$80 each. Final date for payment Thursday 8 November. Seating and ticketing from Wednesday 24 October till Friday 2 November. Optional: A professional photographer will be available. The event will be professionally videotaped, and DVD can be pre-purchased before Friday 19 October, at \$30

In many ways the format of these events is proudly unique to PRSHS.

Students/parents/caregivers less familiar with the PRSHS culture and traditions associated with these events can be assured that every effort is made to make these dignified and memorable occasions – staff, students and family together celebrating the achievements of the 2007 Seniors of PRSHS.

Ms Trisha Keenan

(Year 12 Coordinator, on behalf of the Year 12 Committee teachers of 2007)

Telephone: 3881 4729.