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Inaugural Rugby League Presentation and Fundraising Dinner Voted a Success

Congratulations to all involved in the organisation and orchestration of our first Rugby League Presentation and Fundraising Dinner which was conducted on Saturday, October 20 at Norths Leagues and

Services Club. 184 students, staff and parents and caregivers came together to celebrate a fantastic year in Rugby League at this school and to acknowledge the efforts of the players throughout the season. A feature of the evening was the presentation of the students who looked extremely smart in their ties.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr Kevin Caton, Managing Director Saagoo Associates, Perth, who is Committee Member for the National Aboriginal Commission Sports Australia and a former West Coast Eagle player. Mr Caton had some important messages for the players around respect and effort and the importance of family.



MC Mr Ian Roberts, Head of Department Health and Phys Ed., ensured that the evening's program went smoothly. Our school Cheer Squad, the 'Pine Souljers' trained by Samford McMurray, Head of Cheersports Australia and managed by dance teacher, Ms Amy Ferrington, provided entertainment early in the evening. Year 11 student and player, Trent O'Brien did the players proud with his eloquent speech. Guest, Mr John Bates of Concrete Discounters, Brendale and a regular support of Junior Rugby League development in the local district was announced as a sponsor for the 2008 program and presented the players with their medallions.

The coaches for the 2007 season presented the special awards and addressed the audience. Mrs Janelle Deakin acknowledged the tremendous contribution of the coaching staff supported by Mr Syd Doyle, those who organised the dinner event, the sponsors and of course the players and their parents and caregivers.

Major Sponsors of our Rugby League Program were Mr Paul Burton, CEO, Norths with a donation of \$3000 and Mr John Hoad, State Manager Classic with a donation of 3 full Rugby League kits over the 3 years. Donations for the rolling raffle on the night were gratefully received from the following businesses:

Strathpine Bendigo Bank	Birch, Carroll and Coyle
Aspley Leagues Club	Cinema Centre, Strathpine
Classic Sportswear	Creations by Karen, Lincoln Street
Darren Knight, "Pass Australia" Sport and Recreation	Four Mile Creek Hotel
G & K Bobcat Kallangur	G & L Kosior Plumbing
Glenford Tool Centre, Geebung	Grant Noyce, Qld RL Development Officer
Kevin Caton, NASCA	Lindy-Lou Jewellery & Beads
Lion-Nathan XXXX	Northside Windscreen, Lawnton
Strathpine Hyperbowl	Ultratune, Strathpine
Westfield Shopping Town, Strathpine	

It was a very successful year in Rugby League with 3 out of 4 wins in the Aspley Broncos Toyota Challenge Cup and the Year 8 team proceeding to the Renouf Cup as one of the top 16 teams in South East Queensland. The emphasis in the presentation program was not on the winning, however, but the discipline, the individual effort, the teamwork and the pride in one's team and school. Congratulations to all students involved and our sincere thanks to the coaches.



Coaches:
Year 8 Mr Kirk Manwaring
Year 9 Mr Danny Kearney
Year 10 Mr Dion Mumby
Open Ms Kim Goldsmith
Assistants: Mr Michael Hart (volunteer)
Coach development and support – Mr Syd Doyle

Awards:

Year 8

Most Improved	Edward Johnstone
Defensive Player of the Year	Steven Talarek
Best Back	Trent Blackman
Best Forward	Ben Eeles
Players' Player	Angus Maher
Coach's Award	Dwayne Thomas
MVP	Kane Zalewski

Year 9:

Most Improved Back	Justin Poots
Most Improved Forward	Brandon Wilson
Best Back	Glen Wilkie
Best Forward	Philip McComber
Players' Player	Glen Wilkie
Coach's Award	Anthony Gadd
MVP	Anthony Gadd

Year 10:

Most Improved Back	Alex Emmerson
Most Improved Forward	Jacob Hall
Best Back	Hayden Kalkaus
Best Forward	Tom Tofa
Players' Player	Josh Marsh
Coach's Award	Patrick Rasmussen
MVP	Josh Marsh

Opens:

Most Improved Back	Rhys Cockram
Most Improved Forward	Isaac Kosior
Best Back	Jarred Toweel
Best Forward	Mick Fields
Players' Player	Keenan Moy
Coach's Award	Keenan Moy
MVP	Keenan Moy

Nominees for Principal's Award

Year 8	Angus Maher
Year 9	Glen Wilkie
Year 10	Patrick Rasmussen
Open	Keena Moy
Winner	Glen Wilkie

Year 12 Student Wins School-Based Trainee of the Year Award



Congratulations to our school's nominees for the Queensland Tourism Industry Council State of Excellence Awards, which were presented at a celebration dinner at the Brisbane Convention Centre recently. These were David Bryant (Hospitality) and Nicole Wall (Tourism).

David was announced as Outstanding School-based Trainee of the Year. He has won a trip to Adelaide to the Adelaide International College of Hotel Management to do a week of training at this prestigious Swiss accredited centre. Air flights and accommodation are fully paid. He will also have access to specialised career counselling in this field.

Nicole won the lucky door prize, so it was a great night for Pine Rivers.



Volunteers to be Acknowledged at Special Dinner

Tomorrow evening, Tuesday October 30, the school will acknowledge our volunteers at a special dinner function, which will be catered for by our Hospitality students. Principal, Ms Janelle Deakin and Deputy Principals, Ms Sue Alexander, Mr Paul Brown (performing duties) and Mr Brian Stumer and the student leadership team will host the occasion.

Sixty-two volunteers have accepted our invitation to enjoy excellent food and service, courtesy of the Year 11 and Year 12 Hospitality Studies and Hospitality Practices classes, supervised by the entire Home Economics staff team.

Volunteers play a vital role in our school. These include those who help at our tuckshop, uniform shop and bookshop, tutors who support student learning, those who help out with the Aquatics Club and our Parent Music Support Group, Parents' and Citizens' Association executive members, School Council representatives, Youth Works Inc. executive members, Rugby League coaches, parent consultants and many others. We appreciate the huge contribution made by all of these people to enable us to provide the extensive range of opportunities and support for our students. We also value the ongoing feedback from these 'partners' in our school to ensure that we continue to provide quality programs and services.

Thanks also to those who in coordinating our programs work hard to provide a supportive and encouraging environment to attract and sustain volunteer participation.



World Teachers' Day Celebrations

Friday October 26 was World Teachers' Day. This day was inaugurated on October 5, 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO / ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. In adopting this recommendation, governments unanimously recognised the importance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers in society internationally. World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October; however, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year.

At Pine Rivers State High School, we are proud of our 'quality staff team' which we continue to promote as our edge. It is the quality interaction between the teacher and the student that is the prerequisite for an effective school. On this day, we acknowledge our teachers for the important work that they do.

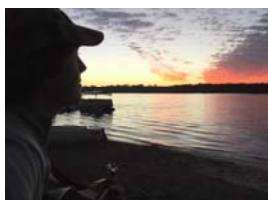
We are fortunate to have at this school a highly skilled staff who support one another to provide the diversity of opportunities for our students and who commit to extensive ongoing professional learning and development.

OUT AND ABOUT with..... MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC

Recently, Rhys Roberts, Mitchell Clemett, Scott Norris and past student Laurence Clarke joined guest Conservatorium musicians and a 30 piece band, the Yellow Cabs Bayside Brass, in the National Suncoast Classic Car Rally Street Festival Concert. They performed several pieces with Rhys finishing a memorable duet *True Blue* and *I Still Call Australia Home* against the backdrop of a magnificent Sunshine Coast sunset.



Congratulations to Aaron Muscat who was placed 4th in the finals of Fretfest Under 18s with 3 original compositions. Aaron was awarded *Find of the Year* by Fretfest a singer/song writer Festival and a Queensland initiative. On another note, Mitchell Clemett on guitar and joined by Ashlee Hall as assistant DJ, provided a much appreciated highlight to the Carers Queensland concert in acknowledgement of the efforts and sacrifices made by individuals providing care for those in need.



Congratulations also to Bridgid Pulbrook and Matthew Kachel who were selected and attended the four day State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) over the September holidays. What a wonderful

experience to perform with tutors and musicians at the Conservatorium. Well done students!

Over the last month or so, music students have been busily performing in diverse music excellence events. After a most successful interstate tour, the String



Ensemble and Stage Band, accompanied by the Senior Dance Squad, went back on the road on the last day of school in term 3, **touring local primary schools** – Petrie, Lawnton and Strathpine West State Schools with an entertaining program delighting their junior audiences.



The new term began to the beat of **The Brass Monkeys** with a lunchtime concert performed by two world class players from the Billy Hyde Orchestral school. This was followed on the October 12 by the inaugural **Gala Instrumental Music Night** featuring our Concert Band, Stage Band, Wind Ensemble and

String Ensemble in a range of classic, traditional, cultural and contemporary repertoire. The night also featured key ensembles from Petrie, Kurwongbah and Strathpine State Schools and in collaboration with Pine Rivers Middle School Band and String Ensemble.



The **Spring Music Extension Concert** on October 16 impressed the audience with a rich and wonderful evening of artistic and sophisticated music assessment performances. Student performers were Laura Frazer (clarinet), Corinna Harrison (piano), Richard Wilson (guitar), Shane McInnes (cello), Mitchell Clemett (voice & guitar), Roslyn Cossins (piano), Daniel Luckman (composition), Ben Burrows (guitar), Scott Norris (bass guitar), Rhys Roberts (voice & guitar), Erin Roberts (violin), Keah Woodgate (violin), Selena Long (voice) and Erin Woodgate (viola).

Congratulations to all performers for their fine efforts and their teachers for their continued support, Instrumental Music teachers Mr Timo Jarvela (Strings), Mr Scott King (Brass Woodwind), Mr Bruce Hamlin (Percussion), classroom teachers Mrs Vicki Stansfield (Music and Music Extension), Mr Simon Krarup (Music), Mr Robert Adamson (music), Miss Marissa Clarke (music), Mr Mitchell Leigh (tertiary lecturer and piano accompanist) and Miss Amy Ferrington (Dance). We also thank the PRIMA Music Committee and all parents and caregivers for their contribution. **NEXT STOP THE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC! Stay tuned!**

Senior Boys Basketball



On the last Thursday and Friday of term three and the first weekend of the school holidays, the senior boys basketball team played in the State Championships at Carina.

Results were as follows:

- Pine Rivers V St Josephs - lost 49 – 69.
- Pine Rivers V Coombabah SHS - won 59 – 41.
- Pine Rivers V Sheldon College - lost 66 – 84.
- Pine Rivers V Tullawong SHS - won 58 – 55.

Semi-final

Pine Rivers V Marymount College - won 63 – 33.

Play-off game for 9th and 10th

Pine Rivers V Aldridge SHS-won 66–65 in overtime.

The boys finished 9th in division two, which was a fantastic effort. Many thanks must go to Chaplain, Dave Hockey, for help with transport and also to David Wilson for doing the scorebench for the team.

Congratulations to team members: Jonathan Aviles, Sean De Silva, Kevin McComber, Adam McCulloch, Ryan McCulloch, Ivan Modina, Michael Salazar, Philip Wilson and Darren Wilson.



Year 10 Student Selected for National Wheelchair Basketball Championships

Congratulations to Marcus Thompson in Year 10 who was selected for the Queensland Wheelchair Basketball team to compete at the National Championships at the Sydney Academy of Sport during the vacation. His team did extremely well, achieving 4th place, behind teams from the USA, Japan and Western Australia.



Family Members Metropolitan North Regional Representatives for State Athletics Championships

Congratulations to siblings, Corey Buckler Year 8 and Samantha Buckler Year 10, who have been selected to represent Metropolitan North Region in the State Athletics Championships. They are both walkers.



Enterprise Committee Funding 2007

This year the Year 12 Enterprise Committee conducted two fundraising ventures. These were a family portrait day on Saturday May 26 and a slice drive. The family portraits were very well supported by families with bookings from 9am until 7:30pm at night. Many students from all year levels got behind the slice drive and sold nearly \$9000 worth of slices. The students who sold the most slices and their prizes were as follows:

Name	Prep	\$	Prize
Michael Croft	8.6	\$303.50	MP3 player
Abby Clark	8.8	\$261.00	DVD player
Cameron Cleland	8.2	\$254.25	Milkshake maker
Rebecca Faulkner	12.1	\$229.25	Movie passes
Maya Dancey	9.1	\$211.30	Sports bag

The **total profit** that both of these ventures raised was approximately \$2,200 and the Year 12 Enterprise Committee would like to sincerely thank all families who supported these two fundraising events.



Youth Peace Parliament

During the school holidays, for three intensive days, I had the opportunity of participating in the Youth Peace Parliament. It is an event for young people to discuss peace, parliament style, with motions, question time - everything. The program went so far as to emulate the real parliament experience. We used the green chamber. This was an honour, and with it, I could 'feel' the history around me. I have just learnt so much. What I really liked about the YPP was the price tag - free. Similar events have a cost in the region of \$450. I didn't realise how lucky I was to be part of the YPP. I'm glad I took the time to complete the application form. Thank you SOSE department for your help.

Isaac Smith, Year 11 student

Changes to TTQ Salute to Excellence Award Presented at the Senior Formal.

This TTQ (Tourism Training Queensland) Salute to Excellence Award has been an ongoing award for Hospitality and Tourism students for many years. Recently TTQ (The Hospitality and Tourism Industry Body) has changed both its structure and its name. The newly formed body is now called the Queensland Tourism Industry Council. The process and criteria for the award is as follows:

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council "Salute to Excellence" Award

Nominated by: Head of Department Home Ec/Business
Decided by: QTIC and HOD Social Science

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council hosts the Salute to Excellence Awards each year. All Brisbane schools are invited to nominate, at the most, two Year 12 High Achievers Studying Hospitality or Tourism subjects or school based trainees or apprentices who are intending to pursue a career in Tourism or Hospitality.

Students are selected as a **Salute** after a rigorous selection process which requires students to respond to selection criteria, attend an interview and participate in a skills test.

Further to this, special awards are given to outstanding students in the four categories of Tourism, Outstanding School Based Trainee, Food and Beverage and Culinary.



Selection of QIP Leaders

QIP Leaders are highly effective Year 11 students who work with Year 8 students, helping them make a smooth transition to high school. QIPs are excellent role models and work to establish positive relationships among students and members of the school community.

This year, around 65 Year 10 students have applied to become QIP Leaders and we thank them for their interest and enthusiasm.

The selection process is rigorous and discriminating, ensuring our QIPs are of the highest calibre. This is the process used:

1. Students complete an application form.
2. A list of these students is distributed to staff.
3. Based on their experiences with these students, staff are asked to comment on applicants they know, considering:
 - The necessary qualities of a QIP Leader.
 - The roles, duties and responsibilities of a QIP Leader.
 - The selection criteria as shown below.
4. Following staff feedback, a number of students are interviewed to address identified issues. Some students are advised that their application is unsuccessful, and may be counselled to take advantage of alternative leadership opportunities available in Years 11 and 12 (eg Peer Support, lunchtime activities, drama group, MATE).
5. Students whose applications are accepted are invited to attend an intensive 2 days of QIP Training conducted on 26th and 27th November. Only students who attend training are eligible to be considered for the QIP Program.
6. During QIP Training, staff will closely observe students' participation, involvement, behaviour,

respect, empathy, initiative, teamwork, interactions, responsibility, ability to follow instructions, and attitude.

- Students who perform well in these areas will be invited to become QIP Leaders. Those who do not perform to a satisfactory standard will be counselled to take advantage of alternative leadership opportunities available in Years 11 and 12.
- On Year 10 Awards Day, students will be advised of their QIP team, and will sign their Contract

Selection Criteria: QIP Leaders will be selected on their ability to lead and manage a group of Year 8 students, as well as their demonstrated personal qualities of *Respect, Pride and Effort*.

Respect

- ❖ Respectful behaviour both in class and outside of class, respectful language with teachers and peers, compliance with all school rules, appropriate dress standard, empathy for others, caring attitude, effective team working skills

Pride

- ❖ Well prepared and equipped for learning, assessment tasks completed and submitted on time, loyalty to school, reflection of Pine Rivers State High School's expectations and standards, reliability, honesty, responsibility

Effort

- ❖ Working to ability, consistently punctual to class, good school attendance with no unauthorised absences, participation in school events and activities (eg fundraisers, carnivals, etc), initiative, organisational skills, time management

We wish our QIP applicants well in this selection process and in their intensive training; and look forward to a positive and productive 2008.

Leadership Candidates for 2008

The following Yr 11 students are congratulated on their decision to accept nomination for 2008 leadership positions:

School Captains/Student Representative Council:

Boys: Matthew Burnett, Mitchell Clemett, Isaac Kosior, Daniel Luckman, Christopher Mills, Trent O'Brien, Rhys Roberts, Isaac Smith

Girls: Raneigh Connett, Savionna Cunningham, Shelley Marshall, Meghan Pritchard, Mikaela Reilly, Florence Sitagata, Jasmine Smith, Melissa Treadwell

House Captains:

Pine Boys: Jared Bullock, Isaac Kosior

Pine Girls: Krystal Baart, Jenny Clarke, Tegan Costello, Kirsten Crotty, Ashlee Grant, Clarissa Kennedy, Kirstin Lindenberg

Rivers Boys: Nick Maguire, Aaron Muscat, Ryan Rigby, Rhys Roberts, Jake Shephard

Rivers Girls: Leah McIntosh, Lisa McKay, Jessica Saunders, Katrina Schieber, Fay Williams

Prior to secret ballots, each of these students presented a speech to their Year 11 peers and teachers. The 2008 leadership team will be announced at the Year 12 Valedictory Assembly on Thursday November 15 2007.

Year 10 End of Year Arrangements



As per the school calendar, the Year 10 Awards Ceremony for 2007 is scheduled for Friday November 30. This is a change

from our traditional calendar of events in that it will be conducted on the final day that the Year 10 students are required to attend school this year. Previously, Year 10s were requested to return a week later for this special event, which gave the school time to prepare for the ceremony.

This will mean that the Awards Ceremony will involve awards that we are able to determine by that date. The announcement of the State Parliamentarians' Award 2007 for example, will be held over until a presentation assembly in 2008, as happens with this Year 11 major academic award. Parents and caregivers will again be invited to attend this ceremony.

Students will also need to return to school on Tuesday 11 December to collect their Semester 2 reports from the collection station in the Student Support Centre. This is as for Year 11 and 12 students.



Request for Work for Students for Family Holidays in School Year

It is important that students attend school for the entire school year. In the Senior school with Year 11 and 12, it is strongly advised that parents / caregivers DO NOT take children away from school for family vacations during this time. The loss of direct learning time with teachers may jeopardise students' capacity to achieve their full semester credit in their subjects as per the Queensland Study Authority (QSA) requirements.

We have experienced increasing numbers of families in the junior school organising holidays in school time and asking teachers to prepare work for students to undertake in this time.

Teachers are responsible for up to 5 classes (ie often up to 140 students) across different curriculum areas and cannot prepare these individualised programs unless in extenuating circumstances approved by the principal.



Queensland University of Technology
Brisbane Australia

Start QUT Information Evening Wednesday November 7 - 6 – 7:30pm Dakabin State High School

Year 11 students and parents are invited to attend an information evening about the innovative and popular START QUT program at Caboolture. This will be held at Dakabin State High School from 6pm until 7:30pm on Wednesday, November 7.

START QUT allows students passing two units to gain guaranteed entry to selected QUT courses and commence studies in Semester 1 after finishing Year 12. Year 12 students recommended by their school will be awarded a QUT Scholarship to cover student fees for two University units. QUT Caboolture Campus has START units on offer in Education, Nursing, Business and Creative Industries.



Budgeting for Year 12 2008

Parents & Care-givers of 2008 Senior students are reminded that there are three main expenses that occur early in the new year – Resource Hire (\$140), Leadership Camp (\$175 in 2007) and Senior Jersey (approx \$75 but NOT a compulsory item).

This information is provided now to assist senior students and their families with forward budgeting. As a further service, students will soon be able to make full or partial payment towards their 2008 Resource Hire.



Non Uniform Day

Wednesday October 31 2007

The Student Representative Council is conducting non-uniform day on Wednesday, October 31 2007 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 usual on these occasions. This is stated clearly in the School Responsible Behaviour Plan booklet for all school community members, which should have been taken home earlier this year.

The rules are as follows:

- Dress must not cause offence or embarrassment to members of the school community. Normal school rules apply to the wearing of jewellery and make-up
- Footwear must comply with work place health and safety requirements – they must be enclosed and substantial if in Science Labs, kitchens and Workshops. No thongs or sandals are permitted.
- All skirts or dresses must be of a suitable length so as not to cause offence
- Inappropriate slogans should not appear on clothing
- No bare midriffs, singlets, halter neck tops or dresses, or strapless tops may be worn.



ATTENTION:

Parents of Year 12 students.

A free parent information evening will be hosted by Craigslea SHS and supported by Project Circuit Breaker entitled:

Parent's Survival Guide to... 'Parties, Sex, Drugs, Rock n' Roll and Schoolies!'

A panel of professional guest speakers will be presenting on the night and available to answer all of your questions regarding schoolies. There is free parking available and a light supper will be provided.

When: October 31 at 6pm for a 6:30 start.

Where: Craigslea SHS auditorium, Hamilton Road, West Chermiside.

For further information call Jan Fredrick (Guidance Officer, Craigslea SHS) on 33265228.



After School Help for Term 4

Does your child need help with homework or assignments?

Does your child need access to computers or resources?

Does your child need a place to meet and work on a group project?

We are here to help!

Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, staff are available to assist and supervise students working in the Library until 4.00pm. Students from all year levels are invited.

Students are to make their own arrangement with parents/caregivers regarding transport home.

If you would like clarification on this program, please contact Ms Joan Trueman, HOD Middle Schooling.



TUCKSHOP

The roster for the following fortnight is as follows:

Week Tue 30 Oct – Mon 5 Nov				
Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Monday
5 th Tue Maree Laurel	5 th Wed Lyn	Ros Ursula	Raylee Elizabeth (am) Gayle (am)	Elizabeth Gayle
Week Tue 6 Nov – Mon 12 Nov				
Laurel Robyn	Lexie Karen	Ursula	--	Karen Kim

Thanks to Jill for offering her help during the past fortnight.

Of approx 28 volunteers spread over a 5 week roster, 16 are school parents and 7 of those do more than 1 day per month, 12 have no students at school and 6 of those do more than 1 day per month.

We truly appreciate the efforts of our volunteers and try to make their day at Tuckshop worthwhile.

If you've never volunteered before, why not spend a day in tuckshop during these last weeks. Please call the convenors on 3881 4738 to arrange your visit.

UNIFORM SHOP



A limited supply of XS sport shirts have arrived for those who have been waiting - with all stock due in by the end of November.

Please note our **extended** shop hours for the end of year sales:

**Monday November 26 – Thursday December 13
8:30am – 2:00pm**

Reimbursement cheques for secondhand uniforms for the period ending 21 September have been sent recently, could these please be banked promptly.

Dates to Remember

Mon 29	EXCURSION FREE WEEK
Tue 30	Volunteers' Dinner
Fri 2	Arts Presentation Assembly
Mon 5	Year 12 Block Exams Year 8 Bridges Excursion
Tue 6	Year 12 Block Exams SRC Meeting "D" Block Dining Room – 1 st break Year 11 SOS Community Forum (TBC) Year 11 CON Bunnings Tour
Wed 7	Year 12 Block Exams Health Schools Committee Meeting SEU 2 nd lunch
Thu 8	Year 12 Block Exams Year 11 TST Griffith Uni Tour
Fri 9	Year 12 Block Exams Year 10 Rugby League Testing UQ Regional Water Polo Trials