

Newsletter No. 19

Monday 26 November, 2007



Class of 2007 Leaves in Style

A packed hall of family and friends, staff and Year 11 students bade an official farewell to the Year 12 students of 2007 at a Valedictory Ceremony conducted on Thursday November 15. It was an emotional but dignified ceremony conducted by the official student leadership team. Our graduating students were presented for the last time to their appreciative audience. Many received in addition to their Year 12 graduation certificate, one or more of the following awards: Academic, Merit, Service, Instrumental Music or Performing Arts.

Entertainment included a Reflection Data Show accompanied by Corinna Harrison and Samantha Roy, a performance by the Stage Band, the Year 12 Dance final 'spectacular' and a musical rendition by our Year 12 Music students. Nowie Tuisamoa and Navarone Johnson read a poem they composed as a lead in to the video montage created by the Media Committee.

The Year 12 Formal and Graduation at the Greek Club was a splendid occasion that evening. The excited new graduates came out beautifully coiffured and attired and enjoyed the company of one another, the delightful meal, the formal awards and ceremony, the dancing and the admiration of their parents and the staff.

It was again a huge crowd in attendance to celebrate the occasion. Special guests included Mr and Mrs John Akers who attended to present the Akers Surveys Social Science bursary. President of our Parents' and Citizens' Association and Chair of our School Council, Mr Jeff Lurie, presented the State Parliamentarians' Award for Ms Bonny Barry, our local Member of Parliament, who was unable to obtain leave from the last day of parliamentary sitting. We also received apologies from Mr Brian De Bruyn of BP Oil Refinery, Bulwer Island, who was unable to present the BP (Oil) Science Bursary because he was attending his own child's Formal.

Our highest academic achievers were presented with Certificates of Excellence across the range of Year 12 subjects. Students were presented with Certificates of Achievement with their achievement of at least 4 Very High Levels of Achievement on

exit from Year 12. Dux of School 2007 was Matthew Bowerman who is also the school's nominee for the TJ Ryan Memorial Scholarship. Randall Lee was awarded the State Parliamentarians' Award. There were a number of other major awards presented at this special occasion. It was moving to see the students acknowledge the achievements of their peers.

The leadership of Year 12 Coordinator, Ms Trisha Keenan, who had overseen the welfare of this cohort of students since Year 7 Orientation Day 2003 culminated in a fantastic outcome with her organisation of both the Valedictory and Formal events. Ms Amos, Deputy Principal for this Year 12 group, returned from leave to rejoice and reflect on this 5 year journey with this special class of 2007. Our thanks go to these dedicated staff members, to our Year 12 PREP teachers who assisted with the organisation of the ceremonies and all other staff who assisted the Year 12s with their learning and welfare. Last but not least, we must thank again the parents and caregivers of our Year 12s who have worked with us to achieve the outcomes. Congratulations to the following students who have gained awards for 2007.

Award	Recipient
ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award	Brendan Lickerman
Brigid Felsman Excellence in English Award	Matthew Bowerman
BP (Oil) Science Bursary	Matthew Bowerman
Coretech ICT Bursary	Calum Scorgie
Akers Surveys Social Science Bursary	Madeline Lynch
H Tilton Visual Arts Award	Adalia Pavitt Shaun Buzza
Norm Johnson Manual Arts Award	Nicholas Gordon
Wilson Maths Memorial Bursary	Matthew Bowerman
The Queensland Tourism Industry Council Salute to Excellence	David Bryant
The Cultural Award	Laura Frazer
Sportsman of the Year	Paul Muscat
Sportswoman of the Year	Kimberley Sauer
Senior Indigenous Award (REFs Bursary)	Krystal Razborsek
Caltext Best All-Rounder	Jacquelyn Croxon
PR Print Achiever's Award	Morgan Reilly
Rotary Bursary	Megan Goodall
State Parliamentarians' Award	Randall Lee
Senior Dux of 2007	Matthew Bowerman
TJ Ryan Memorial Scholarship and Medal Nominee	Matthew Bowerman



Congratulations to the Student Leaders for 2008

Congratulations to our eight student leaders for 2008 who were announced at our Valedictory Ceremony for our Year 12s. The selection process involved student and staff elections to shortlist students who were then interviewed by a panel comprising Principal, Ms Janelle Deakin, Year 11 Coordinator Mr Mark Hilford and year 11 Deputy Principal, Mr Brian Stumer. SRC Coordinator, Mr David Marr, also had an input into the selection decision.

School Captains:

Mikaela Reilly, Trent O'Brien

School Vice Captains:

Shelley Marshall, Rhys Roberts

Congratulations also to Mikaela Reilly on being presented with the ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award for Year 11.

Student Representative Council Executive

President: Daniel Luckman

Vice President: Florence Sitagata

Secretary: Melissa Treadwell

Treasurer: Matthew Burnett



Pine Rivers State High School Presents Literacy online at Success for Boys Showcase

Pine Rivers State High School was one of 9 local schools in the local cluster to showcase Literacy Projects at a culminating function for the **Success for Boys Project** on Tuesday evening November 20. Funding for this project was provided by the Department of Education, Science and Training. Deputy Principal, Mr Brian Stumer has led a significant project involving 80 students from both Year 8 Focus classes to engage them in online literacy tasks.

In keeping with our total school focus on the integration of information communication technologies to improve learning, our school's literacy project made use of the Moodle website, which is being accessed increasingly by our teachers.

The Moodle website enables teachers with little experience to develop online courses to create learning experiences for their own classes. Students can access the courses from anywhere with internet access. They can be used as class activities or homework tasks. The level of engagement in literacy tasks accessed through this medium by students was very pleasing. Head of Department, Learning Technology, Mr Stansfield is planning to conduct professional development for staff in the near future to assist them to become familiar with this software, which is a very effective learning tool.

Pine Rivers State High School staff also assisted the teachers who led the literacy projects at Petrie State School and Strathpine West State School.

STRINGS SHINE

Our Junior String Quartets have had a feast of music performances recently. Year 8 String students Jacqueline Webber, Anneliese Mickan,



Vincent Detar and Danielle Kettles played their repertoire at the annual Volunteers' Dinner held in the school hall on October 30 and they were joined by the Junior String Quartet with Jacqueline Webber, Tamika Schier, Tom and Nick Elze.

The Senior Strings with Shane McInnes, Erin Roberts, Erin Woodgate and Jacqueline Webber entertained the local community at the Ocean View Winery for a Melbourne Cup Day performance in Dayboro.

Further music entertainment on Volunteers' Dinner Night Concert came from performers Rhys Roberts, Jared Bullock, Ben Burrows, Caitlin Hynes and Clarissa Kennedy. It was a fantastic night thoroughly enjoyed by our guests.



DANCE SQUAD AWARDS FOR 2007 WINNERS:

KATIE JONES & VINCENT DETAR

Congratulations to Katie Jones and Vincent Detar, recipients of this year's Pine Rivers State High School Senior and Junior Dance Squad Member of The Year awards. These awards acknowledge the hard work, dedication, commitment and overall contribution of one outstanding member from each of the Dance Squads.

Katie Jones, the most deserving winner of the Senior Dance Award for 2007, has been an invaluable member of the school's dance squads for the past two years. Katie has demonstrated that she is developing beautifully as a performer and a strong leader as well as conducting herself to be a fine role model for other dance students. Well done Katie!

Vincent Detar, the winner of the **Junior Dance Award** for 2007, has been an exceptional member of the schools Junior Dance Squad in only his first year at high school. He has set a very high technical and performance benchmark while also being an absolute pleasure to work with. As a result of his performances and participation, Vincent has broken many barriers and negative perceptions of males in dance by dazzling them with his skill and style. The future is certainly very bright for Vincent, Katie and dance in general at Pine Rivers State High School.



Friday, November 30
Year 10 Awards Ceremony
Commencement: 9:30am
Venue: Hall

The Year 10 Awards Ceremony will be conducted on Friday November 30 commencing at 9:30am in our hall. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend this important occasion as we celebrate the achievements of our Year 10 cohort across the range of student endeavour. This will include the presentation of academic excellence and merit awards and service awards and a number of major awards, including bursaries made possible through the generosity of our local community organisations.

Students will be required to wear full formal uniform as per Friday. We will also announce the House Captains for Year 11, 2008.



Year 10 Excursion
Thursday, November 29

On the November 29, 2007 the Year 10 students will be given the opportunity to spend the day at Dreamworld theme park on the Gold Coast. This is an educational excursion which will provide an opportunity for the students to do also some teambuilding in preparation for the beginning of their Senior School in 2008.

Students will depart school from Ash Court at 8:00am and will return at approximately 7:00pm.

It is important to note that this event is not compulsory and an alternative educational program will be provided at school for those students who are ineligible or simply choose not to attend the excursion. Enquiries to Ms Morel (Year 10 Coordinator – 3881 4757).

SENIOR SCHOOLING
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Have you thought about a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship for next year? Now is the time to register your interest as the list of available Traineeships and Apprenticeships is changing daily.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships currently available:

- Certificate II in Retail Operations Strathpine & Kippa Ring
- Certificate II in Retail Operations Donut King, Brumby's & BB's Café
- Certificate II in Bakery with Woolworths Warner, Albany Creek & Chermside.
- Certificate II in Engineering Production Brendale
- Certificate II in Hospitality - Chermside
- Certificate III in Engineering Production Brendale.
- Certificate III in Warehousing – Brendale
- Certificate III in Waterproofing – Eatons Hill
- Certificate III in Shopfitting - Northgate

For more information regarding these positions, please check the noticeboard outside A8.

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

Parents' and Citizens' Association
November Meeting
Wednesday, November 28, 2007-11-19
7:30pm
Administration Block
Staff Common Room



Year Level Administration and Coordinators for 2008

Year	Deputy Principal	Coordinator
12	Mr Brian Stumer	Mr Mark Hilford
11	Mrs Sue Alexander	Ms Carol-Anne Morel
10	Ms Janelle Amos	Ms Alison Handfield
9	Mr Brian Stumer	Mr Kirk Manwaring
8	Mrs Sue Alexander	Mr Todd Hughes



Purchasing School Shoes for 2007

The following is a reminder to parents and caregivers of the school uniform requirements in relation to school shoes. Please be sure to read carefully before purchasing new school shoes for students for 2008.

Sports Uniform Boys and Girls:

Shoes must be of a substantial nature (eg leather, vinyl) due to Workplace Health and Safety requirements. **Black shoes or predominantly white shoes must be worn with the sports uniform.** Shoelaces should match the predominant colour of the shoe. Please note that canvas shoes (eg Volleys) are not acceptable nor are slip on shoes (eg Vans).

Formal Uniform:

Shoes must be of a substantial nature (eg leather, vinyl) due to Workplace Health and Safety requirements. These requirements demand students' insteps are adequately therefore students should not wear "Mary Jane" type shoes that leave the top of the foot exposed. **Full black shoes with BLACK LACES must be worn with the formal uniform.**

This uniform standard has been developed and continues to be endorsed by our Parents' and Citizens' Association. Details of the uniform policy are set out in the prospectus.

There has been a concern that a few students have not made parents/caregivers aware of this information and have purchased and been wearing 'variations on the theme', including Dunlop Volleys, 'Vans', 'Cons', and Jiffies which are **not acceptable**. Senior students who are enrolled in Automotive or Manufacturing courses should note that **steel cap boots** should only be worn in workshops or on worksites and are not accepted as part of the school uniform.



POSITION VACANT

Pine Rivers SHS P & C Association Community Education

Our Community Education Program requires the services of an assistant convenor. The position involves working 12 – 15 hours per week, which includes three nights for 1.5 – 2 hours and Saturdays for a similar number of hours.

- Applicants must be flexible, have good people skills and it is the type of position that would suit a retired couple with spare time on their hands.
- Prior experience is preferable, but not essential.
- Remuneration is by way of commission based on profitability paid at the end of each term. Any expenses incurred are reimbursed throughout the term.

Initial enquiries and requests for a copy of the convenor's duties can be made by contacting Mrs Jan Allen on 3205 1831 or Mr Phil Rundle on 0409 891 860.

Please send your written application including your resume and the names of two referees to The Convenor, PO Box 252, Strathpine Qld 4500.

P&C NEWS:

Our final meeting for 2007 will be held on Wed Nov 28 in the main Administration Block, Staff Common Room starting at 7.30pm. Following the meeting, we will enjoy a Christmas break-up. We welcome all parents, and especially those involved in life here at Pine Rivers.

UNIFORM and STATIONERY SHOP

Please note our **extended** shop hours for the **end of year** and **back to school** sales:

END OF YEAR 2007

Monday 26 Nov -- Thursday 13 December
8.30am – 2.00pm

Mon 10 December
(Year 7 Orientation day)
8.30 – 4.00pm

BACK TO SCHOOL 2008

Tuesday 22 -- Thursday 24 January
8.30am – 2.00pm

CLOSED - Monday 28 January
(Australia Day Public holiday)

Tuesday 29 January -- Friday 1 February
8.30 – 2.00pm

**All Uniform lay-bys must be paid for and
collected by Thursday December 13, 2007**



STATIONERY SHOP

All orders (including Year 8 Kit orders) for 2008 will be accepted until Monday December 10, 2007.

NO ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THIS DATE

Orders for December pickup will be available from Wed Nov 28.

***N.B. All December orders need to be collected
by Thursday Dec 13, 2007.***

Orders for January pickup will be available during the January sale days



TUCKSHOP

Student numbers might be dwindling in the coming weeks but Tuckshop, Uniform and Stationery shops are still in full swing. If you can help on the roster at any of the shops please call the convenors on 3881 4738 / 3205 2794.

Tues 27/11	Wed 28/11	Thurs 29/11	Fri 30/11	Mon 3/12
Ros Therese	Donna Sharon Coral	Ursula	Ray	Elizabeth
Tues 4/12	Wed 5/12	Thurs 6/12	Fri 7/12	Mon 10/12
Laurel Robyn	Karen J	Ros Ursula	Raylee	Karen J Kim

Dates to Remember:

Mon 26 - Wed 28	Year 11 Block Exams
Mon 26	QIP Training
Tue 27	QIP Training
Wed 28	P & C Meeting
Thu 29	Volunteer Tutor M/Tea Year 10 Team Building Excursion
Fri 30	Year 10 Awards Ceremony Last day for Year 10 and 11 students
Mon 3	Library Stocktake (all week)
Wed 5	Healthy Schools Committee Meeting SEU 2 nd Lunch Home Ec Stocktake (3 days)
Fri 7	Instrumental Musical Break-up 11am (pool)
Mon 10	Year 7 Orientation Day Year 8 & 9 Teambuilding Program
Tue 11	Year 8 & 9 Teambuilding Program Yr 12 Exit Statements, references and photos available Year 11 Reports available Junior Talent Quest (Session 3 Auditions)
Wed 12	Year 8 and 9 Teambuilding Program Year 8 & 9 Reports available Junior Talent Quest (Session 1 rehearsal & Session 2 Talent Quest)
Thu 13	Year 8 and 9 Awards Ceremony
Fri 14	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2007