



Newsletter No. 20

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Final Newsletter for 2007

The year has flown and this is our final newsletter for 2007. For the last fortnight, only Year 8 and Year 9 students remain at school. This week, students are participating in a program of educational and motivational activities. A combined Year 8 and Year 9 Awards Ceremony will be conducted on Thursday, December 13 commencing at 9:15am.

The Year 12 students finished three weeks ago and our Year 10s and Year 11s completed their final term on Friday November 30. Year 11 students completed their final exams on Wednesday November 28 and teachers took the opportunity to have students review their assessment for the last 2 days. On Thursday November 29, the students were informed of their Year 12 Committees for 2008 and of the House Captains for 2008. On their last day the Year 10 students participated in a Semester 2 Awards Ceremony to which parents and caregivers were invited.

A number of teachers have completed their teaching contract. We thank those staff, some of whom have been at our school since the beginning of the year.

2007 has been another full and productive year at Pine Rivers State High School. It is very pleasing to be able to reflect on the numerous and diverse achievements of our students throughout the year. The school enrolment of 1449 has shown that our Enrolment Management Plan has been successful in containing our enrolment. Our anticipated numbers for 2008 are 1460 at this point.

We would like to sincerely thank all members of our school community for your contribution in working with our staff to provide the learning opportunities for our students. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful holiday season. We look forward to working with you in 2008.



Year 8 and 9 Awards Ceremony Thursday December 13 9:15am Start

Parents and caregivers of Year 8 and 9 are reminded that they are invited to attend the Year 8 and 9 Awards Ceremony to be conducted on Thursday December 13 in the hall. This event will commence at 9:15am. Students are required to wear full formal school uniform.

At this ceremony, we will be presenting academic awards for Semester 2, including the Certificate of Excellence, Certificates of Merit and Achievement Awards. The State Parliamentarians' Award for the top academic student in each year level who has not already received the award in Semester 1 will also be announced.



Year 7 Orientation Day to Welcome New Students

Today, we conducted our Year 7 Orientation Day to welcome our Year 8 cohort of 2008 to our school. This is an important event, which involves an introduction for our new students to our teaching and learning culture and to the high expectations we have of all school community members.

Mr Todd Hughes will be the Year Level Coordinator for Year 8 next year. He will work with Deputy Principal Year 8, Ms Sue Alexander, and Head of Department, Middle Schooling, Ms Joan Trueman and the Year 8 PREP teachers and other class teachers to give our new students the best possible induction to high school life.

Parents and caregivers of our Year 7 students were welcomed to our school with a separate information session. The focus of this session is on building a relationship with the parent / caregiver to encourage communication with and participation in our school for the benefit of our students. We look forward to working with this keen group of people in the new year.



**Year 8 and
Year 11 QIP
leaders
Year 12**

Back to School Starting Times

**8:40am
Tuesday January 29, 2008**

**Year 9, 10
and 11**

**11:30am for 11:45am start
Tuesday January 29, 2008**



Year 10 Awards Ceremony

On Friday, November 30, we welcomed parents and caregivers to the Year 10 Awards Ceremony conducted in our school hall. Distinguished guests included Ms Bonny Barry, State Member for Aspley and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and the Arts, Mr Jeff Lurie, President of our Parents' and Citizens' Association and Chair of the School Council, Mr Rukas from the Pine Rivers Masonic Lodge and Ms Coral Price representing the Lions Club of Petrie.

The ceremony was chaired by students, Tamika Schier and Shivnesh Goundar and our presentation assistants were Naomi Wilkie and Nicholas Elze. Academic awards, including the Certificates of Excellence, Merit Awards and Achievement Awards were presented, as well as the State Parliamentarians' Award for Semester 2 and the Junior Dux. A number of special awards were presented as below and a number of students were acknowledged for their service to the school in 2007. Entertainment was provided by the Concert Band, the Dance students and the Year 10 Music trio.

House Captains and Dance Captains for 2008 were announced during the proceedings. Ms Morel, Year 10 Level Coordinator, and Ms Sue Alexander, Year 10 Deputy Principal, were acknowledged for their efforts by the students, all of whom reflected on a very successful year for Year 10.

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

Tara Bechard	Industrial Design – Furnishing
Peter Bishop	History, Introduction to Accounting, Mathematics B, Science
Taylor-Rayne Broes	Work Education
Elizabeth Burton	Dance, English
Braeden Claus	Industrial Design – Engineering
Madeleine Clelland	Science
Rebecca Draheim	Drama
Kyla Duffy	Home Economics
Brynne Dunne	Mathematics A
Nicholas Elze	Science
Thomas Elze	English, Music
Trent Flanders	Health and Physical Education, Recreation Studies
Tess-Anna Gilfedder	English, History, IT Education – New Media, Mathematics B, Media
Kayla Gutierrez	English
Tahlia Hamilton	IT Education – Data Integration
Kyan Higginson	Art, Drama, English
Ben Jurott	English
Hayden Kalkaus	Rugby League
Grant Low	Music
James MacIntyre	Health and Physical Education, Industrial Design – Furnishing
Kathleen McGlone	English, Health and Physical Education
Thomas McGrath	English
Belinda Moorhead	Mathematics B
Jack Newell	Automotive
Mitchell Pearce	Robotics
Tenille Prowse	English
Bridget Pulbrook	German
Kate Ramsay	Mathematics B, Science
Nick Rickards	Automotive
Jessica Ross	English
Matthew Schier	Recreation Studies
Tamika Schier	IT Education – New Media
Courtney Smith	Dance, Science
Nicole Sowinski	Science, Study of Society
Patrick Spearman	Graphics
Georgia Sumner	Home Economics – Food Studies
Cherie Taylor	Drama, Introduction to Programming
Cara Tennant	Business and Enterprise
Natalie Van Vuuren	Art
Josie Wyatt	Junior Hospitality

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Sarah Alder	Graphics
Sarah Alexander	Mathematics A
Tahlia Alting-Carr	Junior Hospitality
Tiffany Bailey	Work Education
Peter Bishop	English
Ryan Bradley	Automotive

Beau Brigden	Automotive
Elizabeth Burton	Science
Melissa Cannon	Junior Hospitality
Andrew Carr	Elementary Maths Mastery, Practical English
Braeden Claus	Industrial Design – Furnishing, Recreation Studies
Renee Cook	Media
Andrew Day	Industrial Design – Engineering, Industrial Design - Furnishing
Claudia Dewar	Home Economics
Samuel Dort	Drama
Kyla Duffy	Art, Dance
Brynne Dunne	English
Jarrad Easlea	Drama
Chantelle Eickenloff	English
Nicholas Elze	History
Thomas Elze	Introduction to Programming, Mathematics B
Nathan Fielder	Practical English
Megan Frankham	Mathematics A
Madelyn Fowler	English
Mitchell Gatt	Business and Enterprise, Drama, English
Matthew Goodall	English
Shivnesh Goundar	Robotics
Casey Hawea	Foundation Maths
Kyan Higginson	Science
Ryan Hill	Music
Nicole Jacobsen	Art, German
Blake Johnston	Work Education
James MacIntyre	Recreation Studies
Kathleen McGlone	Mathematics B
Thomas McGrath	Health and Physical Education, Recreation Studies
Belinda Moorhead	Health and Physical Education, Science
Shane Nolan	Elementary Maths Mastery
Matthew O'Sullivan	IT Education – New Media
Pooja Prasad	Work Education
Tenille Prowse	Mathematics A
Stephanie Pryde	Home Economics – Food Studies
Kate Ramsay	English
Patrick Rasmussen	Rugby League
Jordan Sampieri	Art
Tamika Schier	Art, English
Vincent Sheather	Music
Patrick Spearman	Industrial Design – Furnishing
Samantha Stewart	IT Education – Data Integration
Georgia Sumner	Mathematics B
Alice Tainsh	English
Jasmine Tavella	Dance, Elementary Maths Mastery
Cherie Taylor	English
Samantha Tesch	Health and Physical Education, IT Education, Media, Science
Alana Tibbits	Home Economics – Food Studies, Junior Hospitality
Daniel Vickery	Mathematics A
Sean Wada-Power	Introduction to Accounting

Sharnee Woodward	Mathematics A
Josie Wyatt	Study of Society
Brendan Xenos	Industrial Design – Engineering



Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Parent Support Group Farewells Year 12 Students

On Tuesday evening of December 4, the members of our Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Support Group came together at a function at the Mandarin Restaurant to celebrate a successful year in Instrumental Music. President of the Committee, Ms Jenny Frazer, thanked the Committee members and supporting parents for their efforts throughout the year, as did Principal, Ms Janelle Deakin. Ms Jenny Frazer was acknowledged also for her work, as she will vacate the position in 2008 with daughter, Laura, completing Year 12.

Joining us for the function were our recently graduated Year 12 students who have provided great leadership for our school music program. Laura Frazer, Michael Freeman, Natasha Johnstone, Keah Woodgate, Randall Lee, Adalia Pavitt, Cassandra McMullan and Corinna Harrison were in attendance. Roslyn Cossins and Sian Hutchison were unable to attend because of other commitments.

Congratulations to our instrumental music staff, Mr Scott King, Mr Timo Jarvella and Mr Bruce Hamlin for their efforts and Ms Joy Franz for her leadership of the faculty. All were in attendance for an enjoyable and memorable occasion. Instrumental Music students in years 8-12 were joined by Music Tour Senior Dance Squad in a 'break-up' event last Friday as a fitting closure to a wonderful and productive musical year.



DANCE CAPTAINS FOR 2008

As the dance program at Pine Rivers continues to grow, the role of the dance captains becomes increasingly important. At the Year 10 awards ceremony on Friday November 30, the dance captains for 2008 were announced.

Captain: Courtney Smith

Vice Captains: Mackenzie Jackson, Katie Jones

Many Year 10 students applied for these roles and all were to be commended for their excellent written responses and for the professional way they conducted themselves in their interviews. All applicants were of a very high standard. Courtney, Mackenzie and Katie were all excellent applicants, and will work hard in 2008 to continue to raise the profile of dance in the school and wider community, as well as assist the teachers and students in the dance program at the school.

SERVICE AWARDS

James Bath	Beau Brigden
Andrew Day	Kinte De Marchi
Shane Eley	Nicholas Elze
Bryce Ewer	Shivnesh Goundar
Hayden Kalkaus	Dion Moenoa-Williams
Shane Molloy	Craig Parton
Mitchell Riddell	Tamika Schier
Aaron Scott	Tom Tofa
Naomi Wilkie	Stephanie Witton

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

Peter Bishop	Elizabeth Burton
Madeleine Clelland	Samuel Dort
Kyla Duffy	Nicholas Elze
Thomas Elze	Tess-Anna Gilfedder
Kyan Higginson	James MacIntyre
Kathleen McGlone	Kate Ramsay
Tamika Schier	Courtney Smith
Cherie Taylor	Josie Wyatt

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Pine "Panthers"	Malanie Aviles, Trent Flanders
Rivers "Rhinos"	Georgia Sumner, James MacIntyre

SPECIAL AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Jock Mitchell Rotary Bursary	Daniel Buckley
Pine Rivers Masonic Lodge Bursary	Jessica Ross Danielle Marshall
Lion Doreen Stumer Award for English	Tess-Anna Gilfedder
Rats of Tobruk History Award	Tess-Anna Gilfedder Peter Bishop
Tricia Buckley Memorial Trophy – Year 10 Sportsperson of the Year	Samantha Tesch
Most Improved Sportsperson	Belinda Moorhead
State Parliamentarians' Award	Tess-Anna Gilfedder
Year 10 Dux	Peter Bishop



Larissa in "The Sleeping Princess"

One of our talented dance students, Larissa Meade, successfully auditioned for the Ballet Theatre of Queensland earlier on this year. Since then she has been rehearsing for the production of "The Sleeping Princess", a full length traditional ballet.

The Ballet Theatre Co is run by a dedicated committee of parents and

receives no funding. It is a wonderful opportunity for our young dancers to be a part of such a company and perform in the professional arena. You can catch Larissa in performances of "The Sleeping Princess" in January 2008 at the Optus Playhouse. Congratulations Larissa.

Congratulations Courtney, Mackenzie and Katie!



Purchasing School Shoes for 2008

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.



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

UNIFORM and STATIONERY SHOP



Our **extended** shop hours for the **last week 2007 and back to school 2008** sales:

END OF YEAR 2007

Monday December 10 (Year 8 Orientation Day)
8.30am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12, Thursday 13
December 8.30am – 2.00pm

CLOSED Friday December 14 for stocktake

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

All Stationery orders for December need to be collected by Thursday December 13, 2007.

N.B. Stationery Orders have now closed. Any orders placed now will only be available from Tuesday January 29, 2008 during the first week back to school.

BACK TO SCHOOL JANUARY 2008

Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23, and Thursday 24
8.30am – 2.00pm

CLOSED Monday January 28 (Australia Day Public holiday)

Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30, Thursday 31 January
and Friday February 1, 2008 8.30am – 2.00pm

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

LOST PROPERTY

These following items can be collected from Mrs Jones in the Uniform Shop – tartan pencil case (full of equipment), Model car (still in box and wrapper), football, basketballs, assorted jumpers and school spray jackets (no names!) Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

Dates to Remember

Mon 10	Year 7 Orientation Day Year 8 and 9 Teambuilding
Tue 11	Year 12 Exit Statements, References and Photos available Year 11 Reports available Year 10 Reports available Year 8 and 9 Teambuilding Year 8 and 9 Talent Quest Auditions (Session 3)
Wed 12	Year 8 and 9 Reports available Junior Talent Quest Year 8 and 9 Teambuilding
Thu 13	Year 8 and 9 Awards Ceremony 9:15am
Fri 14	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Monday 17 December 2007 to Monday 28 January, 2008	
2009 Tue 29	School Resumes 8:40am Year 8 and Year 11 QIP students and Year 12 students 11:30 for 11:45am Years 9 – 11 students return

COMMUNITY NEWS:

SHAFT (Super Holiday Activities for Teenagers) Run by the Pine Rivers Shire Council

Straddie Adventures, Archery, Cable skiing, Gladiator Challenge, Surfing, Cheerleading, Sailing and much more – It's all part of a 10 day program for young people in the Shire looking for low cost, fun activities over the holidays.

SHAFT, Pine Rivers Shire Council's Super Holiday Activities for Teenagers program, is open to school students in Years 8 to 12 living locally and will be held from January 7 – 18, 2008. If you start Year 8 in 2008, you are eligible!

Bookings are essential, as there are limited places. To make a booking call 3480 6543 (lines open December 12, 2007). For more information visit

www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au



If you really want to know how fabulous Pine Rivers State High School students really are, then go on snow trip with them.

In the September vacation with organiser Ms. Handfield and supervisors Ms Beasley and Mr Hammond, twenty five of our students headed south for the annual snow trip to the Snowy Mountains on a great adventure.

After twenty hours on the coach, cresting the rise above Jindabyne to see the snow caps of the main range of Kosciuszko National Park under a perfect blue sky was breathtaking. After checking in at Alpine Gables in Jindabyne and collecting the hire gear, we climbed up to Perisher Blue ski resort for the first lessons. The sometimes hilarious exercise of using skis and snowboards for the first time with the ever patient instructors was entertaining. Spontaneous snowball fights broke out as sometimes happens. How could you resist?

Tired but energised by our first taste of snow we headed back down to Jindabyne for hot showers, an all you can eat dinner at our "digs" for the week and a spot of shopping at Nuggets Crossing before we all crashed for the night, happy to be here.

Up bright and early for breakfast the next day, again more than you can eat, a roll call at the coach and off for more adventure on the snow. Each day the crew travelled up and down but time flew by in the excitement. Each day the students got better and better on the snow thanks to the instructors and their own determination to master the challenge. Even the teachers had lessons to help them improve their skills (although surely further improvement was impossible! Ha!). We travelled on the ski tube underground railway to Blue Cow for a few runs on Early Starter, Sidesaddle and Zali's. Many students graduated from Front Valley to the steeper Mt Perisher for some more challenges during the week.

Amongst the highlights was Tuesday night skiing under lights on Front Valley with a huge fireworks display, a trip to the movies and our own home movie night on the big screen where everyone watched themselves on video having fun and falling over. Every evening after dinner we told our stories of the day's adventures and "Stack of the Day" was awarded by our tour guide, Pete. You had to wear your award all of the next day.

The week ended on a high note with the weather closing in and the snow starting to fall as we packed up our gear and made our way down the mountain tired and sore but with a big smile from ear to ear. In no time, we were on the road heading back to Brisbane so we all settled in for the night with our favourite DVDs. We celebrated arriving back in Queensland with a "Fluffy Bunny" competition – a disturbing memory for all!

The students are to be complimented on their excellent conduct and co-operation at all times on the trip. But this year it must be said that the

enthusiasm and good spirit of the students and the mutual encouragement they gave each other was outstanding. A special mention should be made of Ms. Handfield who organises the trip so everyone else can have fun and Pete our tour guide who is great with the students.

See you next year. **Mr. Hammond.**