

Newsletter No. 6

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Focus on Responsible Attitude to School Work

Thanks to parents and caregivers who accompanied their child to collect the Term 1 Progress Report from the PREP teacher at the Oral Reporting session last Wednesday evening. Please contact the teacher if you were unable to attend to make an alternative time to discuss your child's progress at school to date.

It is important that the student now takes responsibility for the observations and works cooperatively with all subject teachers to address any concerns. We want the best academic outcomes for all students. Good results will not happen for everyone without a consistent effort throughout the year. Students need to maximise their direct class learning time with regular and punctual attendance. They need to be ready for class work with all of the necessary equipment and a positive respectful attitude. After class, homework needs to be completed thoroughly and in a timely fashion including the set tasks, assignments and ongoing revision of class work.

For busy students with many interests and pursuits other than school work, time management is of the essence. This is especially important in the senior phase of learning and should be practised well before a student reaches Year 11. Students should not be engaged in excessive amounts of part time work throughout the school term if they want to achieve the very best academic performance. Please seek assistance or advice from the school if there are difficulties here.



Investing in our Schools Program Wireless Network Up and Running!

During Term 1 we have been busy finalising and configuring all the elements that make up our new campus-wide wireless network at Pine Rivers State High School.

With the installation of wireless access points around the school and the purchase of 40 additional laptop computers, students can now access the school network and the internet from any classroom or location in the yard to enhance their learning.

While a wireless network does not replace the need to install or maintain a cabled school network, it does allow students to more flexibly engage with ICTs to enhance their learning.

The wireless network, the additional laptops, as well as network infrastructure upgrades were made possible through the successful application to the Federal Government's **Investing in our Schools Program**.

P&C NEWS



While the outgoing committee members were thanked for their support and involvement during 2006, at the March AGM there was little change to the executive for 2007 with positions as follows:

President	Jeff Lurie
Vice President	Joan Bell, Cameron McPherson
Secretary	Debbie Jones
Treasurer	Phil Rundle

We welcome Cameron to the group and look forward to a fresh new year. We are fortunate to have a representative at QCPCA (Qld Council of P&C Assoc) level. Thank you to Kim Cumming for her role there.

With a number of sub-committees active in the school, our P&C strives to have representation on some of these including Chaplaincy, Behaviour Management, and Healthy Schools. Some of our current members do fill these roles when possible; however, parents with an interest in being involved in any of these areas are encouraged to attend a P&C meeting for more information. At present there is no parent involvement in the Behaviour Management Committee. That role is filled by School Officer, Col Brennan, and we thank him for his ongoing support. The Aquatics Club, Parent Music Support Group (PRIMA) and Community Education programs are well-supported by their members and report back to P&C each month.



Change of Parents' and Citizens' Association Meeting Date

Due to the Anzac Day public holiday, the next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 23 which clashes with the State of Origin Rugby League match. The P & C executive has decided to change the date for our next meeting to **Tuesday May 22**.

Parents' Instrumental Music Association Executive 2007



Congratulations to the following who were elected to the 2007 executive of the Parents Instrumental Music Association, which is a sub committee of the P & C Association.

President	Jenny Frazer
Vice President	Gay Easlea
Secretary	Robyn Quinn
Treasurer	Christine Robinson
Fundraising Coordinator	Lorraine Kachel

Come along and enjoy an evening of fine entertainment
Autumn Chamber Music Concert
Tuesday 24th April 6.30pm
in the Auditorium
approx running time 1 hour

Roof Replacement Program



The first two roofs of 'A' block and 'C' block were replaced on the week-end of 14 and 15 April. The new roofs certainly make a big difference to the aesthetics of both buildings. We have been advised by the Contractor that there has been a variation to the schedule for the other roof replacement. Weather permitting, the schedule will now be:

- Week-end 28 and 29 April 'G' and 'S' blocks
- Week-end 5 and 6 May 'B' and 'J' blocks



Anzac Day **Wednesday April 25, 2007** **March to Kallangur RSL**

This is a reminder that students are encouraged to march with our school contingent on Anzac Day, Wednesday April 25, at the Pine Rivers Shire March to the Kallangur RSL (Leagues Club site). The Multicultural Committee expects that we will have a strong response from our students to show respect for those who have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy.

Students participating will be required to be at the Kallangur KFC at 8am in full formal uniform. We will march to the Kallangur RSL in a quiet, dignified manner led by our student leaders.



Queensland Core Skills Test Preparation

In Term 3, many of our Year 12 students will sit for the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCS). This test, together with school results, will be used by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) to determine individual student Overall Positions (OPs) and Field Positions (FPs). These results are then used to determine entrance to University. For many students, the QCS test will be the most important exam for which they will ever sit.

The test is conducted over two days, September 4 and September 5. All OP eligible students **MUST** sit for the test. Non OP eligible students may sit for the test if they wish.

The 49 common core curriculum elements (CCEs) tested in the QCS test are embedded in the curriculum of the Authority subjects. These have been made explicit by the subject teacher over the two years of study. In addition, Pine Rivers State High School provides an additional comprehensive QCS preparation program, which begins in Term 4, Year 11. This program resumes tomorrow, April 24, with a practice QCS test for all Year 12 students. This test will be marked by teachers who have been trained as "QCS markers". The next segment of the QCS Preparation program will start on Thursday April 26 in access this week with feedback for students on their practice test performance. The program will then continue every Thursday until August 30.

Non-OP students may apply for exemption from the preparation program and the test. These

students will not be required to attend school for the practice test on Tuesday. The application form is available for completion and return to Mr Quentin Cutler, Head of Department, Senior Schooling.



Year 12 Enterprise Committee **Launches Slice Drive 2007**

The Year 12 Enterprise Committee launched a Slice Drive as one of its two fundraisers at our first assembly for Term 2. As previously advised, the Slice Drive replaces the traditional Chocolate Drive and will be acknowledged as a red event for this term, in accordance with the Smart Choices Food and Drink Supply Strategy.

Students whose families wish to participate in this total school fundraiser are required to return their permission letter to their PREP teacher. Order forms will be distributed to these students and Friday June 1 will be the final day for slice order forms to be returned to the office with payment. Orders will be delivered for students to collect as follows:

- **Years 8 – 10 Wednesday, June 13**
- **Years 11 and 12 Thursday June 21**

Funds raised will be directed towards the continued enhancement of school facilities.

News from the Maths Department:

"Learning is a treasure which accompanies its owner everywhere."



Maths Teams Tournament:

This maths competition is very popular with students. The mathematics department subsidises the event (cost is \$20 per team of five students) – it is our intention to not charge students who enter. Teams of five students are asked to answer questions of a problem nature. These questions are organised in two sections – a team event and a relay event.

In the teams event, students work together to answer correctly as many questions as they can. There is skill in the team work as well as in the mathematical problem-solving i.e. how will five students best work on ten questions to produce answers which represent the team.

The relay event requires students to take turns (in rotating pairs) to solve problems – an event which excites team members as well as supervisors.

We will again be hosting this event for the Year 11/12 division which will be held on Wednesday May 16. (The primary schools will be doing their tournament one week earlier than us.) Each team needs an adult supervisor - last year was a great success because of the number of people who helped us out.

Help! Any parent, older sibling, relative or friend who is able to help out as a supervisor from 9.00 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. (on the May 16) please contact the school (3881 4747). The job is fun and easy. We can only offer as many teams as we can find supervisors. **Supervisors, other than parents, must have a "blue card".**

Foundation Maths: Parents are invited to visit this year's Foundation Maths classes (as well as

Elementary Maths) for the Year 9 and 10 groups. In previous years parents who attended enjoyed being “back in class” and appreciated seeing how the subject operates. This subject caters for those students who have had difficulty with maths and achieved little success; yet do not need constant remediation. No further requests for students to be placed in the class can be met as the classes are already full.

Mr Mal Hartwig, HOD Mathematics



**Recreational Sport
Years 8/9/10 – Ten Pin Bowling
Access to Snack Bar**

In order to stay inline with our “Healthy Schools Policy” and initiatives the snack bar at Westfield’s Ten Pin Bowling will no longer be available for Pine Rivers State High School students whilst there for sport. Students will need to bring their own lunch and drink, or access the school tuckshop at morning tea. We would ask parents to support us in our endeavour to encourage healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle.

Ms Helen Beasley, Sports Coordinator



**Semester 1 School Social
Wednesday May 2**



The first school social for the year will be conducted on Wednesday May 2 from 6pm until 9pm in the school hall (Graham Sprott Centre). Students can purchase tickets from MMC2 until Wednesday May 2 at a cost of \$5.50 from the Year 12 Social Committee in the Multimedia Centre at second break. Student ID cards must be presented when purchasing tickets.

The theme for the social is “Cowboys and Indians”.

NO student will be admitted on the night without first presenting a current student ID. NO tickets will be on sale at the social. All tickets must be pre-purchased. School rules apply at this function and students must be appropriately attired. NO student will be permitted to leave the hall during the evening, unless collected by a parent.



From the School Chaplain

Greetings folks. I think it is fitting that Anzac day falls close to Easter. On Wednesday, remember to pause, at the very least for that minute of silence, to remember the many who paid the ultimate price, giving their lives that we, and future generations, might live in peace and freedom. **Lest we forget.**

Further, lest we forget, that Easter is for remembering that Jesus, the most influential person in and on history, also gave up his life, to swap his perfection for our brokenness. The liberating outcome of the Anzac sacrifice is a type, of his. For Jesus lives again, offering his life that we and future generations might live in Peace and Freedom. May this sacrifice and victory let us pause not for just one day in the calendar, but every day, that we might know and practise Peace.



From the Guidance Counsellor

I am delighted to have been appointed Acting Guidance Counsellor at Pine Rivers

State High School this term. I have heard excellent reports of your school and look forward to continuing Mr Richard Haddon’s fine work by providing assistance with personal, family, educational or career issues.

Students can continue to make appointments by filling in the booking sheet and permission slip in the foyer outside the guidance office. Please have your teacher sign the permission sheet before attending the appointment.

Parents/carers/guardians wishing to speak with me or make an appointment, please phone me on 3881-4708.

Ms Susan Martin, A/Guidance Counsellor



From the School Nurse

This year’s **Health Expo** will be held on Friday, June 22. All students will be provided the opportunity to view stalls from government and private health providers, as well as being able to participate in various workshops. Guest speakers are also being invited to talk to students on how they maintain their health to achieve their success. Parents are being invited to attend this event too. This will give you the opportunity to see what services are available for young people, and give you the opportunity to talk to various health professionals.

Stall holders who will be attending at this stage include:

- School Based Youth Health Nurse Program
- Oral health services
- Lawnton country markets
- Sexual health
- Diabetes Qld
- Asthma foundation
- Child and Youth Mental Health Services

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ms Nerissa Baker, School Based Nurse



**SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM
(Royal Brisbane & Women’s
Hospital Oral Health Services)**

Due to unprecedented demand for State Government oral health services, a State-wide review on the future delivery of dental care through schools is currently underway. While we await the outcome of this review, RBWH Oral Health Services will continue to offer on-site services as we are able. **Please assist your child to maintain good dental health** in the interim period before the School Dental Program returns to your child’s school by:

1. Supervising their tooth brushing after breakfast and before going to bed at night
2. Checking on their daily flossing
3. Limiting food choices from “red” and “amber” categories, as recommended in the Smart Choices Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools
4. Taking your children with you to your family dentist for regular dental check-ups (and treatment, if necessary).

***In the Event of a Dental Emergency
(During work hours)***

If your child requires emergency dental treatment please contact staff on

1300 365 997

between 8:30am and 3:30pm to arrange access to emergency care during work hours. Depending on the type of treatment needed, your child will be offered an appropriate appointment time at one of our emergency dental clinics located throughout North Brisbane:

- Bracken Ridge Dental Clinic, Denham Street, Bracken Ridge
- Kallangur Dental Clinic, Old Gympie Road, Kallangur
- Stafford Dental Clinic, Balerang Street, Stafford
- Indooroopilly Dental Clinic, Taringa Parade, Indooroopilly

After hours:

For all dental treatment after hours you should contact your family dentist or another private practitioner. Alternatively, if your child experiences a **dental trauma** after work hours, you may prefer to access the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital.

In the event that a mobile dental facility is situated at your child's school, please contact the staff of the mobile dental facility and seek emergency dental treatment there.

Oral Health Staff, RBWH Oral Health Services



Blood Bank Comes to Pine Rivers State High School

The Blood Bank will visit the school on Tuesday and Wednesday May 8 and 9. Students wishing to donate blood can collect a permission form from the office, have it completed and signed by their parent/caregiver and return to Admin to make an appointment. All students over the age of 16 years are encouraged to participate.

Any parent or caregiver wishing to make an appointment to donate at school can telephone Roslyn on 3881 4703 to make an appointment.

This is an initiative of the Student Representative Council and they thank you for your support.



Senior Badges

Year 12 students, who pledged the Senior Oath at Induction and have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to being a senior at our school, are encouraged to purchase a Senior Badge. Cost is \$5 and can be paid to the office from April 24 till May 22.

Ms Trisha Keenan, Year 12 Coordinator



TUCKSHOP NEWS

Attention all Sushi Lovers: Today we held a trial sushi day at the tuckshop with samples available to students and staff as a lead up to the Sushi Day to be held on Wednesday May 2.

All Sushi must be ordered for this day and can be done so at the Ice block window at the Tuckshop on Friday April 27 or Monday April 30 – 8:15am and at first lunch. Cost is \$2.70 for a pack of 4 rolls. Varieties will be advertised prior to ordering.



Entertainment Books

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What else can you buy for just **\$60** that gives you over \$10,000 in value? Purchase straight away and get extra value, as **the Book is valid from now** through June 1st, 2008. To search the new Book and find out more about the many popular businesses who are featured, please go to :

www.entertainmentbook.com.au

Books are available from Pine Rivers State High School Administration. Funds raised will go towards enhancement of school facilities. Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Dates to Remember

Mon 23	Year 8.4 Moreton Island Camp (5 days) Year 12 AHS and Yr 12 MHS Excursion Year 10 History Excursion Brisbane City ANZAC Day Ceremony Year 10 RSC Northbrook Gorge Hike (5 days)
Tue 24	SRC Meeting D Block Dining Room 1 st Break Year 11 GEG Excursion QYMA Strings Heat 1 Chamber Music Concert 6:30pm
Wed 25	ANZAC DAY March at Kallangur
Thu 26	MATE commences QYMA Music Concert Band Heat 1
Thu 27	Year 11 ISF Brisbane Wood Show Excursion
Mon 30	Year 8.7 Moreton Island Camp (5 days) Old Arts Council Period 1 (Hall) QYMA Concert Band heat 2 Year 10 Immunisation Program Year 10, 11 and 12 Girls HPV Immunisation (1 st)
MAY Tue 1	Year 12 GEG and Year 11 TSL Excursion Year 11 Multi Brewery / Winery Excursion Year 12 CRC Northwest Island Parent Night QYMA Strings Heat 2
Wed 2	Year 11/12 Photography Excursion Year 10 Tackling Life (Aud 9 – 3) School Social QYMA Stage Band Heat 1 Aquatics Club AGM
Thu 3	Year 10 Tackling Life (Aud 9 – 3)
Mon 7	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Tue 8 Wed 9	Blood Bank – Permission forms and appointments available at school office