

Newsletter No. 8

Monday 21 May, 2007

State Education Week 28 May - 1 June 2007

EDUCATION WEEK

Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

State Education Week – a time to celebrate

Each year during State Education Week, Queenslanders have the opportunity to recognise the talent and achievements of students and teachers in our state schools. The key message of State Education Week 2007, from Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June, is 'Creative Generation, Celebrating Excellence in State Education'.

In our school we will celebrate State Education Week through Back to School Day on Friday 1 June. All past students are invited back to the school for an opportunity to participate in a range of activities on the day. We strongly encourage past students to register and to collect a program at the Administration office, by phone on 38814700 or contact the Coordinator, Ms Sue Alexander, on salex10@eq.edu.au.

State Education Week celebrations culminate in the gala event Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage 2007, a massive concert spectacular that showcases excellence in the arts in Queensland's state schools at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre.

Further information about State Education Week events is available on the State Education Week website at:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek>



Back To School Day Pine Rivers State High Style Friday June 1 2007

Past students and teachers, are invited to:

- join us for all or part of the days program as set out below,
- send us memorabilia/ photos to display on the day,
- send us essays/ anecdotes about your experience while at Pine Rivers High School and the outcomes of your education,
- participate in the development of a Past Students' Committee which will organise future events and activities which support our belief in celebrating a Strong Public Education and By Different Ways to Excellence (in education) at Pine Rivers State High,
- pass this information on to your peers and encourage them to contact us.

The purpose of the day is to promote public education, to reconnect former students with our school, to inspire today's young people through diverse role models, to showcase the achievements of students of Pine Rivers High and public education in general, to celebrate the school's role in the local community, to offer practical support to teachers by sourcing interesting speakers and to model that learning is fun.

Education Week Special Assembly and Back to School Day.

Period 1 8:35am – 10:05

Assembly A Year 8,9 & 10 - 8:40am – 9:20am
Arrive by 8:30am at latest.

Assembly B Year 11 & 12 - 9:25am - 10:05am
Arrive by 9:10 at latest.

Special Guest – Assembly – Mr Paul Smith, 'original' past student and Queensland Rugby League Representative from Pine Rivers High School.

Other Pine Rivers Alumni invited to return and be presented or simply welcomed as guests.

Period 2 10:05 – 11:15am

Past Students/Teachers to visit classes and past teachers where possible. This will provide an opportunity to experience our quality teaching and learning and quality learning technology.

Morning Tea 11:15am – 11:50am

Visitors join staff for morning tea

Period 3 11:50am – 1:00am

Visitor's forum and planning session to establish Pine Rivers Past Students' Committee

Lunch 1:00pm – 1:40pm

"Picnic in the Park"

Period 4 1:40 - 3:00pm

Normal classes.



Dean's Scholar in Engineering Guest at Presentation Assembly

It was great to welcome back to our school past student and Year 12 graduate of 2005, Ms Elizabeth Oxford, as guest speaker for our recent Presentation Assembly. Elizabeth was Dux of School 2005 and was also selected for the Dean's Scholars' Accelerated Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering at QUT. Elizabeth urged students to take advantage of the range of opportunities provided at this school, which she indicated had given her the edge to win her Award and which had provided her with important practical skills since leaving school.

Our fifty-six Year 11 QIP (Queensland Interyear project) leaders were presented at this assembly. This group of students undertook the two day training at the end of last year and have done an excellent job to date looking out for our Year 8s and presenting as good role models for their induction into high school.

At this assembly, the State Parliamentarians' Awardee for Year 11 Semester 2, 2006 was announced.

Also presented were our School Council student representatives, Band Section Leaders, Middle School Band Liaison Leaders and Dance Captains for 2007 and participants at the October 2006 South East Queensland Schools Constitutional Convention.

Thanks to Avelima Ellepa, Vice President of the Student Representative Council, who conducted the assembly and Hannah Brasch for her assistance.

Congratulations to the following students:

**Year 11, 2006 Semester 2
State Parliamentarians' Award**

- Brendan Lickerman

FTV GOES TO QUT

Senior Film & Television students Karen Kalkaus and Stefanie Mercer-Weir were selected to attend a special QUT Open Day at the Creative Industries Precinct, Kelvin Grove, especially aimed at students who intend to pursue further academic studies in the areas of producing, directing, cinematography, editing, sound, multimedia production and experimental film. The day itself included a tour of the studio and facilities with a video clip production made in the studio and a workshop based on how to pitch ideas for television. The Open Day was a very beneficial event provided by award winning film and television practitioners and gave our students a real insight into entry requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (Film and Television) and Bachelor of Creative Industries (Television) undergraduate courses.



**Facilities Enhancement at
Pine Rivers State High
School**

Our school site has been extremely busy in recent months with a host of significant maintenance occurring to enhance our facilities.

The replacement of six of our roofs is now complete. Our new '*manor red*' roofs look very smart and students and staff are already commenting about the cooling impact of the new insulation and the 'whirlybirds'. Extensive work is being conducted to replace guttering on walkways around the school.

In addition, the following has occurred:

- Replacement of carpet in C19
- Replacement of carpet in F14 staffroom and the Independent Learning Centre
- Replacement of partitions in Resource Centre
- Replacement of carpet in Performing Arts staffroom and also new vinyl to the J Block foyers
- Replacement of carpet in office foyer, administration corridors and staff common room.
- Replacement of carpet D block dining room
- Replacement of shade cloth outside Assembly Hall
- New aluminium sunshade outside Art Block
- Internal painting of Science Block

SENIOR SCHOOLING

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships currently available:

- Certificate II in Business – Powerlink Virginia

For more information regarding these positions, please check the noticeboard outside A8. Please note, this board is updated regularly.

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

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| <p>8.1 QIP Students Lyle Bone Jared Bullock Natasha Frahm Katrina Schieber Florence Sitagata Melissa Treadwell</p> | <p>8.6 QIP Students Natarra Ellis-Stevenson Patrick Hannan Samuel Linde Alisha Moore Fiona Stone Candice Webb</p> |
| <p>8.2 QIP Students Rachel Benardos Anna Bench Ashlee Grant Isaac Kosior Shelby Lindsay Shane McInnes</p> | <p>8.7 QIP Students Catherine MacIntyre Lisa McKay Robert McPherson Jennifer Muller Claire Shesgreen</p> |
| <p>8.3 QIP Students Nathan Apps Savionna Cunningham Tahlia Dale Hailey McKay Scott Norris</p> | <p>8.8 QIP Students Brooke Jeffries Kayla Murphy Aaron Muscat Rowan Newell Mikaela Reilly Mantina Walker</p> |
| <p>8.4 QIP Students Cassandra Deaves David Kachel Cassandra Rohlf Nathan Wilkie Zoe Young</p> | <p>8.9 QIP Students Robyn de Vlugt Dane Pedrycz Daniel Suta Fiona Wakefield Amy Wilkosz</p> |
| <p>8.5 QIP Students Emily Bartle Daniel Beattie Trudi Howard Daniel Luckman Shelley Marshall Kristy McDermott</p> | <p>8.10 QIP Students Rebecca Buzza Raneigh Connett Leonie Gillies Kirsten Lindenberg Mark Lovewell Garret Robinson</p> |

School Council Representatives:

- Year 12 – Matthew Bowerman
- Year 11 – Todd Lowrie

Band Section Leaders

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| Percussion | Garret Robinson |
| Brass | Daniel Luckman |
| Woodwind 1 | Natasha Johnstone |
| Woodwind 2 | Sian Hutchison |
| Upper Strings | Erin Woodgate |
| Lower Strings | Shane McInnes |

Middle School Band Liaison Leaders

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| Brass | David Kachel |
| Brass / Percussion | Trent O'Brien |
| Woodwind | Emily Jurrott |

Dance Captains

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| Captain | Lauren Williams |
| Vice Captain | Hailey McKay |

South East Queensland Schools Constitutional Convention participants:

- Year 12 Adalia Pavitt
- Year 11 Isaac Smith



THE MACK INDIGENOUS DRAMA AT ITS BEST

Recently senior drama student Mikaela Reilly was invited to attend a performance of an indigenous play

called *The Mack* performed by Kooemba Jdarra Indigenous Performing Arts Company at the Valley's Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts. *The Mack* is about an Aboriginal family experiencing trauma and hardship in dealing with an unfortunate event that takes the life of their eldest son. Miki joined in a discussion following the performance with playwright Sam Watson, a well respected indigenous leader and mentor, writer, filmmaker and antiracist activist.

...The Mack showed me a whole different side of the indigenous people. I only knew the traditional culture about body painting and dancing, but the play introduced me to challenges of the modern, urban indigenous culture. The Mack was an unbelievable experience and I found the discussion with Sam Watson also an excellent opportunity to talk to the actors and crew of Kooemba Jdarra.
(Mikaela Reilly)

As well as being an award winning novelist, Sam Watson is also deputy director of the ATSI Unit at University Queensland where he teaches courses in indigenous Australian literature and politics. We were delighted to have playwright Sam Watson come to the school and engage our Junior Drama students in a Q & A about the generalisations and stereotyped perceptions of Aboriginal people within the play but also develop an appreciation of writing for the theatre.

CLOWNING AROUND



Year 10 Drama classes have been studying a "Laughing at Ourselves" Unit which focuses on different types of comedy and the techniques that make people laugh, in particular the Art of Clowning.

Experimenting with face paint, making juggling balls, participating in clowning styles such as slapstick comedy allowed them to effectively engage their audiences including 40 Year one students from Strathpine Primary School and 20 little people from Mother Duck Early Childhood Centre. These clowning presentations contained underlying messages such as anti-bullying, as well as the importance of sharing and treating others with respect. The purpose of this assessment task gave our Year 10 thespians the experience not only to entertain, but to educate and interact with younger students. It turned out to be a valuable and worthwhile experience, one that the students will remember for a long time to come.



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY At The Pine

On Friday April 21, Pine Rivers State High School commemorated ANZAC Day. With Samantha Langguth as Chairperson and Liam McNally providing a moving address, the whole school, together with our guests, Mr Brian Avery and Mr Jeff Lurie, came together to commemorate ANZAC Day. A wreath was laid as a sign of respect by our School Vice Captains, Kimberly Sauer and Jake Dawson and by Year 8 representatives Jessica Schofield and Dwayne Thomas.

We were privileged to have Mr Brian Avery, representing the RSL, address our assembly with words that made the events of so long ago seem suddenly very present. He reminded us that many of the service men and women who fought for our country were no older than the students assembled in our hall and that, many more than we could seat in our hall were never to return.

A large number of students and staff also took part in the ANZAC Day march at Kallangur where School Captains Megan Goodall and Brendan Lickerman took part in the service, reading the second resolution.

All took time throughout this week to remember Australian and New Zealand service men and women with gratitude; grateful that we have grown up with such freedom, yet aware that our world is not always a peaceful one. May we strive toward a harmonious future but always remember the past. Lest we forget.

Year 12 Multicultural Committee

QCS TEST COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Queensland Studies Authority invites expressions of interest from members of the community to nominate for the position of Chief Community Representatives or Community Representatives for the QCS Test.

Chief Community Representatives may serve at the nominating school or one adjacent and their role is to report to the QSA on the conduct of the test. The QSA makes payment of \$60 per session (five sessions are expected – four sessions plus one for receiving and checking test material).

Community Representatives serve at the nominating school and receive payment of \$40 per session (four are expected).

Please register your interest by contacting Ms Sue Alexander, Deputy Principal, on 3881 4700.



Resource Hire Charges and Payment Plan

Please ensure payments for Resource Hire fees and Payment Plans are up to date. If you are unsure, please contact the school on 3881 4704 or 3881 4740. Letters and statements have been sent out recently, but there are still a large number of outstanding accounts.

Mr Michael Sparks, Registrar

REMINDER

**P & C Meeting
Tomorrow, Tuesday May 22, 2007
7:30pm in Staff Common Room
Administration Block**



Interhouse Cross Country

The 2007 Pine Rivers State High School Interhouse Cross Country will be conducted on Wednesday May 23 at Pine Rives Park (on the Bald Hills flat). This event which is open to all students will commence at 1:30pm.

Students who wish to take part are required to collect a permission form and return it signed by their parent or caregiver by May 22 to Mr Broomhall, the Sports Events Coordinator.

Arrangements are as follows:

1. Transport

\$4 is required for bus travel to and from the venue, which must be paid at the office and the receipt used as a ticket for travel.

The bus will leave school at 12:50pm.

2. Release from Class

The permission form must be countersigned by the Period 3 teacher to enable students to leave class at 12:40pm on the day.

3. Dress:

Full sports uniform, including appropriate footwear, must be worn to and from the venue.

4. Race Length

Year 8/9 girls and Year 8 boys 3 km
Others 4 km

5. Fitness

Students should be capable of running this distance. Students should consult their family doctor if there are any doubts re medical fitness.



After School Help

- 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 on 3881 4745.**



Cricket Success

Jacob Bielby, Year 8, recently represented Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association Inc in the Intra State Under 13 Cricket Carnival at Kiawanah Park, where he performed exceptionally well. As a result of his overall form for the season, he was invited to join the Queensland Cricket Assoc Inc Under 14 Development Squad, hopefully a stepping stone for bigger things to come.

Well done Jacob

TOUGHLOVE is a self-help program for parents troubled by adolescent behaviour. The Strathpine group meets every Wednesday night, at 7pm in the Betty Blake Building, Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre, 730 Gympie Road, Lawnton (Entry in Francis Road). For more information phone Ray on 3284 1406 A/H or 0417 645 352.



Careers Day Thursday 24 May 2007

Careers Day is fast approaching and we have the following impressive line-up of participating organizations:

- Australian Catholic University
- Building & Construction Industry Fund
- Brisbane Nth Institute of TAFE
- Charlton Brown
- Construction Training Qld
- East Coast Apprenticeships
- Defence Force Recruiting
- Griffith University
- QANTM
- Queensland University of Technology
- Sunshine Coast University
- University of Queensland

All students will be given an opportunity to visit the display and Year 12 will attend a number of talks given by presenters. All interested members of our school community are welcome to attend the display, which is open between 9.55am and 1.30pm.

For further information please watch Daily Announcements or contact Ms Susan Martin, A/Guidance Counsellor, 3881 4708.



Careers and Course Event Calendar

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| Sunday 27 May | Australian College of Natural Medicine Course Information Seminar, 2:00pm www.acnm.edu.au |
| Friday 1 June | UMAT Registration closes for 2007 http://umat.acer.edu.au/ Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE, Program and Career Session/Information night Alexandra Hills, Mt Gravatt and Logan campuses. http://www.msit.tafe.qld.gov.au/ |



From the School Based Police Officer

Just to keep you up to date, I am the new School Based Police Officer for the next month. My name is Constable Hope Drury and I am available on 3881 4702 if parents wish to contact me. Students can also make an appointment to see me in the Student Support Centre if needed.

Look forward to working with the Pine Rivers High School community over the next month.

Constable Hope Drury

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Tue 22 | SRC Meeting D Block Dining Room M/Tea Year 8 Bridges Excursion (1) Regional sport Trials Day P & C Meeting |
| Wed 23 | Student Leaders M/Tea Healthy Schools Meeting SEU 2 nd Lunch Year 11 Biology Botanic Gardens exc, Interhouse Cross Country |
| Thu 24 | Careers Day School Council |
| Fri 25 | National Safe Schools Week Year 9 Personal Safety Day |
| Mon 28 | EDUCATION WEEK |
| Tue 29 | Fun-da-Mentals Day (Hall) Year 11 Construction Bunnings Tour Year 12 Northwest Island Camp Year 8 Bridges Excursion (2) |
| Fri 1 June | Year 12 SOS Excursion |