

Newsletter No. 15

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2009 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy Test Results

In May this year, around one million students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The Queensland Studies Authority, which is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in Queensland, has distributed results to schools across Queensland. Every student who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN test received an individual report containing their results. These reports were issued on Friday, 18 September.

This report provides a range of information about your child's performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots' of student achievement in literacy and numeracy, the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

We are very pleased with the Yr 9 NAPLAN Results for 2009. The results for Pine Rivers State High School for those students who sat the test in May are as follows:

	% at or above National Minimum Standard		
	Pine Rivers SHS	State	National
Reading	90.3%	89.8%	92.2%
Writing	88.7%	85%	87.7%
Spelling	90.3%	88.2%	89.7%
Grammar and Punctuation	90.3%	88.6%	90.3%
Numeracy	95.2%	94.1%	94.9%

Parents and caregivers should be aware that in Queensland, students, when they take the NAPLAN test, have been enrolled in formal schooling for one fewer year than in most other states in Australia. If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN testing, or if you have not received your child's report, please contact the school office on email: the_principal@pineriversshs.eq.edu.au or telephone 3881 4700.



YEAR 12 – 2008 Student Destinations

Each year the Queensland Government conducts the Next Step survey, which targets all students who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Statement in the previous year. The Office of the Government Statistician conducted the survey between 30 March and 6 May 2009, approximately six months after the young people left school.

The response rate for Pine Rivers State High School was 88.7% - 227 of the 256 students who completed Year 12 in 2008 participated in the survey.

Summary of findings

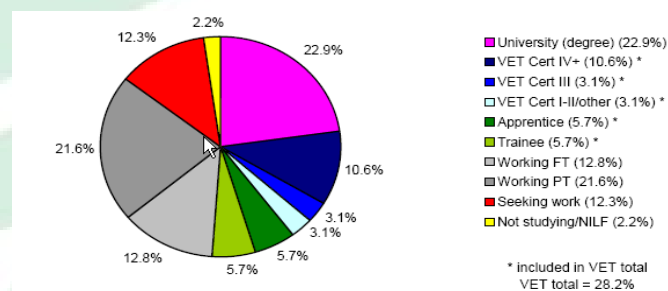
In 2009, 51.1 per cent of young people who completed their Year 12 at Pine Rivers State High School in 2008 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destination was university (22.9 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 28.2 per cent of respondents, including 16.7 per cent in campus-based VET programs, with 10.6 per cent of Year 12 completers entering programs at Certificate IV level or higher.

11.5 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (5.7 per cent) or trainee (5.7 per cent). In addition to the above study destinations, a further 4.8 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2009.

48.9 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (34.4 per cent), seeking work (12.3 per cent) or neither studying nor in the labour force (2.2 per cent).

The following figure shows main destinations of Year 12 completers:



University of Queensland Young Scholars Program

Congratulations to Year 11 students Anushma Kumar and Vanessa Cawdrey who have been successful in gaining entry to the Young Scholars Program.

The program is designed to nurture and develop exceptional Year 11 students while they are still in high school. The program is a unique opportunity for extension and enrichment, without compromising a student's ability to focus on his/her senior studies.

UQ Young Scholars will have an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with like-minded students from throughout Queensland, as well as the University's academic community.

The UQ Young Scholars Program draws on the type of programs that a number of leading international universities have in place to ensure that very able high school students are developed and supported during their transition to university.

Congratulations Anushma and Vanessa!

Invitation
GALA MUSIC NIGHT

Friday 23 October 2009 at 6.30pm (with a short interval)
 Come along to a fine evening of Ensemble Music playing by instrumental music students featuring Pine Rivers and local primary schools.
 Venue is the School Hall.

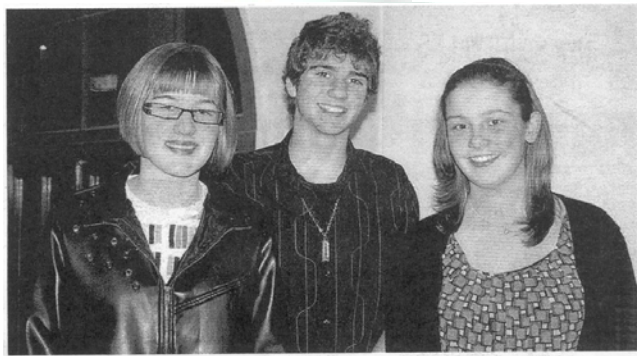
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| Jesse Osborne Year 9 | Track and Field |
| Jack Paton Year 11 | Track and Field |
| Ben Tesch Year 8 | Track and Field |
| Chloe Crotty Year 9 | Track and Field |
| Samantha Tesch Year 12 | Track and Field |
| Harvey Aspin Year 9 | Cricket |
| Patrice Chambers Year 10 | Cricket |
| Nicole Geddes Year 9 | Cricket |

♥ 2 DANCE

Dance Night 2009
When: Friday 16 October 6:30pm
Where: Pine Rivers SHS Assembly Hall
Cost: Adults \$8 Student/Concession \$5 on sale at the door
Come along and celebrate how much we

♥ 2 Dance" !!!

FILM FEVER STARTS YOUNG



Congratulations to Mitchell Gatt (Year 12) who recently was a Jury Judge critic for the Cine Sparks Film Festival held at the Australian Cinematheque at the Gallery of Modern Art. He introduced a series of inspiring films to young film audiences participating in Cine Sparks.



Congratulations also to Amelia Gourlay (Year 12) who was awarded the Quest Newspapers Young Star Community Award for her film CBU looking at the serious issue of cyber and text bullying. The film supported by the youth arts organisation Catalyst had its premiere on September 12 and will later be made available to schools and libraries to use as a resource.

SPORT



Touch Football

Congratulations to Chloe Crotty in Year 9, who recently competed for the Sunshine Coast and Fraser Burnett District in the Junior State Championships for Touch Football. She was selected in the 14 year girls Queensland team. We wish her well when she competes in November on the Gold Coast.

Metropolitan North Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been selected as Metropolitan North Regional representatives to compete at State Championship level:

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| Corey Buckler Year 10 | Track and Field |
| Jason McDermott Year 11 | Track and Field |



Sports Acrobatics

Congratulations to Olivia Gourlay Year 9 on her success in the Queensland Cup with her two partners in the statewide interclub championship in Sports Acrobatics. The team won gold medals in the balance and dynamic routines and were overall winners in Level 7 Women's Trio.



Huge Success at National Secondary Schools Swimming Championship

Congratulations to Brenden Hall, Year 11 on his success at the National Secondary Schools Swimming Championships in Perth at the end of last term. Competing in 9 events, Brenden won 5 gold and 4 silver medals and broke 3 records.

Brenden was also honoured to have been selected as one of the Queensland Team Captains. At the Closing Ceremony, he was also awarded the Certificate of Acknowledgement in recognition of outstanding integrity, sportsmanship and the concept of fair play. This was a total surprise for Brenden who received this special award as the result of a vote conducted of all team managers and officials.



Re-Engineering Australia F1 in Schools State Finals in Toowoomba this week

All the best to our three teams who will compete in the Re-Engineering Australia F1 in Schools State Finals in Toowoomba over the next two days. All students involved have been working hard with teacher-in-charge, Mr Corey Gieskens, and parent and community mentors to prepare for the Challenge.

First, we have the Nitro Monkeys in the Junior Amateur class.

- Team Manager/Graphic Artist, Alysha Limmer Year 8
- Business Manager, Greg Mills Year 8
- Resource Manager/Assistant Engineer, Luke Meredith Year 8
- Design Engineer, Joshua McClennan Year 8
- Folio Editor, Megan Gaskell Year 8

This team has welcomed Greg Mills since the regional finals. With his addition, they have worked very strongly within the community to promote the F1inschools challenge and raise finances. They are taking a very serious approach to the competition with a twist of fun. They could very well be a surprise team at this year's state finals. They also have a very strong business plan in place, and are well mentored by Caroline Mills. They are our "fastest car" title holders for the region in 2009.

The Nitro Monkeys partners have been: Fat Pipes Custom Exhausts, IGA Strathpine, Lets Choose Colours, Mather Hydraulics Pty Ltd, Moreton Bay Council – David Dwyer (Div 7), redlindesignz, Team

Bray Racing, The Best Music Shop, Advanced Adsignz, Bunnings, Wayne Lloyd's Peninsula Tyre & Mechanical, Hart Transmissions, Torque Ford, Bec Faber, and McDonalds' – Albany Creek.

In the Junior Professional Team class, we have:

- Team Manager, Jessica Fagg Year 9
- Resource Manager, Jodie Croxon Year 9
- Folio Development, Sarah Hewitt-Howell Year 9
- Chief Engineer, Gina Contarino Year 9
- Assistant Engineer, Zoe Power Year 9

This team is set to give the state finals a real shake up, and with its all girl powered car and marketing strategy, they are sure to be noticed. They have a real "girly" feel to their team and like to have a lot of fun in all the work that they do. I will not be surprised when they shock many of the judges and fellow competitors with the quality that they produce at this year's state finals.

The supporting partners to the Carbies have been: Australian Master Marine, Big Girls Don't Cry Anymore, Communitex, R & D Auto, Designworks Group, Eagle Boys – Strathpine, Fernwood Petrie, Frazods, Lolly World, Mathers Hydraulics Pty Ltd, Moreton Bay Council – Mike Charlton (Div 9), Nordon Cylinders, Officeworks, Redlinedesignz, Roger's Select Meats, Startkey & Christoe – We Cut Board, Sunny Bank Signs, Torque Toyota.

In the Senior Professional Team class, we have:

- Team Manager, Matt Kachel Year 11
- Chief Engineer, Samuel Bryant Year 11
- Resource Manager, Joshua Smith Year 11
- Graphic Artist, Laura Wilkinson Year 11

The team has been working very hard to produce a very professional, yet fun racing team. They have a very fast car for the State finals and are very keen to write a new record for the fastest Qld car – set by the Razorbacks in 2008 of 0.985 seconds. They have every chance of achieving this with design engineer, Sam Bryant, who was previously a Razorback when they clocked Australia's fastest time in 2008.

The supporting partners to Red Hawk racing have been: 888 Race Engineering, Autobarn Lawnton, BMA, International Plastic Modellers Society – Queensland, Mathers Hydraulics Pty Ltd, Moreton Bay Council – Mick Gillam (Div 8), Nordon Cylinders, Signs and Designs and Theisse Engineering.

It is quite costly to take students away for any of the finals events. We would especially like to thank North's Leagues Club, Carolyn Male – State Member for Pine Rivers and Peter Dutton – Federal Member for Dickson for the further donations towards the teams travel to the finals in Toowoomba.

Mr C Gieskens, REA Hub Coordinator



From The Guidance Office 'THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE' DAY

On Friday 18 September, the last day of Term 3, 85 of Pine Rivers future 'academics' travelled to QUT Gardens Point, and Kelvin Grove campuses, to experience what University life is really like. The event, sponsored by QUT, saw our Year 12s travel first to Gardens Point campus where they were met by QUT student ambassadors and representatives, who guided them to their first ever University style lecture.

The 'introduction lecture' gave all students a greater insight into the realities of University study. Student ambassadors provided invaluable tips about the transition to University and the differences between

school and University life. Students took part in interactive exercise to test their own knowledge of University life.

Students then took part in a tour of the Gardens Point campus passing by the largest lecture theatre in Z block, the recreation facilities and the various teaching spaces. From there students travelled to Kelvin Grove campus where they were treated to lunch, thanks to QUT, at the University refectory. A split tour of different parts of Kelvin Grove campus provided students the opportunity to learn about the campus, and for some to have a glimpse of the new Creative Industries precinct, and to ask questions of current QUT students.

So what did the students say was the best thing about the day:

- 'Experiencing real University life.'
- 'Seeing the different things about Uni, such as where it is located and the broad range of courses they have to offer.'
- 'The fact that teachers at PRSHS, as well as the students at QUT, take the time to thoroughly plan and execute a very beneficial day.'
- 'Sitting in the lecture room and knowing where to go to get help.'
- 'Learning about the differences between school and University.'
- 'The experience, the information, and getting the 'feel' for University.'

HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009



We would like to thank QUT for this valuable opportunity for our students, many of whom had their first glimpse of the University experience.

Vaccination Program

As you may be aware, a national program to vaccinate Australians to protect against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza Virus, (Human Swine Flu) commenced on 30 September 2009.

The initial phase of the vaccination program is aimed at protecting people who are most vulnerable to severe complications from infection with the pandemic influenza virus. The Commonwealth, in conjunction with States and Territories, are strongly recommending vaccination for people aged 10 years and over who are in one of the following groups:

- individuals with chronic disease (eg heart, liver, renal, lung, kidney, neurological disease)
- individuals with respiratory disease (eg asthma)
- individuals with immunosuppression
- obese individuals with a body mass index (BMI) of over 35
- children over the age of 10 attending special schools (including students with special needs in regular school settings)
- Indigenous Australians
- pregnant women
- parents and carers of children aged between 0 – 6 months
- healthcare workers

At this stage vaccination is only available to people 10 years of age and over. It is anticipated that the data from the clinical trials for children will be available late October. Vaccination for children will commence some time after this.

Although the focus is on protecting those in the vulnerable groups, the vaccine is available to all those wanting to protect themselves in the community. Should you have any questions or concerns about your

or your child's eligibility for the vaccination, please contact Queensland Health vaccination website on www.qed.qld.gov.au/human-swine-influenza.html or your General Practitioner (GP).

Advice from Queensland Government Moreton Bay Population Health Unit Case of Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Whooping cough is a highly infectious illness that is spread by coughing and sneezing. The illness is troublesome and distressing at any age but can be very serious in young infants.

Vaccination gives good protection to young children, but unfortunately this protection does wane with time. Whooping cough may still occur in older children and adults who were fully immunised in early childhood.

The following precautions are recommended to prevent spread of whooping cough in your school:

- We recommend that anyone with a persistent cough should see their local doctor immediately. Children and staff with symptoms should not attend school until they have been advised they are able to by their Doctor. Early diagnosis and treatment of this illness is important to limit the spread of whooping cough in the school and the community. If whooping cough is detected early in its course, treatment will reduce the time it is infectious to other people.
- The National Health and Medical Research Council recommends that all cases of whooping cough are excluded from school for a period of 21 days from onset of symptoms or until they have received five days of a seven day course of antibiotics.
- It is very important to ensure that all young children are up to date with their vaccinations. Protection against whooping cough is included in the routine vaccinations given to children at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 4 years. If your younger children have missed any of these vaccinations they can still be vaccinated against whooping cough up until their 8th birthday.
- A once only dose of adult Pertussis Booster vaccine (Boostrix or Adacel) is available at a vaccine cost of approximately \$30 - \$35. This vaccine provides a booster vaccination for whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria for people 8 years of age or older. This vaccine is recommended for all child care workers, parents planning pregnancy or for parents of newborn children as soon as possible after delivery. The booster vaccine will be offered to students in Year 10 through the school based vaccine programme or through their Doctor. For a limited time, this vaccine is also free to parents of children born on or after 1 May 2009. Please speak to your doctor if you wish to discuss having this vaccine.

Dr Sonya Bennett, Public Health Physician, Qld Govt.



Sun Smart Fundraiser School Bucket Hat for Sale \$10

As a part of our Sun Smart Program, all students must wear suitable sun safe hats as part of our uniform requirements.

The school has sourced a value for money, quality bucket hat for students. The hat in our school colours with our school emblem embroidered on the front. There are 2 sizes; S/M and L/XL. One of each will be in the office for sizing. Generally the size S/M fits up to at least Year 10. The cost of the hat is \$10.

These hats are to be pre-ordered and paid for through the office by the end of the year for delivery in 2010. Order forms will be sent home with students.

I encourage parents to take this opportunity to support and strengthen our sun smart strategies.



10 Fitness sessions for \$10 School Fundraiser

Genesis Fitness Centre is sponsoring a once a year fundraising event for Pine Rivers State High School. They will donate a "10 fitness sessions for \$10" card to be sold by our students with the total money collected to be retained by the school.

The requirement by Genesis is that the money raised goes towards Physical Education, Sport and Recreation for our students. Genesis is committed to putting money back into the local community and is supporting increasing the physical activity levels of people of all ages.

To obtain a "10 for \$10" card please use the order form sent home to each student. Please contact Ian Roberts for further details on 38814790.

Senior Formal 2009

As previously announced, the Pine Rivers State High Senior Formal 2009 takes place at the The Greek Club (Edmonstone Street, South Brisbane) on Friday 20 November from 7pm until midnight with arrivals from 6pm.

Students have been provided with the very important process that every Year 12 student needs to follow so as to avoid disappointment. (Students need to check their EQ email &/or www.prshs.moodle.com.au if in doubt.

Students must act efficiently in accordance with the stated deadlines.

Due to the complex nature of the event, the school has to provide exact numbers in advance of one week prior to the function. Therefore students unable to comply with the deadlines may miss their opportunity to attend the Senior Formal largely due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Student & parent tickets are \$85 each. *(The cost of a student ticket will decrease by \$4 for every full box of chocolates sold - with money returned by the due date - during the 2009 Chocolate Drive).*
Ms Carol-Anne Morel (Yr 12 Coordinator)

Senior Graduation Awards 2008



Year 12 students should be aware of the criteria for major awards presented at the Senior Formal and Valedictory on Friday, November 20, 2009.

SENIOR DUX

The Dux will be the student with the **highest aggregate of standardised scores** taken over at least 20 but no more than 24 semester units of Authority subjects. Final school SAI figures will be standardised using the average of our school's historical subject data for QCS.

The following guidelines apply:

- 1 The student must be full time and OP eligible.
- 2 All Authority subjects will be taken into consideration.
- 3 Where two or more students are in contention for the award, and at least one of them has fewer than 24 semester units, the award will be decided against the maximum common number of units possible.

- 4 A repeat student is NOT eligible to win the award.
- 5 A "mature age" student is NOT eligible to win the award.

STATE PARLIAMENTARIANS' AWARD

Donated by Ms Carolyn Male, MLA State Member for Pine Rivers

This is a perpetual award given to a student in each year level who has displayed outstanding application to his/her studies throughout the year. This awardee must have attained an exceptional level of scholastic achievement as for the School Dux. The award is presented twice yearly, with the recipient being able to receive the award once per year.

BRIGID FELSMAN ENGLISH AWARD

This prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior English, using the latest and fullest information at that time.

THE WILSON MEMORIAL BURSARY

Donated by Moreton Regional Council

The prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Mathematics, including performances in enrichment activities. The student also receives a medallion donated by the Maths Department.

BP (OIL) SCIENCE BURSARY

Sponsored by Science Department

The prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Science, using the latest and fullest information from any two of the three Sciences - Physics, Chemistry or Biology. This will be determined by a calculation of standardised scores in those two subjects.

AKERS SURVEYS SOCIAL SCIENCE BURSARY

Donated by Akers Surveys

This prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Social Science subjects, using the latest and fullest information available at that time from two of the five Social Science subjects - Modern History, Ancient History, Geography, Economics or Study of Society. This will be determined by a calculation of standardised scores in those two subjects.

SPORTSMAN & SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

These awards are made in recognition of outstanding achievement in a number of sporting activities. The awardee should have displayed commendable application of the sports, able leadership, a commitment to the team and a high level of sportsmanship.

PR PRINT ACHIEVER'S AWARD

Donated by PR Print

This prize is awarded to a Senior student who has displayed an admirable and consistent application to his/her studies and who regularly exhibits a co-operative and caring approach in working within the school community. Nominations and supporting information are to be received from teachers and students providing a summary of scholastic achievements, plus clear evidence of how the school code has been upheld – Respect, Pride, Effort.

CALTEX BEST ALL-ROUNDER AWARD

This Award recognises someone who fulfils the following criteria:

Academic	Scholastic achievement across a range of subjects
Attitude	Willingness to assist others, makes selfless contributions and is committed to excellence
Conduct	Outstanding at all times
Leadership	A role model to other students

Service	Participates in school and community activities
Sport	Represents the school in sport

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AWARDS

These awards are given in recognition of consistent contribution to attendance and performance in the Instrumental Bands (Concert and/or Stage Band and/or String Ensemble) such as Festival of Music competition, School Musical, Presentation Assemblies, public performances and music tours and camps.

PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

Awarded to students who have displayed a notable and outstanding contribution to the promotion of the Performing Arts as well as a strong commitment to the school. Their co-operation and enthusiasm to undertake responsibility is reflected in the commitment to the school in extra-curricular activities. They have shown consistent involvement over their full period of time at Pine Rivers, in the area of performance including items for concerts, presentation assemblies, talent quests, drama productions, arts festivals, special public events and the annual school musicals.

CULTURAL AWARD *Donated by Graham Sprott*

Awarded to a student who has displayed significant cultural achievement in representing the school in his/her respective cultural area of interest. The awardee is one who displays involvement, talent and representation of the Arts domain across the wider community.

H TILTON VISUAL ARTS AWARD

Donated by Harry Tilton

This award is given to a student who displays a firm indication of continuing their commitment to visual arts in the future or a student who has had a consistent positive development throughout their studies in visual arts at Pine Rivers State High School.

ROTARY CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This award goes to the student who has shown concern for fellow students and is an outstanding citizen of the school community.

TOURISM TRAINING QUEENSLAND SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARD

This is awarded to high achievers studying Hospitality Studies and Hospitality Practices and intends to pursue a career in this industry. Teachers are asked to nominate their students and salutes are chosen out of all Brisbane schools, Private and Public.

TJ RYAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS/MEDALS

Our school nominee for the TJ Ryan Memorial Scholarships and Medals will be selected on the statewide established criteria. These are:

- Academic excellence based on OP level, field positions, the number of VHAs in Authority Subjects and QCS Test results
- Outstanding leadership qualities and occupation of a leadership position within the school or the community; and
- Intention to enrol in a recognised undergraduate degree course in an Australian University in 2009.

Students must apply to be considered for selection as the school nominee for these prestigious awards. The scholarship will earn a student an annual payment of \$2000 which will be made each year for the minimum length of time necessary to complete an undergraduate degree course (to a maximum of 5 years) and includes combined degrees.

CORETECH ICT BURSARY FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ICTS

Donated by Coretech

This award is given to the student who has displayed outstanding achievements in his/her studies of Information Technology, has demonstrated that he/she has used ICTs as a tool for learning successfully in other subjects, and has made a contribution to the support and development of ICTs for learning within the school.

NORM JOHNSON MANUAL ARTS AWARD

Donated by Nordon Cylinders

This award is given to the student who has displayed an outstanding work ethic in his/her studies in Industrial Technology. The student should demonstrate employability skills such as: reliability, presentation, attitude, work ethic and ability to use related technology in solving problems. The student should also have made a significant contribution to their school community.

SENIOR INDIGENOUS AWARD

Sponsored by Intercept Youth & Family Service

The is awarded to the student/s who demonstrate ability to achieve in the academic, vocational, sporting and/or cultural fields. The awardee is one who intends to undertake further education through an accredited education or training provider. The Bursary is to be used to assist in the pursuit of future career opportunities.

SERVICE AWARDS

These awards are made for outstanding service to the school this year, covering a wide range of activities within and outside of the committee system. Nominations are accepted from students and teachers who must provide evidence for making the recommendation taking into account the following criteria:

- Committee work in PREP and outside class time
- Participation in scheduled school events and other extra-curricular activities
- The nominee must have participated in any two of the Walkathon, Fundraising Activities or Committee activities, plus two further extra-curricular activities completed for the school, eg Anzac Day March, QIP, Peer Support, Reporting Ushers or Guides, Bands and Band Competitions, Musical Events, School Promotions, Competitions, Expo, etc
- Adherence to school policy, eg uniform, respectful behaviour
- The nominee must have displayed consistent and extra-ordinary efforts towards service to the school throughout the whole year.



Harbour Town Shopping Trip Saturday 24 October 2009

Back by popular demand!

Hop on the bus, sit back and relax while we take you to a shopping paradise. You will have 7 hours to **'Shop till you Drop'**. This is a fundraiser for the Pine Rivers State High School Music Committee.

Cost: \$30.00 (Students \$25.00) this includes bus transport, morning tea on arrival at Harbour Town, and entertainment on the bus.

Departs from School: 7:0am

Returns to School: 6:00pm

Book now so you don't miss out—pay at the office

Contact Christine on 0408 457 705



From the Chaplain

Greetings all. The difference between Terms 3 and 4 in school cannot be overestimated. Term 3 every year is extremely stressful for staff and students alike, and this year was no different. It is generally understood that Term 3 is the

"biggy". Conversely, Term 4 always begins with grins around school. It follows a desperately needed break to take a breath, and then, as though we've turned the final bend, we're headed for home. There is still much work to be done and the burden of final assessment weighs heavily; however, the Senior Valedictory is only a few weeks away and with that comes the reminder that the end to another massive year is nigh. I am here wishing all the staff and students (especially the Seniors) at Pine Rivers the very best, to finish well, a busy and demanding year. Peace.

Dave Hockey



P&C NEWS:

With only 2 meetings left for this year, we are looking for parents or friends to join us each month and take an active interest in the decisions being made at P&C meetings. Items for discussion this month include the grant application for Tuckshop refurbishment, Stationery and Uniform shop updates, 'back to school' 2010 details and information from the Principal. Our next meeting is Wednesday October 28 at 7.30pm in the staff common room of the main Admin building. All are welcome.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

A small supply of Sport Shirts has arrived for those who have been waiting recently, while we were out of stock. The bulk of our uniforms will arrive mid-November. Why not lay-by now to assure your sizes and supply for 2010?

TUCKSHOP NEWS:

Check out the fresh items available from the Tuckshop – more varieties of rolls, baguettes, wraps for Summer. Thanks to the students who have been helping at lunch breaks. Your time is appreciated.

Plenty of space on our roster this fortnight if you would like to join us:

October

Tues 13	Julie Mc (1/2 day), Lexie Mac
Wed 14	Lexie Mac
Thurs 15	Julie Mc (1/2 day)
Fri 16	Julie Mc (1/2 day)
Mon 19	Josie H (1/2 day)
Tues 20	Julie Mc & Caza S (1/2 day)
Wed 21	Lyn B, Lexie Mac, David E
Thurs 22	Lexie Mac, Julie Mc (1/2 day)
Fri 23	Ray Mac, Julie Mc (1/2 day)
Mon 26	Josie H (1/2 day)

Pine Rivers State High School
Adult Education Classes
Commence
Tuesday 13 October 2009
Contact: Mr Ashley Schier 3889 1368
Web site: www.pineriversshs.eq.edu.au

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Tue 13	SRC Exec Meeting 1 st break Dance Night Tech Rehearsal
Wed 14	SRC Meeting Dining Room
Fri 16	Yr 10, 11 and 12 German Restaurant Excursion Dance Night 6:30pm
Mon 19	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 20	7:30pm PRIMA MEETING State Review QCIA
Wed 21	Student Leaders M/Tea 7:30pm P & C meeting Music Fest 2009 Wind Ensemble and Concert Band Competitions
Thu 22	QDSE Dance Excursion Periods 3 & 4

	6:30pm School Council
Fri 23	Sports Presentation Assembly 6:30pm Gala Instrumental Music Concert
Sat 24	Strings Music Fest 2009 Sun 25 th Stage Band Competition
Mon 26	Year 11 Multi Strand Science Camp (3 days)

COMMUNITY NEWS

PINE RIVERS (DAY) VIEW CLUB

Ladies, Pine Rivers View Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month. If you are looking for an interesting morning outing and friendship why not consider becoming a member of **VIEW** (Voice Interest and Education for Women). The monthly meeting is held on third Wednesday. Visitors and new members are most welcome. Please contact Amanda on 0410 890 203 for further information.



YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL BROTHER OR SISTER !

**climate change? further education?
cultural differences? language?**

AND WHAT FUN TEACHING HIM/HER ABOUT AUSTRALIAN CULTURE.

Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

CONTACT : 1800 500 501 Email: scceaust@scce.com.au

